

OPEN DECK TRAILER GUIDE

PROPER HANDLING

FLAT BED

CONESTOGA

STEP DECK

REMOVABLE GOOSE NECK

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PRE SHIPMENT CHECKLIST

Determine Cargo Requirements: Identify the type, size, weight, and special requirements of the cargo being shipped. This information will guide the selection of the appropriate open deck trailer.
Select the Right Trailer Type: Choose the specific open deck trailer type based on the nature of the cargo.
Verify Legal Requirements: Ensure compliance with legal requirements regarding weight limits, cargo securement, and transportation regulations at both the origin and destination.
Secure Necessary Permits: Obtain any required permits for oversized or overweight shipments. This may include state, local, or federal permits, depending on the route and cargo.
Cargo Preparation: Properly secure and package the cargo to prevent damage during transport. Use appropriate tools and equipment for securing items on the open deck.
Load Planning: Develop a detailed load plan, considering weight distribution, center of gravity, and securing methods. Ensure that the load is evenly distributed to maintain stability.
Secure Cargo on the Trailer: Use straps, chains, binders, and other appropriate securement devices to anchor the cargo to the open deck trailer securely. Follow industry best practices for load securement.
Tarping (If Necessary): If transporting goods that are sensitive to weather conditions, such as machinery or sensitive materials, use tarps or other coverings to protect the cargo.
Inspection: Conduct a thorough pre-trip inspection of the open deck trailer, ensuring that all equipment, including lights, brakes, and tires, is in good working condition.
Communication: Maintain open communication with all parties involved, including the shipper, receiver, and the driver, to address any issues and ensure a smooth transport process.

Flatbed Trailer



Weight Capacity

48-53,000 LBS

Use for

Side and top loading freight

Length

45-53'

Length

48-53'



Step	Deck	Trailer

Lumber, steel beams, concrete, construction	machinery, industrial equipment, manufactur
machinery, industrial equipment, manufactur machines, hay bales, pipes, and tubes.	

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Length	Weight Capacity	Top Clearance
48'	48,000 LBS	10'

Top Clearance

8'5"

Use for side and top loading for taller freight

Side and top loading taller freight

ring

machinery, construction equipment, generators, oversized drums and barrels, cranes, compressors, and excavators

Conestoga Trailer

Removable Goose Neck Trailer





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Clearance	Length	Weight Capacity	Top Clearance
8'5"	Main deck: 24'-29' Rear deck: 10'	35,000 LBS	11'6"

Use for

Top

Use for

Weather Protection on freight

44,000 LBS

Cargo with wheels

Grains, feed, produce, fabric rolls, clothing, textiles, boxed consumer goods, electronics, appliances, paper rolls, boxed paper products

Cars, trucks, tractors, combine harvesters, bull dozers, cranes, wind turbine components, mining equipment, bridge beams, railroad cars, and prefabricated sections of structures.