



# Importing Your Car to Finland from EU

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When importing your car from the EU area, there are a few things to be considered. These are quite high Finnish car taxation and registration inspection that needs to be done when the car is in Finland.

## Taxation

The Finnish **car tax** (*autovero* in Finnish) is only paid once – at the time of the vehicle's registration in Finland. Car tax will be due on electric vehicles with a date of first registration after October 2021 - however, we will still have to submit the tax return to the tax office and wait for the tax decision.

The **vehicle tax** (*ajoneuvovero* in Finnish) must be paid once a year. It is collected by the Finnish Transport and Communications agency Traficom, and the vehicle tax bill will be sent to automatically after the car has been registered to Finland. You can estimate the amount of the tax with Traficom's vehicle tax calculator: [Services for Motorists \(traficom.fi\)](https://www.traficom.fi/en/services-for-motorists) - for 'käyttöönottopäivämäärä' enter the date of first registration.

The **action points** are:

- submit a **declaration of use** to the Finnish Tax Administration
- submit a **car tax return** to the Finnish Tax Administration.

Once the declaration of use has been submitted to the Finnish Tax Administration, you can drive the car in Finland up to three months or until you have a decision on the car tax it as long as:

- you keep the **declaration of use** with you
- the car has a **valid EU registration** and **license plates**
- the car is covered by a motor vehicle **liability insurance** that is valid in Finland
- you have with you the **registration certificate**, as well as a **document showing that you have the right to use the car** (for example a deed of sale), unless the car has been registered in your name.

## Registration inspection

You will need to have a decision on the car tax from the tax administration before registering the car in Finland (according to tax administration, the estimated processing time is up to 6 weeks).

For the inspection you will need the following documents:

- a **registration certificate** from the country of origin
- a **certificate of conformity (CoC)** statement from the manufacturer or similar document.

For more information on the required documentation, please see [Registration inspection | Traficom](#).

With a **valid registration inspection certificate**, you can then register the car, and this can be done at the inspection station.



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Documents needed for the process	Information needed
Valid EU registration	The date of first registration
Liability insurance	Odometer reading
Document showing that you have the right to use the car	