

Spring Invasion Vehicle Check List

Church _____

All groups must have transportation into Mexico. There will be no shuttling to the border.

The papers listed below should all be in the care of the group leader a week before travel.

Vehicle Paperwork is generally taken care of at the 50 Kilometer check point.

Vehicle & Name of Driver crossing border driver must have a VISA or MASTERCARD in his/her name to pay the 6-month vehicle permit	State Certified (Original Copy) Title	photo-copy of State Certified (Original Copy) Title	notarized owner's Permission letter	copy of owner's Permission letter	current registration receipt	copy of current registration receipt	notarized Lien-holder Release letter	copy of Lien-holder Release letter	copy of driver's license	Insurance Coverage in Mexico	copy of passport and driver's tourist form

The price for most vehicles for the vehicle permit to enter Mexico is around \$50. New laws in Mexico for obtaining vehicle permits include placing a deposit hold of funds on your credit card, which will be refunded when your permit is canceled. 2007 and newer models, \$400.00 deposit required, 2001 - 2006 models, \$300.00 deposit required, models previous to 2000, \$200.00 deposit required

Mexico Auto Insurance - U.S. Insurance Providers typically do not cover your vehicles when they are out of the country.

Contact Capitol Insurance Services in Eagle Pass at (830) 773-2341 to purchase insurance (fax 830-773-7791). Be sure you are covered for the whole time you are actually in Mexico. In the past, prices for liability or full coverage have typically ranged between \$50 – 150 per vehicle for the week (don't forget to include any trailers you plan to take). You can take care of the details by phone and fax, make payment by credit card or check, and have proof of insurance papers faxed or mailed to you – all taken care of a week or more before the trip! Border Officials do not typically ask for proof of insurance. Capitol Insurance Services is also another source that can help you with any questions concerning particular vehicle requirements.

Info you need ready to Purchase Insurance:

Vehicle make and model and description (ex 1992 Chevrolet Suburban ½ ton 2-wheel drive)
VIN# Value License plate number Drivers Name and address and drivers license number with expiration date
Trailer info (description, tag #, VIN#)

Trailers – The same basic vehicle paperwork is required to take a trailer across the border. The trailer shares the same vehicle permit as it's towing vehicle. Since smaller trailers are not required to be registered and tagged in much of the U.S., and some trailers don't even have a title, this can be a headache. In order to avoid risks of problems at the border, all trailers towed to Mexico should be titled, registered and tagged. Titles can be acquired through your state with a VIN number. VIN numbers can be acquired through your state highway patrol.

Rental Vans and Trailers – Very few rental companies allow you to take their equipment across the border. Be sure to ask for the notarized Owner's Permission Letter for the vehicle to cross into Mexico up front when you are making rental arrangements. In the case of a rental, no Title or Registration Paper is required in addition to the Permission Letter. A copy of the Rental Contract should be available as well.

Note - Everything on this checklist that is applicable to your driver/vehicle situation is required to receive the vehicle permit and be allowed past the checkpoint and to the Spring Invasion destinations. The only two items that may not apply to you are the Owner's Release and the Lien-holder Release letters. Mexico Border Officials will ask to see the original copies of each item and keep a copy of each item in their file. There has been Spring Invasion group vehicles that haven't been able to cross because they were missing one

The notarized **Owner's Permission Letter** is for taking church vans/buses or rentals only. Mexico does not allow borrowed vehicles across the checkpoint.

The notarized **Lien-holder Release Letter** is only used in the case of an institution or individual listed as a lien-holder on the title itself.

Driver's Tourist Form copies (required to acquire vehicle permit) can usually be made on the check-point's copy machine for a small charge. The Tourist Form is typically acquired at the border crossing station.

YOU MUST RETURN/CANCEL vehicle permits and tourist cards at same place where you obtained them when leaving the country unless you will FOR SURE be back within 6 months.