## A Guide to Truck Trailers



## Notes:

- Truck trailers can vary significantly depending on the manufacturer and load requirements and the state roadway regulations, make sure to check the state you are in for regulations and guidelines
- This is only a guide, and should not be used as a final word in dock planning
- Be sure to verify incoming freight trailers with the customer to ensure all scenarios are covered


## Standard Freight Trailer



- Used to carry most freight (boxed, crated, palletized, etc)
- Common lengths: 28', 32', 36', 40', 42', 43', 45', 48', 53'
" Common widths: 96" - 102" (8'-8.5')
- Common heights: 12.5' - 13.5'
- Common axle/wheel ratios: 2 axle/8-wheel, heavy loads use 3 axle/12 wheel or 4 axle/ 16 wheel configurations


## Common Dimensions of Standard Truck Trailers

| OVERALL |  |  | INTERIOR |  |  | REAR SWING DOOR |  | CAPACITY <br> (volume) | TARE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Length | Width | Height | Length | Width | Height | Width | Height |  |  |
| $40^{\prime}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 96 " \\ & 96 " \\ & 96 " \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime} \\ & 13^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime} \\ & 13^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 39^{\prime} 6 " \\ & 39^{\prime \prime} 6 " \\ & 39^{\prime \prime} 6 " \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 92.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 92.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 92.5^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 94.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 100.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 106.5^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 92^{\prime \prime} \\ & 92^{\prime \prime} \\ & 92^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 92 " \\ & 98 " \\ & 104 " \end{aligned}$ | $2,398 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ <br> $2,550 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ <br> $2,702 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ | $11,300 \mathrm{lbs}$ <br> $11,400 \mathrm{lbs}$ <br> $11,500 \mathrm{lbs}$ |
| 42' / 43' | $\begin{aligned} & 96 " \\ & 96 " \\ & 96 " \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime} \\ 13^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime} \\ 13^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime} \end{gathered}$ | $\left[\begin{array}{l} 41^{\prime} 6 " / 42^{\prime} 6 " \\ 41^{\prime} 6 " / 42^{\prime} 6 " \\ 41^{\prime} 6 " / 42^{\prime} 6 " \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 92.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 92.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 92.5^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 94.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 100.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 106.5^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 92^{\prime \prime} \\ & 92^{\prime \prime} \\ & 92^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 92^{\prime \prime} \\ & 98 " \\ & 104 " \end{aligned}$ | $2,549 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ $2,711 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ $2,873 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ | $11,800 / 12,000 \mathrm{lbs}$ $11,900 / 12,100 \mathrm{lbs}$ $12,000 / 12,200 \mathrm{lbs}$ |
| 45' | $\begin{aligned} & 96 " \\ & 96 " \\ & 96 " \\ & 102 " \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime} \\ & 13^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime} \\ & 13^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime} \\ & 13^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 44^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime} \\ & 44^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime} \\ & 44^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime} \\ & 44^{\prime} 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 92.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 92.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 92.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 92.5^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 94.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 100.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 106.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 106.5^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 92^{\prime \prime} \\ & 92^{\prime \prime} \\ & 92^{\prime \prime} \\ & 98^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 92^{\prime \prime} \\ & 98^{\prime \prime} \\ & 106 " \\ & 106 " \end{aligned}$ | $2,701 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ $2,873 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ 3,044 cu ft $3,242 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ | $12,400 \mathrm{lbs}$ <br> 12,500 lbs <br> $12,600 \mathrm{lbs}$ <br> $12,950 \mathrm{lbs}$ |
| 48' | $\begin{aligned} & 96 " \\ & 102 " \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime} \\ & 13^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime} \\ & 13^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 477^{\prime \prime} 6 " \\ & 47^{\prime \prime} 6 " \\ & 47^{\prime \prime} 6 " \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 92.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 98.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 98.5^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 106.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 100.625^{\prime \prime} \\ & 108 " \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 92^{\prime \prime} \\ & 98^{\prime \prime} \\ & 98^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 106.5^{\prime \prime} \\ & 100.625^{\prime \prime} \\ & 108 " \end{aligned}$ | $3,250 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ $3,464 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ $3,509 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ | $13,200 \mathrm{lbs}$ $13,500 \mathrm{lbs}$ $13,500 \mathrm{lbs}$ |
| 531 | 102" | 13' 6" | 47' 6" | 98.5" | 107.375" | 94" | 102" | $3,489 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ | 14,400 lbs |
| 48' Wedge | 102" | 13' 6" | 47' 6" | $\begin{aligned} & 98.5 " \\ & 98.5^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | Front 108" <br> Rear 110" | 98" | 110" | 3,542 cu ft | 13,500 lbs |
| 53' Wedge | 102" | 13' 6" | 52' 6" | 98.5" | Front 108" <br> Rear 110" | 98" | 110" | $3,914 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ | 14,400 lbs |

Reefer (Refrigerated) Truck Trailer


Front View
(Note refrigeration unit at top)

Rear View
(Note swing doors

- Reefers are refrigerated by a unit commonly at the front of the trailer and are insulated to transport perishable goods
- Common lengths: $28^{\prime}, 32^{\prime}, 36^{\prime}, 40^{\prime}, 48^{\prime}, 53^{\prime}$
- Common widths: 96"-102" (8'-8.5')
- Common heights: $12.5^{\prime \prime}-13.5^{\prime \prime}$
- Common axle/wheel ratios: 2 axle/8-wheel, heavy loads use 3 axle/12 wheel or 4 axle/ 16 wheel configurations


## Common Dimensions of Reefer Truck Trailers

| TYPE | OVERALL |  |  | INTERIOR |  |  | VOLUME <br> (approximate) | AIRFLOW (approximate) | REFRIGERATION <br> CAPACITY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Length | Width | Height | Length | Width | Height |  |  |  |
| Single or Multi Temp | 28' | 96" | 13' 6" | 27'3' | 90" | 104.5" | $1,780 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,500-3,500 \\ & \mathrm{cfm} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20,000-60,000 \\ & \text { BTU } \end{aligned}$ |
| Single or Multi Temp | $32 '$ | 96" | 13' 6" | 31' ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 90" | 104.5" | 2,040 cu ft | $\begin{aligned} & 2,500-3,500 \\ & \mathrm{cfm} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20,000-60,000 \\ & \text { BTU } \end{aligned}$ |
| Single or Multi Temp | 36 | 96" | 13' 6" | 35' 3 | 90" | 104.5" | 2,300 cu ft | $\begin{aligned} & 2,500-3,500 \\ & \mathrm{cfm} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20,000-60,000 \\ & \text { BTU } \end{aligned}$ |
| Single or Multi Temp | 40' | 96" | 13' 6" | 39'3' | 90" | 104.5" | 2,560 cu ft | $\begin{aligned} & 2,500-3,500 \\ & \mathrm{cfm} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20,000-60,000 \\ & \text { BTU } \end{aligned}$ |
| Single or Multi Temp | 48' | 96" | 13' 6" | 47'3' | 90" | 104.5" | 3,080 cu ft | $\begin{aligned} & 2,500-3,500 \\ & \mathrm{cfm} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20,000-60,000 \\ & \text { BTU } \end{aligned}$ |
| Single or Multi Temp | 53' | 102" | 13' 6" | 52'3" | 97.4" | 104.5" | 3,693 cu ft | $\begin{aligned} & 2,500-3,500 \\ & \mathrm{cfm} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20,000-60,000 \\ & \text { BTU } \end{aligned}$ |

## Container Skeletal Carrier



Top View (Note positioning for $20^{\prime}$ and $40^{\prime}$ containers)

- These trailers are designed to transport international cargo containers that can often range from 20'-45' in length
- Some skeletal containers come in adjustable configurations to accommodate a wide range of containers
- Brackets mounted on the trailer keep the container in place for roadway travel
- Common axle/wheel ratios: 2 axle/8-wheel, heavy loads use 3 axle/12 wheel or 4 axle/ 16 wheel configurations


## Common Dimensions of Container Skeletal Carriers

| OVERALL |  |  | CONTAINER <br> SIZES | TARE | NET <br> CAPACITY | GROSS <br> CAPACITY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Length | Width | Height |  |  |  |  |
| 41.5' | 98" | 51.5" | 20'-40' | $\begin{aligned} & 12,100 \mathrm{lbs} / \\ & 5,500 \mathrm{~kg} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 71,390 \mathrm{lbs} / \\ & 32,450 \mathrm{~kg} \end{aligned}$ | 83,600 lbs / 38,000 kg |

## Platform (Flat Bed) Trailer



Platform Trailer
Rear View

- These trailers are designed to accommodate oversize cargo that wouldn't normally fit into standard sized freight trailers
- Platform trailers are also designed for transporting materials that must be loaded/unloaded from the top or side of the trailer
- Common lengths: $26^{\prime}, 40^{\prime}, 42^{\prime}, 45^{\prime}, 48^{\prime}$


## Common Dimensions of Platform Trailers

| TYPE | OVERALL |  | TARE | WEIGHT <br> CAPACITY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Length | Width |  |  |
| Platform | 26 | 96" | 6,100 lbs. | 50,000-55,000 lbs. |
| Platform | $40^{\prime}$ | 96" | 10,800 lbs. | 50,000-55,000 lbs. |
| Platform | $42^{\prime}$ | 96" | 11,050 lbs. | 50,000-55,000 lbs. |
| Platform | $45^{\prime}$ | 96" | 12,420 lbs. | 50,000-55,000 lbs. |
| Platform | $45^{\prime}$ | 102" | 12,870 lbs. | 50,000-55,000 lbs. |
| Platform | $48^{\prime}$ | 102" | 13,430 lbs. | 50,000-55,000 lbs. |
| Platform | 48' triaxle | 102" | 15,460 lbs. | 50,000-55,000 lbs. |
| Extendible | 40'-65' | 96" | 15,900 lbs |  |
| Extendible | 40'-65' | 102" | 16,500 lbs |  |
| Extendible | 45'-70' | 96" | 16,800 lbs | NOTE: |
| Extendible | 45'-73' | 96"/102" | 16,990/17,250 lbs | Extendible Length/Weight Capacity |
| Extendible | 48'-76' | 96"/102" | 17,400/17,650 lbs |  |
| Extendible- |  |  |  | (decreases in extended position) |
| Single Drop | 45'-65' | 96" | 17,500 lbs | 40'/80,000 lbs |
| Extendible- | 45'-75' | 102" | 22,570 lbs | 50'/48,000 lbs |
|  |  |  |  | 55'/35,000 lbs |
|  |  |  |  | 60'/30,000 lbs |
| Triaxle |  |  |  | 65'/27,000 lbs |
|  |  |  |  | 70'/25,000 lbs |

## Platform Dropdeck/ Gooseneck Trailers



Gooseneck Trailer
Single


- Designed to accommodate oversized or special cargo much the same as a platform trailer
- Common lengths: $40^{\prime}, 42^{\prime}, 45^{\prime}, 48^{\prime}$


## Common Dimensions of Goosenseck Trailers

| TYPE | OVERALL |  | TARE | WEIGHT <br> CAPACITY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Length | Width |  |  |
| Dropdeck | $40^{\prime}$ | 96" | 12,800 lbs. | 70,000 lbs. |
| Dropdeck | $42^{\prime}$ | 96" | 13,200 lbs. | 70,000 lbs. |
| Dropdeck | $45^{\prime}$ | 96" | 13,600 lbs. | 66,000 lbs. |
| Dropdeck | 48' | 196" | 13,060 lbs. | 66,000 lbs. |
| Dropdeck | 48' | 102" | 13,350 lbs. | 66,000 lbs. |
| Dropdeck | $48{ }^{\prime}$ | 102" | 14,100 lbs. | 66,000 lbs. |
| Lowbed | $40^{\prime}$ | 96" | 15,900 lbs | 70,000 lbs. |
| Lowbed | $40^{\prime}$ | 96" | 16,500 lbs | 70,000 lbs. |
| Lowbed | $40^{\prime}$ | 102" | 16,800 lbs | 70,000 lbs. |
| Lowbed | 41.5' | 102" | 16,990/17,250 lbs | 70,000 lbs. |

## Tanker Trailers



Tanker Trailer
Rear View

- These containers are designed to carry fluid cargo
- Some cargos in tanker containers are specially designed and painted so they can withstand the effects of corrosive liquids
- Common lengths: 40', 42', 43', 45' 48', 53'
- Common axle/wheel ratios: 2 axle/8-wheel, heavy loads use 3 axle/12 wheel or 4 axle/ 16 wheel configurations


## Common Dimensions of Tanker Trailers

| OVERALL |  |  | TARE | BULKHEADS | CAPACITY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Length | Width | Height |  |  |  |
| 28'-53' | 96"102" | 12'-13' 6" | Varies | 1-7 | 3,000-9500 gallons |

## Dry Bulk Trailers (Hoppers)



Dry Bulk (Grain) Trailer - Single


- These containers are made to transport dry, free-flowing commodities like grain, gravel, or sand
- Common lengths: $26^{\prime}-42^{\prime}$
- Common widths: $96^{\prime \prime}-102^{\prime \prime}$
- These trailers often used rolled tarpaulin tops instead of hard tops
- Unloading may be done by hopper or conveyor


## Common Dimensions of Dry Bulk Trailers

| TYPE | OVERALL (lead unit) |  |  | OVERALL (rear unit) |  |  | TARE WEIGHT | CAPACITY |  | HOPPERS |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Length | Width | Height | Length | Width | Height |  | Lead Unit | Rear <br> Unit | Lead | Rear |
| Single (closed end) | $42^{\prime}$ | 102" | $\begin{aligned} & 132 " \text { ( } 75 \text { " } \\ & \text { wall) } \end{aligned}$ |  | - | - | 13,800 lbs | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2,150 cu } \\ & \mathrm{ft} \end{aligned}$ | - | 2 | - |
| Single (open end) | 45' | 102" | $\begin{aligned} & 136 " \text { (79" } \\ & \text { wall) } \end{aligned}$ | - | - | - | 12,900 lbs | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2,138 cu } \\ & \mathrm{ft} \end{aligned}$ |  | 3 | - |
| Single (open end) | $36^{\prime}$ | 102" | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 132" (75" } \\ & \text { wall) } \end{aligned}$ | - | - | - | 10,100 lbs | $\begin{aligned} & 1,700 \mathrm{cu} \\ & \mathrm{ft} \end{aligned}$ |  | 2 | - |
| Single (open end) | 40' | 102" | $\begin{aligned} & 132 " \text { ( } 75 \text { " } \\ & \text { wall) } \end{aligned}$ | - | - | - | 10,500 lbs | $\begin{aligned} & 1,900 \mathrm{cu} \\ & \mathrm{ft} \end{aligned}$ |  | 2 | - |
| Single (open end) | 42' | 102" | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 132" (75" } \\ & \text { wall) } \end{aligned}$ | - | - | - | 10,900 lbs | $\begin{aligned} & 2,000 \mathrm{cu} \\ & \mathrm{ft} \end{aligned}$ |  | 2 | - |
| Tandem (open end) | $\begin{aligned} & 27^{\prime} \\ & 10^{\prime \prime} \end{aligned}$ | 102" | 140" (83" wall) | $30^{\prime}$ | 102" | $\begin{aligned} & 140 " \text { " } 83 " \\ & \text { wall) } \end{aligned}$ | 20,500 lbs | $\begin{aligned} & 1,485 \mathrm{cu} \\ & \mathrm{ft} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,605 \mathrm{cu} \\ & \mathrm{ft} \end{aligned}$ | 2 | 2 |
| Tandem (open end) | 36 | 102" | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 124" (67" } \\ & \text { wall) } \end{aligned}$ | $40^{\prime}$ | 102" | 124" (67" <br> wall) | 20,000 lbs | $\begin{aligned} & 1,500 \mathrm{cu} \\ & \mathrm{ft} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,700 \mathrm{cu} \\ & \mathrm{ft} \end{aligned}$ | 2 | 2 |
| Tandem (closed end) | 28 | 102" | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 136" (79" } \\ & \text { wall) } \end{aligned}$ | $30^{\prime}$ | 102" | 136" (79" <br> wall) | 22,800 lbs | $\begin{aligned} & 1,365 \mathrm{cu} \\ & \mathrm{ft} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,450 \mathrm{cu} \\ & \mathrm{ft} \end{aligned}$ | 2 | 2 |
| Tandem (closed end) | 36 | 102" | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 124" (67" } \\ & \text { wall) } \end{aligned}$ | $40^{\prime}$ | 102" | 124" (67" <br> wall) | 21,000 lbs | $\begin{aligned} & 1,500 \mathrm{cu} \\ & \mathrm{ft} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,700 \mathrm{cu} \\ & \mathrm{ft} \end{aligned}$ | 2 | 2 |

## Deep Drop Furniture/ Electronics Trailers




Standard Freight Van Rear View
(Note higher deck and lower overall height)


Deepdrop Furniture Van
Rear View
(Note lower deck and greater overall height)

- These trailers are designed to transport relatively large, bulky, and light cargo
- Common lengths: $45^{\prime}, 48^{\prime}, 53^{\prime}$
- Standard heights: $13^{\prime} 6{ }^{\prime \prime}$
- Standard widths: 96"-102"
- Lower rear deck to facilitate greater cargo capacities
- Often these will have air ride suspensions to protect fragile cargo

| OVERALL |  |  | INTERIOR |  |  | REAR SWING DOOR |  | VOLUME | TARE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Length | Width | Height | Length | Width | Height | Width | Height |  |  |
| $45^{\prime}$ | 96" | $13^{\prime} 6{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 44'7" | 92.5" | 106"/123" | 92" | 119" | $3,420 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ | 13,500 lbs |
| $48^{\prime}$ | 102" | $13^{\prime} 6{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 47'7" | 98.5" | 106"/122" | 98" | 118" | $3,789 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ | $14,250 \mathrm{lbs}$ |
| $53^{\prime}$ | 102" | $13^{\prime} 6{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 52'7" | 98.5" | 106"/119" | 98" | 119" | $4,395 \mathrm{cu} \mathrm{ft}$ | 15,000 lbs |

## Timber Trailers (Loggers)



- These are basically flat bed trailers with vertical stakes to hold logs in place
- Common lengths: 40'-53' (singles) 28'-32' (tandems)
- Common axle/wheel ratios: 2 axle/8-wheel, heavy loads use 3 axle/12 wheel or 4 axle/ 16 wheel configurations
- Some loggers are equipped with cranes for loading and unloading timber


## Common Logger Dimensions

| OVERALL |  |  | WHEEL BASE | AXLES | DROP | STAKE <br> HEIGHT | CAPACITY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Length | Width | Height |  |  |  |  |  |
| 48' | 102" | 12'9" | 37' 6.5" | 5 | 50" | 8' 7 " | $25,000 \mathrm{lbs}$ <br> (actual load dependent upon diameter and shape of logs) |
| 48' 8" | 102" | $\begin{aligned} & 13^{\prime} \\ & 10 " \end{aligned}$ | 38' $1.5^{\prime \prime}$ | 3 | 59.5" | 8' 10.5" | $25,000 \mathrm{lbs}$ <br> (actual load dependent upon diameter and shape of logs) |
| 48' 8" | 102" | $\begin{aligned} & 13^{\prime} \\ & 10 " \end{aligned}$ | 38' $1.5^{\prime \prime}$ | 3 | 55.75" | 9' 3" | $22,500 \mathrm{lbs}$ <br> (actual load dependent upon diameter and shape of logs) |
| $50^{\prime}$ | 114"* | 15* | 38' $1.5^{\prime \prime}$ | 3 | 58" | 10' 2 " | $22,500 \mathrm{lbs}$ <br> (actual load dependent upon diameter and shape of logs) |

* Non-US interstate highway configuration.

