

INTERMODAL MYTHCONCEPTIONS:

McBusted!



MYTH: Intermodal is plagued with long transit times

TRUTH: False! Intermodal transit times have drastically improved over the past 15 years, typically at truck transit plus one day. Some lanes even have expedited services w/ equal transit time to OTR.

DID YOU KNOW: Even when freight is interlined between two railroads, transit times only increase 1-2 days. Oftentimes, transit times don't increase at all!

MYTH: Rail carriers are not reliable

TRUTH: Railroads have invested billions to increase capacity, advance technology, and train employees. Intermodal can now pride itself on 98% on time delivery as well as handling the bulk of major retailers time critical big box shipments.



MYTH: Loss and damage are frequent with intermodal



TRUTH: This is completely false, in fact, there is less loss and damage with intermodal than OTR. The reasons for this are simple, less time on the road: less accidents; less chance of theft; less chance of "stop offs". In addition, billions have been spent improving the infrastructure of railroads to reduce the risk of damage.

MYTH: I can't ship as much product, so it's not worth it

TRUTH: While intermodal weight maximum is slightly less than OTR max, between 42,500 and 44,000lbs. By being aware of the guidelines for weight and volume of railroad and steamship line containers, shippers can uncover a 15%-18% savings, without creating product shortages or jeopardizing JIT deliveries. Read more about weight in our "Intermodal Weight and Size Guide"!

