

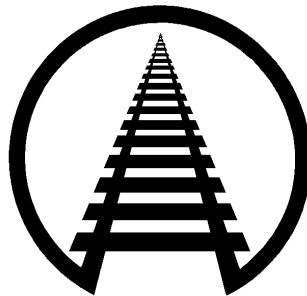


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#### GENERAL RULES

The General Rules relating to personal safety and the safe operation of trains, contained in AAR Circular Nos. 42-M and 43-G or supplements thereto, issued by the Association of American Railroads, **must be observed**.

These loading rules and/or practices apply to shipments transported in the USA, Canada and Mexico.

The loading methods in individual closed car loading publications issued by the Damage Prevention and Loading Services Section of the Association of American Railroads are minimum standards that have been evaluated and approved. These minimum standards offer practical guidelines on the subjects covered. Since these are minimum standards, it may be necessary to supplement these methods in some instances.

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**CAUTION:** Trailer or container rocking motion caused by the lift equipment entering and/or exiting the intermodal unit may cause unsupported packages or articles with a higher center of gravity to fall to the floor. Minimize access to the intermodal unit. Exercise caution when inside a partially loaded trailer or container. Lift operators should stay on lift equipment, whenever possible, while inside a partially loaded unit.

The following bracing method uses Cordstrap® barriers that are attached to the forward corner posts of an ISO type container with CornerLash® anchors.

#### Figure 4.54, General:

1. This load may contain up to 80 closed head steel or plastic drums loaded in a 4-4 pattern (with or without pallets) or a modified 4-3-4 pattern, intermediate bulk containers (IBC's), or any palletized product. Palletized product must be secured to pallet by an approved method. Any combination of product mix is acceptable.
2. Use suitable vertical dividers between different product mix. When drums are loaded, this can be 1/4 in. plywood or equivalent.
3. Install CornerLash® strap anchors, 2 per corner, at 1/3 and 2/3's the height of the load and thread Cordlash® 200LE Type 1A, Grade 7 strap through the anchors, extending out the container doors.
4. Use triple wall corrugated fiberboard or other suitable material as buffer sheets between the lading and the straps at the intermediate barrier and at the doorway.
5. Use strap hangers or tape to maintain straps in position.

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Photo No. 1: CornerLash® strap anchor installed

Figure 4.54, Sketches 1 & 2: Floor loaded drums

6. For floor loaded drums, interlace the straps around the last stack of drums in each section as shown in Figure 4.54, Sketches 1 & 2. The straps are horizontally aligned with the lower drum rolling hoop and the upper drum rolling hoop or upper drum chime. Join the straps using Dynablock® ladder type buckles and tension with a Cordstrap CT50PN pneumatic tensioner according to manufacturers' instructions.

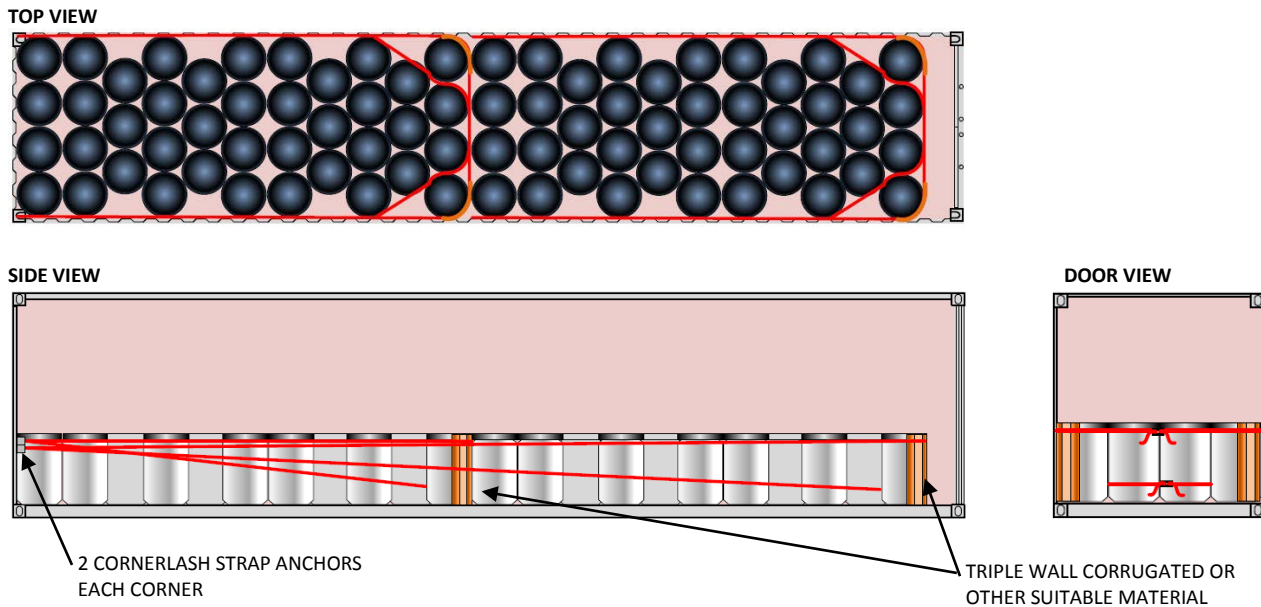


Figure 4.54, Sketch 1 – floor loaded drums in a modified 4-3-4 pattern

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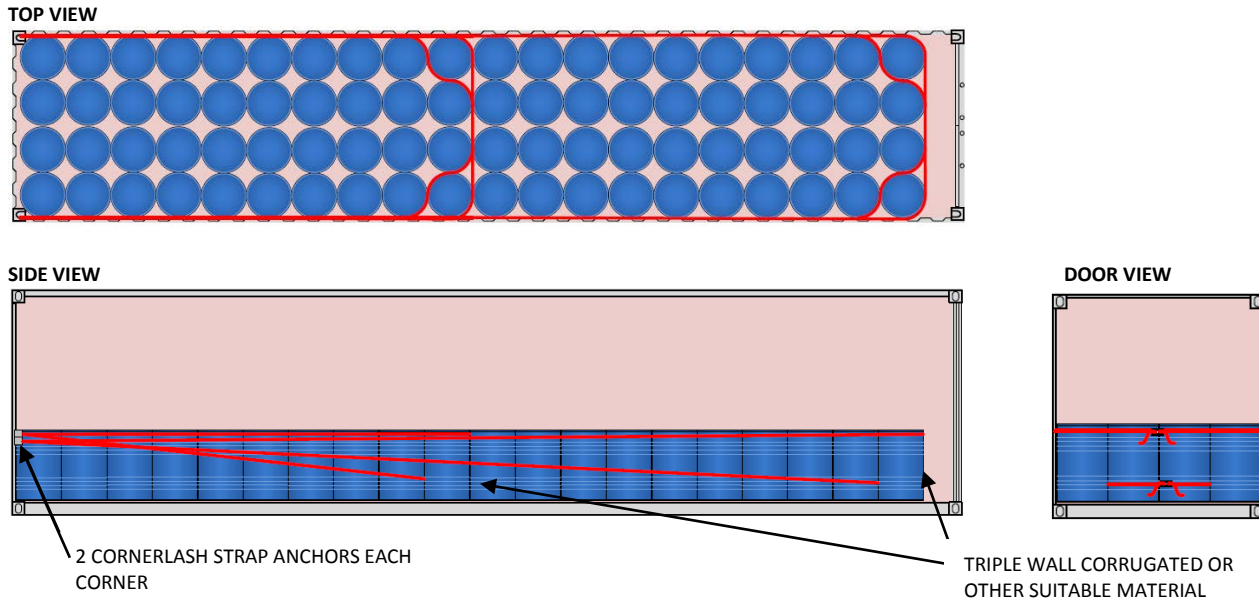


Figure 4.54, Sketch 2 – floor loaded drums in a 4-4 pattern

Figure 4.54, Sketches 3, 4 & 5: Palletized drums

- Palletized drums are loaded 4 to a pallet on CP3 or CP9 pallets measuring 44 7/8 in. (1,140 mm) in both dimensions. See Sketch 3. Stretch wrap drums to pallets.

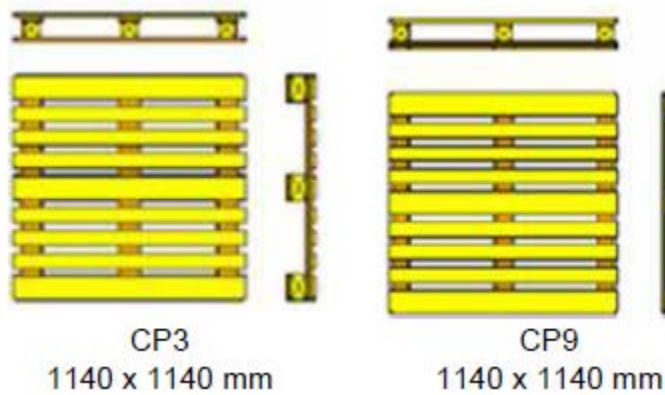


Figure 4.54, Sketch 3 - drum pallet dimensions

- The last two pallets of each stack and row are cross-strapped to make a tight connection between the last middle drums to the second to last side drums. This is done using two strap loops and a buckle. See Sketch 4. Alternately, apply adequate means to avoid protrusion of the middle drums, for example by tightly strapping the drums to the pallets.

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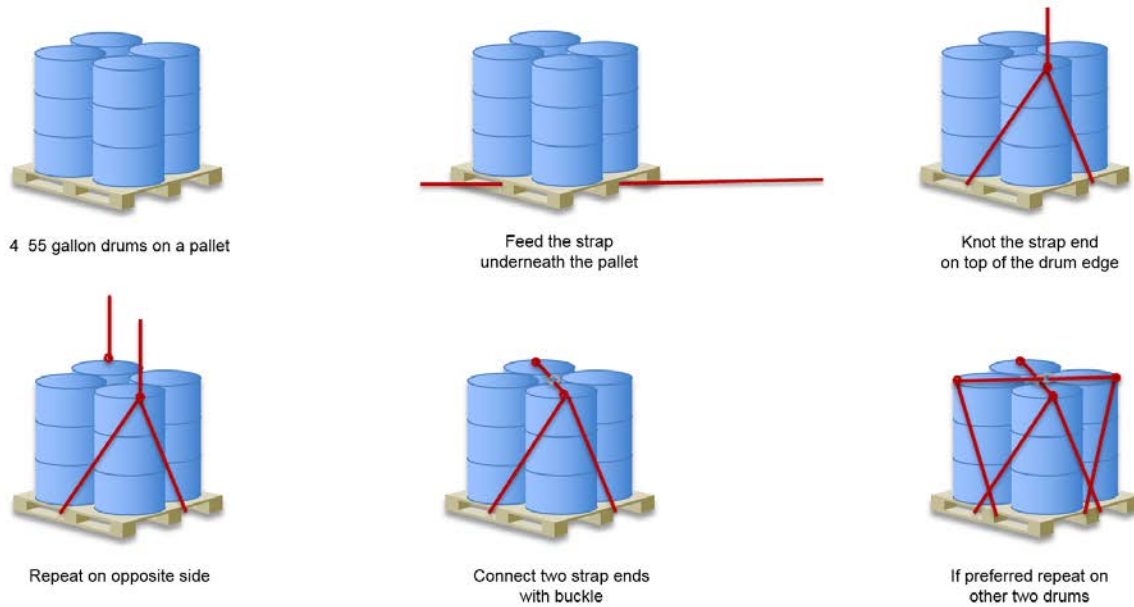


Figure 4.54, Sketch 4 - drum unitizing to pallet

- Secure the straps around the last stack of drums as shown in Sketch 5. The straps are horizontally aligned with the lower drum rolling hoops and the upper drum rolling hoops or upper drum chimes. Join the straps using Dynablock® ladder type buckles and tension with a Cordstrap CT50PN pneumatic tensioner.

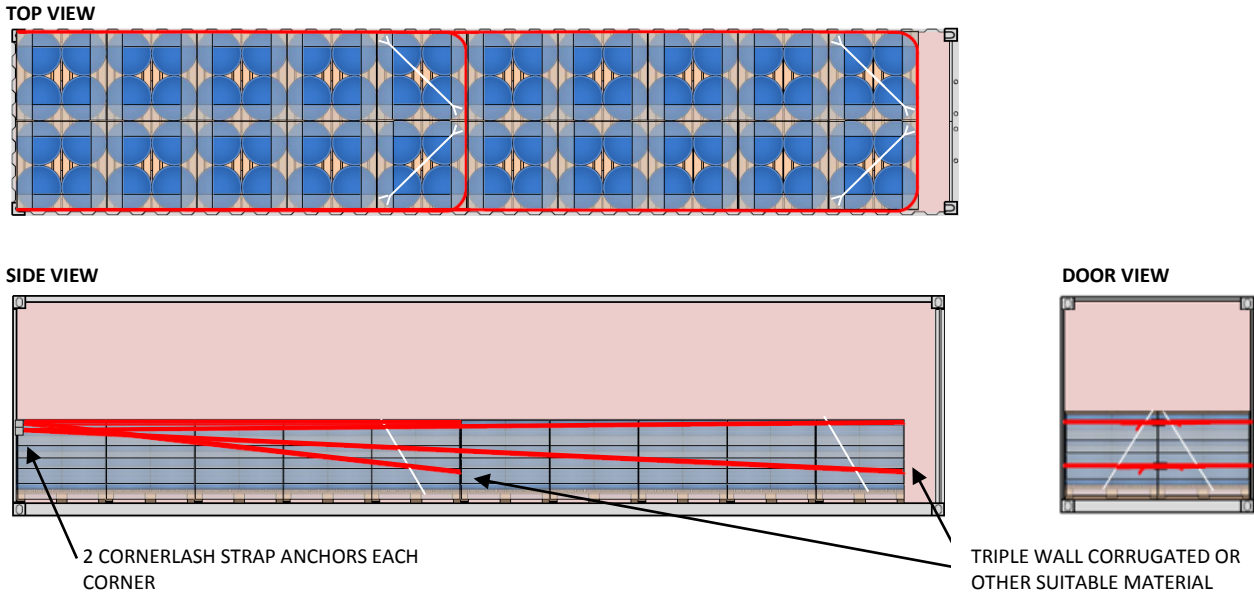


Figure 4.54, Sketch 5 – palletized drums

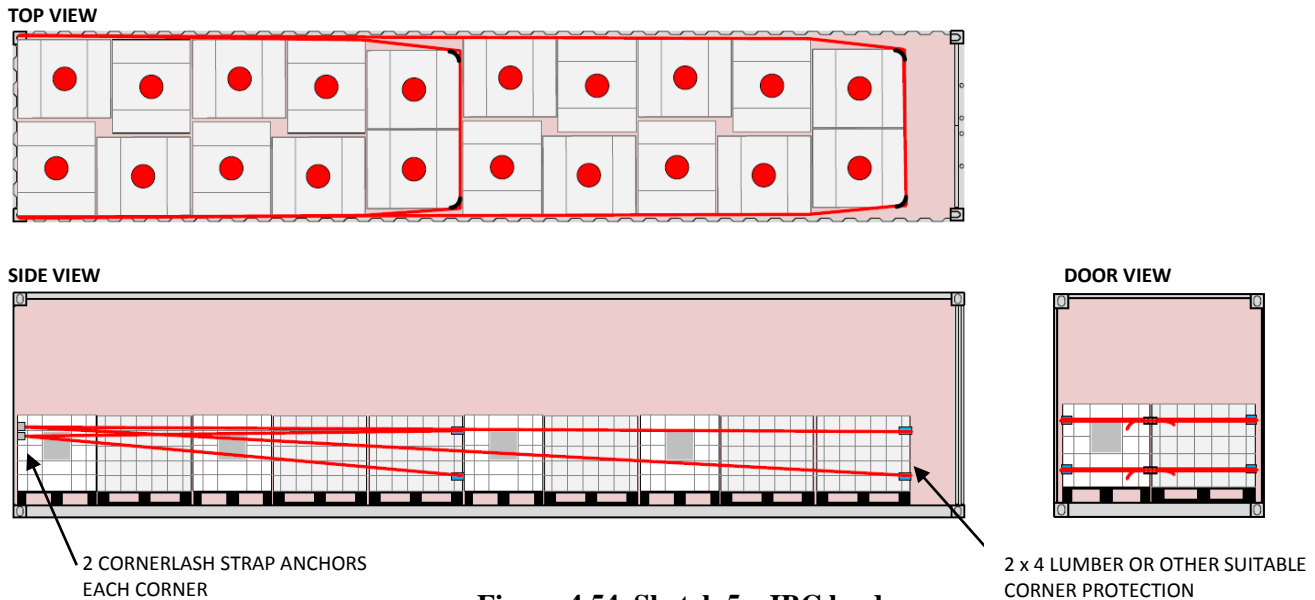
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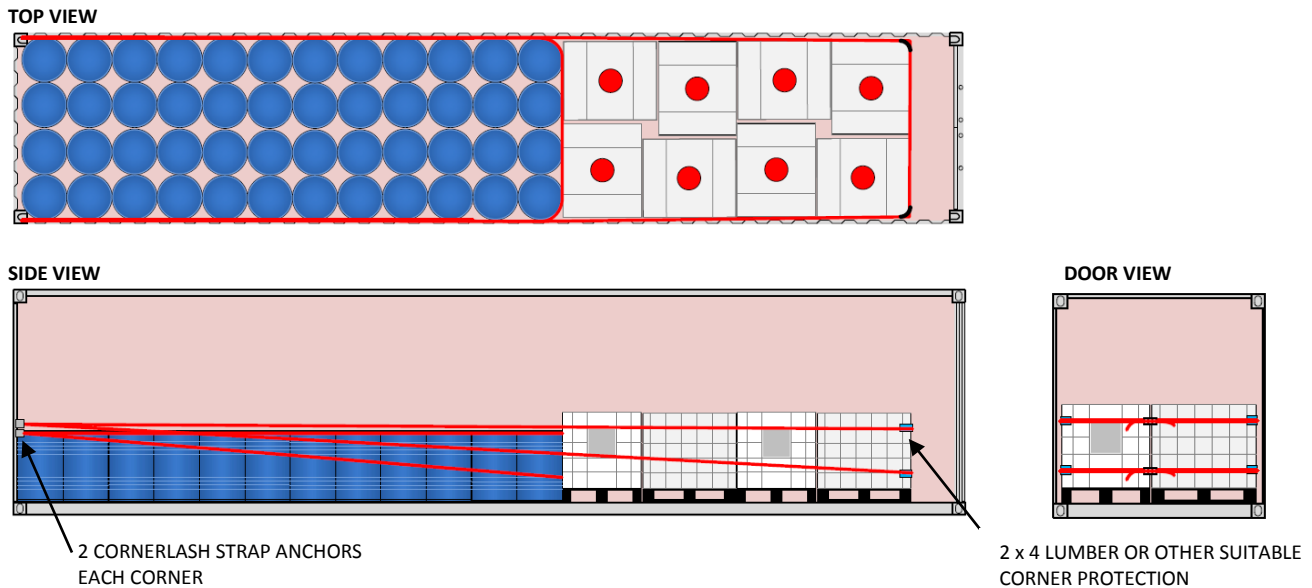


**Figure 4.54, Sketches 5 & 6: IBC's and mixed loads**

10. Secure 2-in. x 4-in. lumber or other suitable material vertically to the corners of IBC's for corner protection.
11. At the doorway the straps are horizontally aligned at approximately 1/3 and 2/3's of the height of the IBC's as shown in Figure 4.54, Sketches 5 & 6. Join the straps using Dynablock® ladder type buckles and tension with a Cordstrap CT50PN pneumatic tensioner according to manufacturers' instructions.
12. For all load types, use strap hangers or tape to maintain straps in position.



**Figure 4.54, Sketch 5 – IBC load**



**Figure 4.54, Sketch 6 – mixed load, drums and IBC's**

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