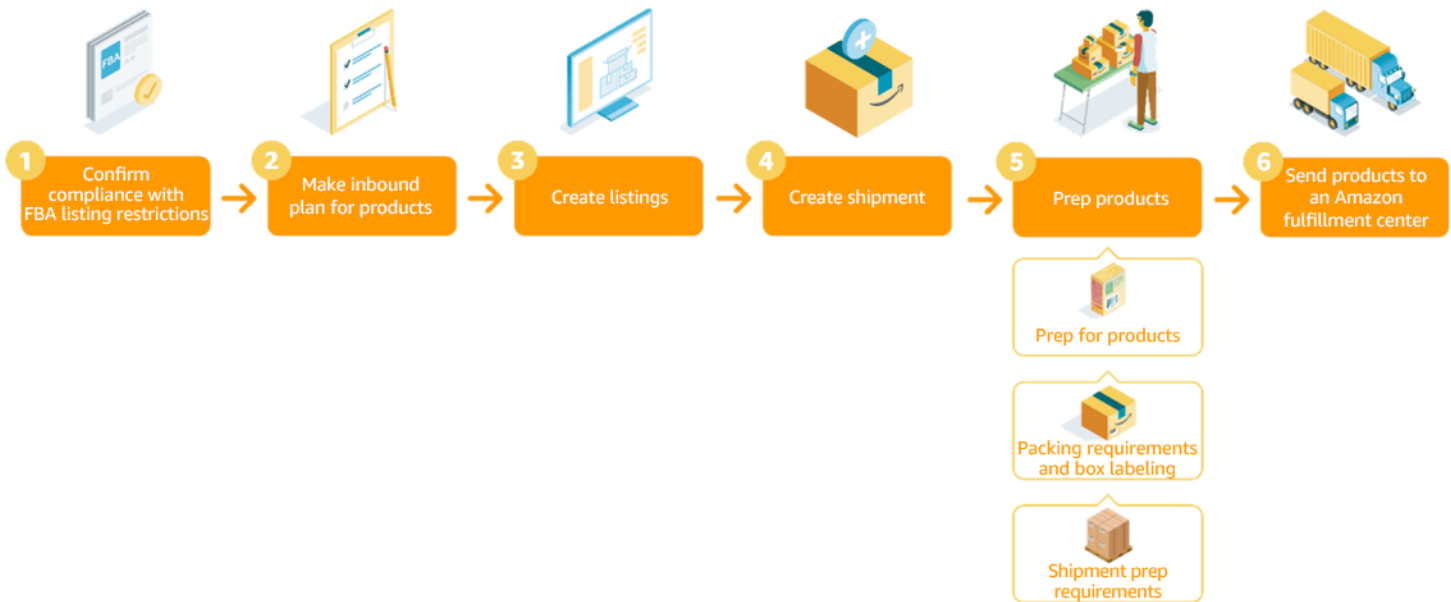


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2.1 Product preparation for inbounding

Before getting into FBA product inbounding alerts, take a look at the illustration below to get an overview of the entire process for preparing your products.



2.2 FBA listing restrictions policy

Before sending products to fulfillment centers, it's important to know what is suitable for the FBA process and what is not.

Note:

You must comply with FBA product preparation requirements, safety requirements, and product restrictions. Failure to do so may result in the refusal, disposal or return of inventory, the blocking of future shipments, restrictions on your selling account, or charges for unplanned services for preparation or for noncompliance at the fulfillment center.

Some products may be eligible for sale in the Amazon store, but may not be sold through the FBA service. AFN (Amazon Fulfillment Network) listings must also comply with specific expiration dates and temperature-sensitive product requirements to be eligible to use FBA.

Next, we'll learn about product requirements and restrictions for using FBA in different countries, including prohibited products, dangerous goods, expiration-dated FBA inventory, and meltable FBA inventory.

- **FBA prohibited products**

As stated above, if you are shipping with FBA, you must comply with Amazon's [Restricted Products Policy](#) and FBA's specific listing restrictions. The following is a list of FBA prohibited products:

- **US**

FBA prohibits products that fall into the following categories (US)			
Alcoholic beverages (including non-alcoholic beer)	Automotive tires	Gift cards, gift certificates, and other stored-value instruments	Loosely packed batteries
Products with unauthorized marketing materials such as brochures, price tags, and other non-Amazon labeling	Products that require prep but have not been prepared according to FBA packaging and prep requirements	Damaged or defective merchandise	Products with labels that were not properly registered with Amazon before shipment or that do not match the product that was registered
Products that do not comply with any agreement between Amazon and the seller	Products that have been illegally copied, duplicated, or manufactured	Products that Amazon otherwise determines are unsuitable	-

Tip:

1. Amazon does not accept labels or products that have prices printed on them.
2. Used items may have damage as long as the product is labeled with the appropriate conditions as shown [here](#).
3. Amazon reserves the right to deny removal requests and destroy any inventory identified as counterfeit.

To learn more about Amazon’s product policies, requirements, and restrictions in the US store, see

- [FBA prohibited products \(US\)](#)
- [Categories and products that require approval](#)
- [Restricted products](#)
- [Expiration-dated FBA inventory](#)

• Europe

FBA prohibits products that fall into the following categories (Europe)			
Beer, wine, spirits, and alcoholic sweets	Weapons	Fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inlaid jewels Loose items
Gift cards, gift certificates, and other stored value products	All video media (including, but not limited to, VHS, DVD, and Blu-ray formats)	Cigars, cigarettes, dipping tobacco, e-cigarettes, and other tobacco products	Human and veterinary pharmaceuticals, pharmaceutical products, and any kind of medicinal feed and medicinal stones
Any product that is subject to export licenses, declaration, or authorization when shipped to any country to which Amazon enables your products to be shipped	Any product for which the Seller either is not an authorized reseller (as designated by the product's manufacturer or distributor) or does not provide the manufacturer's standard warranty to customers	Any product listed on an EU marketplace without the consent of the brand or trademark owner	Any product that cannot be lawfully shipped to and sold to the UK or any other region where Amazon allows you to ship the products
Any other type of product that Amazon determines in its sole discretion is not supported for sale through Amazon pursuant to this Agreement; if an excluded item is no longer classified as an excluded product, Amazon will immediately notify the seller	Machetes, kukris, knives, knife blades, razor blades, swords, daggers, axes, and any other articles with a blade or which is sharply pointed and is made or adapted for use for causing injury to persons	All video games and software for audiences 12 and older (whether sold separately or bundled with consoles)	Any product that contains other ingredients that are prohibited, restricted, or regulated under applicable laws
Adult products	Products containing prohibited images of children and any other violent, offensive, obscene, or sexual content that is unlawful in any of the countries to which Amazon enables your products to be sold	Human body parts, medical implants, and any products made from, or containing parts of, any regulated endangered plant or animal (for example, elephant ivory, coral, sea turtle shells, most reptile skins)	Any device, drug, vitamin, herbal product, or other product that requires a prescription from a doctor, optician, or other healthcare provider as a prerequisite for purchase, or that can only be stored, sold, or shipped by a licensed healthcare provider

Additionally, products that meet the following conditions are also prohibited by FBA in Europe:

FBA prohibits products that fall into the following categories (Europe)		
Recalled products	Live animals of any kind	Live plants of any kind
Is deemed subject to melting (chocolate, paraffin etc.)	Prohibited drugs containing any product controlled by the UK Misuse of Drugs Act	Cosmetics and beauty product manufactured under the Lush brand
Products with a lot-control number and is an item that requires labeling	<u>Food or beverage products</u>	Sharp products that are packaged so that blade points are exposed at any time during the fulfillment process
Product that may result in a shipment that Amazon reasonably designates as requiring LTL carrier handling	The longest side is greater than 150 cm or the weight exceeds 30 kg, or the circumference exceeds 3 meters: circumference = $(2 \times \text{height}) + (2 \times \text{width}) + \text{length}$	Liquid item in packaging containing volume of more than 1 liter, or not having secure, sturdy closures that can withstand the stress of direct-to-customer fulfillment
Expiry-marked or PAO marked and is stickerless, commingled inventory	Consists of pellets and granular items that are not packaged in leak-proof containers able to withstand the vigorous shake and drop test (drop from a height of 125 cm)	-

Additionally, certain products in the Health and Beauty categories are prohibited products; products designated as regulated dangerous goods by any applicable law cannot be shipped using FBA.

Tip:

1. Products which expire or may deteriorate over time cannot be commingled and must have FBA labels.
2. Items with lot-control numbers must be commingled and cannot have labels other than the original manufacturer's bar code.
3. Temperature-sensitive products must be able to withstand a minimum temperature of 10°C and a maximum temperature of 30°C for the duration of the product's shelf life, without adversely affecting product quality. Carton markings must not include storage temperature requirements unless expressed explicitly as a range from 10°C to 30°C.



I want to use the EU FBA Export service. Are there any special requirements for products using this service?

The following products are prohibited from using FBA Export in the EU:

- Products that promote racism, hatred, or discrimination
- Nazi memorabilia (or similar products)
- Weed or pest control products
- Seeds, plants, or plant derivatives
- Products of public domain, including cultural heritage and archaeological finds (minerals, treasure, fossils etc.)
- Products which are subject to age ratings in any EU country to which Amazon enables your products to be shipped and that do not display the necessary age rating
- Products which are subject to age ratings in any EU country to which Amazon enables your products to be shipped
- Products containing prohibited images of children and any other violent, offensive, obscene, or sexual content that is unlawful in any of the countries to which Amazon enables your products to be sold
- Phones that can only work with one specific mobile services provider
- Products which are subject to sale or distribution restrictions in any EU country to which Amazon enables your products to be shipped
- Products that cannot be lawfully possessed, sold, or distributed in each EU country to which Amazon enables your products to be delivered



For more information and precautions on FBA prohibited products on Europe marketplaces, see

- [FBA prohibited products \(EU, UK\)](#)
- [Dangerous goods identification guide](#)
- [Examples of products that may be regulated as a dangerous good \(hazardous material\)](#)
- [FBA Hazmat Review Process](#)

- **Japan**

FBA prohibits products that fall into the following categories (Japan)			
Products that do not comply with Japanese regulations and laws	Products that cannot be stored at room temperature	Plants and animals	Dangerous goods and chemicals
Products that require approval from Amazon before listing and products that are not approved in the category	Medical devices	Japan's Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare (MHLW) Ministerial Notice No. 68 of 2006 stipulates controlled medical devices for household use only	Coupons, gift vouchers, prepaid cards,
gift cards, phone cards, stamps, tax stamps, event tickets, and related products	Precious metal bars, precious metal ingots, gold, platinum, silver, and other mined metals	Gold coins, silver coins, bronze coins, commemorative coins,	and vintage coins and notes
Products prohibited from being sold by program policies	Products that have been recalled or are prohibited from being sold in Japan	Neodymium magnets or any magnetic product that may damage other products	-

For a detailed description and list of prohibited products in the Amazon Japan marketplace, see

- [FBA prohibited products \(Japan\)](#)

For countries such as Australia, India, the Middle East, and Singapore, please log in to Seller Central separately and search for 'FBA prohibited products' in the help page for details of specific prohibited products.

- Dangerous goods¹**

All dangerous goods that you send to an Amazon fulfillment center must comply with all applicable regulations to ensure that they are transported, stored, handled, and labeled safely and correctly. Products identified as unfulfillable dangerous goods upon receipt at a fulfillment center may be disposed of at your expense, and Amazon will not reimburse you for the loss.

- If you want to sell dangerous goods through FBA, you must**



Stay informed about current, relevant legislation and regulations



Provide complete and accurate product information



Provide a complete, accurate, and up-to-date Safety Data Sheet (SDS)² and product ingredient information sheet

- Dangerous goods allowed to be sold through FBA** — You may sell the following dangerous goods through FBA provided that the dangerous goods provided comply with all current regulations.

Name	Label	UN number	Product description	Example
Corrosive (applies only to Europe)		UN2800	Non-spillable batteries	Automotive batteries
Other dangerous material		UN3480 UN3481 UN3090 UN3091	Lithium batteries	Power banks, cameras, mobile phones, battery chargers
		UN2807	Magnetized material	Less than 30 cm in diameter speaker, large magnet

*Lithium battery products must meet certain conditions (according to packing instructions 965 to 970 of latest [IATA DGR](#) packaging instructions).

1. Dangerous goods (also known as hazardous materials or hazmat) are substances or materials that may pose a risk to health, safety, property, or the environment during storage, handling, or transportation because they contain flammable, pressurized, corrosive, or otherwise harmful substances.

2. A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is a comprehensive explanatory document that hazardous chemical production or sales companies provide customers with sixteen categories of information on chemical composition information, physico-chemical parameters, explosiveness, toxicity, environmental hazards, as well as data about safe use, storage, emergency treatment of leaks, and transportation regulations.

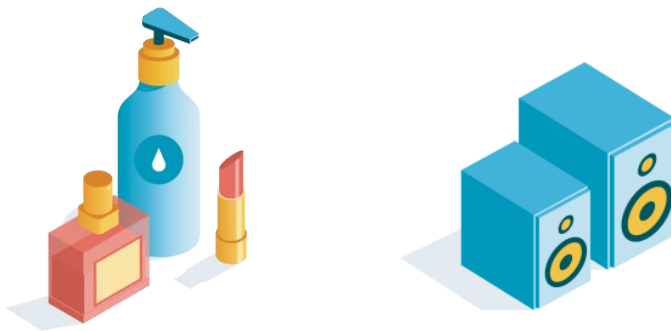
- **FBA Dangerous Goods program**

Amazon's FBA Dangerous Goods program allows you to list and sell dangerous goods products through FBA. Currently, the program is accepting new participants from a wait list. After logging in to Seller Central, you can search for the FBA Dangerous Goods program help page and follow the instructions on the page to enroll.

- **Products that may be regulated as dangerous goods**

Any warning label or warning on a product package means that it may be regulated as a dangerous good.

- Some dangerous goods products don't require warning labels or phrases (for example, cosmetics and speakers with magnetized material). You should be aware that the absence of labels or warnings does not mean they aren't dangerous goods.



Sellers on Amazon's US marketplace can [click here](#) to read the Dangerous goods identification guide.

Sellers on a European marketplace can [click here](#) to see examples of products that may be regulated dangerous goods.

Sellers in Japan can [click here](#) to view product examples.

- If you think your product may be regulated as a dangerous good, ask the manufacturer or supplier. Manufacturers must provide a complete safety data sheet (SDS) for all regulated products, and you must upload it to Amazon. Amazon will review it and classify your product accordingly, provided that the information is complete and accurate.
- **Finding rules about dangerous goods**

If you need more information about dangerous goods, please refer to the following:

 - [Dangerous goods identification guide \(US\)](#)
 - [Dangerous goods identification guide \(EU, UK\)](#)
 - [Dangerous goods identification guide \(JP\)](#)
 - If you sell in another store, log in to Seller Central and search for the dangerous goods identification guide help page for more information.

• **Expiration-dated FBA inventory**



All topical products (such as skincare, cosmetics, and shampoo) and consumable products (including nutritional supplements), whether for human or animal use, are considered by FBA as expiration dated, even if the expiration date is not indicated on the product packaging.

A best-by or sell-by date is considered the equivalent of an expiration date.

- Sellers in the US can [click here](#) to see what they should be aware of regarding expiration-marked products.
- Sellers in Europe can go [here](#).
- Sellers in Japan can go [here](#).

• **Meltable FBA inventory**

- Meltable refers to heat-sensitive products that are eaten or swallowed.

Country/ marketplace	Meltable product	Receiving period	Period when no receiving is allowed and disposal method
US	Chocolate, yogurt, gum, and probiotics	10/16 to 4/30	From May 1 to October 15 , FBA will not ship meltable inventory, and such inventory stored or arriving at an Amazon fulfillment center is marked unfulfillable and disposed of.
Europe	Chocolate, gum, and probiotics	10/15 to 4/30 of the following year	Between May 1 and October 14 , any meltable inventory arriving at an Amazon fulfillment center is marked unfulfillable and disposed of. Any meltable inventory that is still stored in a fulfillment center after May 15 is marked unfulfillable and disposed of.
Japan	Chocolate and chocolate snacks	10/1 to 4/30 of the following year	Any meltable inventory that is still stored in a fulfillment center after May 1 is marked unfulfillable and disposed of. Between May 1 to September 30 , FBA will not deliver chocolate or chocolate snacks. Meltable inventory arriving at a fulfillment center will be returned to the seller at the seller's expense.

Perishable products, including but not limited to fresh meats, fruits, or vegetables are also prohibited throughout the year.



Sellers in the US can [click here](#) to see what they should be aware of regarding meltable FBA products.

Sellers in Europe can go [here](#).

Sellers in Japan can [here](#).

If you have other questions about restricted products, you may visit the US [help page](#), European [help page](#), or Japanese [help page](#) for more information on FBA product restrictions.

2.3 FBA product prep for inbounding

You now have a general understanding of the FBA restricted product policy, but before shipping to an Amazon fulfillment center, you need to **make an inbound plan**, **create your listing**, **inform Amazon which products you expect to send** and **what labels you'll use**, and **prep your products** as required. This will help Amazon to receive and handle your inventory efficiently and correctly. If inventory arrives at an Amazon fulfillment center without proper pretreatment or labeling, Amazon will provide prep or labeling service, but this will delay the inbounding step and may also incur additional unplanned service fees.

2.3.1 Product prep

Product prep primarily includes packaging and labeling. Properly packaging and labeling products makes the inbounding process more efficient and faster, thereby avoiding additional product handling fees and reducing the time it takes for products to reach customers. Next, we'll explain the requirements and precautions for product prep:

- **Unit packaging**

Unit packaging refers to secondary packaging on the outside of a unit already packaged for sale. This outer packaging ensures that FBA inventory management and shipping services can operate normally. Amazon may refuse, return, or repackage any unit delivered to a fulfillment center with inadequate or non-compliant packaging at your expense.

- **Unit packaging requirements for the US**

To avoid such a situation, follow these general requirements when shipping units to fulfillment centers:



Any FNSKU¹ you use on a unit must be unique and must correspond to one unique product. For example, each assortment type, such as size or color, must have a different FNSKU.



Each unit must have an easily accessible barcode or label scannable from the outside, and the label must include a scannable barcode and the corresponding human-readable numbers.



Remove, cover, or render unscannable any existing barcodes on the outside of shipping boxes. For example, cover existing barcodes with opaque tape or use a black felt-tip marker to render the barcode unscannable. This prevents the incorrect barcode from being accidentally scanned during the receiving process.

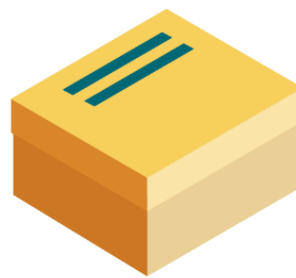
1. FNSKU: FBA's product label code, which is automatically generated when an FBA shipment is created. One FBA product SKU corresponds to one FNSKU.

FBA has additional special requirements for certain product categories, so review the specific unit packaging requirements below carefully:

- **Loose products**

Each unit, including multiple-volume book sets, must be contained within a single, secure package.

- Amazon does not accept units that would require Amazon to assemble multiple pieces (for example, wheelbarrows where the handles and legs are separate, but are sold as one piece).
- Units that are not contained in secure packaging, such as loose sleeves or pouches, must be bagged or secured with a non-adhesive band or removable tape.
- Footwear, regardless of material, must be packaged with no shoe material exposed, either in shoe boxes or in poly bags with a suffocation warning.



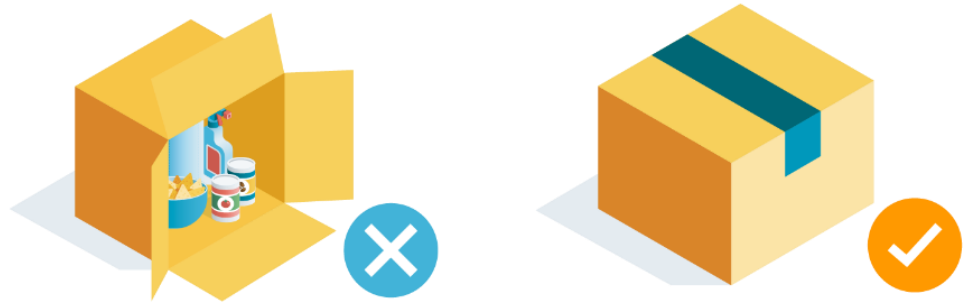
- **Sold as a set**

Units that are sets must be marked as sets on their packaging. Add a label to the unit that clearly states that the products are to be received and sold as a single unit. For example, "Sold as set," "Ready to ship," or "This is a set. Do not disassemble."



- **Boxed units**

- Must use a six-sided box that has openings or a lid that will not easily open on its own. If the box can easily open on its own, use tape, glue, or staples to keep it closed.
- The carton must not collapse when medium pressure is applied to any of the sides.
- If the boxed unit has perforated sides or openings, the product must pass a 90-cm (3-foot) drop test, consisting of one drop on each side, and one drop on a corner. If the product does not pass the drop test, it must be placed in a poly bag with a suffocation warning.



- **Poly-bagged units**

Poly bags used to protect units must meet the following requirements:

- Poly bags that are used to protect units must be transparent bags with a 1.5 mm thickness, have a scannable product bar code, and be completely sealed. The poly bag or shrink wrap must not protrude more than 8 cm (3 inches) past the dimensions of the product.
- Poly bags with an opening that is 12.7 cm (5 inches) or larger (measured when laid flat) **must have a suffocation warning**, either printed on the bag or attached as a label. Failure to apply a suffocation warning may lead to the items being re-bagged.



- The warning should be printed or placed in a prominent location and should be in a legible font size for the size of the bag.

Total length plus width of bag	Minimum print size
60 inches or larger	No. 24
40 to 59 inches	No. 18
30 to 39 inches	No. 14
29 inches	No. 10

- **Case-packed products**

For case-packed items, you must remove or cover any scannable barcode from the case. Only the units within the case can have scannable barcodes.



Requirement	Details
Same SKU ¹ and product condition	All products in a box must have matching SKU and condition and must have been packaged together by the manufacturer.
Product quantity requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① All boxes with the same product must contain equal quantities of that product in each box. For example, a case pack of 24 units must always contain 24 units. ② The case pack limit is 150 units per case.
Same ASIN ²	Units with the same ASIN can be packed in a box and the box marked "case-packed."
Cartons containing multiple case-packed products	In some cases, a manufacturer or distributor may package more than one case pack into a larger box. These larger boxes do not qualify as a case pack and must be separated at the appropriate case-pack level.
Each box contains the same items	While receiving this type of shipment, the fulfillment center scans one unit from the box and the box is placed in inventory. There is no need to scan every unit because you have ensured that they are all the same.

1. SKU: Short for Stock Inventory Unit, which is the unit used for stocking SKUs measure inventory going in and out and can refer to units of pieces, boxes, or pallets.

2. ASIN: Short for Amazon Standard Identification Number, which is Amazon's own product ID. Amazon automatically generates this ID, so you do not have to worry about adding it yourself. An ASIN code is equivalent to a unique product ID and is unique within the Amazon platform.

- **Sealing expiration-dated products**

Expiration-dated products must be fully enclosed and sealed in packaging that is suitable for shipping and include the expiration date on the outer box in 36-point or larger font and on the individual units.



- **Prohibited marketing materials**

Amazon will not accept marketing materials such as pre-priced labels, pamphlets, price tags, or other non-Amazon labels.

- **Products that require secure packaging**

Use safety knives with covered blades when packing products. This helps prevent sharp items such as blades from accidentally falling into the box, potentially harming Amazon employees or customers.

- **Packaging requirements for other products**

Click on the links to check the packaging and prep requirements for the following products:

Packaging and prep requirements for FBA products			
Pellets, powders, and granular products	Apparel, fabric, and textiles	Sharp items	Batteries
Adult products	Baby products	Jewelry	Small products
Plush units	Plexiglass	Glass, ceramic, fragile, and breakable units	Liquids, pastes, gels, and creams

- The product is shipped in its original packaging**
Ships in Product Packaging (SIPP) is a program through which products can be delivered to customers in their original packaging without the need for Amazon to provide any additional packaging. For products that have been certified as shipped in the original packaging, lower Amazon logistics shipping fees will automatically be applied when shipping such products. If the product packaging complies with SIPP guidelines, it may be certified by Amazon. For more information on the SIPP guidelines and how to register, please refer to the SIPP Enrollment Guide. Products that measure less than 6x4x0.375 inches and are classified as dangerous goods or oversized are not eligible for the SIPP discounted rate.

US

Starting February 5, 2024, the following discounted rates apply on 2024 FBA fulfillment fees for SIPP-certified units.

2024 discount on every SIPP certified item				
Measurements and dimensions	Shipping weight	For clothing products SIPP discounts	Shipping weight	Non-apparel products SIPP discounts
Small standard size	Not more than 4 oz	\$0.06	no more than 2 oz	\$0.04
			2 to 4 oz (not including 2 oz)	\$0.04
	4 to 8 oz (not including 2 oz)	\$0.07	4 to 6 oz (not including 4 oz)	\$0.05
			6 to 8 oz (not including 6 oz)	\$0.05
	4 to 6 oz (not including 4 oz)	\$0.07	8 to 10 oz (not including 8 oz)	\$0.06
			10 to 12 oz (10 oz not included)	\$0.06
	6 to 8 oz (not including 6 oz)	\$0.07	12 to 14 oz (not including 12 oz)	\$0.07
			14 to 16 oz (not including 10 oz)	\$0.07

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Learn SIPP requirements and how to conduct performance tests [here](#).

2024 discount on every SIPP certified item				
Measurements and dimensions	Shipping weight	For clothing products SIPP discounts	Shipping weight	Non-apparel products SIPP discounts
Large standard sizes	Not more than 4 oz	\$0.06	Not more than 4 oz	\$0.04
	4 to 8 oz (not including 4 oz)	\$0.06	4 to 8 oz (not including 4 oz)	\$0.04
	8 to 12 oz (not including 8 oz)	\$0.06	8 to 12 oz (not including 8 oz)	\$0.07
	12 to 16 oz (not including 12 oz)	\$0.07	12 to 16 oz (not including 12 oz)	\$0.08
	1 to 1.5 lbs (not including 1 lb)	\$0.08	1 to 1.25 lbs (not including 1 lb)	\$0.09
			1.25 to 1.5 lbs (excluding 1.25 lbs)	\$0.09
	1.5 to 2 pounds (excluding 1.5 pounds)	\$0.09	1.5 to 1.75 lbs (excluding 1.5 lbs)	\$0.10
			1.75 to 2 pounds (excluding 1.75 pounds)	\$0.11
	2 to 2.5 pounds (not including 2 pounds)	\$0.12	2 to 2.25 lbs (not including 2 lbs)	\$0.13
			2.25 to 2.5 pounds (excluding 2.25 pounds)	\$0.14
2.5 to 3 pounds (not including 2.5 pounds)	\$0.14	2.5 to 2.75 lbs (not including 2.5 lbs)	\$0.14	
		2.75 to 3 pounds (excluding 2.75 pounds)	\$0.23	
3 to 20 pounds (not including 3 pounds)	\$0.22	3 to 20 pounds (not including 3 pounds)	\$1.32	
Large Oversized	0 to 50 lbs	\$0.58	0 to 50 lbs	\$1.32

EU

The following discounts apply to 2024 Fulfillment by Amazon fulfillment fees for Ships in Product Packaging-certified units in the UK, France, Germany, Italy and Spain.

		Ships in Product Packaging discount (per unit)				
		UK	Germany	France	Italy	Spain
Low-price Fulfillment by Amazon rates	Small envelope ≤ 80 g	£0.01	€0.01	€0.01	€0.02	€0.02
	Standard envelope ≤ 60 g	£0.01	€0.01	€0.01	€0.02	€0.02
	Standard envelope ≤ 210 g	£0.01	€0.02	€0.02	€0.03	€0.02
	Standard envelope ≤ 460 g	£0.01	€0.02	€0.02	€0.03	€0.03
	Large envelope ≤ 960 g	£0.02	€0.03	€0.03	€0.04	€0.04
	Extra-large envelope ≤ 960 g	£0.04	€0.05	€0.05	€0.06	€0.06
	Small parcel ≤ 150 g	£0.06	€0.07	€0.07	€0.08	€0.08
	Small parcel ≤ 400 g	£0.06	€0.07	€0.08	€0.08	€0.08
Local fulfillment (domestic Fulfillment by Amazon, Multi-Country Inventory, Pan-EU) and cross-border fulfillment (European Fulfillment Network), excluding low-price Fulfillment by Amazon	Small envelope ≤ 80 g	£0.01	€0.01	€0.01	€0.02	€0.02
	Standard envelope ≤ 60 g	£0.01	€0.01	€0.01	€0.02	€0.02
	Standard envelope ≤ 210 g	£0.01	€0.02	€0.02	€0.03	€0.02
	Standard envelope ≤ 460 g	£0.01	€0.02	€0.02	€0.03	€0.03
	Large envelope ≤ 960 g	£0.02	€0.03	€0.03	€0.04	€0.04
	Extra-large envelope ≤ 960 g	£0.04	€0.05	€0.05	€0.06	€0.06
	Small parcel ≤ 150 g	£0.06	€0.07	€0.07	€0.08	€0.08
	Small parcel ≤ 400 g	£0.06	€0.07	€0.08	€0.08	€0.08
	Small parcel ≤ 900 g	£0.07	€0.08	€0.08	€0.09	€0.09
	Small parcel ≤ 1.40 kg	£0.07	€0.08	€0.08	€0.09	€0.10
	Small parcel ≤ 1.90 kg	£0.08	€0.09	€0.09	€0.10	€0.10
	Small parcel ≤ 3.90 kg	£0.09	€0.10	€0.10	€0.12	€0.11
	Standard parcel ≤ 150 g	£0.08	€0.09	€0.10	€0.12	€0.11
Standard parcel ≤ 400 g	£0.09	€0.10	€0.11	€0.12	€0.12	

		Ships in Product Packaging discount (per unit)				
		UK	Germany	France	Italy	Spain
Local fulfillment (domestic Fulfillment by Amazon, Multi-Country Inventory, Pan-EU) and cross-border fulfillment (European Fulfillment Network), excluding low-price Fulfillment by Amazon	Standard parcel ≤ 900 g	£0.10	€0.11	€0.12	€0.13	€0.13
	Standard parcel ≤ 1.40 kg	£0.11	€0.13	€0.14	€0.15	€0.15
	Standard parcel ≤ 1.90 kg	£0.13	€0.15	€0.15	€0.17	€0.17
	Standard parcel ≤ 2.9 kg	£0.15	€0.18	€0.18	€0.20	€0.20
	Standard parcel ≤ 3.9 kg	£0.17	€0.19	€0.21	€0.23	€0.23
	Standard parcel ≤ 5.9 kg	£0.18	€0.21	€0.23	€0.25	€0.25
	Standard parcel ≤ 8.9 kg	£0.24	€0.28	€0.29	€0.31	€0.32
	Standard parcel ≤ 11.90 kg	£0.27	€0.31	€0.33	€0.35	€0.35
	Small oversize ≤ 760 g	£0.27	€0.30	€0.27	€0.30	€0.28
	Small oversize ≤ 1.26 kg	£0.31	€0.31	€0.28	€0.32	€0.29
	Small oversize ≤ 1.76 kg	£0.33	€0.31	€0.28	€0.36	€0.32
	Small oversize > 1.76 kg	£0.45	€0.41	€0.40	€0.47	€0.45
	Standard oversize ≤ 760 g	£0.46	€0.53	€0.54	€0.57	€0.51
	Standard oversize ≤ 1.76 kg	£0.59	€0.63	€0.63	€0.68	€0.64
	Standard oversize ≤ 2.76 kg	£0.61	€0.55	€0.51	€0.67	€0.59
	Standard oversize ≤ 3.76 kg	£0.67	€0.63	€0.58	€0.76	€0.74
	Standard oversize ≤ 4.76 kg	£0.74	€0.67	€0.64	€0.77	€0.71
	Standard oversize ≤ 9.76 kg	£0.91	€0.86	€0.83	€0.94	€0.91
	Standard oversize ≤ 14.76 kg	£1.52	€1.55	€1.55	€1.64	€1.64
	Standard oversize ≤ 19.76 kg	£2.06	€2.25	€2.23	€2.29	€2.30
Standard oversize ≤ 24.76 kg	£2.41	€2.55	€2.75	€2.91	€2.74	
Standard oversize ≤ 29.76 kg	£2.71	€3.06	€3.15	€3.12	€3.15	
Standard oversize > 29.76 kg	£2.96	€3.36	€3.40	€2.96	€3.23	

		Ships in Product Packaging discount (per unit)				
		UK	Germany	France	Italy	Spain
Local fulfillment (domestic Fulfillment by Amazon, Multi-Country Inventory, Pan-EU) and cross-border fulfillment (European Fulfillment Network), excluding low-price Fulfillment by Amazon	Large oversize ≤ 4.76 kg	£1.28	€1.93	€1.48	€1.55	€1.56
	Large oversize ≤ 9.76 kg	£1.68	€2.09	€2.16	€2.19	€2.31
	Large oversize ≤ 14.76 kg	£2.45	€2.94	€3.50	€3.60	€3.30
	Large oversize ≤ 19.76 kg	£3.32	€3.79	€3.98	€3.89	€3.71
	Large oversize ≤ 24.76 kg	£3.39	€3.90	€3.96	€3.85	€3.99
	Large oversize ≤ 31.50 kg	£3.02	€3.71	€4.01	€ 4.37	€3.96
	Large oversize > 31.50 kg	£4.25	€4.14	€4.83	€4.68	€ 4.75

- **Unit packaging requirements for the Europe**

Ensure that your items are securely packed to prevent damage. Adhere to the guidelines below when shipping products to Amazon fulfillment centers. Amazon reserves the right to return any item that is not packaged according to the guidelines.



- **Download and print the prep file** for quick reference when preparing products to be sent to Amazon fulfillment centers.



- **Any FNSKU** you use on a unit must be unique and must correspond to one unique product, including a category, where each category should have a unique FNSKU.
- **All individual products in an SKU, including multiple-volume book sets, must be contained within a single package.** Amazon does not accept units that would require Amazon to assemble multiple pieces (for example, wheelbarrows where the handles and legs are separate).



- **All products must have a scannable barcode and that is placed on the outside of each fulfillable item, and the barcode must be registered in the Amazon catalog and uniquely identify the specific product.** For stickerless, commingled inventory the barcode can be an EAN, UPC, or ISBN; for labeled inventory, the barcode can be an FBA FNSKU label. Barcodes should be printed in a human-readable form and placed on the outside of the product in a flat position that is easy to see and scan (that is, not on corners, curves, or seams).
- **All products must be easily identifiable.** In addition to the corresponding EAN, UPC, or ISBN barcode, the package must also have a label showing identifying information such as the product name, color, and model number.



- **Amazon prohibits the use of marketing materials** (such as brochures, price tags, or other non-Amazon labels). Amazon does not accept pre-priced labels or products.

[Click here](#) for a more detailed product prep guide.

FBA has additional special requirements for certain product categories:

- **Safety**

To prevent injury resulting from sharp objects being accidentally left in boxes, use safety knives with covered blades when packing products for shipping.

- **Sharp items, dangerous goods, and fragile items**

Amazon reserves the right to specify products that require additional protective packaging to maintain product integrity during delivery. Clear poly bags must be used to protect products that are susceptible to dust, dirt, or moisture.

For products with the following characteristics, Amazon may refuse or repackage any delivery to a fulfillment center with inadequate or non-compliant packaging at your expense. Use the links below to see the packaging requirements for each type of product:

- **Items easily damaged upon impact (such as hard drives):**
Products that are not impact resistant must be individually wrapped in protective material (such as bubble wrap). All products must be individually wrapped.
- **Packaging products containing liquid**
- **Pellets and granular items**
- **Glass, ceramic, breakable, and fragile units**
- **Batteries**
- **Soft toys, plush items, and sports products**
- **Sharp items**
- **Packaging apparel, fabric, and textiles**
- **Jewelry**



- **Unit packaging requirements for the Japan marketplace**

Packaged products are directly shipped to the customer. Each item must be properly and securely packed.



- **Items with the same SKU, including bundled products, must be preprocessed as a single package.** Amazon does not accept units that would require Amazon to assemble multiple pieces (for example, motorcycle wheels and tires that are shipped in separate packages).



- **Units that are sets must be marked as sets on their packaging in a prominent location.** Add a label to the unit that clearly states that the products are to be received and sold as a single unit. You can download a printable warning sign template in Japanese [here](#).



- **For case-packed items, you must remove or cover any scannable barcode from the case.** Please use white packing tape to cover scannable barcodes on the carton or draw a vertical line (not a horizontal line) on the barcode to make it unscannable. Only the units within the case can have scannable barcodes.



- To avoid damage to the product during transport and where possible, **make sure that there are no openings in the box.** If only a small number of small-sized products must be shipped, be sure to pack them well, such as using cushioning material for filler. Also affix details such as size, quantity, and information about any gap with the outer box to the packaging.



- **Do not include marketing materials** (such as flyers, price tags, or merchant stickers) **in packages** unless approved by Amazon.



- Amazon does not accept oversized items sent in multiple packages (for example, a TV screen and speakers sold as a set).



- Note that any of the items listed below may be **shipped directly to the customer**.
 - Oversized items
 - The item's inner and outer boxes do not have any protrusions
 - The box is sturdy enough to withstand any pressure
 - No toys, video games, or adult products are included (excluding oversized items)
 - Delivery notes (190 mm × 221 mm) can be attached directly to the package

Note

Apparel along with its hangers may be sent to fulfillment centers. For more information, see [FBA shipments of shoes, bags, and fashion items](#) (Japanese).

Download and print the [Quick Guidance Packing Products](#) to learn about basic prep guidelines and use it as a reference when preparing your FBA shipments.

2.3.2 Packing requirements and box labeling

Properly packing products helps ensure shipments arrive undamaged and ready for quick intake to our fulfillment centers so sales can begin as soon as possible.

- **Packing requirements (US, Europe, and Japan)**

- **US packing requirements**

Following these instructions helps ensure shipments arrive undamaged and ready for intake to our fulfillment centers:

Item	Details
Box	Use a rigid, six-sided box with flaps intact.
Required information	Use a single address label that has clear, complete delivery and return information.
Individually wrapped	Wrap all items separately.
Dimensions and weight	Using boxes with dimensions measuring at least 6×4×1 inches and weighing at least 1 lb. (no more than 25 inches on any side and no more than 50 lb. total) can reduce delays in receiving.
Cover other barcodes	Cover existing barcodes with opaque tape or use a black felt-tip marker to render the barcode unscannable. This prevents the incorrect barcode from being accidentally scanned during the receiving process.
Label	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each box in the shipment must have its own unique FBA shipping label (printed from Shipping Queue). • Each pallet¹ requires four labels, one at the top center of each side. Each box on the pallet also requires its own unique label. • If you are shipping multiple case-packs in a primary carton, apply the unique shipping label on the primary carton you are using for shipping products to the fulfillment center. • If using an old box, remove the original shipping labels or markings.
Packaging material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use adequate packaging material. • Use strong tape designed for shipping. • Use 2 inches of cushioning between each of your items and the inside of the box.
Inspect the box	After you pack your box, shake it gently. The contents should not move when shaken.

1. Pallets are important handling, storage, and transportation equipment in logistics operations. They are generally used with a forklift, which can greatly increase logistics efficiency.

Avoiding the following also helps ensure shipments arrive ready for intake to Amazon fulfillment centers:



Do not use point-of-sale containers. A point-of-sale container is part of the product you sell and usually contains one item. (For example, a coffee maker shipped and sold in its original container.)



Do not use open boxes typically used for display purposes. (For example, open front boxes or boxes without tops.)



Do not bundle multiple boxes together. Boxes must comply with standard pallet stacking requirements.



Do not use boxes that are the same size as the pallet (also known as gaylords).

Tip:

- For best results, use a new, single-wall, corrugated shipping container with a **high burst-** or **crush-strength stamp**.
- Picking the **right-sized** box for what you are shipping is important. If the container is too large, you will need to fill it up with enough packaging material so that the box will not collapse if heavier boxes are stacked on top during shipping.

- **European marketplaces packing requirements**

The following requirements apply to all boxes shipped to Amazon fulfillment centers whether by small parcel delivery, less than truckload (LTL), or full truckload (FTL) shipping.

Item	Details
Box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① All boxes should be standard shipping boxes packaged to withstand the transportation and processing at Amazon fulfillment centers. ② Appropriate containers must include RSC (regular slotted box), B flute, ECT-32 (edge crush test), and 200BH (burst strength). ③ Boxes must not be bundled together with any kind of straps, zip ties, tape, etc.
Dimensions and weight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Each box should weigh no more than 23 kg, unless it contains one single oversized item that exceeds 23 kg. Cartons weighing more than 23 kg must be broken down into smaller shipment weights. ② Boxes weighing more than 15kg must be marked "Heavy Package" (viewable from both the top and sides of each heavy-weight container). ③ Box dimensions must not exceed 63.5 cm on any side unless the dimension of a single shippable unit exceeds 63.5 cm in itself.
Shipment ID	Each box can have only one shipment ID.
Non-compliant packing	Neither point-of-sale containers nor pallet-sized boxes (gaylords) may be used for shipping.
Do not wrap boxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① The case must not be placed in a bag, nor covered with stretch film. ② Boxes must not be covered with packing tape as this would make them unrecyclable.
Packaging material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Boxes must be packaged to withstand the transportation and processing at Amazon fulfillment centers. ② If you have to use dunnage while transporting your shipments to the fulfillment center, ensure that you use Amazon-approved forms of dunnage.
Units sold as sets packaging requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Units sold as sets, such as a set of six, unique toy cars that are sold as one unit, must be marked as sets on their packaging. ② Multi-volume packaged media publications should also meet the above requirements. ③ Please stick the "This Is A Set" label on the flap joint at the top of the box.

- **Japan packing requirements**

The following requirements apply to all boxes shipped to Amazon fulfillment centers. Click [here](#) for the small parcel delivery requirements.

Item	Details
Box	Boxes must be packaged to withstand the transportation and processing.
Label	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Attach an FBA label to your products. The shipping label also needs to include the purchase order and shipment ID. ② Place a shipping label on the outside of each package. If a shipping label is not attached, the package will be rejected at the Amazon fulfillment center, and your item will be returned at your expense, or Amazon will charge a fee for pre-processing such items. ③ Use self-adhesive labels that can be removed. (Example: KOKUYO KPC-HH124-20, label size: 66 mm × 35 mm). If you don't use a removable label, Amazon recommends wrapping the product separately using shrink wrap or other material, and then attaching the label to the package. When preparing shrink-wrapped product packaging, ensure that the shrink wrap wraps tightly around the product and is impermeable to air.
Packaging material	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Only cushioning material, AirCaps, and paper should be used as dunnage. ② Under no circumstances should you use broken plastic shards or shredded paper as dunnage.
Safety requirements	For safety reasons, prevent foreign objects such as knives, scissors, and paper from entering the package.

Tip:

If your package has any of the issues below, Amazon will deem it as unacceptable:

- Deformed box (box damaged, cracked, or soiled)
- The exterior of the box is faded (or its color does not match the description)
- Units are sticking out of the box
- The bag is torn

For more examples of unit packaging, check out the [help page](#).

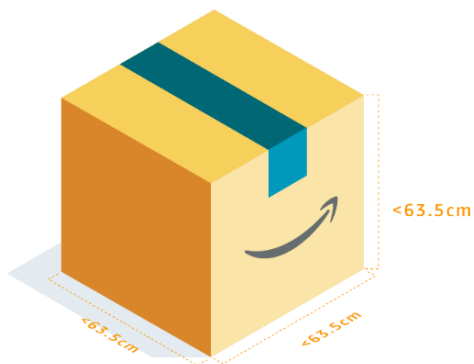
- **Box requirements**

The following are acceptable standard boxes:

Requirement	Details
Cartons	Regular slotted carton (RSC)
Corrugated paper	B flute
Edge crush test (ECT)	ECT-32
Burst strength	200 lb. per square inch

For the US marketplace, use a minimum of 2 inches of appropriate packing material around each item and the same amount in between your products and the walls of the box. If your items are being shipped in the manufacturer's case pack, the 2 inches of packing material is not necessary.

- **Box dimensions**



- Boxes containing several standard-sized items
For the US and Europe, cardboard boxes may not exceed **25 inches (63.5 cm)** on any side.

For Japan, the maximum dimensions for boxes containing several standard-size items are **50 cm × 60 cm × 50 cm**.

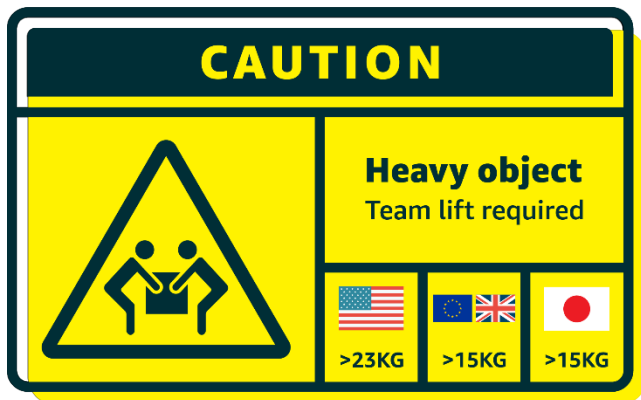
- Boxes containing oversize items
A box may only exceed the 25-inch limit if it contains oversize units that measure longer than 25 inches. Oversized boxes containing oversized items may be subject to restriction of shipping rights privileges, additional fees, or refusal at a fulfillment center.

- **Box weight**

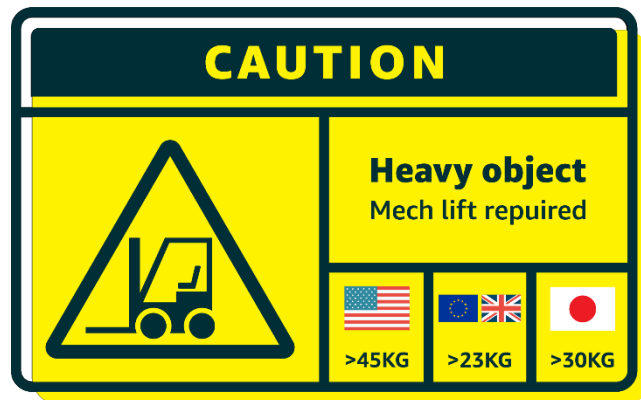
If you are using an Amazon-partnered carrier, make sure that you accurately weigh and measure boxes and pallets to ensure that the correct values are supplied for every shipment.

- In the US and Europe, boxes must not exceed the standard **weight limit of 23 kg (50 lb.)**, unless they contain a single oversize unit that exceeds 23 kg (50 lb.). Boxes containing jewelry or watches must not exceed 40 lb.
- In Japan, boxes must not exceed the standard weight limit of **40 kg**.

- For oversize items that weigh more than 23 kg (50 lb. in the US) or 15 kg (in Europe and Japan), a **Team Lift** label must be placed on the carton, indicating that a team is required.
- For oversize items that weigh more than 45 kg (100 lb. in the US), 23 kg (in Europe), or 30 kg (in Japan), a **Mech Lift** label must be placed on the carton, indicating that a machinery is required.







(Team Lift label)



(Mech Lift label)

• **Dunnage requirements**

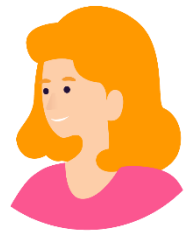
Examples of recommended packaging material	Recommended packaging material	Packaging material to be avoided
 (bubble wrap)	Bubble wrap	Foam strips
	Full sheets of paper (heavy kraft paper is best)	Crinkle wrap
Shredded paper		
 (paper)	Inflatable air pillows	Polyester foam pieces
 (air pillows)	Polyethylene foam sheeting	Styrofoam
	For Europe and Japan only:	For the US and Japan only:
 (foam sheet)	Polyethylene roll	All types of packing peanuts, including those made from biodegradable material or corn starch
	Newspaper	



What are the advantages of these packaging materials, and how should I choose?

Choose the packaging material that will provide the best protection to your item. The packing materials above have the following characteristics:

- **Bubble Wrap or small cell bubble sheeting** provides surface protection as well as shock absorption. It can also be wrapped around almost any product, regardless of shape or size.
- **Paper, specifically kraft paper intended for packing applications**, can be used to fill empty space in your shipping box. For best results, use kraft paper with a minimum basis weight of 60 lb to ensure that it is thick enough to provide protection.
- **Inflatable air pillows** use air pressure to secure and hold products in place inside the shipping container, and provide an air barrier of cushioning. They generally come in a strip of air pillows that you can easily use as lightweight dunnage to fill the empty space in your box. **Note:** Inflatable air pillows can lose pressure in low-temperature and high-altitude environments.)
- **Polyethylene foam sheeting** is thin, soft, resilient, and provides surface protection and cushioning properties. This type of packaging is good for protecting lightweight items.



Tip:

Shake the box gently after packing. If the contents of the box don't move when shaking the box, this means the box is properly packaged. On the other hand, if the contents of the box shift around, you need to improve your packaging.

- **Unit labeling requirements**

Amazon systems are barcode-driven. Each product you send to a fulfillment center requires a barcode so it can be tracked throughout the fulfillment process.

In this section, you'll learn the basic meaning of, standards for, and functions of three product barcodes: **manufacturer barcodes**, **Amazon barcodes**, and **Transparency authentication codes**. Amazon sellers can choose between manufacturer barcodes and Amazon barcodes, while a Transparency authentication codes is used to prevent counterfeiting.

- Manufacturer barcodes

- **What is a manufacturer barcode?**

The manufacturer barcode is the original product barcode provided by the product manufacturer to identify basic information about the product.

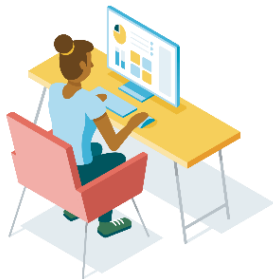
Eligible barcodes include **UPC**, **EAN**, **JAN**, and **ISBN**.

Types of manufacturer barcodes	Description
UPC	Full name, Universal Product Code. A type of barcode for products developed by the US Uniform Code Council and mainly used in the US and Canada. UPC codes were the first barcodes to be used on a large scale. Since they have a wide range of applications, they are also known as universal barcodes and are commonly used in international trade.
EAN	Full name, European Article Number. A type of barcode developed by GS1 and used in more than 90 countries around the world. There are two types of EAN barcodes: a standard version and a shortened version. The standard version is 13 digits, and the shortened version is 8 digits. China joined the EAN organization in 1991.
JAN	Full name, Japanese Article Number. A Japanese universal product identifier.
ISBN	Full name, International Standard Book Number. An internationally standardized serialization system designed to meet the needs of book publishing and management and to facilitate the exchange of international publications and the development of statistics. It identifies the country, region or language, publisher, title, edition, and binding method to which the publication belongs.

Tip:

Beginning on April 17, 2018, GCIDs¹ can no longer be used in place of a UPC, EAN, JAN, or ISBN to create ASINs.² If your brand has been approved for Amazon Brand Registry and you don't have UPCs, EANs, JANs, or ISBNs for your products, you can apply for a GTIN exemption. [Click here](#) to learn more.

If your product is missing an eligible barcode, use an Amazon barcode in place of the manufacturer barcode.



- **How manufacturer barcodes work — commingle inventory, speed up fulfillment**

Every product shipped by Amazon requires a barcode. By default, Amazon will use the manufacturer barcode to track eligible inventory throughout the fulfillment process unless you change your barcode setting.

When more than one seller has inventory with the same manufacturer barcode, Amazon may fulfill orders with inventory that is closest to the customer even if that inventory belongs to another seller.

When you receive payment for this sale, Amazon will immediately transfer the ordered item from your inventory to that seller's inventory.

Regardless of which seller receives the customer's order, Amazon uses this process for faster delivery. Amazon keeps track of who the original seller of each item is, and if there is an issue with inventory, Amazon will use this information to provide a suitable solution.



1. GCID stands for Global Catalog Identifier, which is a brand identifier generated internal to Amazon. When your brand is successfully registered on Amazon with a key attribute, Amazon automatically assigns a unique 16-character GCID that is composed of letters and numbers.

2. ASIN stands for Amazon Standard Identification Number, which is automatically generated by Amazon from the UPC code and is the unique product identification code on the Amazon platform. There is only one ASIN for each product, and you can search for a product using its ASIN code on amazon.com and Seller Central.

- **Benefits of manufacturer barcodes**



Eliminating the need for additional labels can speed up inventory restocking, reduce the possibility of labeling errors, reduce shipping costs, and save on per-item FBA Label Service fees.



Amazon's strategic placement of inventory allows your products to reach customers faster.



If an inventory problem occurs, Amazon's fulfillment system can track the origin of the inventory throughout the fulfillment process to find a workable solution.

- **Manufacturer barcode eligibility**

To ensure Amazon can accurately track your inventory, Amazon has specific eligibility requirements for products that use manufacturer barcodes:

- The products must be **new**
- Have a **single**, scannable barcode matching a single ASIN in the Amazon catalog
- Not have an expiration date
- Not a **consumable product** or **topical product**, such as skin cream, shampoo, or cosmetics
- Not classified as **dangerous goods**

For more information on how manufacturer barcodes work, changing barcode settings, and more,

Sellers in the US can [go here](#).

Sellers in Europe can [go here](#).

Sellers in Japan can [go here](#).

- **Amazon barcodes**

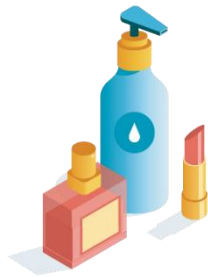
- **What are Amazon barcodes?**

Amazon barcodes are barcodes provided by Amazon to identify and track products. Amazon barcodes must be applied to all products that are not tracked using the manufacturer barcode.

You can print Amazon barcodes and apply them to your products yourself, or you can use the FBA Label Service, which prints and applies them for a per-item fee.

- **When do I need to use Amazon barcodes?**

Manufacturer barcodes cannot be used in place of **Amazon barcodes** for the following product categories:



Topical products (such as skincare, shampoo, and cosmetics)



Products with an expiration date



Consumable products



Products that have been pre-processed, but where the barcode is unscannable



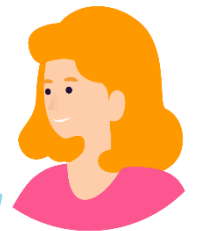
How can I obtain Amazon barcodes?

Log in to Seller Central and print Amazon barcodes from the Label Products page when you create a shipment, or at any time from the Manage Inventory page. To print Amazon barcodes from the Label products page, follow these steps:

1. Select the shipment that you want to work on from the Shipping Queue.
2. In the Items column, verify the number of each product that you want to send.
3. At the bottom of the page, click Print labels. Thermal printers will print the labels automatically. Use the generated PDF to print labels using a laser printer on standard labels.

To print Amazon barcodes from Manage Inventory, follow these steps:

1. Select the products in the left column.
2. Select Print item labels from the Action on selected drop-down menu.





Can Amazon barcodes and manufacturer barcodes work together? Which should I choose?

Choose either a manufacturer barcode or Amazon barcode. Consider the following when deciding which to use:

1. Whether the original product has a scannable manufacturer barcode
2. Whether the product category is eligible for an Amazon barcode
3. Whether you can accept commingled inventory; you can switch to Amazon barcodes at any time if you want to ship orders using your own inventory

See the help pages below for more detailed instructions:

[Use an Amazon barcode to track inventory \(US\)](#)

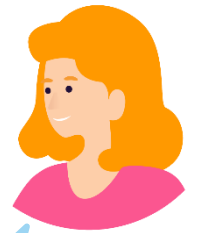
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- **Labeling requirements for Amazon barcodes**

Amazon barcodes start with X0. They must cover the product's original barcode. The product label code automatically generated when the shipment was created must be affixed to the outer packaging of each product, that is, the FNSKU barcode, and the label must be clear and scannable.

- Make sure of the following information when printing your labels:
 - ① Sufficient white space around the Amazon barcode and related text (6.35 cm or 0.25 in. on the sides and 3.175 cm or 0.125 in. on the top and bottom)
 - ② ASIN or FNSKU
 - ③ Product title
 - ④ Product condition¹

(See next page for an example)

1. Item condition: A description of the current state of the product, such as new, renewed, rental, used, etc. [Click to see more about product condition information.](#)



Note: Amazon barcodes that have been printed directly onto the product packaging must also meet these requirements. If you are the product manufacturer or brand owner and you want to print barcodes directly onto the product packaging, apply for your own GS1-standard¹ UPC barcode.

- Label paper requirements
All Amazon barcodes must be printed in black ink on white, non-reflective labels with removable adhesive. Dimensions must be between 1 × 2 inches and 2 × 3 inches (1 × 3 inches or 2 × 2 inches, for example). For laser printers, the tools in your seller account support the following label sizes:

Types of manufacturer barcodes	Description
21 labels per page	A4 paper, 63.5 mm × 38.1 mm
24 labels per page	A4 paper, 63.5 mm × 33.9 mm A4 paper, 63.5 mm × 38.1 mm (for US and European marketplaces only) A4 paper, 64.6 mm × 33.8 mm A4 paper, 66.0 mm × 33.9 mm A4 paper, 70.0 mm × 36.0 mm A4 paper, 70.0 mm × 37.0 mm A4 paper, 66.0 mm × 35.0 mm (for Japan only)
27 labels per page	A4 paper, 63.5 mm × 29.6 mm
30 labels per page	US paper, 1 in. × 2 5/8 in.
40 labels per page	A4 paper, 52.5 mm × 29.7 mm
44 labels per page	A4 paper, 48.5 mm × 25.4 mm (for US and European marketplaces only)

1. GS1, or Globe Standard 1, is an organization established by the United States Uniform Code Council in 1973. The system has a global labeling standard system and information exchange standard system for goods, transportation units, assets, locations, and services across industries, so that products can be scanned and read all over the world.

Note

If your printer attempts to scale the PDF print area when you print your labels, make sure that the printer scaling is set to None or 100%.

- Label placement requirements

Requirement	Details
Corresponding item	Attach the barcode to the corresponding item
Cover the original barcode	Cover all other visible barcodes, except for any serial number barcodes ¹ or Transparency authentication code labels.
External labeling	Place the barcode on the outside of any prep materials.
Place label over a flat area	Do not place the barcode on a curve or corner of the package.
Leave margins	Allow 6.35 mm (0.25 in.) between the edge of the label and the edge of the packaging.
Handling case-packed products	Ensure that each item in a case pack has an Amazon barcode and that any barcodes on the case have been removed.

- Common mistakes

1

Barcode label missing — The item arrived without a proper barcode.

2

Item mislabeled — The item arrived with a barcode that does not match the physical product.

3

Barcode cannot be scanned — The barcode was either smudged or smeared, or the label was placed around a corner or curve, rendering the barcode unscannable.

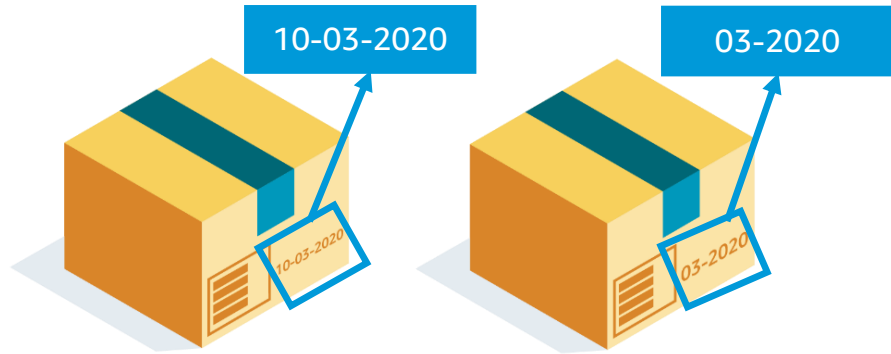
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Unit/Shipment preparation errors — One or more of the items in your shipment arrived with labeling, packaging and prep, or shipping requirement errors.

Go to the [help page](#) in Japan for more examples and information about common errors. For more information on product labeling requirements, click on the US [help page](#) or the Europe [help page](#).

1. Serial number barcodes, also called SN or serial numbers, are the unique codes for the same type of numbered product. They are widely used for mobile phones, digital products, and in other industries. They are used to identify equipment, track, and record product production, sales, circulation, and after-sales service to more accurately manage these processes.

- **To label expiry-dated products, follow these guidelines:**
 - Expiration dates must be displayed in the format **MM-DD-YYYY** or **MM-YYYY**. Lot numbers alone are insufficient.



- If the expiration date is printed in a different format, a sticker with the correct format must be applied **but not covering the original expiration date**.
- Any printed date of manufacture must clearly indicate that it is the date of manufacture, or you must label the product in the proper format, indicating the date of manufacture and expiration date.
- Numeric date formats are preferred. However, dates with an alphabetical abbreviation for the month (for example, **DD-JAN-YYYY**) are also acceptable.
- All case packs, multipacks, and display boxes must have the expiration date on the box or bundle, as well as on each individual item inside the box or bundle.

Tip:

- Our system stores the expiration date information in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). Due to time-zone conversions, the date on the box label might differ from what you originally entered.
- Failure to include the expiration date on the outside of the prepped item may result in the item being relabeled at additional cost to you.

- **Transparency authentication codes**

Transparency codes are product-level authentication labels that help brand owners protect their brands and protect customers from counterfeit products. Transparency codes are accompanied by a Transparency “T” logo and must not cover or be covered by any other label. To learn more and see a sample sticker, go to the Transparency page. For more information and to see examples of stickers, see the [Transparency](#) page.

- **Comparing manufacturer barcodes, Amazon barcodes, and Transparency codes:**

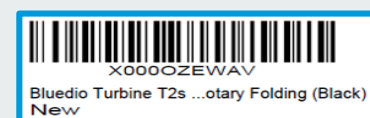
Manufacturer barcodes

The manufacturer barcode is the original product barcode provided by the product manufacturer to identify basic information about the product. They do not require additional labeling, require fewer steps, and are a good choice for sellers who are willing to accept shared inventory pooling. The codes usually start with B0.



Amazon barcodes

Amazon barcodes are product barcodes provided by Amazon. When using Amazon barcodes, each seller's products and inventory are kept separated. Amazon only uses the seller's in-stock products for order fulfillment. The codes start with X0.



Transparency codes

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2.3.3 Shipment prep requirements

In this section, you'll learn more about prep requirements and guidelines for shipments, including pallets. This will help unloading, receiving, and storing your inventory to be more accurate and efficient and prevent your shipments from being removed or disposed of at additional cost because they don't meet requirements. Shipment transit methods include **Small Parcel Delivery (SPD)** and **less-than-truckload¹** or **full truckload (LTL/FTL)²**. Prep requirements vary by mode of transit. The following are general guidelines:

1 Select the transit method (SPD or LTL) and carrier.

2 In the Shipment packing step, follow the directions to provide box content information for each of your boxes. Box content information includes the quantity of each ASIN per box, the box weight and dimensions, and expiration dates (if applicable).

Print label

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- Small Parcel Delivery (SPD)
 - Print the full set of labels. Each label is unique: do not photocopy, reuse, or modify labels for use on additional boxes.
 - If you wish to modify the number of boxes after you have already printed your labels, you will need to reprint the entire set of labels for your shipment.
 - LTL
 - Indicate the number of box labels that you will need (one per box) and print them.
 - Place each label on the outside of each box, so they will be visible when unpacking the pallet at the fulfillment center.

4 Enter information regarding your shipment based on the type of shipment and the carrier.

5 Enter the number of shipment labels you need and print them to affix to each box.

- Small Parcel Delivery (SPD) shipments require one label per box.
- LTL shipments require four labels per pallet.

The number of boxes that you can send in a shipment varies depending on the shipping method you use:

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- Small parcel delivery (SPD) with a partnered carrier: 200-box limit per shipment.
 - Non-small parcel delivery (SPD) with a partnered carrier: 500-box limit per shipment.
 - An LTL shipment cannot exceed 5,000 boxes.



1. Less-than-truckload (LTL) means that the weight, volume, or shape of a batch of goods does not fill the entire vehicle. Two other conditions must also be met: the minimum volume of a single item must not be less than 0.02 cubic meters (except for a single item with a weight of 10 kg or more), and the number of items in each batch must not exceed 300 pieces.

2. Full truckload (FTL) means that a single shipment of goods is at least 3 tons, or if less than 3 tons, the weight, volume, or shape of the goods requires a truck of 3 tons or more for transit.

- **Small parcel delivery**

Small parcel delivery is for items packed in shipping boxes that are individually labeled for delivery.

Sellers in the US can refer to this [help page](#) for more information.

Sellers in Europe or UK can refer to this [help page](#) for more information.

Sellers in Japan can refer to this [help page](#) for more information.

- **Less-than-truckload or full truckload (LTL/FTL)**

- **Prep requirements for the US**

- **Box limits**



A single LTL shipment cannot exceed **5,000 boxes**. To ship more than 5,000 boxes, you must create a second shipment.

- **Pallet specification requirements**



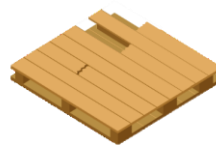
Use **40 × 48 in., 4-way access wooden pallets**. Do not ship units on pallets made of weak material such as plastic, cardboard or particle board.

If a single, large unit cannot fit on a 40 × 48 in. pallet without overhanging the edges, use a pallet size and type that is suitable for the unit.

Ship units on GMA Standard B Grade or higher pallets.

Ship only on pallets that are in good condition.

Broken and damaged pallets are not acceptable and may be rejected at the seller's expense.

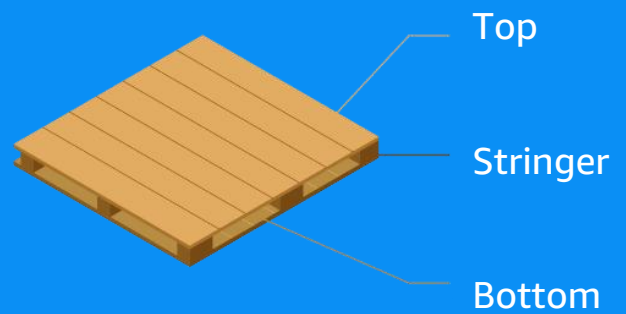


Regardless of the material (lumber, plywood, composite, etc.), pallets with the following characteristics are compliant:

Requirement	Specifications
GMA standard B grade pallets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① 6 or 7 boards on top, depending on board width ② No fewer than 4 boards on bottom ③ Stringers for added support ④ 4-way entry
GMA 1A grade pallets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① 7 boards on top ② 5 boards on bottom ③ Stringers for added support ④ 4-way entry ⑤ No block repairs to stringers
GMA 1B grade pallets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① 6 or 7 boards on top, depending on board width ② No fewer than 4 boards on bottom ③ Stringers for added support ④ 4-way entry ⑤ Only 1 stringer may have a plug or other type of repair

Tip:

Ship grocery products on GMA 1A Grade pallets only. Only GMA 1A and 1B Grade pallets are acceptable for health & personal care and beauty products.



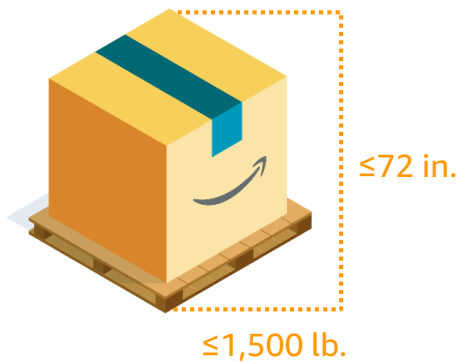
- **How to build a pallet**

Each box on the pallet must comply with [Amazon's shipment packaging requirements](#). You also need to be aware of the following guidelines when palletizing¹:



Assembly

The units on each pallet must all belong to one shipment ID. Place shipping boxes that are intended to be sold together, such as a set, and that weigh more than 100 lb on a single pallet (one sellable unit on each) or clamp them together. Single, non-clampable shipping boxes or units, such as furniture, that weigh more than 100 lb, are more than 80 inches long, or are more than 30 inches wide should be placed on their own pallet.



Weight and height

The total weight of the pallet must not exceed 1,500 lb. Single pallets must not be higher than 72 inches, including the height of the pallet, unless a single unit is taller than 72 inches. A single pallet can be up to 98 inches, including the height of the pallet, if it conforms to the "clampable" instructions outlined in the [Floor Loading Policy](#).



Labeling

Every box on the shipment must have a unique shipment ID label that complies with [Amazon's shipping label requirements](#). Wrapped pallets must have shipment labels placed on all four sides on the outside of the stretch wrap.

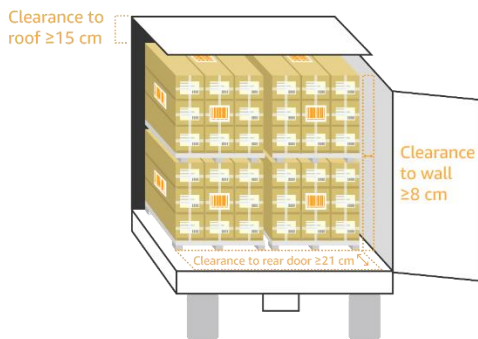
1. Palletizing means stacking and fixing boxes on a pallet. Follow the requirements when sending your shipment.



Stacking and wrapping

Stage boxes using only standard pallet stacking requirements. Do not bundle shipping boxes using bags, elastic, or extra straps. The contents must not overhang the pallet edge. The contents must not overhang the pallet on any side.

All pallets must be wrapped in transparent plastic film with a "do not break plastic wrap" or "do not break down" notification to the carrier. The plastic wrap must completely hold the product to the pallet to prevent shifting during transit. Plastic film must not be used to stabilize the load on the pallet; the contents must remain stable once the plastic wrap is removed.



Loading

The overall height of the pallets must allow **6" (15 cm)** of clearance from the top of the stack to the roof of the container. Allow for at least **3 inches (8 cm)** between pallets and walls while in transit by using air pillows to ensure stability, non-metal straps, or a safety net to prevent the load from shifting or falling.

- **Double-stacked pallets**

All Amazon fulfillment centers accept double-stacked pallets provided that they are safe to load and unload, and do not cause product damage during transit. You may double stack pallets as needed to maximize freight efficiency. Follow the guidelines below for double-stacked pallets:

- The height must not exceed **100 inches** (254 cm, including the height of the pallet). Allow for at least 6 inches (15 cm) of space from the top of the pallet to the container ceiling to allow for the safe unloading of pallets with a forklift.
- Stack boxes evenly and squarely from corner to corner and do not allow boxes to overhang the pallet edge.
- Stack pallets with adequate space to allow for unloading.
- Allow for at least 3 inches (8 cm) between pallets and walls while in transit by using air bags to ensure stability, non-metal straps, or a safety net to prevent the load from shifting or falling.
- Allow for at least 8 inches (21 cm) of clearance from the last row of boxes to container doors to engage a dock leveler.



- **Prep requirements for Europe**
 - **Palletization requirements**



When delivering stock to EU countries, use 80 × 120 cm Euro/CHEP.




We only accept GMA grade B or higher, 100 × 120 cm 4-way access wood pallets or 100 × 120 cm CHEP pallets when delivering stock to UK.



- Other pallet sizes may be rejected.
- Pallet exchange is not available.
- Pallets shipped internationally must be heat treated to ISPM-15 standard.
- Broken or damaged pallets are not acceptable and may be rejected at the merchant's expense.

- **Pallet prep requirements**

Item	Specific requirements
Weight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Cartons on pallets should not exceed the standard weight limit of 23 kg. ② A single box weighing more than 15 kg must be marked "Heavy Package" (viewable from both the top and sides of each heavy-weight container). ③ Total weight of the pallet must not exceed 500 kg.
Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① If only one pallet is loaded, the height of the pallet must not exceed 180 cm. ② Double-stacked pallets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must not exceed 2.7 meters in Germany, Central, and Eastern Europe • Must not exceed 3.0 meters (including the height of the pallet) in the UK, France, Italy, and Spain ③ All Amazon fulfillment centers accept double-stacked pallets provided that they are safe to load and unload, and do not cause product damage during transit. Check the EU fulfillment center address and shipping details before shipping the products. ④ There must be a minimum of 30 cm clearance between the top of the pallets and the roof of the vehicle, and a minimum of 30 cm clearance between the back of the last pallet and the rear of the vehicle.

Item	Specific requirements
Loading requirements	All pallets must contain like items when quantities allow. All pallets carrying mixed but visually similar products (for example, regular and wide-screen editions of a VHS or DVD that are packaged in similar-looking cartons) must be labeled 'mixed merchandise' or 'mixed SKUs', such as "  ."
Wrapping	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① All pallets must be wrapped in clear plastic stretch wrap with a "Do not break stretch wrap" or "Do not break down" note to the carrier. ② Pallets wrapped in black or opaque stretch-wrap may be rejected.
Labeling	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Indicate the number of box labels that you will need (one per box) and print them using a laser printer. Do not use inkjet printers as barcodes may become not scannable due to the ink smudging or running. ② Place each label on the outside of each box taking care to ensure that the physical contents of the box match with the carton number in the shipping plan. ③ Position the labels so that they will be easily visible when receiving and breaking down a pallet at the fulfillment center and do not cross the box seam.
Other requirements	Each pallet must be labeled with the Vendor Name, To and From address, PO numbers, Number of cartons, and Pallet # ___ of ___ pallets in the upper right corner of one of the sides of the unitized load so that it can be easily located visually.

- **Prep requirements for Japan**
 - **Palletization requirements**

Pallets must meet the following conditions

- 110 × 110 cm
- Be in excellent condition
- Able to use hand lift
- Use plastic or wooden pallets (polypropylene material is recommended).
- 4-way access single-sided pallets
- 2-way access pallets and 1-way access pallets (provided that they can safely be unloaded with a hand lift from the back of a truck)

Do not use pallets that have the following characteristics

- Both sided pallets
- Do not ship units on pallets made of weak material such as cardboard or particle board.
- Loading on the truck which has a coating inside by wax
- Double-stacked pallets
- We cannot keep your pallets until next shipping
- Broken or damaged pallets are not acceptable and may be rejected at the merchant's expense. Rejected shipments will not be returned to an address outside of Japan.

- **Requirements for shipping with pallets**

Item	Specific requirements
Weight	Total weight of a pallet must not exceed 1,000 kg (load capacity).
Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① All four sides of a pallet must not exceed 110 cm each. (Exception: Pallets to deliver beer). ② Amazon recommends using a pallet with the minimum height (thickness) of 20 cm. ③ A pallet height must not exceed 1.6 meters including the height of the cartons. ④ NRT1 allows the use of 1.5 meter tall or less pallets.
Stacking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Merchandise must not overhang the pallet edge. ② Use corner boards to help protect and maintain the stability of boxes in transit.
Wrapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① The stretch wrap must completely hold the product to the pallet to prevent shifting during transit. ② Wrapped pallets must have shipping labels placed on all four sides and on the outside of the stretch-wrap. ③ All pallets must be stretch-wrapped in clear plastic with a "Do not break stretch wrap" or "Do not break down" notification in Japanese ("フィルム切開禁止" or "開梱禁止") to alert the carrier.
Other requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Pallets can be returned if you use the pallet rental service of the Japan Pallet Rental Corporation. For details about how to use the service, see this information (Japanese). ② Note that you may be requested to unload upon arrival at Amazon fulfillment centers.

To learn how to generate shipping labels and more details on shipment preprocessing

Sellers in the US marketplace can click this link to go to the [help page](#)

Sellers in European marketplaces can click this link to go to the [help page](#)

Sellers in the Japan marketplace can click this link to go to the [help page](#)

- **Shipment label**

A shipping label is a label placed on the outside of a carton and has a shipment ID¹: FBAXXXXXX. If there are multiple boxes of the same shipment ID, the suffixes U001 and U002 will be added after the shipment ID to distinguish them. Each box or pallet you ship to an Amazon fulfillment center must be properly identified with a shipment ID label. Wrapped pallets must have shipment labels placed on all four sides on the outside of the stretch wrap.

After you decide what you'll be shipping to Amazon and determine the appropriate **shipping method** and **carrier** to use, it's time for labeling and packaging. Small parcel deliveries consist of units packed in individual boxes, and each box is individually labeled for delivery. Follow these guidelines when labeling your boxes:

Requirement	Details
Print labels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Print the full set of labels and do not photocopy, reuse, or modify labels for use on additional boxes. ② For sellers in the Japan marketplace, there are two types of shipping labels: 6 labels per A4 sheet and 1 label per A4 sheet. The 1 label per sheet type is for integrated carrier use.
Print size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Labels supported measure 3-1/3 × 4 inches. ② If you have a thermal printer, you now also have the option to print directly on 4 × 6 inches format by selecting Thermal printing paper in the box and pallet label printing options.
Label face	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Do not place labels on a seam or opening on the box as they will be damaged when the box is opened. ② Place both the FBA box ID label and the carrier label on a flat surface of the box so the barcodes don't fold over the edges or corners.
Do not cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① The FBA box ID label and carrier label must remain uncovered so that they are scannable and readable. ② The tape used to seal the box should not cover the shipment labels.
Special FBA labels	Each box you include in the shipment must have its own FBA Box ID label printed from your Shipping Queue.
Placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① If you're shipping multiple case packs in a larger box, apply the FBA label on the primary carton. ② Each pallet you send requires four pallet labels, one on the top center of each side. ③ Place shipment labels no closer than 1.25 inches from any edge of the box.

If you sell in the US, you can print shipment labels within the [Shipment Creation Workflow](#). If you have already created your shipment, you can access your shipment from the Shipping Queue.

If you sell in Europe or the UK, you can click [Shipment Creation Workflow](#) and [Shipping Queue](#).

If you sell in Japan, you can click [Shipment Creation Workflow](#) and [Shipping Queue](#) for access and actions.

- **FBA box ID label**



- **Provide box content information**

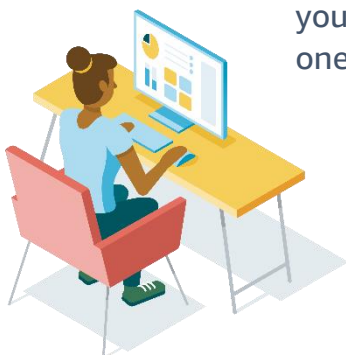
Every box you send to a fulfillment center requires **accurate box content information**. This information allows the fulfillment center to receive your shipment more quickly and make your inventory available for sale sooner.

If you do not provide box content information, Fulfillment by Amazon (FBA) will assess a fee to manually process the contents of each box. You can provide box content information to Amazon during the shipment creation process either through Seller Central or [Amazon Marketplace Web Service](#).

- **How to provide box content information**

The methods available for providing box content information depend on your **shipment type** (everything in one box, one SKU per box, more than one SKU per box (more than 15 boxes or total 15 boxes or less)):

- [Enter this information into the web form in Seller Central](#)
- [Upload an Excel-format or tab-delimited file to Seller Central](#)
- [Affix a 2D barcode with box content information to each box](#) (this option is available for shipments created in Seller Central and Amazon Marketplace Web Service)
- [Upload an XML file via Amazon Marketplace Web Service](#)



The above links are for the US store. If you need more information, you can click on the links to view the [help page](#).

Sellers in Europe or the UK can click here to go to the [help page](#).

Sellers in Japan can click here to go to the [help page](#).

- **Pallet labeling**

The following pallet labels must be posted on all sides of a pallet. There are 4 pallet labels, similar to the shipping label described above.

- 1 Place a shipping label on each of the four sides of the pallet and a notification in Japanese stating "Do not break stretch wrap" or "Do not break down" on the outside of the clear stretch wrap to alert the carrier.
- 2 Affix an FBA shipping label in the center near the top on each side of each pallet and on each box on the pallet.
- 3 Place the labels squarely (not on an angle) on each of the four sides of the pallet and do not cross the box seam so that the forklift driver can see them when approaching with the forklift.
- 4 Label the pallet "Single ASIN pallet" if it contains only one ASIN.
- 5 When you ship multiple SKUs on a pallet, separate the SKUs so they are easy to tell apart when they are received at the fulfillment center. See the special pallet label requirements below:

Label	Applicable to
Team Lift	23 kg boxes (50 lb.) in the US and 15 kg boxes in Europe and Japan.
Mech Lift	Boxes over 45 kg (100 lb.) in the US, 23 kg in Europe, and 30 kg in Japan
Mixed SKU	Pallets and boxes that contain more than one type of sellable unit (different SKU or condition)
Carton number XX, total X boxes	When shipping multiple boxes in one shipment, number each box and fill in the total number of boxes
Sold as a set	Sellable units that consist of multiple products that are intended to be sold as a single SKU. Whenever possible, wrap units belonging in a set together within the box to prevent them from being separated.

- 6 Indicate the number of box labels that you will need (one per box) and print them using a laser printer. Do not use inkjet printers as barcodes may become not scannable due to the ink smudging or running.

Tip:

Sellers in the US marketplace should be aware of the following:

- When sending your shipment to a local fulfillment center under the [Amazon Freight program](#), there are additional sets of Amazon carrier pallet ID labels required.
- Each set of Amazon carrier pallet ID labels is unique and must be applied with your FBA shipping labels.
- When loading the trailer and placing the pallet, you must ensure that the Amazon carrier label and FBA shipping label attached to the pallet face the trailer door.

For more information on shipment labeling requirements, see the links for the different marketplaces below:

[Shipping label requirements \(US\)](#)

[Shipping label requirements \(Europe\)](#)

[Shipping label requirements \(Japan\)](#)

2.3.4 FBA labeling services

- **FBA Label Service**

For eligible products that require a barcode label, you can have Amazon apply those barcode labels for you for a per-item fee.

- **Benefits of the FBA Label Service**



Saves time and costs for printing and applying labels



Avoids delayed listing due to non-compliance with printing requirements



Makes using your own inventory and tracking products easier later on



- **FBA Label Service costs**

- \$0.55 per-item in the US
- £0.15 per envelope item, £0.25 per package item, and £0.35 per oversized item in Europe; ¥51 per larger item and ¥20 per item for small and standard-sized items in Japan

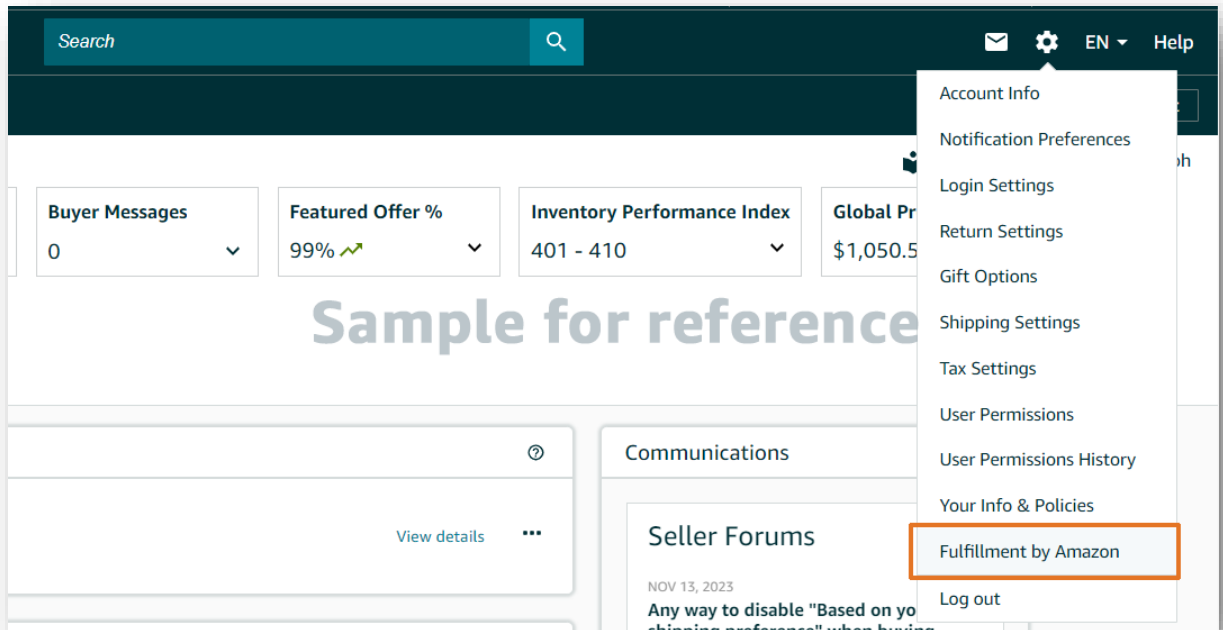
- **Products eligible for the FBA Label Service**

Products eligible for the FBA Label Service	
Item condition	Any (new, used, collectible, refurbished)
Product type	Any (media and non-media)
Other requirements	Not a prohibited, restricted, or high-value item. If in Japan, not an oversized item
Barcode requirements	Have a single scannable barcode (GCID, UPC, EAN, JAN, or ISBN) that corresponds to an ASIN in Amazon's online catalog.
Amazon will, at our sole discretion, determine which products meet the eligibility requirements for the FBA Label Service. We reserve the right to disqualify products from this service that otherwise meet the above requirements.	
If the item does not have an eligible manufacturer barcode, the seller must affix an Amazon barcode to the product.	

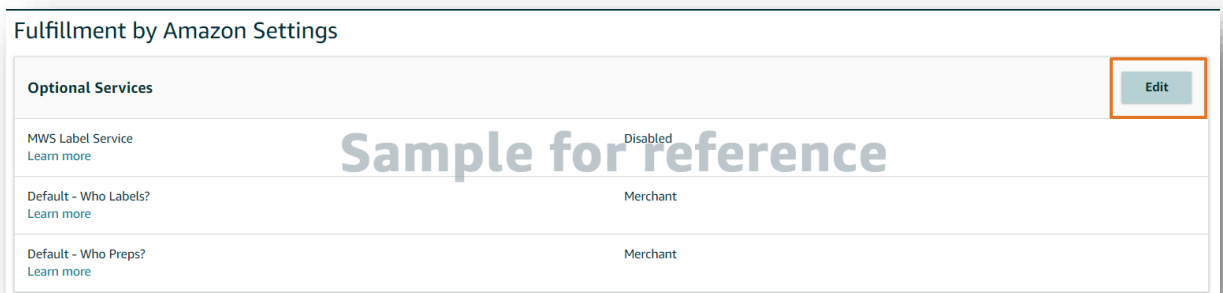
- **Selecting the FBA Label Service**

You can change your FBA Label Service option in your FBA settings.

- Step one, log in to Seller Central and click FBA under Settings



- Step two, find Optional Services and click Edit



- Step three, under Who labels? select Amazon to sign up for the FBA Label Service, or select Seller to cancel enrollment

Optional Services

MWS Label Service Learn more	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enable <input type="radio"/> Disable
Web Services - Default Labeling Preference	<input type="radio"/> FBA should label my items, however I will label items as necessary <input checked="" type="radio"/> I will label my items <input type="radio"/> FBA should label my items and reject items that cannot be labeled
Default - Who Labels? Learn more	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Merchant <input type="radio"/> Amazon
Default - Who Preps? Learn more	<input type="radio"/> Merchant <input checked="" type="radio"/> Amazon

Cancel Update

- Lastly, click Update

Optional Services

MWS Label Service Learn more	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Enable <input type="radio"/> Disable
Web Services - Default Labeling Preference	<input type="radio"/> FBA should label my items, however I will label items as necessary <input checked="" type="radio"/> I will label my items <input type="radio"/> FBA should label my items and reject items that cannot be labeled
Default - Who Labels? Learn more	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Merchant <input type="radio"/> Amazon
Default - Who Preps? Learn more	<input type="radio"/> Merchant <input checked="" type="radio"/> Amazon

Cancel Update

- **Things to know about FBA Prep Service**



- For products that Amazon preps, you will be charged the applicable FBA Prep Service fees based on the services provided. Fees vary for products of different sizes. The prep services that we perform for your products are determined at Amazon's sole discretion.



- Your qualifying units may be divided into multiple shipments.
- If Amazon preps your products, the FBA Label Service may be included automatically for select products, and you will be charged the corresponding fee.
- Amazon may discontinue the FBA Prep Service at any time.

Tip:

If you decide to use the FBA Prep Service, ensure that each unit has a scannable barcode (ISBN, UPC, EAN, or JAN). The unit's barcode must not be punched out, marked over, covered, or otherwise obstructed.

For more information on how to enroll in Prep Service and how to select who preps and who labels, click this [help page](#) for the US, this [help page](#) for Europe, and this [help page](#) for Japan.

Tip:

Important: The new setting is applied to shipments that you create after you change your preference. If you want the new setting to apply to a shipment that you're currently working on, you must delete the shipment and create a new one.

- **FBA Prep Service**

There are FBA Packaging and Prep Requirements for products you ship and store in fulfillment centers. Correct packaging and prep helps to reduce delays in receiving time, protect your products while in Amazon fulfillment centers, and create a better customer experience. Use the FBA Prep Service to have Amazon provide proper packaging and prep services for the products you ship.

- **What are the requirements to use the FBA Prep Service?**

Product requirements for Prep Service	
Item condition	Any (new, used, collectible, refurbished)
Product type	Any (media ¹ and non-media)
ASIN	Each unit must have a scannable barcode (ISBN, UPC, EAN, or JAN). The unit's barcode must not be punched out, marked over, covered, or otherwise obstructed.
Item size (Japan only)	Small, standard, or large (oversized not allowed)

1. Media products (BMVD) refer to any book, magazine, or other publication, audio or video material, or other media product in any format.

2.4 Send stock to an Amazon fulfillment center

The process by which a seller ships product to an Amazon fulfillment center is called first-mile logistics. In this chapter, you will learn about shipping container packing requirements and related processes for first-mile logistics.

2.4.1 Commonly used transit methods for first-mile logistics

Currently, the most common methods of first-mile transit include express delivery, sea, and air. See the brief description below for each:



Express delivery

Express packages are delivered quickly with excellent service at a premium price. Common logistics carriers include UPS, DHL Express, and FedEx.



Sea transport

Ships are used to transport goods between ports in different countries and regions via sea lanes. Sea transport includes **full container** and **less than container loads**.

- **Full container load** (FCL) means that there is only one shipper for an entire container of goods, and the shipper is responsible for packing, counting, stacking, and sealing the cargo. Common international standard container sizes are 20'GP, 40'GP, 40'HQ, and 45'HQ.
- **Less than container load** (LCL) means that the goods are consigned by a shipper as a small shipment within a container. The goods are sorted by an agent (or carrier), and goods sent to the same destination are aggregated into a certain quantity and packed into a container.



Air transport

A mode of transit that uses an airplane to transport goods.

Sellers can use the information and suggestions found at the links below to choose the shipping method that suits their needs:

[Cross-border e-commerce logistics guide \(US\)](#)

[Cross-border e-commerce logistics guide \(Europe\)](#)

[Cross-border e-commerce logistics guide \(Japan\)](#)

Amazon also offers the Amazon Global Logistics service. Use the links below to learn more about the service:

[Amazon Global Logistics preparation guide \(US\)](#)

[Amazon Global Logistics preparation guide \(Europe\)](#)

[Amazon Global Logistics preparation guide \(Japan\)](#)

2.4.2 Shipping container requirements

If you choose to ship your products by sea, then you will use containers to load your products. In sea transportation, choosing the right container can avoid loss of your products during transit and also improves the storage efficiency of your products.

Tip:

As a carrier, you can send your inventory to Amazon fulfillment centers in the US, UK, Germany, France, Italy, and Spain with a **full container load (FCL)**, **less than container load (LCL)**, and **air freight** provided by Amazon Global Logistics. For more information, see [Global Shipping Services](#).



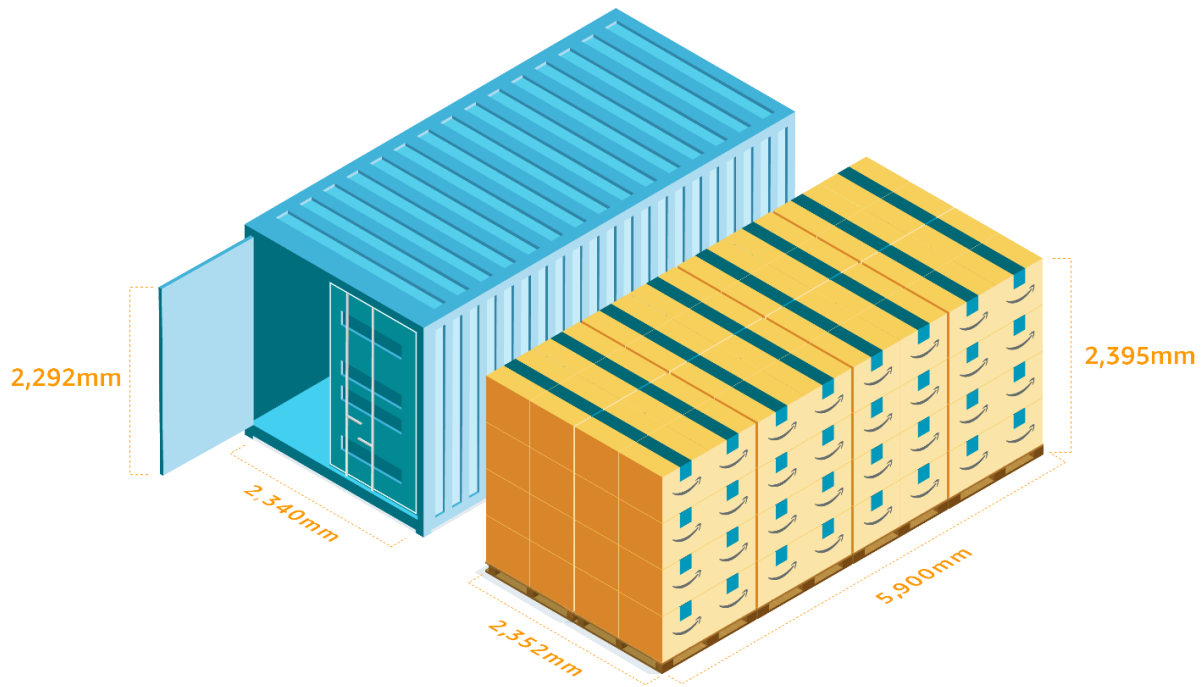
(example of a container)

You can learn more about the specifications and dimensions of several internationally standardized containers in the next few pages.

- **Container specifications**

- **20' Standard**

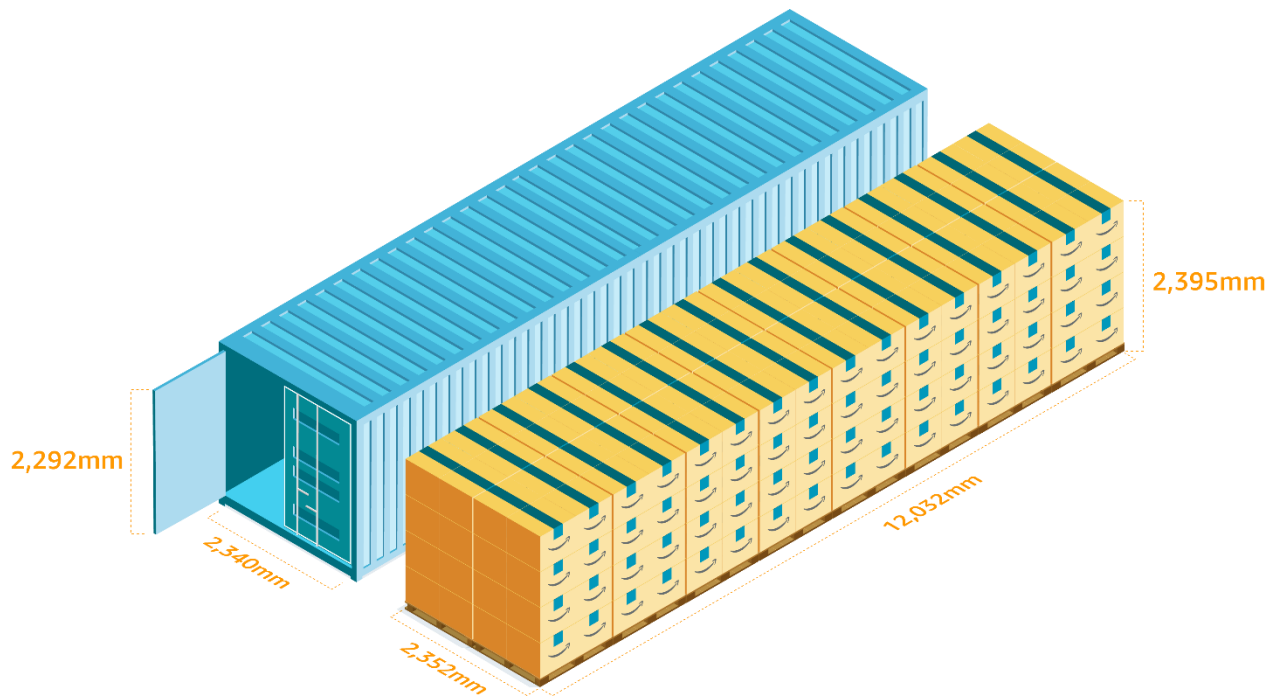
- ① The smallest dry container with a payload as high as **28.3 tons**
 - ② The total capacity as high as **33 cubic meters (1,170 cubic feet)**
 - ③ Measures **20' × 8' × 8.6'**



Description	Imperial	Metric
Max payload	62,390 lb.	28,300 kg
Dimensions	20'×8'×8'6"	20'×8'×8'6"
Capacity	1,165	33 m ³
Door opening width	7' 8-1/8"	2,340 mm
Door opening height	7' 6-1/4"	2,292 mm
Internal length	19' 4-1/4"	5,900 mm
Internal width	7' 8-5/8"	2,352 mm
Internal height	7' 10-1/4"	2,395 mm
Max gross	67,200 lb.	30,480 kg
Tare	5,030 lb.	2,180 kg

- **40' Standard**

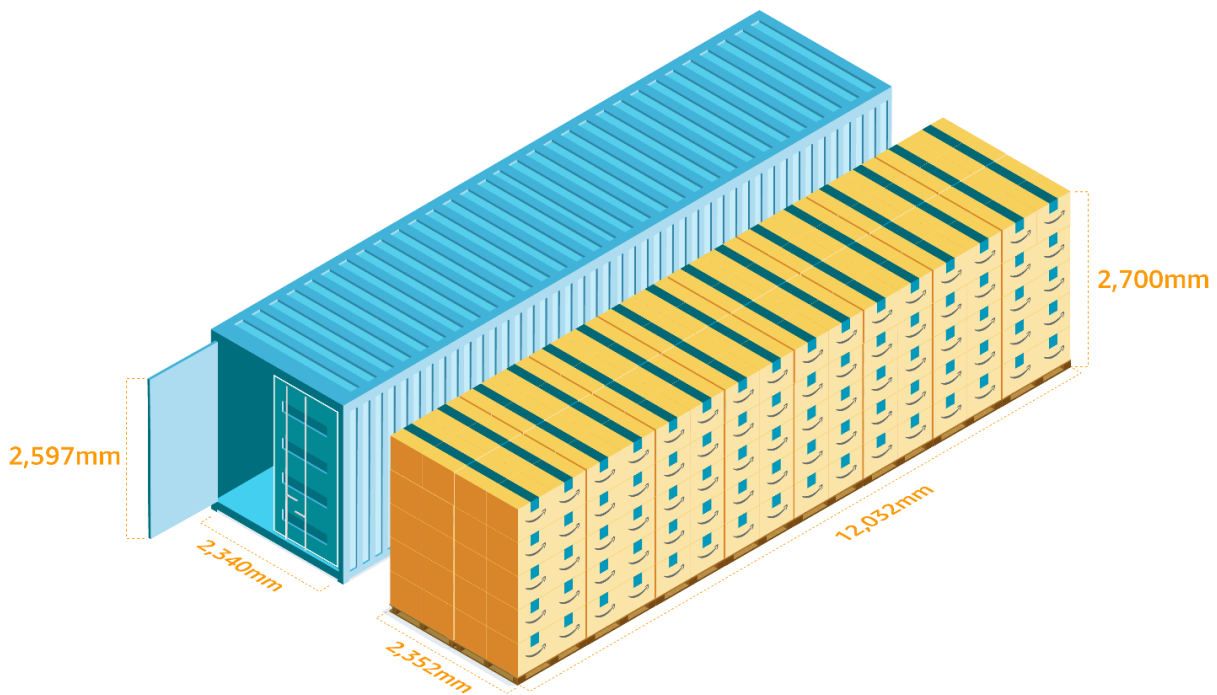
- ① Twice the length of a 20' container and capable of carrying up to **28.8 tons**
- ② The total capacity is **67 m³ (2,390 ft.³)**
- ③ Measures **20' × 8' × 8.6'**



Description	Imperial	Metric
Max payload	61,220 lb.	27,770 kg
Dimensions	20' × 8' × 8'6"	20' × 8' × 8'6"
Capacity	2,390	67 m ³
Door opening width	7' 8-1/8"	2,340 mm
Door opening height	7' 6-1/4"	2,292 mm
Internal length	39' 5-11/16"	12,032 mm
Internal width	7' 8-5/8"	2,352 mm
Internal height	7' 10-1/4"	2,395 mm
Max gross	71,650 lb.	32,500 kg
Tare	8,024 lb.	3,640 kg

- **40' High Cube**

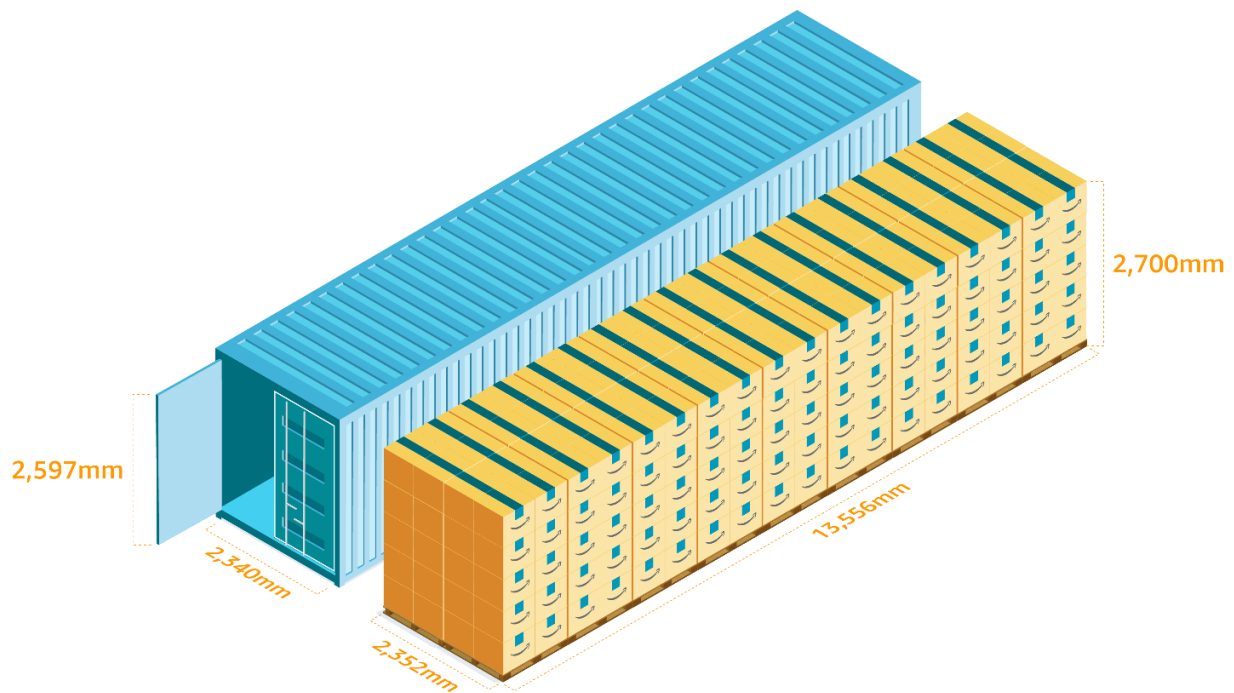
- ① Its basic features are the same as a 40' standard container, but the interior space is slightly higher. The maximum payload of **28.6 tons** is the same
- ② Provides **76 cubic meters (2,700 cubic feet)** of total capacity
- ③ Measures **40'x8'x9'6"** and is the most common dry container.



Description	Imperial	Metric
Max payload	63,250 lb.	28,690 kg
Dimensions	40'x8'x9'6"	40'x8'x9'6"
Capacity	2,700	76 m ³
Door opening width	7' 8-1/8"	2,340 mm
Door opening height	8' 6-1/4"	2,597 mm
Internal length	39' 5-2/3"	12,032 mm
Internal width	7' 8-5/8"	2,352 mm
Internal height	8' 10-1/4"	2,700 mm
Max gross	71,650 lb.	32,500 kg
Tare	8,400 lb.	3,810 kg

- **45' High Cube**

- ① The largest dry steel container with a greater height and length than a standard container, with a total capacity of **85 m³ (3,036 ft.³)**
- ② The max payload is up to **27.7 tons**
- ③ Measures **45'×8'×9.6'**



Description	Imperial	Metric
Max payload	60,957 lb.	27,650 kg
Dimensions	45'×8'×9'6"	45'×8'×9'6"
Capacity	3,036	85 m ³
Door opening width	7' 8-1/8"	2,340 mm
Door opening height	8' 6-1/4"	2,597 mm
Internal length	44' 5-5/8"	13,556 mm
Internal width	7' 8-5/8"	2,352 mm
Internal height	8' 10-1/4"	2,700 mm
Max gross	71,650 lb.	32,500 kg
Tare	10,692 lb.	4,850 kg

2.4.3 Choosing a load type (US as an example)

After choosing your ideal container size, you also need to choose the load type that best meets your needs. Common load types include fluid floor loading, clamp truck shipment, and pallet preparation. Following are details about each:

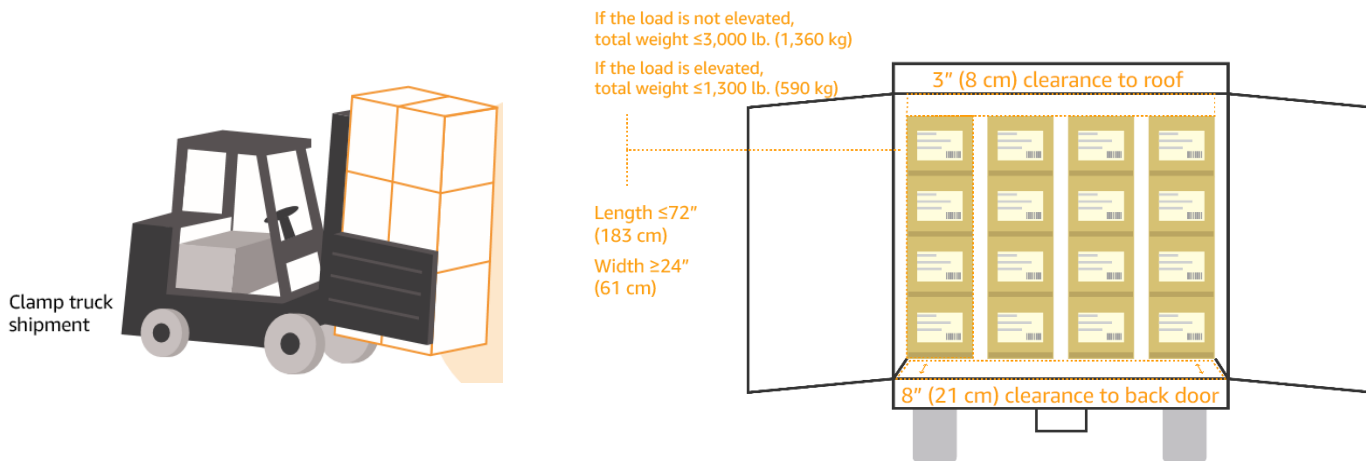
- **Fluid floor loading**

Fluid floor loaded containers contain boxes stacked from the floor of the container without the use of pallets.

Requirements for fluid floor loading	
Cargo requirements	Send only standard sized (sortable) ASINs.
Size and weight requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do not allow individual unit sizes to exceed 18" × 14" × 8" (45 cm × 35 cm × 20 cm) for standard size ASINs. They must also not weigh more than 9 kg (20 lb.). If you have oversized units, prepare them on pallets or have them clamp truck enabled. Place individual units in boxes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boxes shipped to a Sortable Fulfillment Center (standard size products) must measure less than 25" (64 cm) on each side. Oversized products can be placed in larger boxes.
Stacking requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Stack boxes into columns. Do not force boxes into spaces that are smaller than the box size, to prevent difficulty during the unload process.
Shipment fixing requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Secure all shipments properly using load bars/straps. Boxes must not be bundled together with any kind of straps, zip ties, tape, etc. It is the shipper's and the carrier's responsibility to ensure that shipments are loaded into a trailer in a manner that prevents the load from shifting during transit.
Dunnage requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dunnage should be used to ensure stability, using only large dunnage, such as air cushions, corrugated paper, full sheets of paper, foam sheets, or bubble wrap. Do not use any type of loose dunnage, such as polystyrene foam peanuts, styrofoam, or shredded paper.
Gap requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Different loading methods have different requirements for space at the top. For loose packing, try to keep at least 15 cm between the top row of cartons and the top of the container to facilitate unloading. Try to leave at least 8 inches (21 cm) between the last row of cartons and the container's doors to place the loading and unloading ramp.

• **Clamp truck shipments**

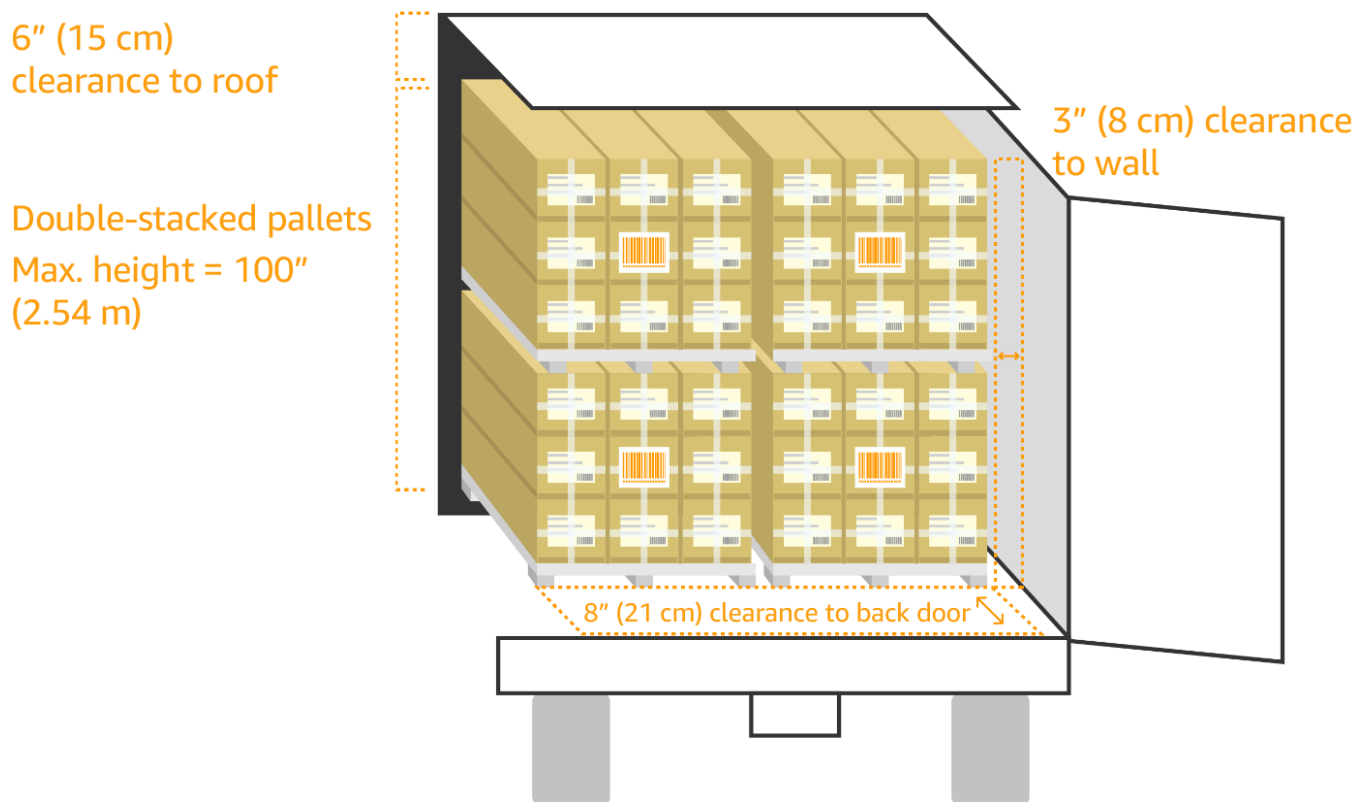
Clamp Truck Shipments are special floor loaded shipments received by both Sortable FCs (standard size products) and Non Sortable FCs (oversized products).



Requirements for clamp truck shipments	
Size and weight requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure columns are a minimum of 24" (61 cm) wide and no more than 72" (183 cm) long to accommodate minimum and maximum clamp truck restrictions. Column heights may vary. If the load is not elevated, the total weight of a column must not exceed 3,000 lb. (1,360 kg). If the load is elevated (such as a double stacked load), the total weight of the a column must not exceed 1,300 lb. (590 kg).
Stacking requirements	Arrange each column tier to be uniform and aligned relative to the other tiers on the column base so that all four sides of the freight column stack can be safely "squeezed" by the clamp. Column heights may vary.
Shipment fixing requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Secure all shipments properly using load bars/straps. Boxes must not be bundled together with any kind of straps, zip ties, tape, etc. When leaving space, make sure boxes don't shift or fall when the container door is opened.
Dunnage requirements	During transit, air cushions can be used to ensure stability between the boxes and between the stacks and wall, or non-metal straps, or a safety net to prevent the load from shifting or falling.
Gap requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> We recommend allowing for at least 3" (8 cm) of clearance from the top of the box stack to the container roof. Stack boxes into columns with at least 3" (8 cm) of space between container stacks. Allow for at least 3" (8 cm) between container stacks and walls during transit by using air bags to ensure stability. Allow for at least 8" (21 cm) of clearance from the last row of cartons to container doors to engage a dock leveler.

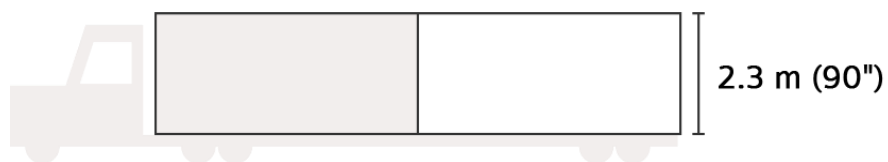
- **Loading palletized shipments into containers**

Packing requirements for palletized shipments	
Size and weight requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Build pallets up to a maximum of 72" (1.82 m) high. ② Gross weight must be less than 1,500 lbs (680 kg). ③ Use double-stacked pallets only when they are safe to load and unload and will not cause product damage during transit. Build double-stacked pallets up to a maximum of 100" (2.54 m) high. ④ Ensure each box maximum gross weight does not exceed 50 lbs (23 kg) unless the single unit weighs more than 50 lbs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For single heavy units between 50 lbs (23 kg) and 100 lbs (45 kg) attach a label that clearly indicates "Team Lift" to all cartons. • For single heavy units above 100 lbs (45 kg) attach a label that clearly indicates "Mech Lift."
Palletization requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Use 40" × 48" (1.02 m × 1.22 m), 4-way access, wood pallets. ② If a single, large unit cannot fit on a 40 × 48 in. pallet without overhanging the edges, use a pallet size and type that is suitable for the unit. ③ Use pallets compliant with GMA grade B or higher, and only wood material (lumber, plywood, composite, etc.).
Labeling requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Place shipment labels on all four sides of the pallet on the outside of the stretch-wrap. ② Stack only one ASIN per pallet, whenever quantities allow. Label pallet "Single ASIN Pallet" for those pallets with only one ASIN.
Stacking requirements	When pallets are used in a truckload shipment, the pallets should be staggered. Pallets should be arranged in two directions: the 48-inch side running along the width of the trailer and the 40-inch side running along the length of the trailer. This balances space utilization and cargo stability.
Fixing requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Use corner boards to help protect and maintain the stability of boxes in transit. ② Stretch-wrap pallets in clear plastic. Do not use black or opaque stretch-wrap.
Gap requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① We recommend allowing at least 6" (15 cm) of clearance from the top of the pallets to the container roof. ② Try to allow for at least 3" (8 cm) between container stacks. ③ Allow for at least 8" (21 cm) of clearance from the last row of cartons to container doors to engage a dock leveler.



Now that you have a basic understanding of containers and load types, you also need to keep in mind the following precautions before sending your shipment:

- Use containers with an internal height of at least **2.31 m (90")**.

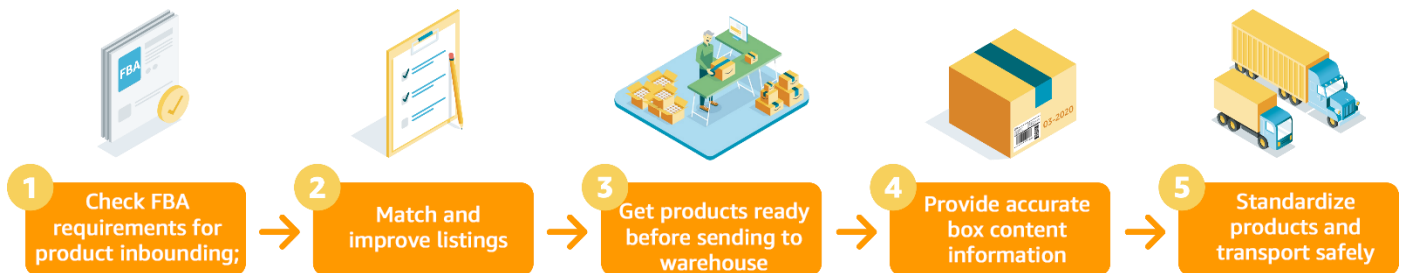


- When you rent a container, make sure that the bottom plate of the container is well-maintained, safe, and free of any obstructions or damage such as holes.
- The container floor must be able to withstand a fully laden pallet jack.
- Due to safety concerns, the use of containers with uneven or corrugated floors (such as in refrigerated containers) is not permitted.

2.5 Essentials of FBA inbounding

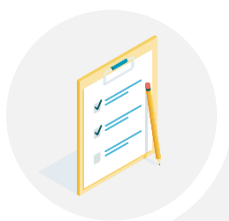
2.5.1 Five essentials for FBA inbounding

You've gained a good understanding of FBA prep work from the forgoing material. Following are five essentials for FBA inbounding that will help you master the process and smoothly get your shipments into storage.



Check FBA requirements for product inbounding

1. Check if the product complies with FBA listing restrictions
2. Check the quantity limits for your products and available capacity
3. Keep up to date with the latest policy notices on FBA warehousing restrictions



Match and improve listings

After confirming that the products can enter the warehouse, check whether information such as product ID, category, and size is accurate to avoid issues with your listing that results in stranded inventory.

1. Check whether the EAN/UPC matches the ASIN and whether the ASIN matches the FBA code (FNSKU)
2. Complete your listing and fill in important ASIN attributes accurately



Get products ready before sending to warehouse

Amazon fulfillment centers require a separate, clear barcode on the outer packaging to avoid damage to products during long-distance transit and to facilitate identification of product information and proper storage.

- Step 1 Package well
- Step 2 Do a good job of packing the products for shipping
- Step 3 Properly label products



Provide accurate box content information

After getting your products ready, you need to upload a packing slip on Seller Central and tell Amazon **about the contents of each box** so that Amazon can plan for reception and speed up the inbound processing of your products. If you don't provide accurate box content information, Amazon will assess a fee to manually process the contents of each box. This will also delay sales of your inventory.



Standardize products and transport safely

1. Package and palletized shipments in accordance with prep requirements
2. Submit carrier tracking information to improve shipment visibility
3. Choose a reliable carrier to ensure safe transit

2.5.2 FAQs

Listed below are some common issues that arise during FBA shipment prep. Becoming familiar with them will help you avoid common mistakes. Amazon fulfillment centers may reject products that have not been prepared as required. Failure to prep your shipment in accordance with FBA inbound requirements may result in an inbound suspension (processing by FBA warehouse staff will incur additional fees and delay your products from becoming sellable), or the shipment may be rejected.

- **Packaging**

- The size and weight of the shipment exceed the standard and were not handled properly.
- Pallet size and material issues.
- Oversized pallets were used.
- Packaging, lashing, or dunnage are not correct.

Compliant protective materials			
Bubble wrap	Full sheets of paper (heavy kraft paper is best)	Inflatable air pillows	Polyethylene foam sheeting
Non-compliant packaging material			
All types of packing peanuts (including those made of biodegradable material or corn starch)	Foam strips	Crinkle wrap	Shredded paper
Polyester foam pieces	Styrofoam	Tie-down straps	Using nails to fix boxes

- **Labeling**

- The ASIN & FNSKU, shipping label, or pallet labels are missing or not applied correctly.
- Label printing errors, including font size, label material, white space around the label, label size, etc.



- **Container**

- Do not use fluid floor loading with boxes weighing more than 23 kg (US) or 15 kg (Europe, Japan).
- Heavy goods (over 23 kg or 15 kg) and other special products that require a warning label must have a special label.
- Oversized products and boxes must be palletized, unless the goods can be handled with a forklift.
- Stack pallets with adequate space to allow for unloading.
- Always use air cushions, non-metallic straps, or safety nets to secure units, as they may shift and cause damage during transit.

2.6 Explanation of terms used in this chapter

Term	Explanation
Dangerous goods	1. Dangerous goods (also known as hazardous materials or hazmat) are substances or materials that may pose a risk to health, safety, property, or the environment during storage, handling, or transportation because they contain flammable, pressurized, corrosive, or otherwise harmful substances.
Safety Data Sheets (SDS)	A Safety Data Sheet is a comprehensive explanatory document that hazardous chemical production or sales companies provide customers with sixteen categories of information on chemical composition information, physico-chemical parameters, explosiveness, toxicity, environmental hazards, as well as data about safe use, storage, emergency treatment of leaks, and transportation regulations.
ORM-D (other regulated materials (US))	A symbol widely used in the US postal system or shipping to identify other controlled materials transported within the US. Packages marked with this label contain a limited amount of hazardous substances, so they must be packaged and prepared in specific quantities to make them fit or suitable for retail use. Furthermore, the content of hazardous substances in such products must be based on personal use, sufficient only for personal or household use.
FNSKU	FBA's product label code, which is automatically generated when an FBA shipment is created. One FBA product SKU corresponds to one FNSKU.
SKU	Short for Stock Inventory Unit, which is the unit used for stocking. SKUs measure inventory going in and out and can refer to units of pieces, boxes, or pallets.
ASIN	Short for Amazon Standard Identification Number, which is Amazon's own product ID. Amazon automatically generates this ID, so you do not have to worry about adding it yourself. An ASIN code is equivalent to a unique product ID and is unique within the Amazon platform, and one ASIN corresponds to one SKU.
Pallet	Pallets are important handling, storage, and transportation equipment in logistics operations. They are generally used with a forklift, which can greatly increase logistics efficiency.
Less-than-truckload (LTL)	Less-than-truckload (LTL) means that the weight, volume, or shape of a batch of goods does not fill the entire vehicle. Two other conditions must also be met: the minimum volume of a single item must not be less than 0.02 cubic meters (except for a single item with a weight of 10 kg or more), and the number of items in each batch must not exceed 300 pieces.
Full truckload (FTL)	Full truckload (FTL) means that a single shipment of goods is at least 3 tons, or if less than 3 tons, the weight, volume, or shape of the goods requires a truck of 3 tons or more for transit.

Term	Explanation
Item condition	A description of the current state of the product, such as new, renewed, rental, used, etc. Click to see more about product condition information.
GS1	Short for Globe Standard 1, this is an organization established by the United States Uniform Code Council in 1973. The system has a global labeling standard system and information exchange standard system for goods, transportation units, assets, locations, and services across industries, so that products can be scanned and read all over the world.
Serial number barcode	Serial number barcodes, also called SN or serial numbers, are the unique codes for the same type of numbered product. They are widely used for mobile phones, digital products, and in other industries. They are used to identify equipment, track and record product production, sales, circulation, and after-sales service to more accurately manage these processes.
Shipment ID	Amazon shipment ID.
Media product	Abbreviated as BMVD, this refers to any book, magazine, or other publication, audio or video material, or other media product in any format.
PO	A purchase order is an order issued by the purchasing department of an enterprise to suppliers of raw materials, parts, office supplies, etc.
Adhesive paper	High-strength white paper is used as the base paper, coated with an adhesive to become adhesive paper, which is used to print labels.
Thermal printer paper	A type of high-quality paper that has a thermal coating layer (a layer that discolors with the application of heat) and often used to make trademarks.