

**BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY
DIMENSIONAL SHIPMENTS
CUSTOMER REFERENCE GUIDE**
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So you can plan your dimensional shipments more easily, BNSF Railway has put together this at-a-glance guide for shipping dimensional freight.

Dimensional loads are typically described as any load on a railcar exceeding 17 ft. 00 in. above the top of the rail and/or 11 ft. 00 in. wide, or anything that overhangs the end sills of the railcar.

For a step-by-step guide on how to ship dimensional loads with BNSF Railway, visit BNSF.com: [Customer Tools / Dimensional Shipments](#).

NOTE: For instructions on how to register for BNSF.com or access the appropriate forms:

- > Visit BNSF.com: [Customer Tools / Dimensional Shipments / Request Clearance](#)

Request Clearance

All dimensional shipments must receive clearance from the rail carrier(s). Clearance requests need to be submitted to the originating rail carrier.

Each dimensional clearance request includes a \$1000 Pay-for-Proposal fee which is completely refundable on all proposals that become actual loads on BNSF. For more information:

- > Visit BNSF.com: [Customer Tools / Dimensional Shipments /](#)

Pay-For-Proposal

To request clearance for your proposed shipment:

- > BNSF.com: [Login](#) and go to the Plan tab
- > Select "Hiwide - Dimensional Clearance Request"

Obtain Rate

Once your shipment has been cleared by the rail carrier(s), you will need to receive a shipping rate.

Shipping rates for both the loaded car and idlers can be accessed via > BNSF.com: [Markets & Services / Industrial Products / Machinery](#), select the commodity type and access BNSF Railprices — Point and Click.

- > For non-tariff moves, please allow up to five business days for rate publication.

NOTE: Please be sure to read the shipping conditions to obtain the appropriate price.

To find a BNSF Marketing Representative for your commodity

- > Visit: <http://domino.bnsf.com/website/stcc.nsf>

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BNSF Railway offers a variety of convenient tools to help you ship.

Request a Heavy Duty Railcar

Heavy duty railcar requests should be submitted to the originating rail carrier once the proposed shipment has been approved/cleared by the originating railroad's clearance team.

To request a heavy duty railcar, you'll need the following:

- > BNSF File Number of Approved Clearance Proposal
- > Railcar series or equipment car initial and #

To request heavy duty equipment

- > BNSF.com: [Login](#) and go to the Plan tab
- > Select "Dimensional Equipment Request Form"

NOTE: Availability of a railcar is subject to current supply conditions, so please allow 2-4 weeks for delivery.

Load & Secure Shipment

Load and secure railcar according to AAR Open Top Loading Rules. Shipments can be loaded to a specific figure or the General Rules.

To obtain a copy of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual:

- > Phone: AAR, 877-999-8824
- > Email: pubs@ttci.aar.com

Receive Inspection

All loaded dimensional shipments must receive securement inspection and measurements from the originating rail carrier prior to shipment.

NOTE: Please contact and schedule an inspection one week prior to loading and securing the shipment to ensure AAR and

BNSF compliance.

For shipments with an eight-axle or greater heavy duty railcar, contact Transportation Technology Services:

- > Scott Landrum, PE
817-421-3535
railengineering@aol.com

For shipments with less than eight-axles, contact a BNSF General Foreman:

- > BNSF.com: [Customer Tools / Dimensional Shipments / Receive Inspection](#)

NOTE: All loads must be approved by TTS or a BNSF Mechanical Inspector before shipment can receive final clearance.

Submit Shipping Instructions

Proper shipping instructions are necessary for BNSF to provide the correct transportation services and invoice the appropriate rate. Please provide appropriate rate authority for move at time of billing.

To submit shipping instructions you must use one of the following methods:

- > Electronic data interchange (EDI)
- > BNSF.com: [Login](#) and go to the Ship tab
- > Voice activated: 1-888-428-2673, option 3, 2, 2
- > Rail industry web (Steelroads): <https://www.steelroads.com>

NOTE: For all dimensional shipments, you must indicate on the Bill of Lading that the shipment is a High-Wide.

> MANAGE

BNSF Railway offers a variety of convenient tools to help you monitor your shipments.

Monitor Shipments

BNSF offers custom reports, unit trace and notification alert capabilities to assist you in monitoring your shipment.

To monitor your shipments on BNSF Railway:

- > BNSF.com: [Login](#) and go to the Ship tab
- > Voice activated: 1-888-428-2673, option 1 (Available 24/7)

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- > BNSF.com: [Login](#) and go to the Notifications channel
- > Select the updates you'd like to receive from the three tabs
- > Change your subscription at any time from this channel