

# Crossing the Land Border



**According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security,** beginning June 1, 2009, U.S. citizens entering the United States at sea or land ports of entry are required to have documents that comply with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), most commonly a U.S. passport, a passport card, a trusted traveler card such as NEXUS, SENTRI or FAST, or an enhanced driver's license.

## **U.S. Citizens**

- 1) Crossing back into the U.S. and traveling to Canada and Mexico requires only the driver and vehicle occupants to show a passport or other acceptable document. For a complete list please visit [http://www.getyouhome.gov/html/eng\\_map.html](http://www.getyouhome.gov/html/eng_map.html).
- 2) Crossing into Mexico, U.S. citizens need to purchase an import vehicle permit for any vehicle that has an engine 500cc or greater. This can be purchased at the border and is Mexican law.
- 3) For more information regarding crossing borders, please visit <http://www.dhs.gov/files/crossingborders/travelers.shtm>

## **Canadians Citizens**

According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, beginning June 1, 2009, Canadian citizens will need to present a single document that complies with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI). See [www.getyouhome.gov](http://www.getyouhome.gov) for more information. [US-VISIT biometric procedures](#) may apply to some Canadian citizens. Find out [if US-VISIT applies to you](#).

- 1) Crossing into Mexico, Canadian citizens need to purchase an import vehicle permit for any vehicle that has an engine 500cc or greater. This can be purchased at the border and is Mexican law.
- 2) For more information regarding crossing borders, please visit <http://www.dhs.gov/files/crossingborders/travelers.shtm>

## **Law does not require proof of Ownership of vehicle, trailer, and off-highway vehicles during primary checkpoints at points of entry**

- 1) Although proof of ownership for your vehicle, trailer or off-highway vehicles is not required by law at the primary inspection point, a border agent may ask for proof of ownership for the vehicle, trailer and off-highway vehicles during a secondary inspection. Therefore, to air on the side of caution and to speed your passage through the point of entry, you should have a document that shows proof of ownership, such as title or registration. Regarding racing OHVs, a title and registration may not be practicable. The AMA suggests you keep any invoice for parts and racing event registration to indicate ownership. Again, ownership proof is not normally asked for unless you are pulled over for secondary inspection.