

How to accept a car in Albania: instructions

Experienced travelers already know perfectly well what and how to do. But newbies could use a little help. I still remember very well the first time I picked up the car. I was very nervous and immediately forgot everything.

If I had a similar instruction, I would feel much more confident.

What do you need to take with you?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> International passport | <input type="checkbox"/> Rental voucher | <input type="checkbox"/> Rent money |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver license | | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card |

External inspection of the car

If you are flying with a family, accept the car all together. While the “main” driver is talking to the manager and transferring all the scratches and dents to the inspection card, the second person is filming the car. Just start the camera and go around the car several times in a circle, trying to get all the flaws of the car into the frame.

Pay special attention to bumpers, wheels, glass, headlights and doors. Feel free to take close-ups of them. The video usually takes 10-15 minutes.

Make sure you accurately check and film these elements of the car:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tires | <input type="checkbox"/> Doors | <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discs or hubcaps | <input type="checkbox"/> Car wings | <input type="checkbox"/> Other windows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bumper | <input type="checkbox"/> Trunk (boot) | <input type="checkbox"/> Headlights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car bottom | <input type="checkbox"/> Hood | <input type="checkbox"/> Car roof |

Checking the engine compartment

Not necessarily, but if the car is old, it's better to open the hood and see what's there. Of course, a detailed check is not needed. So, just take a look:

Oil level

Windshield washer

Antifreeze

Inspection of the interior, checking the configuration

Let's look inside. I recommend you to check that people have not forgotten their things in the glove compartments, door cards and sunglass holder. A thorough inspection is not necessary, but if there are rips or tears in car seats or large stains, ask to note this in the contract.

Here is a list of places I usually check myself:

General view of the salon

Fuel level

First aid kit

Central locking

Fire extinguisher

Air conditioner

Trunk and glove boxes

Car mats

add. options:

Baby chair

Car GPS

Wheel chains

Does the roof work (for convertibles)

Spare or repair kit

Warning triangle

Reflective vest

Quick car check

Turn on the engine. Then look at the dashboard and check that everything works:

No "Check Engine" sign

Car wipers

Headlights

No other errors

Turn Signals

Air conditioner

Checking documents and insurance

You sit in the driver's seat (if you pick up the car at the airport or city) or at the table in the company's office. Read the contract carefully. You check the price, the size of the deposit, the

conditions. See if there are any “staggering” fines.

All damage must be noted on the inspection card. If there are no mats or hubcaps on stamped wheels, there should be a record of this. The deposit must be specified in the contract. To make it clear exactly how much money you left.

Registration certificate
for a car

All insurances

Contract



Renting for the first time? Are you afraid to forget something? Print out this checklist and take it with you. Well, or you can bookmark the page and mark everything right in the process.

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