

What Are the Different Rail Car Types?

See what rail equipment looks like and learn what each rail car type carries.

AUTORACK



What autoracks carry:

Finished vehicles, including cars, electric vehicles, trucks and SUVs.

BOXCAR



What boxcars carry:

Boxcars can carry a wide variety of crated or palletized freight, including paper, lumber, packaged goods, beverages and (shocker) boxes.

CENTERBEAM



What centerbeams carry:

Bundled goods like lumber, wallboard, fence posts and other building supplies.

COVERED HOPPER



What covered hoppers carry:

Free-flowing dry bulk commodities like cement, roofing granules, sand, corn, wheat, barley, fertilizer, soda ash, sugar and rice.

COIL CAR



What coil cars carry:

Coil cars are designed for products like coiled steel, steel plate or high-grade ores.

FLATCAR



What flatcars carry:

Pipe, rail, steel plate, machinery, steel beams, tractors, military vehicles, lumber, poles and logs.

GONDOLA



What gondolas carry:

Pipe, rail, steel plate, machinery, steel beams, tractors, military vehicles, lumber, poles and logs.

INTERMODAL EQUIPMENT



What intermodal equipment carries:

A wide variety of goods, from apparel to electronics to refrigerated products and much more.

OPEN-TOP HOPPER



What open-top hoppers carry:

Coal, petroleum coke, sand, rock and copper concentrate.

REFRIGERATED BOXCAR



What refrigerated boxcars carry:

Perishable freight, like fresh fruits, vegetables, frozen food, beverages, meat, poultry, seafood, cheese and other refrigerated shipments.

TANK CAR



What tank cars carry:

Compressed or liquid commodities, like chemicals, molasses, edible tallow, water, asphalt, diesel fuel and diesel exhaust fluid (DEF).

WELL CAR



What well cars carry:

Intermodal containers, which can hold a wide variety of goods.

Which rail car type would you choose to safely ship your product?

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