

Motorcycles FAQs

1. Where can I find information on shipping a motorcycle in Household Goods (HHG) OCONUS?

For guidelines to ship a motorcycle overseas, including the responsibilities of the Service Member and the Transportation Service provider, please review the "It's Your Move Pamphlet" document at: <http://www.sddc.army.mil/PP/default.aspx>

Here is information from the "It's Your Move Pamphlet" that is specifically related to shipping a motorcycle

H. MOTORCYCLE OR DIRT BIKE SHIPMENTS

1. Generally, motorcycles and or dirt bikes can be shipped either as a separate Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) shipment, or in your HHG shipment. However, some countries do not allow the importation of motorcycles and or dirt bikes. If shipped to a country which does not allow their importation, the entire HHG shipment and or motorcycle/dirt bike shipment may be held by the Host-Country Customs officials and may not be released until the unauthorized shipment has been corrected. This action may result in a monetary inconvenience on your part.
2. Contact your local TO for details based on Host-Country requirements to which being assigned to, or you may consult the Personal Property Consignment Instruction Guide (PPCIG) by visiting: <https://tops.ppcigweb.sddc.army.mil/ppcig/menu/home/warning.do>

W. RESPONSIBILITIES

A good move depends largely on how much you get involved and how well prepared you are when the TSPs arrive. The following is a guide to assist you and may be used as your record of tasks accomplished.

Your Responsibilities (at Origin) If shipping any engine power driven equipment (e.g., motorcycle, dirt bike, lawnmower, snowmobile, moped, boat), ensure they are free of dirt or grease. Disconnect the battery cables and tape the leads so they do not make contact with the battery terminals. Batteries with acid or alkali are prohibited from shipment; only non-spillable gel-type batteries are authorized. Disconnect lead from spark-plug and also tape the wire lead so it does not make contact with spark-plug. With the motorcycle/dirt bike running, completely run it out of gas until it stalls. No fuel can be in the tank when shipping a motorcycle/dirt bike as a HHG shipment.

All fluids, including engine oil and radiator fluid, must be drained from your motorcycle before it may be included in a HHG shipment. Fluid, such as oil, gasoline or radiator fluid is a fire hazard.

2. Can I ship a motorcycle and another car with my Household Goods (HHG)?

Shipping your motorcycle and another car with household goods depends on the Service Member's move entitlement. Contact the Transportation Office to determine entitlements and the relevant next steps.