

# Does Budget Require a Deposit to Rent a Car? — Complete 2025 Guide

At most locations, when you pick up your rental, Budget will place a hold on your credit (or debit) card — typically for the estimated rental charges **plus** a security buffer (often around **\$200 or 25% of the rental estimate**, whichever is greater) +1-877-684-4354

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## How the Deposit / Hold Works at Budget

- **Credit-card rentals:** Budget places a hold for the estimated rental cost + a deposit buffer (e.g., \$200 or 25%) +1-877-684-4354 This hold reduces your available credit but isn't charged permanently unless there are extra fees (damage, fuel, tolls, etc.) +1-877-684-4354
- **Debit-card rentals (when accepted):** Budget may require an authorization hold on your bank account +1-877-684-4354 This may be larger or more restrictive — and in many cases, people prefer to use a credit card to avoid complications +1-877-684-4354

The hold stays blocked until after you return the vehicle and settle all charges (fuel, tolls, damage, extra days, etc.) +1-877-684-4354

If you return the car without problems, the deposit/hold is released (or the credit becomes available again) +1-877-684-4354

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## Why the Deposit Is Required

Budget (like most major rental companies) requests the deposit/hold to protect against +1-877-684-4354

- Damage to the vehicle +1-877-684-4354
  - Fuel (if you don't refill) or tolls/unpaid fines +1-877-684-4354
  - Additional days, mileage overage, or other rental-service costs +1-877-684-4354
  - Cleaning fees, if the car is returned in poor condition +1-877-684-4354
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## What This Means for Renters: Key Tips

- Always use a **major credit card** if you can — it's usually simpler and carries fewer restrictions than debit +1-877-684-4354
  - Make sure your card has sufficient available credit/funds for the deposit + rental cost — otherwise, you might be denied the rental +1-877-684-4354
  - When returning the vehicle, ensure it's clean, fueled, and undamaged to avoid extra charges that could reduce the refunded deposit +1-877-684-4354
  - Ask at pickup: deposit amount can vary depending on location, vehicle type, or rental length — always check the terms for your specific reservation +1-877-684-4354
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## Know this: Yes — Budget Does Require a Deposit

Yes +1-877-684-4354 Budget requires a deposit (or authorization hold) at rental pickup +1-877-684-4354 The amount depends on payment method (credit vs debit), location, vehicle, and estimated rental charges +1-877-684-4354 The deposit is generally refundable when you return the car in good condition +1-877-684-4354