



Dispatch Dudes Explains What the Enclosed Premium Buys in Car Shipping Decisions

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Dispatch Dudes, a federally licensed and bonded nationwide auto transport broker, has released consumer guidance addressing one of the most common points of confusion for vehicle owners arranging transport: the difference between open and enclosed carriers, and why enclosed service typically costs 30 to 60 percent more.

The guidance arrives as seasonal demand shifts prompt more consumers to compare transport options for relocations, vehicle purchases, and long-distance moves. According to the company, many owners default to whichever quote is lowest without understanding how transport type affects both price and protection, a gap that can lead to unexpected outcomes for higher-value vehicles.

Open transport, the method used by most manufacturers to deliver new cars, remains the most widely selected option. Vehicles travel on an open-air carrier exposed to weather and road conditions, an approach the company describes as safe and reliable for standard daily-driven vehicles. Enclosed transport places

vehicles inside a covered trailer, shielding them from weather, dust, and road debris. That added protection is what accounts for the higher price, which the company says reflects lower carrier capacity, fewer available trucks, and the specialized handling many enclosed shipments require.

The company notes that car shipping costs are shaped by several factors beyond transport type, including distance, route density, vehicle size and weight, operability, and the time of year. Published ranges place open transport at roughly \$700 to \$1,200 per 1,000 miles, while enclosed service runs approximately \$1,000 to \$1,700 over the same distance, with figures varying by vehicle and season.

"The enclosed premium is not a luxury upcharge, it is a reflection of capacity and protection," said a spokesperson from Dispatch Dudes. "For a classic, exotic, or highly modified vehicle, that added cost buys peace of mind. For a standard commuter car, open transport usually makes far more practical sense. The goal is helping owners match the service to the vehicle rather than defaulting to the cheapest number on a screen."

As a broker, Dispatch Dudes arranges transport through a network of vetted carriers rather than operating its own trucks. Carriers in that network hold cargo insurance ranging from \$250,000 to \$10 million. Customers pay no deposit until a carrier is assigned and receive the carrier's name, USDOT number, and insurance certificate before pickup.

"Transparency matters most when someone is deciding how to protect a significant asset," the spokesperson added. "Understanding what open and enclosed transport each provide allows owners to make an informed choice for cross country car shipping and beyond."

The company handles cars, motorcycles, including inoperable, classic, luxury, modified, and military PCS vehicles, through open, enclosed, expedited, and door-to-door service.

Dispatch Dudes is a nationwide car shipping and auto transport broker headquartered in Pompano Beach, Florida, operating under USDOT 3446819 and MC-1120978. Founder and CEO Benjamin Kats is a member of the Forbes Business Council. The company was named No. 5 Best National Moving Company in Newsweek's 2026 Readers' Choice awards and holds a 4.9 rating from 473 Google reviews.

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