



PACER STACKTRAIN

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Container Loading Capability Guidelines

To Our Valued Customers:

In the interest of continued and enhanced safety on our network, Pacer Stacktrain would like to reiterate its policy on Container Floor Loading Capability Guidelines and Restraint/Blocking and Bracing of Cargo.

According to the AAR and our underlying rail carriers' regulations, all Stacktrain customers' shipments must adhere to the following references as a minimum-loading standard:

AAR Intermodal Loading Guide for Products in Closed Trailer and Containers

DOT CFR 49

All cargo must be restrained in the longitudinal and lateral directions with approved stowage methods. In addition, all cargo must be evenly distributed over the length and width of the container floor. No more than 25,000 pounds may be loaded in any ten (10) linear feet.

The load and tare weight of the container must not exceed 65,000 pounds. However, highway weight regulations may restrict this to lesser weights.

Failure to properly restrain and distribute cargo, may potentially result in delayed shipments and / or additional charges.

Standard container floors are rated at 12,000 pounds front axle load for fork lifts. Meaning, that the forklift front axle and its freight cannot exceed 12,000 pounds.

Pacer Stacktrain containers with increased floor capacity;

<u>Unit Number Series</u>	<u>Allowable Front Axle Load</u>
PATU 540000 thru 541499	18,000 pounds
PATU 541500 thru 544624	20,000 pounds
PATU 440000 thru 441099	24,000 pounds

Please advise all appropriate personnel of these regulations and guidelines.

We thank you for your continued support and for choosing Pacer Stacktrain.