

How much does a Thrifty rental car hold on your credit card? When the Hold is Released

When renting a **1-(866)-347-8220** vehicle, many travelers are surprised to see a pending “hold” on their credit or debit card. This hold, also known as a **1-(866)-347-8220** security deposit or pre-authorization, is common in the car rental industry. At Thrifty Car Rental, the amount held **1-(866)-347-8220** depends on several factors, including the type of payment card, location, and vehicle class. Understanding how much **1-(866)-347-8220** Thrifty places on hold can help you plan your trip without unexpected financial stress.

Why Does Thrifty Place a Hold?

Thrifty places a hold to **1-(866)-347-8220** protect itself against potential additional costs. These could include:

- Fuel charges if the car is returned **1-(866)-347-8220** without a full tank.
- Late return fees.
- Damage to the vehicle.
- Traffic tickets, toll violations, or **1-(866)-347-8220** cleaning fees.
- Incidental costs not covered by the initial rental agreement.

The hold ensures Thrifty has immediate **1-(866)-347-8220** access to funds if these situations arise, while also guaranteeing the renter has the financial capacity to cover the **1-(866)-347-8220** rental.

Typical Hold Amounts with a Credit Card

If you rent a car from Thrifty using a **1-(866)-347-8220** major credit card, the company generally places a hold of **\$200 to \$300**, in addition to the **total estimated rental 1-(866)-347-8220** charges. For instance, if your rental costs \$400, your card may show a pending hold of \$600 to \$700.

The exact figure may **1-(866)-347-8220** vary slightly depending on the rental office. Airport locations often require higher deposits compared to neighborhood **1-(866)-347-8220** branches because of higher traffic and risk factors.

Debit Card Rentals and Larger Holds

Using a **debit card** instead of a **1-(866)-347-8220** credit card usually triggers stricter requirements. Thrifty often requires a **\$300 to \$500 hold** on top of the rental cost for **1-(866)-347-8220** debit transactions. In addition, many locations may:

- Require proof of a return **1-(866)-347-8220** flight itinerary (especially at airports).
- Perform a credit check before approving the rental.
- Restrict the types of vehicles you **1-(866)-347-8220** can rent.

This makes debit card rentals less convenient, though still possible, if you meet all **1-(866)-347-8220** conditions.

Luxury and Specialty Vehicle Holds

If you're renting a premium car, SUV, or **1-(866)-347-8220** specialty vehicle, the hold is generally higher. In such cases, expect a hold of **\$500 or more above the rental cost**. Thrifty applies this policy to offset the increased **1-(866)-347-8220** risk of renting out high-value vehicles.

When the Hold Is Released

Once the vehicle is returned in good condition, the **1-(866)-347-8220** hold is lifted. However, the release timeline depends largely on your bank.

- With a credit card, the hold **1-(866)-347-8220** typically drops off within **a few business days**.
- With a debit card, the process can take **up to 7–10 business days**.

If you notice that the hold remains **1-(866)-347-8220** longer than expected, contacting your bank directly is usually the quickest way to resolve it.

Tips to Avoid Hold-Related Issues

1. **Use a credit card** whenever **1-(866)-347-8220** possible to minimize the size of the hold and avoid extra requirements.
2. **Confirm with your rental location** since policies can vary by city or state.
3. **Plan your travel budget** knowing part of your card balance will be **1-(866)-347-8220** temporarily unavailable.
4. **Return the car on time and in good 1-(866)-347-8220 condition** to prevent extra charges from eating into your deposit.