What Do You Need to Buy a Car in Andorra? Requirements, Taxes & Options Based on Your Residency

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The Ultimate Guide to Buying a Car in Andorra in 2025: Everything You Need to Know Based on Your Situation

Buying a car in Andorra is becoming an increasingly attractive option, both for residents and for people from all over the world who want a vehicle in Europe with favourable tax conditions. Thanks to reduced taxes, legal security, and a highly connected market with Europe, the United States and the United Arab Emirates, Andorra has become a reference point for purchasing new or used vehicles.

However, not everyone can buy and use a car in Andorra in the same way. Andorran law clearly differentiates what each buyer type can do depending on their residency status and their relationship with the country. This defines whether a vehicle can be registered in Andorra, whether you can drive it with Andorran plates, whether it must

be exported, or whether you can apply for the well-known tourist plates (MT).

In this article, you will find a clear, realistic, and fully updated explanation — 2025 version — of how the process works depending on your personal situation. We will focus on three main buyer profiles:

- Andorran residents or companies.
- Non-residents living outside the European Union.
- EU residents who do not live in Andorra.

1. Buying a Car in Andorra as an Andorran Resident or Company

For residents and companies established in Andorra, purchasing a vehicle is straightforward and flexible. They can buy any car available within the country and can also import vehicles from international markets. This is very common due to the limited local stock and the absence of official dealerships for certain brands.

Andorra does not have the same volume of dealerships or used-vehicle inventory found in large markets like Germany or Spain. It is common for a resident to find fewer options locally or vehicles that are less equipped compared with models available abroad. This is why many Andorrans buy cars from Germany, France, Italy, Spain, or even distant markets like the United States or the UAE.

Importing has become almost the norm: many cars in Andorra were originally registered in Germany, purchased at US auctions, or imported from the UAE, often featuring high-end configurations and excellent equipment.

The Age Limit Rule: A Key Factor for Residents

The most important requirement for residents importing a car is the maximum age allowed for registering EURO 6 vehicles. In 2025, the rule is very clear:

You can import and register in Andorra any EURO 6 vehicle that is no more than six years old from its manufacturing date.

A key detail: Andorran authorities consider **only the manufacturing year**, not the month. This means it doesn't matter if the car was made in January or December — the year is what counts.

For example, if we are in November 2025, any car manufactured in 2019 or later can be registered, even if it came out of the factory in January 2019. This flexibility allows many well-maintained vehicles to enter the country without issues.

Importing a Car into Andorra: Overview of the Process

Importing a car as a resident involves several steps related to customs, technical inspections, and registration. The process includes bringing the vehicle into Andorra, paying the applicable taxes, passing the Andorran ITV (technical inspection), and obtaining the final Andorran plates.

If you want a detailed, step-by-step explanation, you can read the full guide here:

How to Register a Car in Andorra — Complete Guide 2025

How a Specialist Service Can Help You

If you live in Andorra and are thinking about buying or importing a car, it's normal to have questions: which country offers the best stock, which models are more reliable, how to verify the vehicle's history, or how to calculate the real final cost. In these cases, working with specialists can make all the difference.

At Importocotxe, we can help you find the perfect car in Europe, the US or the UAE, check its condition and documentation, organise transport, handle the import process, and assist you with all technical and administrative steps until the vehicle is fully registered. And if you simply need advice, we are happy to help without obligation.

2. Buying a Car in Andorra as a Non-Resident Outside the European Union

People who live outside the EU are, without doubt, those who enjoy the most options and advantages when buying a car in Andorra. Not only can they buy a vehicle to export it to their home country, but they can also obtain **tourist plates (MT)**, allowing them to legally drive across Europe with a car registered in their name, without EU residency.

Andorra is particularly attractive for entrepreneurs, expatriates, and frequent travellers who want a personal car available in Europe without establishing tax residency in an EU country. Thanks to reduced taxes and a clear regulatory framework, it is one of the

most efficient and economical options.

An Affordable Way to Have a Car in Europe

For a non-EU resident, Andorra is an excellent gateway to the European automotive market. Taxes are low, procedures are clear, and MT plates allow the car to be used in several countries without needing to register it in each one.

This is especially useful if you frequently travel to Europe and want a car available each time, avoiding repeated rentals and having the freedom to choose exactly the model and equipment you like.

What Tourist Plates (MT) Are and How They Work

MT plates are special registration plates issued by the Andorran government for vehicles owned by non-residents. They allow the vehicle to circulate in most European countries for the duration of their validity, and they can be renewed.

The vehicle is registered in Andorra, and the mandatory insurance must also be contracted in Andorra. Calculating the cost is very simple:

Just add approximately €300 to the advertised price of the vehicle to get the estimated total cost with MT plates.

If you use a car search engine on a specialised website like Importocotxe, you will easily see the price and the total cost with this type of registration.

Exporting the Car to Your Home Country

Not all buyers want to keep the vehicle in Europe. In many cases, the goal is to buy the car in Andorra, benefit from favourable taxation, and then ship it to their home country. This process involves issuing a tax-free invoice (no IGI), managing the export DUA, and preparing all international documents required for final registration abroad.

The specific procedure and taxes depend on the laws of each country, but Andorra offers a very clear administrative structure that simplifies it.

Professional Support Throughout the Entire Process

If you are a non-EU resident considering buying a car in Andorra, it is highly advisable to rely on professionals for vehicle selection, obtaining MT plates, export procedures, or customs paperwork.

A service like Importocotxe can handle MT plates, export procedures to any country, the DUA, logistics, and international transport. And if you only want advice or orientation before making a decision, we can help as well.

3. Buying a Car in Andorra as a Resident of the European Union

The case of EU residents is different and often causes confusion. An EU resident can buy a car in Andorra, but cannot register it in Andorra or obtain MT tourist plates. In other words, they can purchase the vehicle, but they must **export it to their country of residence and register it there**.

This can still be financially interesting, but it is important to consider all taxes and administrative procedures in the destination country to evaluate whether the operation is worthwhile.

What Exporting a Car to an EU Country Involves

The export process starts with deregistering the vehicle in Andorra and issuing an export DUA. Once the car arrives in the destination country, an import DUA must be processed, which is the document where VAT is paid and where the homologation and registration procedures begin.

The most common steps include:

- **Payment of VAT** in the destination country.
- **Possible customs duties**, which are usually 0% within the EU when the vehicle originates from the EU, but may apply if the car comes from the USA, UAE, or other non-EU countries.
- **Local homologation or technical inspection**.
- **Payment of registration tax**, often based on CO_2 emissions.
- **Administrative fees**.
- **Final registration** with the plates of the destination country.

Although the process may seem long, it becomes quite straightforward with proper guidance. In many cases, even after paying VAT, potential customs duties, and registration taxes, the total cost can still be competitive compared with buying the same vehicle locally.

Why Buying in Andorra Can Still Be a Good Deal if You Live in the EU

The main reason is the initial price. Cars in Andorra tend to be cheaper thanks to lower taxes and the possibility of sourcing them from highly competitive markets such as Germany or the United States. For mid-range and high-end vehicles, the price difference can be very significant.

Specialised Assistance for Exporting to the EU (Especially Spain)

If you are an EU resident considering buying a car in Andorra, it is essential to evaluate all associated costs beforehand so that you can make an informed comparison with the prices in your home country.

Companies like Importocotxe can manage exports from Andorra to any EU country, prepare the export DUA, and coordinate transportation. And if the destination is Spain, we can also handle the Spanish import DUA and the full registration process.

Summary Based on Your Buyer Profile

To summarise: If you are an Andorran resident, you can freely import almost any vehicle as long as it meets the age requirement, and you can take advantage of the

country’s reduced tax system.

If you are a non-resident outside the EU, Andorra allows you to have a car in Europe using MT plates or to export it to your country under very favourable taxation.

If you are an EU resident but not an Andorran resident, you can buy a vehicle in Andorra, but you must export and register it in your country, paying VAT, potential customs duties, technical inspections, registration taxes, and administrative fees.

Conclusion: Andorra Is a Great Opportunity If You Understand the Rules

Buying a car in Andorra can be an excellent decision, whether you live there or not, as long as you clearly understand what applies to your specific case. The country offers competitive prices, low taxes, and a clear legal framework, but the rules vary depending on your residency status.

If you are considering buying, importing, or exporting a vehicle from Andorra — or simply have questions — it is recommended to speak with someone who truly understands the market and the real administrative procedures.

At Importocotxe, we assist both Andorran residents and international buyers in purchasing, importing, and exporting vehicles from Andorra. Whether you want us to handle the entire process or simply need guidance, we are here to help with transparency and real expertise.

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