

Tokyo Car Club  
Est. 1989

Choose any car from over 70,000  
units each week.

We are members of the largest car  
auction group in Japan.

Save money and pick your own car  
using our public auction codes.



# Buying a Car

- Buying a car in Japan is possibly more complicated than anywhere else in the world, but it does not have to be a hassle or a drama. Tokyo Car Club, along with Koyo Trading, is a Licensed Japanese Car Dealer. We have over twelve years experience in looking after the car requirements of the Expatriate community in Tokyo.
- We take care of all the time consuming searching and leg work required to find the perfect vehicle to suit your specific needs and, of course, all the red tape associated with registration paperwork, taxes, insurance etc. Your new vehicle will be delivered registered and ready to drive.
- We are able to source vehicles directly from manufacturers using extensive industry contacts built up over the years, and from a huge selection of vehicles from dealer-only auctions which are held on a daily basis throughout Japan. Many of our clients ask us to find them a particular vehicle, either for use in Japan or to take back to their home countries. If you have specific requirements for a vehicle please call us directly or email [motors@gol.com](mailto:motors@gol.com)
- One of the attributes of our business, is that we do not have to sell cars so there are no overly aggressive sales staff, our customers come to us having already decided to buy a car and it is our role to ascertain exactly what kind of vehicle best suits their requirements.
- We cover all facets of buying and owning a car in Japan so come and talk to our native English speaking sales professionals about buying a car that best suits your needs, then sit back and let us take care of all the details.

If you are considering buying a vehicle and would like one of our sales staff to contact you, please email [motors@gol.com](mailto:motors@gol.com) or call 090 8773 0907. Colin Shea will be delighted to respond to you very quickly.

# Selling A Car.

- **If you are looking to sell your car, we are a buyer!**
- If we don't wish to buy the car for stock purposes, we can always cash the car in through the auctions. The auctions are extremely liquid and we can generally cash the car in within 8-10 days.
- In this case you set the minimum price you are prepared to accept, we take a set fee and you receive any upside if the car sells over your minimum price.
- This gives all our customers access to the auctions and results in the true wholesale price going to the seller, which is generally better than you will receive from a Dealer or Trade In Centre.

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# Shaken Service

Shaken, is an abbreviation of the term found on the road worthiness document. In accordance with Japanese law, every vehicle is required to undergo a legal inspection three years after the original purchase date, and every two years thereafter. i.e. After the third, fifth and seventh year, and so on. This is similar to a UK MOT test.

The road worthiness test has two main aspects:

- 1. Road Worthiness Inspection Test\* (ji-dou-sha-ken-sa)
- 2. Government taxes: Compulsory Automobile Liability Insurance\* (ji-bai-seki-ho-ken) and, Vehicle Weight Tax (juu-ryo-zei)

\* Documents must be stored in the vehicle at all times. In the event of an accident, these two forms will be subject to inspection by the traffic authorities.

Tokyo Car Club offers a convenient shaken service. We organise the service with a main dealer before picking the car up from your residence and take it to be serviced. The shaken service takes 1-2 days to carry out and your car will be returned to your residence once the test is completed. For information about the service, please see below.

**Compulsory Inspection** - This is a comprehensive inspection of the vehicle from a safety perspective. It inspects the essential safety apparatuses of the vehicle to ensure they comply to the required level of safe operation and covers: headlight and indicator lamps, wheel alignment, brake test, speedometer test, headlight beam, emissions test, suspension, steering, drive shaft, muffler, drive shaft books, tires and oil leaks.

**Weight Tax** – A tax on automobile owners based on the weight of the vehicle. Taxes are collected by the Land Transport Authority.

**Compulsory Insurance** - Required by law, it is a limited form of third party liability insurance, covering the driver of the car for physical injuries to a third party outside of the vehicle. Compulsory Insurance is of limited cover and so we strongly recommend comprehensive optional liability insurance.

# Car Shipping

Shipping your car home need not be difficult, stressful or expensive.

Tokyo Car Club and Koyo Trading, offers automobile shipping services to over 90 destinations. Over the last twelve years, we have shipped thousands cars around the globe. We can help ship your car to almost any destination, however, you need to be aware of the regulations regarding imports and taxes at the destination port.

Tokyo Car Club offers two services:

**Door-to-Door Service** - We pick your car up at your residence in Japan, and deliver it to your residence overseas, modified, complied, registered and ready to drive. You don't get less hassle than that!

Tokyo Car Club take care of: pick up and delivery, customs clearance, port handling, fuel removal, battery disconnect, loading and unloading, ocean freight, insurance, modifications, compliance and registration.

\* **NB. Price and services differ from each destination.**

**Door-to-Port Service** - We pick your car up at your residence in Japan and ship it to the nearest destination port. Customs clearance, modifications, compliance and registration are the responsibility of the owner.

Tokyo Car Club takes care of pick up and delivery, customs clearance, port handling, fuel removal, battery disconnect, loading and unloading, ocean freight, and insurance to destination port.

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