



# INTERMODAL FREIGHT TRANSPORT



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## INTERMODAL FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION IS...

the use of two modes of freight, such as truck and rail, to transport goods from shipper to consignee. The intermodal process usually begins with a container being moved by a truck to a rail, then back to a truck to complete the process. There are about 25 million containers moved via intermodal shipping each year.

## BENEFITS OF INTERMODAL FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION

- The railway system requires less fuel than road transport. Therefore, intermodal shipping lowers costs and contributes to a greener environment.
- North America's comprehensive rail network makes it possible to send shipments from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and everywhere in between.
- When you need to make additional space on your dock, or prepare and load a shipment over the course of days, dropped intermodal container fees are minimal in comparison to full truckload.

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## INTERMODAL SHIPPING BEST PRACTICES

- **Identify the opportunity:** Intermodal can be a solid selection for shippers that are sending multiple LTL shipments to the same destination several times a week. Additionally, intermodal is a great way to reduce your organization's carbon footprint.
- **Package carefully:** Intermodal shipments do not typically leave the container between the shipping origin and destination. However, the container itself experiences quite a bit of movement throughout the process. Blocking and bracing techniques should be used to keep freight from moving within the container.
- **Work with a freight service provider:** Teaming up with intermodal transportation experts will make the process less stressful from start to finish. It's important to select a provider that has the ability to negotiate rates with Class 1 railroads.

## COMMON INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION QUESTIONS

- **When should you choose intermodal shipping?**  
Shipments best suited for intermodal are typically longer haul lanes moving within 200-300 miles of a major metro.
- **What is drayage service?**  
Short distance trucking as part of a longer distance freight shipment.
- **What type of freight solution do I need?**  
To determine which shipping solution meets your needs, a number of factors need to be considered. Our dedicated experts can help find the right solution for you

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At S-2international LLC, we offer real-time intermodal rates and an in-house team of experts to make your rail shipments easy.



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