

# Your Guide to Booking FTL Freight Shipping Equipment

There are countless benefits to utilizing full truckload (FTL) services but choosing the right freight equipment to book can be overwhelming. With so many equipment types, it's easy to fall into the trap of booking the wrong trailer for your truckload shipping. Fortunately, with a third-party logistics (3PL) partner like Worldwide Express, choosing the right equipment is as easy as counting to five with our FTL freight shipping checklist.



# Your FTL Freight Shipping Checklist:

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## Review your shipper details.

Make sure you have all the necessary details and contact information for your shipper. Does the shipper have any special requirements to note or shipping hours?

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## Review your receiver details.

Ensure that you have all the correct details and contact information for your receiver. Does the receiver have any special requirements or only accept shipments within a specific time frame?

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## Analyze your commodity.

Note any special details about your commodity. Is your shipment hazardous? Does it need to be refrigerated? Is it oversized or oddly shaped? Is it on pallets? You'll use these details to choose the correct equipment type for your freight.

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## Outline any special requirements or details.

Take note of any special requirements or details to avoid unforeseen accessorial charges or fees in your billing statement.

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## Choose your equipment type.

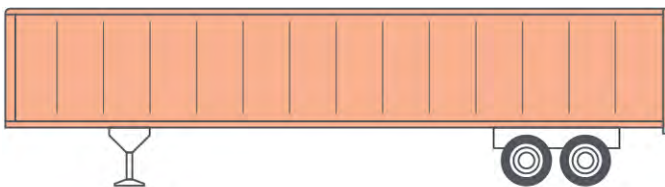
Not sure what type of equipment is right for your shipment? We've put together a comprehensive guide of each available FTL equipment type to make choosing the right transportation mode a breeze.



## Dry Van Trailers

A dry van is a fully enclosed trailer that will keep your freight safe from any weather condition. Great for clothing and finished products.

### DRY VAN



#### OPTIONS

Hazmat, e-track, food grade, plated, roll-up doors, wood floors, swing doors, vented, driver assist, team drivers

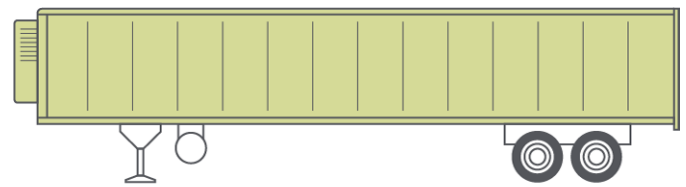
#### CARGO CAPACITY

**Weight** 45,000 lbs.  
**Length** 48' or 53'  
**Width** Interior: 94"-102"  
**Height** Interior: 104"-110"

## Reefer (Refrigerated) Trailers

A temperature-controlled trailer that's ideal for perishable goods and temperature-sensitive products that need to stay cool throughout transit.

### REEFER



#### OPTIONS

Hazmat, downloadable T.R.U., e-track, produce chutes, roll-up doors, swing doors, driver assist, team drivers

#### CARGO CAPACITY

**Weight** 44,000 lbs.  
**Length** 48' or 53'  
**Width** Interior: 94"-100"  
**Height** Interior: 104"-110"

# Flatbed Trailers

Flatbed loads are hauled in an open-air trailer that allows ample room for oversized or bulky items like machinery or lumber.

## STANDARD



A standard flatbed trailer is a flat trailer with no sides or roof.

### OPTIONS

4', 6' or 8' tarps, chains, straps, coil racks, dunnage, pipe stakes, driver assist, team drivers

### CARGO CAPACITY

**Weight** 48,000 lbs.  
**Length** 48' or 53'  
**Width** 102"  
**Height** 5' from ground, 102" for cargo

## SINGLE DROP STEP DECK



A single drop step deck trailer drops slightly from the hitch and has a low bed. This allows for the transport of goods too tall for a standard flatbed trailer.

### OPTIONS

4', 6' or 8' tarps, chains, straps, coil racks, dunnage, pipe stakes, driver assist, team drivers

### CARGO CAPACITY

**Weight** 47,000 lbs.  
**Length** Overall: 48' or 53'  
Top deck: 10'-12'  
Main deck: 38'-41'  
**Width** 102"  
**Height** Top deck: 5' from ground, 122" for cargo  
Main deck: 3'4"-3'6" from ground, 102" for cargo

## DOUBLE DROP STEP DECK OR LOWBOY



A lowboy flatbed, or double drop step deck trailer, drops significantly from the hitch and has a very low bed. This allows for the transport of goods too tall for either a standard flatbed or single drop step deck trailer.

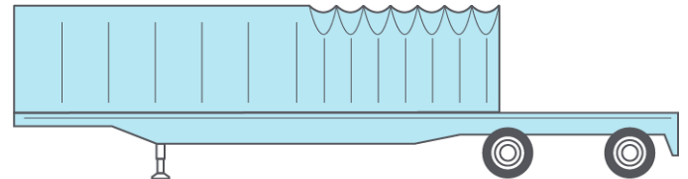
### OPTIONS

4', 6' or 8' tarps, chains, straps, coil racks, dunnage, pipe stakes, driver assist, team drivers

### CARGO CAPACITY

**Weight** 40,000 lbs.  
**Length** Overall: 48'  
Top deck: 10'  
Main deck: 24'-29'  
Rear deck: 10'  
**Width** 102"  
**Height** Top deck: 5' from ground, 102" for cargo  
Main deck: 1'6"-2' from ground, 139" for cargo  
Rear deck: 3'4" from ground, 122" for cargo

## CONESTOGA



A Conestoga trailer is a flatbed trailer with an extendable soft-side covering. Conestoga trailers provide protection from the elements to keep your freight dry.

### OPTIONS

chains, straps, coil racks, dunnage, pipe stakes, driver assist, team drivers

### CARGO CAPACITY

**Weight** 45,500 lbs.  
**Length** 47' - 52'  
**Width** 102"  
**Height** 5' from ground, 96"-98" for cargo

## REMOVABLE GOOSENECK (RGN)



An RGN trailer is made up of two detachable parts: the bed and the gooseneck hitch. Detaching the gooseneck allows for the loading of drive-on machinery without a ramp.

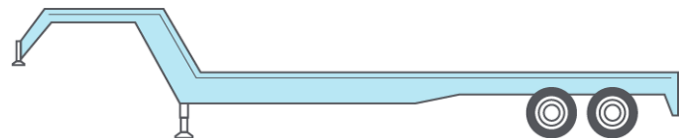
### OPTIONS

4', 6' or 8' tarps, chains, straps, coil racks, dunnage, pipe stakes, driver assist, team drivers

### CARGO CAPACITY

**Weight** 40,000 lbs.  
**Length** Overall: 48'  
Main deck: 24'-29'  
Rear deck: 10'  
**Width** 102"  
**Height** Main deck: 1'6"-2' from ground, 139" for cargo  
Rear deck: 3'4" from ground, 122" for cargo

## HOTSHOT



Hotshot trailers can be pulled by pickup trucks and are commonly found in the construction industry.

### OPTIONS

4', 6' or 8' tarps, chains, straps, coil racks, dunnage, pipe stakes, can be hauled by pickup truck, driver assist, team drivers

### CARGO CAPACITY

**Weight** 15,000 lbs.  
**Length** 30' - 40'  
**Width** 100"-102"  
**Height** 3'4"-3'6" from ground, 115"-120" for cargo



## Air Freight Shipping

For a faster and more reliable delivery time, air transport is a great alternative, even for [hazmat shipping](#). While air freight is an economical option for some truckload shipments, it can get costly if using air transport for LTL or partial truckload shipments.

**BENEFITS** Freight travels longer distances over a shorter amount of time, making it a reliable transport option for your last-minute shipments under 10,000 lbs. and less than 26ft<sup>2</sup>.

**DRAWBACKS** Air shipment is the most expensive transport option for freight and parcel shipments.

## Expedited Shipping

Expedited services are perfect for when your priority is getting goods from point A to point B in a pinch, through air or ground transportation. Expedited shipping is available in a variety of equipment types, including sprinter vans, small straights with optional lift gate service, large straights with optional dock high and lift gate service, as well as air freight.

**BENEFITS** For time-sensitive shipments under 10,000 lbs. and less than 26ft<sup>2</sup>.

**DRAWBACKS** Expedited is less cost-effective than using LTL due to receiving all the benefits of moving dedicated freight.



## Intermodal Shipping

Get the best of all worlds with [intermodal shipping](#) and transport your freight shipment by truck, rail, boat or plane, allowing a higher degree of customization.

**BENEFITS** You have the opportunity to choose the transportation mode and carriers for each part of the shipment's journey.

**DRAWBACKS** Since you are working with multiple carriers, this will require multiple [bills of lading \(BOLs\)](#), scheduling procedures, insurance and more planning time.

## A 3PL Partner You Can Trust for All Your FTL Shipping Needs

Still need help navigating the world of FTL freight shipping? Worldwide Express has the expertise, tools and resources you need to find tailored solutions for your unique business needs. [Connect with an expert to get started!](#)



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