

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	 Acceptable
<p>Product above side of railcar</p> 	<p>Product below railcar sides</p> 

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](#)