

Packaging and shipping oil samples is easy. A tight seal and proper labeling are the best ways to ensure your oil sample arrives at your destination on time.

Close the sample jar as soon as you collect the sample. Hand-tighten only – using a tool is not necessary or recommended. The new non-back off cap with a wedge seal also makes it so you don't have to torque the cap as well.



Remove the barcode from your sample information form and place it on outside of the sample jar.



Pack sample jar(s) into an appropriate sized box, envelope mailer, or hard plastic mailer. Label the outside of the package with the laboratory address, your return address, and apply the appropriate postage.



### Are there restrictions shipping for oil?

There are no restrictions for shipping new or used oil in the United States and most countries. It is considered non-hazardous, non-toxic, and non-flammable, so it operates under the same shipping considerations as water.

A fluid's flash point is the main consideration for flammable liquids. Shipping carriers are concerned about materials with a flash point under 200°F, and typical automotive or diesel engine oil is between 425 and 460°F, hydraulic fluid is between 300 and 600°F, and transmission fluid is between 300 and 380°F.

For more information, review the resources listed below for helpful tips and more specific carrier requirements.

- [USPS Flammable and Combustible Liquids](#)
- [UPS Hazardous Materials Service Definition](#)
- [FedEx Hazardous Materials](#)