

# Requirements for Shipping Scrap Steel by Rail



*Following the guidance below for loading scrap steel is essential to maintaining a safe operation and protecting customers, railroad employees and surrounding personal and public property.*

## **AAR Loading Figure 87, Section 2 Scrap, Metal, Loose and Baled – Gondolas**

**Loose Scrap** - Metal must be below top of car sides and ends of the car at any point of the load.

**Light Scrap** - Metal loaded 12 in. below top of car sides and ends requires no securement or covering.

**Baled Scrap** - Extending above car sides and ends must engage car sides, ends and adjacent bales by minimum of 50% of bale.

**Violations** - Shipments found in violation are subject to being reworked at the customer's expense.

### **Not Acceptable**

#### **Product above side of railcar**



### **Acceptable**

#### **Product below railcar sides**



## **Resources**

- Union Pacific Shipment Quality – [Securing Your Shipment](#)
- Association of American Railroads – [Open Top Loading Rules Library](#)
- Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI) – [Website Link](#)