

ARE LIGHTERS

ALLOWED ON FLIGHTS?

CAN I TAKE A LIGHTER ON AIRPLANE

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TSA BASIC LIGHTER RULES

TSA allows one lighter per passenger in carry-on bags or on your person. Lighters must be DOT-approved. You cannot pack lighters in checked baggage unless in a DOT-approved case.

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DISPOSABLE LIGHTERS

Common disposable lighters (e.g. BIC) are permitted in carry-on bags or on your person. One lighter only. Keep it accessible for security screening at the checkpoint.

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ZIPPO-STYLE LIGHTERS

Zippo and other refillable lighters are allowed in carry-on or on your person only if they are empty of fuel. A Zippo with fuel may be carried if it uses a DOT-approved case.

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TORCH LIGHTERS PROHIBITED

Torch lighters (blue flame, jet flame, or cigar lighters) are BANNED on all flights — both carry-on and checked baggage. These are not permitted under any circumstances by TSA.

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LIGHTER FLUID BANNED

Lighter fluid is classified as a flammable liquid and is strictly prohibited in both carry-on and checked baggage. Do not attempt to bring lighter fluid in any container on board.

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CHECKED BAG RULES

Standard lighters are NOT allowed in checked baggage. The only exception is an empty lighter or one stored in a DOT-approved case. Always verify with your airline before flying.

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INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT RULES

Rules vary by country. Some international airports apply stricter bans on all lighters. Always check the aviation authority rules of your departure and destination country before you travel.

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TOP TRAVEL TIPS

Carry only one approved lighter on your person. Declare it at security. When in doubt, leave it at home. Purchase a disposable lighter at your destination to avoid any travel delays.