

What is Stowability and Why Does it Matter to a Carrier?

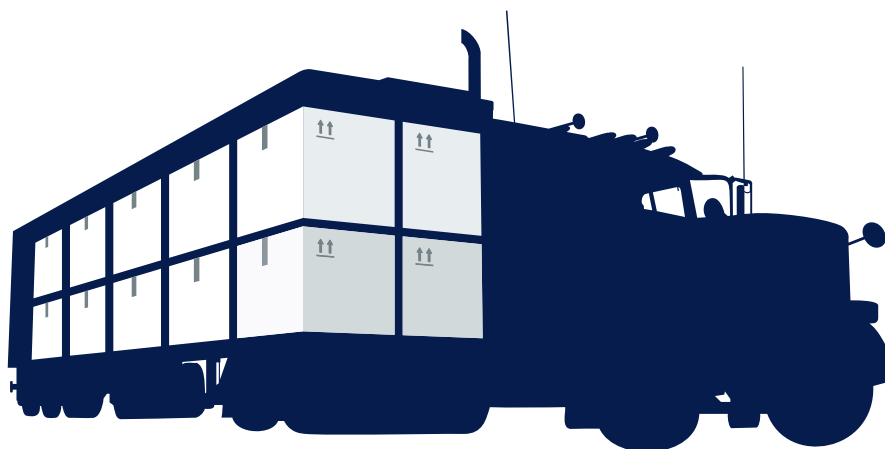
Stowability refers to how well an item fits into a trailer during transport based on its dimensions, or size and shape. If your freight is difficult to stow with other items in a shipment, this can raise the freight classification.

Additionally, items that are under government regulation or are subject to certain carrier policies may not be able to ship with other items. Basically, anything that limits freight storage options results in a higher freight class.

Less-than-Truckload (LTL) Shipment Examples:

LTL trailers are loaded with pallets from individual shippers, who pay based on the dimensional space of their goods.

Ideal trailer: Each shippers' pallets are perfectly stacked and require no extra space.



Challenging trailer: Oddly shaped pallets make maximizing space challenging for carriers and could lead to potential risks.

