OPENLANE Public Auctions

How to Buy

Public buyers are welcome to view, bid on, and buy vehicles through OPENLANE public auctions in **Richmond** and **Winnipeg**.

To get started:

1. **Register Your Account:** You must be a registered customer to participate. If you don't have an account yet, sign up here.
2. **Browse Inventory:** Once registered, explore upcoming public auction listings here.

Bidding & Credit Card Pre-Authorization

To bid on and purchase a vehicle, you must have a valid credit card on file. When you register for a specific sale event, a temporary hold will be placed on your credit card:

- **In-Person Bidding:** $400 hold
- **Online Bidding:** $1,000 hold

How the deposit works:

- **If you win:** The held amount is collected as a non-refundable deposit. It is applied as a credit toward your total purchase price and holds the vehicle until the payment deadline.
- **If you don't win:** The hold is fully released, and your card will not be charged.

Note for Business Users: *Business accounts are exempt from this credit card deposit requirement.*

How to Participate and Purchase

Step 1: Join the Sale

- **In Person:** Visit the OPENLANE auction location on sale day to collect your physical bidder badge and participate in live bidding.
- **Online:** Log into the digital auction on sale day, and you will automatically be assigned an online bidder badge.

Step 2: Place Your Bids

- Place bids on your selected vehicles during the live auction sale.

Step 3: Complete Your Purchase (When You Win)

1. **Add Optional Extras:** Opt into post-sale inspections or other available add-on services.
2. **Complete Payment:** Pay the remaining balance at the auction center by the end of the next business day. Accepted payment methods include debit card, and wire transfer. *(Business users may also pay online via their Purchases page.)*
3. **Transfer Ownership & Insure:** Complete the vehicle ownership transfer in your name (at your expense) and purchase appropriate auto insurance.
4. **Pick Up Your Vehicle:** Receive your vehicle release form and drive your purchase off the lot!