

FR8 : Shipping Containers

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Shipping Containers & Bill Of Lading

The most significant shipping development in the last 40 years or so was the implementation of containerisation. Shipping containers come in standard lengths of 20ft and 40ft (6.1m and 12.2m) and are reasonably varied in their design to accommodate different cargo and loading needs. They range from Open Top containers to Flat Racks, Standard containers to High Cube containers, even half height and tank containers for bulk liquids.

In addition to the usual uses of containers for freight handling, FR8 can offer [containers for sale and hire plus conversion kits](#) for repurposing.

Here are the dimensions for the most commonly used containers.

➤ 20ft General Container

- Internal Length - 5898mm
- Internal Width - 2352mm
- Internal Height - 2392mm
- Door Opening Width - 2340mm
- Door Opening Height - 2278mm
- Max Cargo Weight - 28230Kg
- Check with Load Port and Discharge Port for Maximum local Weight Conditions
- Tare Weight - 2250Kg

➤ 20ft High Cube General Container

- Internal Length - 5898mm
- Internal Width - 2426mm
- Internal Height - 2698mm
- Door Opening Width - 2375mm
- Door Opening Height - 2585mm
- Max Cargo Weight - 27990Kg
- Tare Weight - 2490Kg

➤ 40ft High Cube General Container

- Internal Length - 12031mm
- Internal Width - 2352mm
- Internal Height - 2700mm
- Door Opening Width - 2340mm
- Door Opening Height - 2585mm
- Max Cargo Weight - 26590Kg
- Check with Load Port and Discharge Port for Maximum local Weight Conditions
- Tare Weight - 3890Kg

Other containers available include Flat Racks, Open Tops, Bases, etc.

Shipping documentation and liabilities have evolved over centuries with the result that the Bill Of Lading, the standard document issued as receipt for, and title to the goods, has become quite an onerous document, both on the shipper and shipping line, particularly the clauses on the back of the bill of lading which deserve proper scrutiny.

The most significant clauses on the document (in our experience) cover such events as shipping line liability in the case of cargo loss, general average, shipper responsibilities, payment terms and remedies.

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