

Packaging Tips



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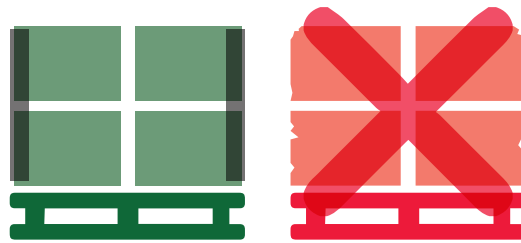
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REDUCE DAMAGE, LOSS & CLAIMS

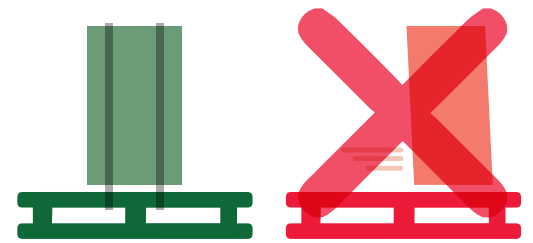
With one of the lowest claims ratios in the industry, OD works hard to keep your shipments safe. Use these tips to help reduce the chances of your shipment being damaged along the way.*



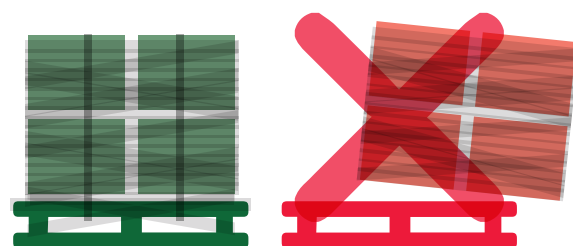
Ensure cartons don't extend beyond the edges of the pallet.



Use edge protectors if cartons come all the way to the edge of the pallet.



Use banding or straps for top heavy, insecure or partial pallets.



If needed, use banding to secure cartons to the pallet.



Don't use broken or damaged pallets.



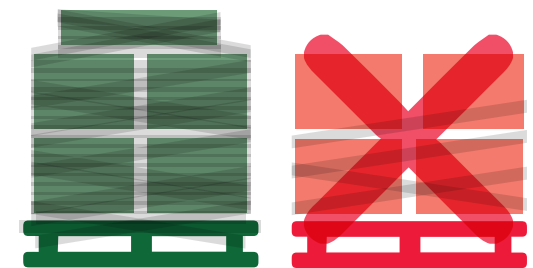
Stack cartons no higher than 7.5' (90") to prevent damage when loading/unloading.



Use sturdy boxes and evenly distribute weight to ensure bottom layers do not get crushed or destroyed.



For irregularly shaped objects, insert protective surface to make the sides as flat as possible to protect protrusions.



Thoroughly shrink wrap your cartons from top to bottom - including the pallet in your wrapping. Use quality wrap to ensure no tearing or shifting.



DID YOU KNOW Your LTL shipment could be handled 8-10 times, on average, between your dock and its final destination. Which is why good packing practices are critical for avoiding damaged freight.



DID YOU KNOW Using quality shipping supplies (i.e. tape, cartons and shrink wrap) can make a huge difference in protecting your shipments.

*The illustrations above are only examples. Following these tips does not guarantee no damage or loss, but they can help reduce it. Correct packaging depends greatly on what you're shipping. To learn your freight shipment's specific packaging requirements, contact the NMFTA at (703) 838-1810.

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