

# From cars to cargo ships- the transport issues of today

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Ever wondered just how much pollution is caused from transport? I did, and I realised some things that I will never forget. Almost every mode of transport we use causes pollution- even public transport, although that causes less because there are more people in one vehicle- less vehicles, less pollution. However, what many people don't consider is that buses run on diesel, like trucks, instead of petrol. Some buses run on both diesel and petrol, meaning that it produces even more pollution. So, really, the only environmentally-friendly mode of travel out there is walking- even bikes don't work because of the resources needed to make them, causing more pollution. Walking is also good for you as it exercises your legs, so get walking!

Now let's start thinking about the ocean. Many boats run on oil, and obviously that is not good because oil spills are TERRIBLE for the environment, plus there's oil mining which also causes pollution. It seems to be that bigger boats (such as cruise ships) cause more pollution, due to the fact that they need more oil. Cargo ships are the worst, however. Speaking of which, the global trade system seriously impacts the ocean due to all of the cargo ships travelling all over the world.

Now I'll get started with the air. Helicopters are one of the more eco-friendly air transport choices, but planes are ridiculous- they are full of power, larger ones have screens which use electricity, and any waste coming from an aeroplane (and when I say waste, I mean poop) will fall onto the Earth. Considering the fact that most planes fly over the ocean at some point, that can be really bad for the ocean. The point is, planes are extremely polluting.

Finally, we'll head back to the roads. Cars are bad and all, but I haven't really talked about trucks yet. Trucks run on diesel and need a lot because of their large size. Diesel, as I said, is even worse than petrol. Also, many resources are usually stored inside of trucks, and the materials that make them could be rare and hard to find. Vans may also have similar problems. So, really, walking is the most eco-friendly method of transport, and if you can't walk that far than biking is almost always an option.

*The footpath is the best path.*