

Shipment by Air

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Air Freight Rates



airport to airport
Montreal to Mexico City
\$3.00 per kilogram




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Most direct air-freight service between Canada and Mexico is charter vacation traffic. As a result, the availability of space for cargo is limited. Nonetheless, air transportation may be appropriate for products with a high value-to-weight ratio, such as luxury goods, electronic components, and for some perishables, such as deli-meats. There are direct commercial services to Mexico from both Toronto and Vancouver. As well, some companies offer truck-air services using airports in the United States.

Air transportation offers the advantage of very fast delivery, good security and relatively low insurance costs. The main disadvantage is high transportation costs. From Montreal to Mexico City, for example, air service costs about C \$3.00 per kilogram compared to about C \$0.25 per kilogram by road. Air shipments have both size and weight limitations, and there are also prohibitions against dangerous goods.

Small parcel services, such as those offered by American Express via Memphis, are relatively expensive, but are effective for small high-value shipments. In most cases, door-to-door delivery takes 24 to 48 hours. They tend to be very reliable and most of them offer precise tracking services that are directly client-accessible. They typically include brokerage services.