Overweight Container Guidelines for US Inland Transportation

Overweight containers have additional costs of transportation via Rail & Truck

Here is a guidance on what is considered as an overweight container for inland transportation via truck and/or rail movement. Note, the following weights are Total Combined Weight of cargo payload and container. Inland transport overweight additional charges apply when the cargo is above the specified limits.

The surcharge rates can be found in our Tariff as well as can be referenced in the USA Local Charges/ Service Fees here.

Weight Limits in Metric Tons

US Inland Transportation

Container Type	Truck	Rail		Combined Rail	
	Overweight Threshold	Overweight Threshold	Maximum Allowed Weight	Overweight Threshold	Maximum Allowed Weight
20'STD	20.131	20.131	24.053	20.131	24.053
20'RE	18.691	18.691	22.750	18.691	22.750
20'FR	20.471	20.471	24.099	20.471	24.099
20'OT	20.475	20.475	24.121	20.475	24.121
20'HT	20.771	20.771	24.010	20.771	24.010
40'STD	23.711	23.711	30.394	23.711	30.394
40'RE	22.471	22.471	29.379	22.471	29.379
40'FR	24.016	24.016	30.551	24.016	30.551
40'HT	23.497	23.497	30.479	23.497	30.479
40'OT	24.027	24.027	30.568	24.027	30.568
40'HC	23.721	23.721	29.245	23.721	29.245
45'RT	21.939	21.939	29.035	21.939	29.035

All weights are in Metric Tons

*Maximum allowable US Highway Transport Gross Cargo Weight Guidelines can be found here.

US <-> Canada Cross-border Transportation

Container Type	Truck	Rail		Combined Rail	
	Overweight Threshold	Overweight Threshold	Maximum Allowed Weight	Overweight Threshold	Maximum Allowed Weight
All 20'	20.131	24.078	27.297	20.131	27.297
40' (*excl. Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis <-> Montreal, Vancouver, Saint John*)	23.711	30.968	33.234	23.711	33.232
40' Export (*Chicago / Detroit / Minneapolis -> Montreal / Vancouver / Saint John*)	23.711	29.153	30.966	23.711	33.232
40' Import (*Montreal / Vancouver / Saint John -> Chicago / Detroit / Minneapolis*)	23.711	25.523	30.966	23.711	33.232

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