Technical Bulletin 403



U.S. Container Load Limits

The United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) imposes maximum gross vehicle weights and axle loads. The maximum load may be further reduced by the palletizing of goods or if a regulated shipment.

- Standard Container limits can be shipped with a standard chassis.
- Overweight Container limits must be loaded on a tri-axle chassis which can be in short supply.

Load Limits Inclusive of Container

Container	20 foot	40 foot
	lbs gross (kg)	lbs gross (kg)
Standard	33,000 (14,968)	35,500 (16,102)
Overweight	38,000 (17,236)	44,000 (19,958)

Please discuss your requirements with your Five Star® Technical Sales Representative to determine maximum loads per product and container type.

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