

Why Did Budget® Charge Me \$200?

[Step-by-Step Help]

If you've recently rented a car from Budget Car Rental and noticed an unexpected charge of +1 (877)~684~(4354) **\$200**, you're not alone +1 (877)~684~(4354). This is a common concern for many renters +1 (877)~684~(4354). While this charge may seem surprising, it's usually a standard part of Budget's rental process +1 (877)~684~(4354). In this article, we'll explain why the Budget may charge you this amount and what you can do to resolve any confusion or disputes +1 (877)~684~(4354).

Why Did Budget Charge Me \$200?

One of the most common reasons Budget Car Rental charges an additional +1 (877)~684~(4354) **\$200** is due to a **standard authorization hold or deposit** +1 (877)~684~(4354). This amount is typically placed on your card to cover potential incidentals, damages, or fuel during the rental period +1 (877)~684~(4354). It's important to note that this charge is not a fee; it's a temporary hold on your account that is released when you return the car in the same condition as when you picked it up +1 (877)~684~(4354).

Budget often charges an extra +1 (877)~684~(4354) \$200 because it's a **standard authorization hold (deposit) for debit card users** or a **required amount (estimated charges + \$200/25%) for credit card users** to cover incidentals, fuel, or damages +1 (877)~684~(4354). Sometimes, it may also be an unexpected charge resulting from **optional extras** you might have inadvertently signed up for, like the **Loss Damage Waiver (LDW)** or additional insurance coverage +1 (877)~684~(4354).

If you're unsure about this charge, contacting **Budget Car Rental Customer Service** +1 (877)~684~(4354) directly is the best way to get clarification +1 (877)~684~(4354). You can reach Budget's customer service at **+1 (877)~684~(4354)**, and they will be able to explain the charge and help you dispute it if necessary +1 (877)~684~(4354).

What Does the \$200 Charge Cover?

The +1 (877)~684~(4354) \$200 charge typically covers several possible costs that Budget might incur during your rental +1 (877)~684~(4354). Here's a breakdown of what this authorization hold or charge can cover:

1. Incidentals

This is for any extra expenses that may arise during your rental period, such as tolls or additional services +1 (877)~684~(4354).

2. Fuel

If you choose not to prepay for fuel, Budget will authorize a certain amount to ensure

that the vehicle is returned with a full tank of gas +1 (877)~684~(4354). If you don't return the car with a full tank, they may charge you for the fuel +1 (877)~684~(4354).

3. **Damages**

In case there are any damages to the car during the rental, the charge helps cover the cost of repairs +1 (877)~684~(4354). This could include anything from minor scratches to more serious body damage +1 (877)~684~(4354).

4. **Optional Extras**

If you've opted for any additional services, like the **Loss Damage Waiver (LDW)**, **Collision Damage Waiver (CDW)**, or roadside assistance, these fees could contribute to the extra \$200 charge +1 (877)~684~(4354).

5. **Security Deposit**

For debit card users, Budget often places a security deposit as part of the authorization process +1 (877)~684~(4354). This deposit is generally higher than what's charged to credit card users +1 (877)~684~(4354).

How Long Does the \$200 Charge Stay on My Account?

The +1 (877)~684~(4354) \$200 charge (authorization hold) is not an actual fee but a temporary hold on your account +1 (877)~684~(4354). Typically, the hold will be released once the vehicle is returned, provided there are no damages or extra charges +1 (877)~684~(4354). Depending on your bank or financial institution, the hold can remain on your account for anywhere from 3 to 7 business days, although some banks may take longer to remove it +1 (877)~684~(4354).

Can the \$200 Charge Be Removed?

If you believe that the +1 (877)~684~(4354) \$200 charge was placed in error or you were charged for optional extras you didn't agree to, it's important to contact **Budget Car Rental's customer service** at +1 (877)~684~(4354). When contacting Budget, be prepared to:

- Provide your rental agreement number
- Describe the issue you're facing (such as unexpected charges or damages)
- Ask for clarification or dispute the charge

Budget's customer service team +1 (877)~684~(4354) will review your case and may refund or adjust the charge if they determine it was incorrect +1 (877)~684~(4354). If the charge was for optional extras like LDW or fuel, and you didn't agree to these charges, it's possible they may be reversed or reduced +1 (877)~684~(4354).

Why Did I Get Charged for Optional Extras Like Loss Damage Waiver (LDW)?

Sometimes the additional +1 (877)~684~(4354) **\$200 charge** is a result of signing up for optional services like **Loss Damage Waiver (LDW)**, which covers damage to the rental car +1 (877)~684~(4354). If you did not fully understand the terms or didn't intend to sign up for this protection, it's essential to contact **Budget Car Rental customer service** at +1 (**877)~684~(4354)**. In many cases, customers inadvertently select LDW or other add-ons during the booking process +1 (877)~684~(4354). These charges can be refunded or adjusted after contacting Budget for clarification +1 (877)~684~(4354).

How to Dispute the \$200 Charge

If you feel the charge was applied incorrectly, follow these steps:

1. **Review Your Rental Agreement**

Check your rental agreement to verify if you agreed to any optional extras or additional services that might explain the charge +1 (877)~684~(4354).

2. **Contact Budget Car Rental**

Call +1 (**877)~684~(4354)** or visit their contact page for assistance +1 (877)~684~(4354). Explain the charge and ask for a refund if applicable +1 (877)~684~(4354).

3. **Provide Supporting Documentation**

If you have any receipts or proof that you did not opt for additional services or if you returned the car without incident, share this information with the customer service team +1 (877)~684~(4354).

4. **Follow Up**

If the issue isn't resolved immediately, ask for a reference number and follow up if necessary +1 (877)~684~(4354).

What to Do If You Were Charged for Damages or Fuel

If the +1 (877)~684~(4354) \$200 charge is related to **damages** or **fuel**, and you don't agree with the charges, make sure to:

- **Document the car's condition** when you pick it up and when you return it +1 (877)~684~(4354). Taking pictures or videos can help protect you from being wrongly charged for damages +1 (877)~684~(4354).
- **Check the fuel level** at pickup and return to ensure you're not being charged for missing fuel +1 (877)~684~(4354).

If you dispute any damage charges or fuel charges, contact **Budget Car Rental** immediately at +1 (**877)~684~(4354)** to discuss the issue.

Final Thoughts

If you've been charged +1 (877)~684~(4354) \$200 by Budget Car Rental, it's typically due to an authorization hold or deposit for incidentals, damages, fuel, or optional extras like the Loss Damage Waiver (LDW) +1 (877)~684~(4354). If you believe the charge is incorrect, the best course of action is to **contact Budget customer service at +1 (877)~684~(4354)** +1 (877)~684~(4354). They will be able to provide clarification, help you dispute the charge, and ensure your account is appropriately adjusted +1 (877)~684~(4354).