

Do not perform parts removal without a license!

A person who intends to perform dismantling (parts removal) such as auto parts removal from an end-of-life vehicle must obtain, from the Environment Department of his/her prefecture or city, a license as a dismantle operator under the Law for the Recycling of End-of-Life Vehicles.

A penalty of imprisonment up to one year or a fine of up to 500,000 yen will be imposed for unlicensed business operations when handling end-of-life vehicles or dismantled vehicles (vehicle carcasses) without having a license as a dismantling operator under the Law for the Recycling of End-of-Life Vehicle.

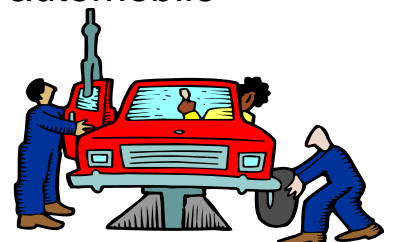
- * Stringent measures have already been taken against many business operators throughout the country, such as unlicensed business operations, for violation of the Law for the Recycling of End-of-Life Vehicle.**

Additionally, the following obligations are imposed upon dismantling operators when end-of-life vehicles are dismantled:

- The end-of-life vehicle must be collected from a collection operator or a fluorocarbon recovery operator;
- The recycling* of end-of-life vehicles must include the recovery and recycling of batteries, tires, and waste oil, etc., as well as other useful items and materials.

* Recycling: Making removed items usable as part of another product. For combustible items, recycling means to make the item available for thermal utilization.

- Recovering air bags and delivering them to automobile manufacturers, etc.



Be careful when exporting dismantled auto parts!

According to the Law for the Recycling of End-of-Life Vehicle, end-of-life vehicles or dismantled vehicles (vehicle carcasses)* are considered to be “waste products” under the Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law.

* Under the Law for the Recycling of End-of-Life Vehicle, “dismantled vehicles” are defined as those that remain (vehicle carcasses) after parts, materials and other usable items have been removed by dismantling the end-of-life vehicle.

Even if they are dismantled auto parts, attempting to export such parts without fulfilling the recycling obligation stated on the front page as a dismantling operator will constitute a violation of the Law for the Recycling of End-of-Life Vehicle and the Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law as well as the administrative guidance, etc., conducted by a relevant government institution. Therefore, caution must be taken.

<Examples of illegal acts>

- Exporting half-cut cars without removing the airbags that have not been processed for in-vehicle operations
- Exporting steering wheels without removing the airbags that have not been processed for in-vehicle operations
- Dismantling end-of-life vehicles without reporting collection, delivery of dismantled vehicles, etc.

Additionally, consent of the Environment Minister is required for exporting “waste products.” Under the Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law a violation will result in a penalty (imprisonment for up to five years or a fine of up to 10,000,000 yen).



Be sure to comply with the Law for the Recycling of End-of-Life Vehicle and the Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law so as to prevent the inappropriate exportation of dismantled automobile parts.