

# PICTURE-PERFECT PALLETS

SAVE TIME AND MONEY WITH THE EASYPALLET PACKING GUIDE

Meeting packaging requirements and understanding the basics are crucial to ensuring your shipments reach their destination safely and maintain consistent quality.



# KNOW YOUR SHIPMENT

**REQUIREMENTS** INTERNAL PACKAGING EXTERNAL PACKAGING PALLETIZATION

**Our weight and size limits are set to match the capabilities of our trucks and warehouses while meeting the needs of our customers.**

*Larger / heavier items may require special booking arrangements, upon surcharge, as special vehicles or handling is required.*



|                            | EasyPallet | EuroConnect | Eurapid     |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Min dimensions (L*W) in cm | 80*60      | -           | -           |
| Max dimensions (L*W) in cm | 120*100    | 240*220*220 | 240*120*220 |
| Max height in cm           | 220        | 220         | 220         |
| Max piece weight in kg     | 750        | 1.500       | 1.000       |
| Max shipment weight in kg  | 2.500      | 2.500       | 2.500       |

## PACKING SKILLS PAY OFF

*Stick to the EasyPallet requirements and be rewarded with a special rate!*



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Use internal packaging to protect items from dynamic shock and vibration, prevent shifting, and shield items from external factors e.g., changes in temperature.

## Fiberboard

Robust and lightweight paper-based structure provides extra protection for stacking, layering, blocking, and filling space.

## Foam Cushioning

The customizable, lightweight foam offers excellent protection against dynamic shock and stabilizes freight. It can also be biodegradable, made from renewable resources, to naturally break down.

## Bubble Wrap

The lightweight and flexible material absorbs shock effectively. Sustainable alternatives can be recycled plastic air pillows or biodegradable films. Our preferred solution is paper-based products like paper bubble wrap, sourced from sustainable forestry.

## Loose Fill

Loose fill creates a flexible and protective environment. Sustainable alternatives often use biopolymers derived from renewable resources.

## Paper Filling

Paper fillings offer greater stabilization than loose fill. To increase sustainability, use recycled paper, such as leftover cardboard which helps divert waste from landfills and reduces the need for virgin materials.

## Mushroom Packaging

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Most shipments require the use of external packaging materials to protect freight from external elements such as weather or drastic changes in temperature.

## Corrugated fiberboard boxes

Recyclable, renewable, and biodegradable box, providing excellent external protection due to its durability and shock-absorbing properties.

## Tie sheets

Tie sheets provide stability and protection between freight and pallets or loose boxes during handling and transportation. Placing cardboard on top of a shipment protects against external elements.

## Crates

Rigid containers typically made of wood, or metal that are designed for storage, transport, and handling, offering a high level of protection.

## Stretch film

Stretch film secures and stabilizes shipments. Biodegradable stretch film offers similar functionality, being more sustainable. Paper-based stretch wrap is tear-resistant, provides adequate load containment, and is recyclable or compostable.

## Corner Boards

Corner boards or edge protectors reinforce and safeguard the corners of goods. They are usually made of sturdy materials like cardboard or wood.

## Reusable Pallet Wrap

A durable alternative to stretch film made of high resistance material, helping to reduce large quantities of waste and save costs.

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**The orientation of cartons in your palletized freight shipments can significantly impact their integrity.**

*For example, overhang can reduce the compression strength by >50% which leads to a higher chance of damage during handling and transportation. Use the following best practices to gain maximum compression strength, securement, and protection.*

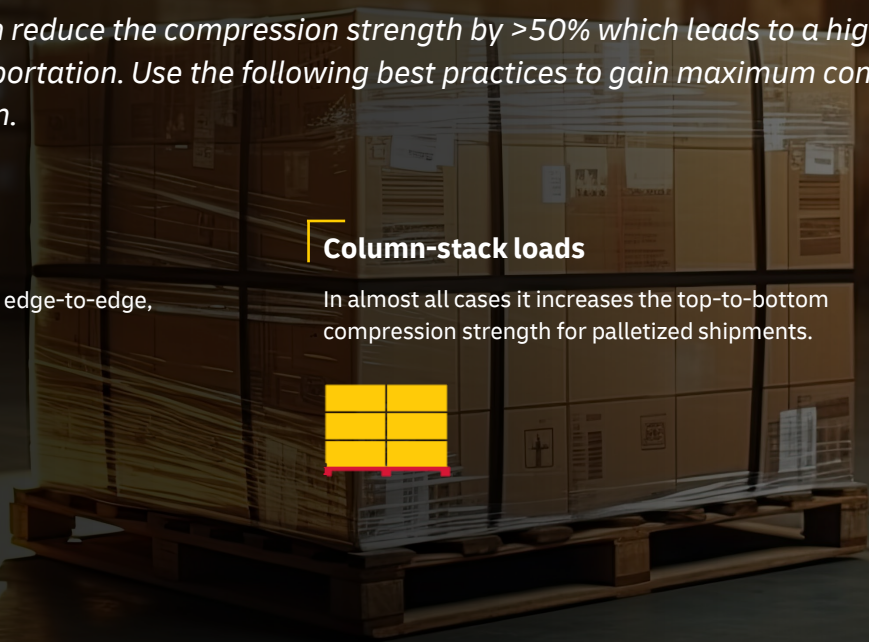
## Interlocking Stack

Stack boxes corner-to-corner and edge-to-edge, for better stacking strength.



## Column-stack loads

In almost all cases it increases the top-to-bottom compression strength for palletized shipments.



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For the transportation of your goods, we accept a large variety of pallet handling unit types. Ensure adhering to these requirements to benefit from a special rate!

✓ **0,6 x 0,8 m**

*Half Pallet (no pooling), Half Euro Pallet with Frame*

✓ **1,2 x 0,8 m**

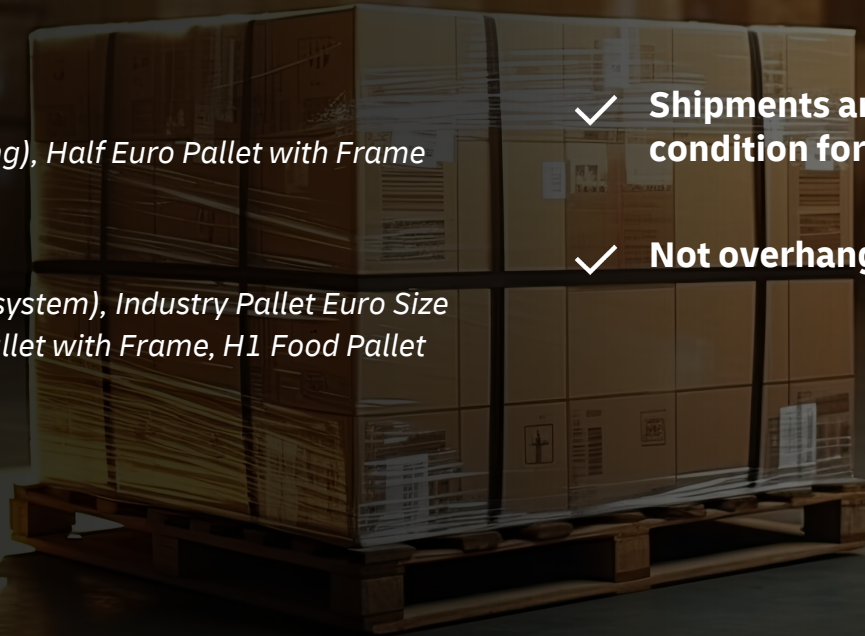
*Euro Pallet (pooling system), Industry Pallet Euro Size (no pooling), Euro Pallet with Frame, H1 Food Pallet*

✓ **1,2 x 1 m**

*Pallet*

✓ Shipments are in appropriate pallet condition for transport

✓ Not overhanging and with even surfaces



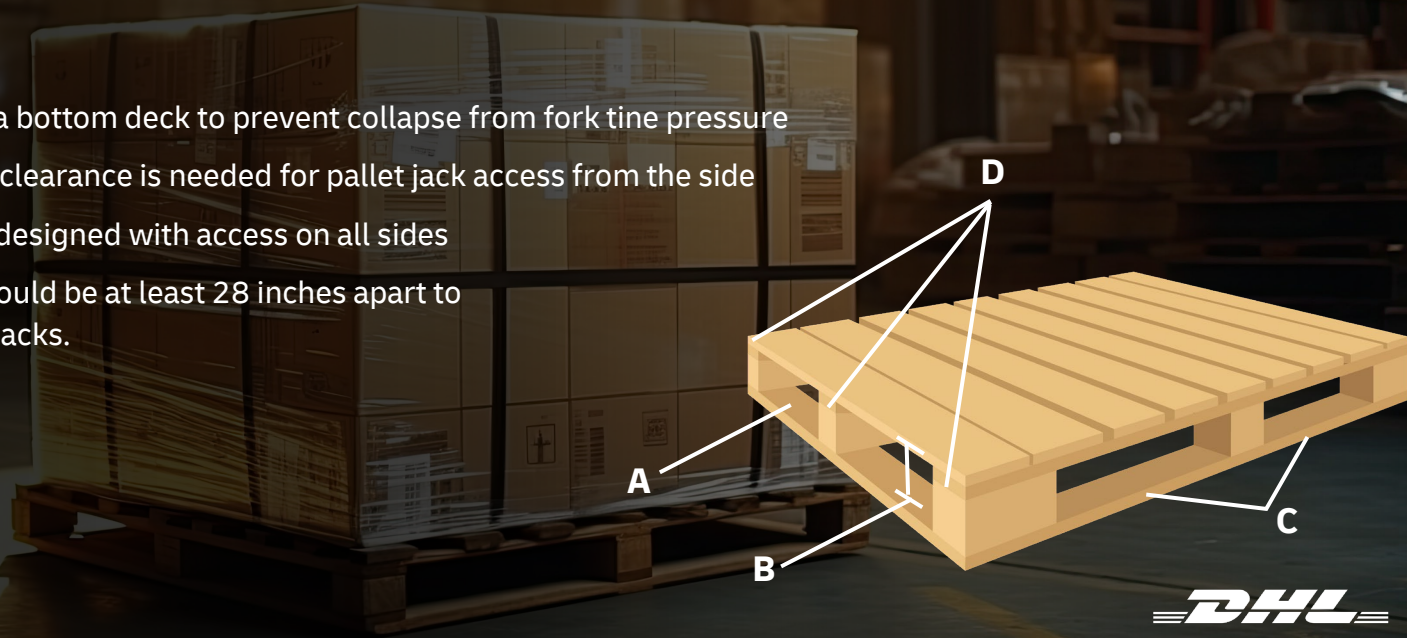
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**Shipments built on pallets facilitate safe, efficient and damage-free handling.**

*The pallets you are using should be designed and constructed to withstand the normal rigors of the LTL environment.*

- A | All pallets should have a bottom deck to prevent collapse from fork tine pressure
- B | At least three inches of clearance is needed for pallet jack access from the side
- C | Long pallets should be designed with access on all sides
- D | Beveled skid boards should be at least 28 inches apart to allow access for pallet jacks.





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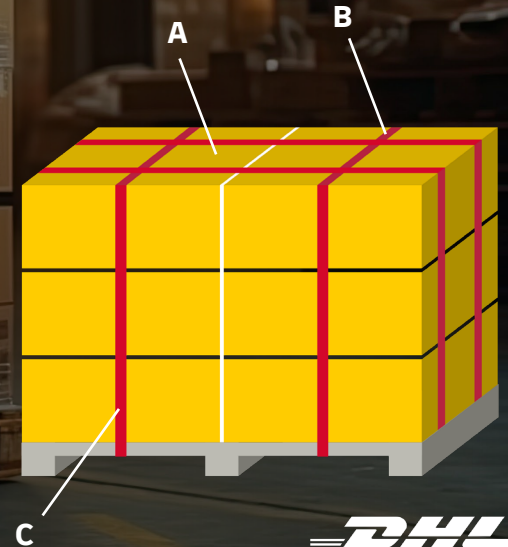
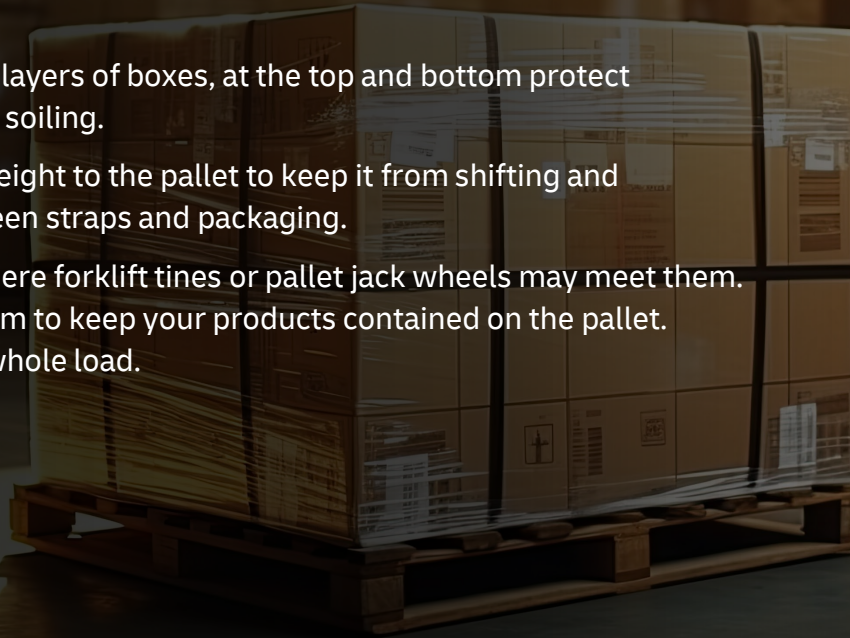
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**Strapping, stretching, and shrinking ensure the safety of your goods, preventing accidents and protecting them from damage and theft.**

A | Tie sheets between the layers of boxes, at the top and bottom protect freight from scratches and soiling.

B | Strap and chock your freight to the pallet to keep it from shifting and use strap protectors between straps and packaging.

C | Avoid placing straps where forklift tines or pallet jack wheels may meet them. Additionally, use stretch film to keep your products contained on the pallet. The wrap must cover the whole load.



# LABELLING

SHIPMENT LABELS SPECIAL HANDLING DANGEROUS GOODS

LTL freight must be clearly labeled. Ensure labels are properly affixed to freight and remove any old labels, tags and markings.

A | The label should be at least on one of the front-facing sides and on the long right-hand side

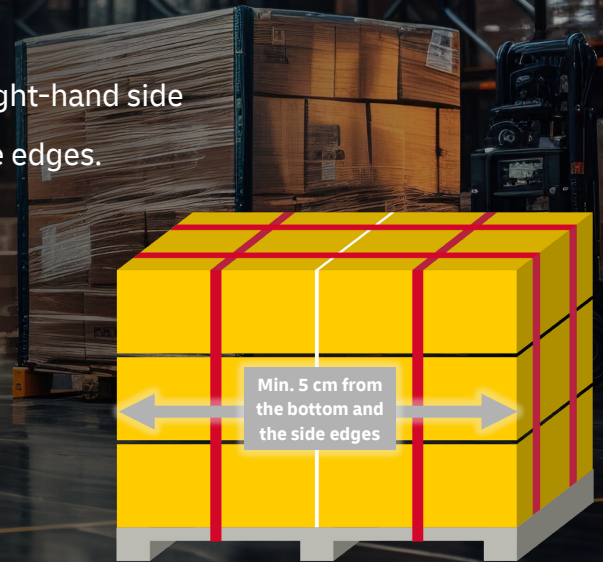
B | The barcode on the label should be at least 5 cm from the bottom and the side edges.

C | In fluctuating temperatures, even heavy-duty tapes can lose adhesiveness. Attach a layer of shrink wrap over the labels to ensure label does not disconnect.



## DID YOU KNOW?

*The Inkjet method is a sustainable method for printing labels and for marking and coding products and packages.*



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SHIPMENT LABELS **SPECIAL HANDLING** DANGEROUS GOODS

Use descriptive labels to help identify your shipping requests, e.g., freight, which requires special handling.



Fragile



Handle With Care



This Way Up



Keep Dry



Protect From Freezing



Do Not Fork

# LABELLING

SHIPMENT LABELS SPECIAL HANDLING **DANGEROUS GOODS**

**Dangerous goods are everywhere. Protect your shipment and yourself by identifying dangerous goods and properly packaging and preparing every shipment.**

*Perfume, oil paint art kits, and laptop computers are all considered dangerous goods during transport. Under some circumstances these everyday items can harm people, property, and the environment.*

## Common dangerous goods

Aerosols, batteries, chemicals, fireworks, lighters, oil-based paint, perfume, propane, radioactive materials, solvents



## DID YOU KNOW?

*Some dangerous goods have specific packaging, labeling, and marking requirements. In every case, a Shipper's Declaration for Dangerous Goods form is needed.*



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**Proper packaging means cultivating an image.**

Sensibly and efficiently used packaging creates a positive impression which strengthens the image of your company. The high quality of your product should be reflected in the choice of packaging.

