

## Booking Special Equipment (Optional Extras) through the Avis Direct Connect XML

Optional Extras ('Special Equipment' in Avis parlance) are items such as Baby Seats, GPS, Snow Tyres, Additional Driver.

These extras are all payable in the renting country at the rental counter and are usually priced in the local currency of the Pickup rental station.

Pricing for Special Equipment is not included in the Estimated Total returned in the XML responses.

Note that the OTA\_VehAvailRate messages do not support Special Equipment.

There are two methods of booking Special Equipment using the Avis Direct Connect XML OTA\_VehResRQ message.

### 1) The <SpecialEquipPrefs> element

The syntax for this is:

```
<RateQualifier CorpDiscountNmbr="*****" RateCategory="2" RateQualifier="**"/>
  <SpecialEquipPrefs>
    <!-- 7 = Infant Seat, 13 = GPS -->
    <SpecialEquipPref Quantity="7" EquipType="1"/>
    <SpecialEquipPref EquipType="13"/>
  </SpecialEquipPrefs>
</VehResRQCore>
```

Multiple occurrences of the SpecialEquipPref element are supported. The default value for Quantity is 1 if not specified.

### 2) <SpecialReqPref>Remark= element

Some Optional Extras such as "Additional Driver" are not supported by the OTA EquipType codes but can be requested in the reservation request using the alternative syntax which can be used to request up to 5 items of special equipment using internal Avis codes recognised by our call centre & rental agents:

For example as in blue below:

```
</VehResRQCore>
<VehResRQInfo>
  <SpecialReqPref>Remark=3xSKR</SpecialReqPref>
  <SpecialReqPref>Remark=ADD</SpecialReqPref>
  <SpecialReqPref>Remark=5xCSS</SpecialReqPref> <!-- Limited to max of 5 tags -->
  <ArrivalDetails TransportationCode="24" />
  <RentalPaymentPref>
    <MiscChargeOrder TicketNumber="99999"/>
  </RentalPaymentPref>
</VehResRQInfo>
</OTA_VehResRQ>
```

## Avis Reference Data supporting Special Equipment/Optional Extras

The Avis location data on our ftp site gives details of Special equipment availability at a location.

An additional file has recently been added to the ftp site that gives details of availability details and pricing for Special Equipment for each Avis rental location offering these optional extras – if there is no entry in the file, then no extras are available at the location; please see the Avis Reference Data pdf for details.

The table below gives guidance on how to map the descriptions in the SpecialEquipment.dat file into the reservation XML.

Description	Remark text	EquipType value	Maximum # (guidance only)	XML tag
Additional Driver	ADD		3	<SpecialReqPref>Remark=ADD</SpecialReqPref>
Avis GPS	GPS	13	1	<SpecialEquipPref Quantity="1" EquipType="13"/>
Baby pushchair	Baby pushchair		3	<SpecialReqPref>Remark=Pushchair</SpecialReqPref>
Baby seat	CSS 1Y	7	3	<SpecialEquipPref Quantity="1" EquipType="7"/>
Child Booster Seat	CBS	9	3	<SpecialEquipPref Quantity="1" EquipType="9"/>
Child Seat	CSS	8	3	<SpecialEquipPref Quantity="1" EquipType="8"/>
Child Seat (>7 Years)	CSS	8	3	<SpecialEquipPref Quantity="1" EquipType="8"/>
Child Seat (0 - 12 Months)	CSS 1Y	7	3	<SpecialEquipPref Quantity="1" EquipType="7"/>
Child Seat (0 - 9 Months)	CSS 1Y	7	3	<SpecialEquipPref Quantity="1" EquipType="7"/>
Child Seat (1 - 4 Years)	CSS 4Y	8	3	<SpecialEquipPref Quantity="1" EquipType="8"/>
Child Seat (4 - 10 Years)	CSS 12Y	9	3	<SpecialEquipPref Quantity="1" EquipType="9"/>
Child Seat (6 Months – 4 Years)	CSS 4Y	7	3	<SpecialEquipPref Quantity="1" EquipType="7"/>
Diesel car (for Germany rental – not Group A)	DIE		1	<SpecialReqPref>Remark=DIE</SpecialReqPref>
DVD Player	DVD Player		3	<SpecialReqPref>Remark=DVD</SpecialReqPref>
Infant Seat	CSS 1Y	7	3	<SpecialEquipPref Quantity="1" EquipType="7"/>
Mobile Phone	TEL	1	2	<SpecialEquipPref Quantity="1" EquipType="1"/>
Roof Rack	LGR	3	1	<SpecialEquipPref Quantity="1" EquipType="3"/>
Ski Box	Ski Box	4	1	<SpecialEquipPref Quantity="1" EquipType="4"/>
Ski Rack	SKR	4	1	<SpecialEquipPref Quantity="1" EquipType="4"/>
Snow Chains	SNC	10	1	<SpecialEquipPref Quantity="1" EquipType="10"/>
Snow Equipped Vehicle Package	STR		1	<SpecialReqPref>Remark=STR</SpecialReqPref>
Snow Tyres (set of 4)	SNT		1	<SpecialReqPref>Remark=SNT</SpecialReqPref>
Snowboard Rack	Snowboard Rack		1	<SpecialReqPref>Remark=Snowboard Rack</SpecialReqPref>