

Autos - Baltimore drives to the top of the business

Since becoming the port of entry for the first Volkswagen Beetle in 1963, the Port of Baltimore has delivered top-rate automobile service and handling capabilities. Today, Baltimore consistently ranks among the nation's top automobile ports.

Autos at Baltimore

- More than half a million automobiles move through Baltimore's public and private terminals annually.
- Baltimore's strategic Mid-Atlantic inland location means shorter distances between manufacturer, port and market, making exports a day closer.
- Imports quickly reach dealers and consumers in the fast growing Baltimore-Washington consumer market, one of the largest and wealthiest in the nation.
- Baltimore has close proximity to major interstates. Rail options include direct service to the Midwest, via Norfolk Southern's Harrisburg terminal hub and CSX's Annapolis Junction hub.



Baltimore is the top auto handler

- **Quality:** Baltimore treats its autos with "white glove" service, literally. Each vehicle receives the utmost care - from ship to processing facility and dealer delivery. The Port of Baltimore's Quality Cargo Handling Action Team (QCHAT) program is recognized worldwide as the most successful port-wide quality care program in the country. The QCHAT group meets monthly and includes all segments of vehicle handling and auto manufacturers. Major improvements in quality vehicle handling have resulted in reduced damage and advanced training programs.
- **Innovation:** A bar code scanning system captures detailed information about every vehicle moving through Baltimore and the drivers who handle them, thereby tracking inventory and reducing damage.
- **Space:** The 160-acre Fairfield/Masonville Terminals are home to much of Baltimore's public state-of-the-art auto processing and handling facilities. Adjacent to these facilities, the privately owned Chesapeake and Atlantic auto terminals also provide 165 acres for automobile processing and storage. The combined space auto handling terminals in the port offer a total of 608 acres for autos and RoRo cargoes.
- **And More Space:** At the Dundalk Marine Terminal, approximately 300 acres are devoted to automobiles and other Roll-on/Roll-off (Ro/Ro) cargo.

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