

The Pros and Cons of Shipping by

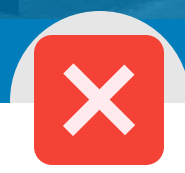
TRUCK

Truck is the most common mode of transport in the U.S. and provides quick delivery of shipments traveling short distances.



PROS

- Cost effective for short distances
- Provides door-to-door pickup and delivery
- Extensive market reach, even to remote areas



CONS

- Carrying capacity limited by truck size and weight restrictions
- Susceptible to delays caused by traffic jams, road construction and weather conditions
- Not as environmentally responsible as other modes



COST

For the most part, shipping by truck is considered cost effective, particularly when transporting goods short distances. However, if you have shipments traveling from coast to coast, it might be worth looking at rail or other shipping modes, especially when you consider costs associated with rolling resistance and air friction, which can lead to higher fuel consumption than other modes.



SPEED

Trucks travel at an average speed of about 50 miles per hour (mph), offering quick delivery for short to medium distances. Trucks are also very good at delivering at a precise/specific time. Combining truck and rail allows you to achieve a more efficient and cost effective shipping solution.



CAPACITY

Trucks are great if you have a fairly large amount of goods to ship. However, you are limited a bit depending on the size and weight of your shipment and the capacity of the truck, in addition to federal and state weight requirements.



REACH

Thanks to a government-funded infrastructure across the entire continental U.S., trucking is the only mode that can pick up and deliver door to door almost anywhere – even reaching very remote areas.



SHIPMENT VISIBILITY

Many carriers provide visibility into your shipment's journey. Most trucks are equipped with GPS tracking devices to pinpoint the exact location of your shipment in real time.



RELIABILITY

Barring any major traffic, construction or weather delays, truck shipments – for the most part – are typically reliable and can be expected to arrive within a pre-determined timeframe. On-time performance can exceed 97%.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

While fast for short trips, trucks are much less fuel efficient and contribute to a greater percentage of total greenhouse gas emissions than other shipping modes.