

ATA Carnet for travelling to and from the UK.

As racers may have seen, despite efforts to find an alternative arrangement that both Motorsport UK and the Auto-Cycle Union understands at present that an ATA Carnet will be required to temporarily move motorsport vehicles and equipment across the UK border post January 1st. An ATA Carnet is an international Customs document that operates like a passport for your goods. It allows the temporary importation of goods into countries that are part of the ATA Carnet system (the EU and 40+ additional countries) and avoids you having to pay unnecessary taxes or duties.

ATA Carnets cover all goods that are leaving the UK and returning within a 12-month period. They do not cover disposable goods (oil, fluids) that will be used while out of the country or items that will not be returning to the UK.

The ATA Carnet simplifies the customs procedure into a single document and makes the importation process much quicker and easier to handle. To avoid unnecessary border delays and customs checks the carnet should be acquired in advance of travel.

There are two parts to the carnet:

1. The processing/arrangement fee of the paperwork (VATable)
2. The premium (non-VATable)

Motorsport UK and the Auto-Cycle Union have secured a special deal with the Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce (GBCC) for their members of a fixed price processing/arrangement fee of £240+VAT. This is discounted from the standard fee of £330+VAT that non-members of the GBCC would pay. Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce is appointed as part of a network of Chambers around the country to issue ATA Carnets.

The second part of the fee is the Premium. This can either be a refundable deposit of 40% of the vehicle's value or a non-refundable insurance premium to cover the 40% proportion.

The premium can be applied for a period of 2, 6 or 12 months and to give you examples of the current costs through the GBCC for the periods they are:

Total Value of consignment in GBP	£10K	£50K	£100K
Validity (months)	Premium payable		
2	£94	£195	£288
6	£120	£309	£484
12	£138	£390	£694

These examples are just for guidance, your specific values will likely be between these sums (or greater than).

Applying for ATA Carnets:

Carnets are applied for through an electronic portal called 'E-cert' and processed and posted out next day delivery or made ready for same day collection.

A walkthrough of the process and further information for members is available by clicking [here](#).

Please do not call Motorsports UK or the ACU with any ATA Carnet enquiries, but Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce Carnet Specialist, Jonathan Crosbie, can be contacted by members on 0121 274 3217. I can also be contacted with questions should you have problems contacting Jonathan by clicking [here](#).

GBCC also offer an express ATA Carnet service for members for a £35+VAT premium (normally £75+VAT), and if all the information is available and correct an express Carnet can be turned around in as little as one hour (Monday-Friday 0800-1600).

To access the members discount with Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce, please reference your 2021 Motorsport UK competition or entrants license number and the name in which it is registered or the 2021 ACU Club Affiliation Code and the name in which it is registered when applying.

If you have any questions with travel to Northern Ireland, please contact HM Government Trader Support Services calling 0800 060 8888. For information on travelling to and from the Republic of Ireland please click [here](#) and [here](#).

Teams who may make multiple trips but with changes to the vehicles or contents carried can list all possible combinations and indicate changes on the carnet for that specific trip (e.g. deleted bike, car etc from the list) but the full premium for all the combinations listed will have to be paid. Alternatively another carnet for each trip can be chosen.

If consolidated carriage of vehicles and ancillaries are to be undertaken (e.g. a van carrying multiple vehicles from different owners) then the driver can use individual carnets from each of the owners, but he is not responsible for the details on the carnet, the owner is. Alternatively a single carnet incorporating all the vehicles and ancillaries can be applied for.

If racers wish to take a road legal registered and insured vehicle within their consignment (e.g. a motorcycle for getting around or a pit bike) then hypothetically it does not need to be included on the carnet. However it has been known for these to cause problems in transit, so the advice is to include them on the carnet.

Neither your tow car, van, trailer, motorhome or truck need to be on the carnet but a Green Card and international cover may be required from your usual automotive insurer.

If using Eurotunnel but using the non-freight service (normal passenger) then Eurotunnel advise the Carnet can be stamped at French customs in Folkestone after check in. However, we have been informed a new link road has been built upon exiting the train in France to the freight customs terminal – TBC.

How the ATA carnet is processed at the border:

From UK > EU

1. You must get your ATA carnet stamped at the relevant inland border facility at North Weald, Ebbsfleet and Sevington (Ashford) before you arrive at the Eurotunnel Folkestone terminal.
2. Declare your ATA carnet at the Pit stop if not already confirmed via your Border Pass
3. On arrival in France, you will automatically be directed via the orange itinerary to the Centre Douane SIVEP where your ATA carnet will be stamped.

From EU > UK

1. Declare your ATA carnet at the Pit stop if not already confirmed via your Border Pass
2. Present it at the Customs booth located just after check-in where it will be stamped
3. On arrival in the UK, your ATA carnet can only be stamped at Sevington (Ashford).

Finally carnet owners may be tempted to minimise premium costs or value of deposit by undervaluing their consignment. Should there be damage or loss incurred on the journey then insurers may ask to see the carnet and compare that information to that on their paperwork. You also risk potential impounding of your consignment and even possible confiscation and disposal.

Please note that although much of this ATA Carnet detail is the same wherever you are located in the world the specific information relates to racers with their vehicles located in the UK. For those located outside of the UK you should refer to your local Chamber of Commerce and sanctioning bodies

As mentioned earlier should anyone have questions or Jonathan Crosbie is unavailable then please contact me on the co-ordinates below:

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