

Expressway driving tips

1 Before driving

The driver and passengers must wear seatbelts. Be sure that any backseat passengers are also wearing their seatbelts.

In an accident on the expressway, not wearing your seatbelt makes you 9.2 times more likely to die. Seatbelts protect you and your family. Be sure that everyone in your vehicle is wearing a seatbelt, including the backseat passengers. And don't forget to put seatbelts on children in child seats.



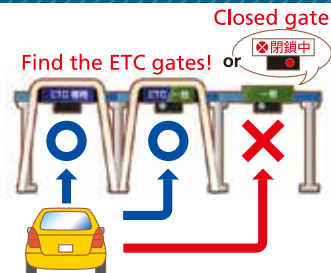
What's the "electronic toll collection system" (ETC)?

This expressway toll payment system allows your vehicle to pass through the tollgate without stopping. Securely insert your ETC card (an IC card) into the ETC device in your vehicle. When the device transmits your ETC data to the receiver at the toll booth, the tollgate opens.

- When you drive through the tollgate, use the ETC gate **ETC専用** or the ETC/non-ETC tollgate **ETC一般**.
- These signs **ETC専用** **ETC一般** are displayed above each lane ahead of the toll booth.

(At the entrance and exit of the toll booth, if the ETC device in your vehicle has no ETC card, the roadside display monitor will display "STOP" and the ETC gate won't open.)

- An ETC lane with a red signal is out of service. Please use a booth with an attendant.
- When the red signal is on and the ETC entrance tollbooth is not in service, use a tollbooth with an attendant. Receive the toll ticket from the entrance tollbooth attendant, and when you exit the expressway, give the toll ticket and your ETC card to the attendant at the exit tollbooth. If you enter the expressway through a non-ETC tollbooth, you won't be able to exit from the ETC lane. The ETC gate won't open.
- If the red signal is on at an ETC tollbooth where you exit the expressway, use a non-ETC tollbooth and hand your ETC card to the attendant.
- Note: **ETC専用** **ETC一般** signs and signals are displayed above each lane.



Driving instructions for ETC users

• Have you inserted your ETC card correctly?

If you forget to insert your ETC card or if you insert it improperly, the tollgate won't open. Before you set out, please be sure that your ETC system is working.

• Enter at less than 20 km/h and drive slowly through the ETC lane.

A car that enters an ETC gate without an ETC card or transponder may become stuck in that gate.

• Keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead of you.

Be prepared for the car in front of you to stop suddenly.

• Never back up in a toll lane!

If you stop in an ETC lane, please wait for the attendant. If you back up, you may hit the car behind you or the attendant.

• When the red signal is lit, don't enter the ETC lane.

2 At expressway entrance tollbooths



Drive less than 20 km/h through the ETC lane.

1 Decide which gate you will use.



ETC専用 is an ETC gate; **一般** is a non-ETC tollgate for cash or credit card payment. Blue-and-yellow or blue-and-white pavement markings lead to the ETC lanes. **ETC一般** lanes accept both cash and ETC payments. Check what lane to use, and enter that one.

2 Drive through the tollgate.

When you're driving a car with ETC

Enter at less than 20 km/h and drive slowly through the ETC lane.



When driving a car without ETC

Stop at the entrance tollbooth and collect a toll ticket from the automated ticket machine. At the exit tollbooth, hand your toll ticket to the attendant and pay the toll in cash or by credit card.



Another type of tollbooth

The toll between Sapporo-Nishi and Sapporo-Minami ICs is a flat fee.

Pay the toll at the entrance tollbooth. There are no exit tollbooths.

Otaru IC ⇄ Sapporo-Nishi IC

Sapporo-Nishi IC and Otaru IC have no tollbooths for cars entering the expressway. Just pay at the exit tollbooth.

When entering at Zenibako IC or Teine IC, take the toll ticket. At Asari IC entrance tollbooth, the attendant will ask you which direction you're driving: to Otaru, or to Sapporo. Those driving to Otaru pay the toll there. Those driving to Sapporo receive the toll ticket.

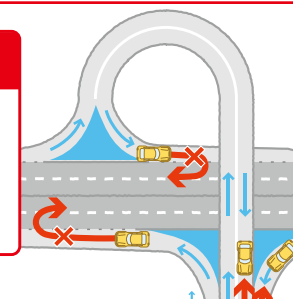
3 No backing up!

If you enter the wrong road, DO NOT STOP OR BACK UP. If you realize you've gone the wrong way, keep driving to the next IC. Choose non-ETC tollgate and inform the attendant that you've driven the wrong way.

Please keep in mind that the expressway is one-way.

The tollbooth at Ikeda IC (Doto Expressway) has a separate entrance for each of two directions:

- Left: to Kushiro/Kitami
- Right: to Sapporo/Obihiro



Continue with the flow of traffic. ↑