Violators of the End-of-Life Vehicle (ELV) Recycling Act are subject to a maximum one-year imprisonment or ¥500,000 fine.

Furthermore, dismantling operators without a license are also in violation of the Waste Management and Public Cleansing Act and subject to a

maximum five-year imprisonment or ¥10,000,000 fine (¥300,000,000 for companies).



Violation 1

Unauthorized dismantlement

You must obtain a dismantling operator's license.

Removing parts from end-of-life vehicles or severing car bodies (such as cutting in half or removing the front end) is considered dismantlement. These operations are illegal without a proper license. You may obtain a license from local governments.





Violation 2

Reselling detached airbags

You must deliver airbags to vehicle manufacturers.

Authorized dismantling operators are obliged to detach them and deliver them to vehicle manufacturers. Thus, resale of detached airbags is prohibited. It is, however, possible to deploy airbags inside ELVs when dismantling operators are entrusted by vehicle manufacturers.





Violation 3

Dismantling without battery recovery, etc.

You must remove batteries and other specified parts.

Dismantling operators are obliged to remove more than just usable parts from ELVs before delivering such vehicles to other businesses. Dismantling operations must include recovery of batteries, tires, waste oil and other fluids as well as fluorescent tubes used for interior lighting.



Batteries









Waste oils

Waste fluids Fluorescent tubes



Violation 4

Dismantling without prior recovery of fluorocarbons

You must recover fluorocarbons before dismantling vehicles.

An authorized fluorocarbons recovery operator must recover fluorocarbons before dismantling operations commence. Releasing fluorocarbons into the atmosphere is a violation of the Fluorocarbons Recovery and Destruction Act. You must deliver them to vehicle manufacturers unless you reuse the collected fluorocarbons.



Please comply with the ELV Recycling Act and Waste Management and Public Cleansing Act in order to prevent export of unlawfully dismantled vehicles and/or their component parts.