

AI-03948 Chevy Colorado Shipping TX to FL

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How does the auto shipping internal process works? I'm shipping my truck to FL 34442 from my residence TX 78665 and booked with AmeriFreight June 24-28 and with added note "no delivery before June 28? I booked it 3 days ago but I have not heard a reply of pickup schedule . Tell me the inner workings of auto shipping. I understand that AmeriFreight is just a broker.

The auto transport industry has an internal logistics layer that is completely invisible to most consumers. Since you already know that AmeriFreight is a broker rather than the actual carrier, you are ahead of the game.

Because you booked three days ago for a **June 24–28** window, it is perfectly normal that you haven't heard a specific pickup schedule yet. Here is a breakdown of the inner workings of auto shipping, what happens behind the scenes, and why your timeline is tracking exactly as expected.

1. The Marketplace: Your Truck is Not "In Line"

When you book with a broker, your vehicle doesn't go into a sequential queue. Instead, it gets posted to a private, centralized industry load board (the largest being **Central Dispatch**).

Think of it like a freight matching board. Independent carriers—99% of whom are small businesses operating fewer than 100 trucks—log into this board to build a route. They look for vehicles that fit their trailer type, their specific highway route, and their payout requirements.

2. Why You Haven't Heard a Pickup Schedule Yet

Carriers rarely book their loads weeks in advance. The industry moves on a rolling **24-to-72-hour window**.

- **The Carrier's Logic:** A driver currently dropping off a load in Georgia or Louisiana will look at the dispatch board a couple of days before they empty out. They will search for a vehicle leaving Texas around June 24th that heads toward Florida.
- **The Normal Timeline:** Brokers typically do not secure and lock in the actual carrier until **1 to 5 days before your first available pickup date (June 24)**. Expecting a firm schedule weeks or even days ahead of the window is a common misconception; the logistical pieces simply don't come together until the dates approach.

3. The "No Delivery Before June 28" Constraint

Adding a constraint like "no delivery before June 28" adds an extra puzzle piece for the broker to solve, but it is highly manageable on a TX-to-FL route:

- **Transit Time:** The driving distance from Round Rock/Georgetown, TX (78665) to Inverness/Dunnellon, FL (34442) is roughly 1,000 miles. A commercial car hauler bound by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) **Hours-of-Service laws** (limiting them to 11 hours of driving per day) will typically take **2 to 3 days** to complete this transit, especially since they are stopping to load/unload other vehicles along the route.
- **The Strategy:** To respect your June 28 constraint, AmeriFreight will look for a carrier planning to pick up your truck on the later end of your window (e.g., June 25–27) or coordinate with a carrier who has multiple stops ahead of you, ensuring the trailer doesn't physically arrive at your Florida destination until the 28th or later.

The Dispatch Trigger: You will know a carrier has been secured when AmeriFreight sends you a **Rate Confirmation** or a "Dispatched" notice. This document locks in the specific carrier company, their insurance file, and the truck driver's direct cell phone number. The driver will then typically call you 24 hours before pickup to coordinate a specific time window.

Your booking is currently sitting right where it should be: listed on the marketplace, waiting for the right carrier to finalize their late-June route strategy.