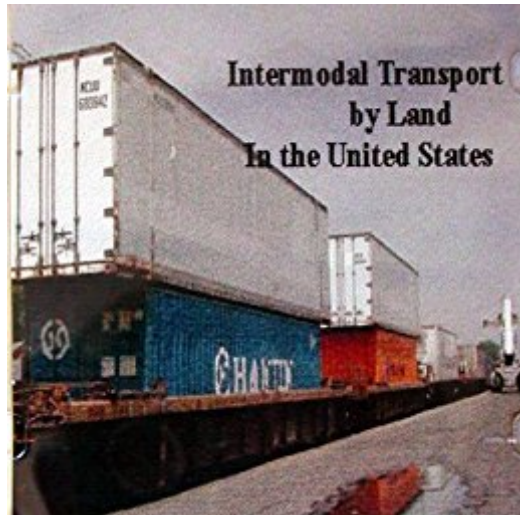


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# Guide To Intermodal Transport In The US



## Synopsis

Transporting freight, whether goods or people by two or more different types of carrier (modes) from one origin to one destination is intermodal transport. Today, world wide, the term intermodal is used to describe freight movements using surface carriers, steamship lines or railroads, to move the greater intermediate distance at their naturally lower costs. At both ends of the transport move more flexible modes, as trucking, are used to pickup and deliver. The term (intermodal transport) is further refined for the great majority of movements to mean freight loaded into truck trailers (semi-trailers) and trailer like vehicles (containers). That focus is what A Guide to Intermodal Transport in the United States is all about. Containers and trailers moving freight that has had a prior or subsequent move via railroad or steamship line. The author had over 50 years experience in freight transport prior to selling his trucking company. This background was totally transport in trucking, railroads, industry and government. While the final 30 years was totally involved intermodally, the prior years had active participation and contribution in the growth of that transport methodology. All of this is reflected in the Guide to Intermodal Transport. There are many aspects of the intermodal business. The book categorizes them into "all" and provides their background and operational usage: Trucking and Intermodal: This Category takes in Markets, Safety, Pricing, Associations, Insurance, Drivers, Computers and Automation as well as providing Reference Tools. The 2004 Hours of Service re-regulation is an "End Piece" to the book. Railroads and Intermodal: Here Concepts and Background, Interchange Agreements, Terminal (Ramp) Operations, Equipment in use and Computer Support is discussed. Steamship Lines: Agreements to Interchange equipment with others, Collection points both at Ports and Inland (Pools), Equipment in use, and Automation are subjects. Equipment: This category provides oversight where all the foregoing modal connections are concerned. Positioning containers and trailers, How Positioning is accomplished, and the Equipment used, are all reviewed. Governmental Involvement: From Certification, Safety and Weight Constraints to a brief on State and Federal concerns. Brokers are a Significant Part of the business: Shipper Agents, Load Finders, Foreign Freight Forwarders, Railroads, Steamship Lines, Motor Carriers, Board Keepers, Logistics Companies as well as the Equipment they may use or control. An Appendix contains a "paper" on Seal Protection, and a thorough Glossary. If you have read this far you have an interest in the business. You will not find a more comprehensive publication of Intermodal Transport and how it works.

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As someone wanting to learn about intermodal shipping I find this book hard to rate. Almost immediately it becomes very detailed and filled with industry terminology that is rarely explained. I'm not sure if it's a great book that I just don't understand, or if it's poorly written. The book layout starts with truck shipping, rail shipping, ocean shipping, equipment, etc... but covers each in extreme depth before moving onto the next topic. So you spend pages reading about the most obscure parts of trucking like how to spot drug use in truck drivers and a step-by-step guide to securing your truck for the night and there are still hundreds of pages before you get to the chapter on equipment. Or very early in the section on ocean liners there are 3 paragraphs on what type of tires should be replaced on equipment and how a driver should dispute how an order is written up by a road service company. This may be good information for a truck driver but for everyone else reading the book it's knowledge they will never need. The amount of time spent on very arcane aspects of intermodal shipping make it hard to decide who the target audience for the book is.

You should definitely try the sample before buying. This book is completely incomprehensible. The author seemingly can't even maintain his train of thought through an entire sentence. A sentence will start off ok, then he adds a comma, followed by some comment which doesn't even make sense

grammatically, much less in the context of the sentence. In addition, he has invented his own unique system for using capitalization and punctuation, which further confuses matters. This was a total waste of money, I've gotten more readable results using Google Translate.

This book is very dry to read. However, if you have any interest in the intermodal industry, the author is very complete in his descriptions. He describes not only the good parts of the industry, but also the day to day operations, the history to show how the industry has evolved, and the challenges associated with the day to day operations. In other words, if your planning to make a living, or investing your own money in this industry, this is a MUST read!!!!

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