

BLOCKING & BRACING

Safe and Secure Intermodal Shipping

Few things are as important in cargo shipping as properly secured freight. It affects cost and time efficiencies, business relationships and public safety, and it is required by state and federal laws.

Correct blocking, bracing and loading ensure that your freight arrives in the condition in which it was shipped and can help you avoid delays and rework costs due to your load being rejected or “set out” while in transit.

Whatever the mode of transportation — intermodal rail or truck — it's critical that you employ the correct blocking and bracing techniques. CSX Transportation (CSXT) Intermodal, one of the nation's leading intermodal carriers, can provide guidance on the proper way to secure freight in an intermodal container.

You can help by detailing the following information:

- ✓ Container size
- ✓ Loading type (cartons, drums, pallets, etc.)
- ✓ Dimensions
- ✓ Loaded on pallets or floor loaded?
- ✓ How is it secured to the pallets?
- ✓ Number of pallets or units
- ✓ Weight
- ✓ Photos



What needs to be inspected:

- Any load that may not look right
- All paper loads
- Random hazardous material loads
- Periodic standard loads



To stabilize and secure loads, take advantage of dunnage dividers and fillers designed specifically for intermodal:

- Air bags
- Honeycomb filler
- Filler to reduce void
- Drop-down filler
- Plywood and particle-board dividers



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