



Market Disadvantages of Using Open Top Containers for In-Gauge Cargo



There is a severe shortage of Open Top Ocean containers in China. When this happens, the Mobile Transport Tray (MTT) is an ideal piece of equipment for loading LONG & HEAVY cargo through the back doors of an enclosed ocean container.

Using Open Top Containers for In-Gauge cargo has several disadvantages:

1. **Exposure to Elements:** Open top containers leave cargo exposed to weather conditions such as rain, snow, and extreme temperatures, which can lead to damage or degradation of the goods.
2. **Security Risks:** The open nature of these containers makes them more susceptible to theft and tampering, as they do not provide the same level of security as closed containers.
3. **Loading and Unloading Challenges:** While open top containers facilitate the loading of oversized cargo, they may complicate unloading processes due to the need for cranes or specialized equipment, potentially leading to delays.
4. **Higher Transportation Costs:** Due to the need for additional protective measures (like tarps or covers) and potential handling equipment, transportation costs might be higher compared to closed containers.
5. **Limited Use for Certain Cargo:** Open top containers are not suitable for all types of cargo, particularly those that require a controlled environment or protection from external factors.
6. **Increased Risk of Contamination:** For certain goods, being exposed can increase the risk of contamination from dust, dirt, or other environmental factors.
7. **Regulatory Compliance:** Depending on the type of cargo, there may be regulatory requirements that mandate specific types of containers, which open tops may not meet.



While open top containers can be beneficial for certain oversized or unconventional cargo, they come with significant drawbacks that must be carefully considered. The MTT is an ideal solution for SAFE and EFFICIENT loading and unloading of long & heavy cargo.