
1. General

1.1 Scope

This specification will cover the design, construction, materials, testing and inspection performances of 20' x 8' x 9'6" type steel dry cargo containers. These containers specified herein will be manufactured under strict quality control by manufacturer and be approved by the classification society or agency.

1.2 Operational environment

The container will be designed and constructed for carriage of general cargo by marine (on or below deck), road and rail throughout the world. All materials used in the construction will be to withstand extremes of temperature range from -40°C (-40°F) to +70°C (+158°F) without effect on the strength of the basic structure and watertightness.

1.3 Standards and Regulations

The container will satisfy the following requirements and regulations, unless otherwise mentioned in this specification.

1.3.1 ISO Container Standards

ISO 668 -- Series 1 freight containers - Classification external dimensions and ratings [Amd. 1993 (E)]

ISO 830 -- Terminology in relation to freight container (Amd. 1988)

ISO 1161 -- Series 1 freight containers - Corner fittings Specification (Amd. 1990)

ISO 1496-1 -- Series 1 freight containers - Specification and testing. part 1: General cargo containers for general purposes (Amd.2 - 1998) ISO 6346 -- Freight containers - coding, identification and marking - 1995(E)

1.3.2 T.I.R. Certification

All the containers will be certified and comply with "The Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under the cover of T.I.R. Carnets." or "The Customs Convention on Containers."

1.3.3 C.S.C. Certification

All the containers will be certified and comply with the requirements of the "International Convention for the Safe Containers."

1.3.4 T.C.T. Certification

All exposed wooden components used for container will be treated to comply with the requirements of "Cargo Containers - Quarantine Aspects and Procedures" of the Commonwealth Department of Health, Australia.

1.3.5 Classification society

All the containers will be certified for design type and individually inspected by Classification society, **CCS, BV, ABS, LR, or GL**

Note: CCS : China Classification Society (*P.R.C*)

BV : Bureau Veritas (*France*)

ABS : American Bureau of Shipping (*USA*)

LR : Lloyd's Register of Shipping (*UK*)

GL : Germanischer Lloyd (*Germany*)

1.4 Handling

The container will be constructed to be capable of being handled without any permanent deformation under the following conditions:

- a) Lifting, full or empty, at top corner fittings vertically by means of spreaders fitted with hooks, shackles or twistlocks.
- b) Lifting, full or empty, at bottom corner fittings using slings with terminal fittings at any angles between vertical and 45 degrees to the horizontal.
- c) Lifting, full or empty, at forklift pockets using forklift truck.

1.5 Transportation

The container will be constructed to be suitable for transportation in the following modes:

- a) Marine : In the ship cell guides of vessels, seven (7) high stacked.
On the deck of vessels, four (4) high stacked and secured by vertical and diagonal wire lashings.
- b) Road : On flat bed or skeletal chassis, secured by twistlocks or equivalent at the bottom corner fittings.
- c) Rail : On flat cars or special container cars secured by twistlocks or equivalent at the bottom corner fittings.

2. Dimensions and Ratings

2.1 External Dimensions

Length	6,058	+ 0mm	19'10 ½"	+0
		-6mm		-1/4"
Width	2,438	+ 0mm	8'	+0
		-5mm		-3/16"
Height	2,896	+ 0mm	9'6"	+0
		-5mm		-3/16"

- 1) No part of the container will protrude beyond the external dimensions mentioned above.

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- 2) Maximum allowable differences between two diagonals on anyone of the following surfaces will be as follows:
 Roof, bottom and side diagonals : 13mm 1/2"
 Front and rear diagonals : 10mm 3/8"

2.2 Internal Dimensions

Length	5,898	+ 0mm	19' 4 13/64"	+0
		-6mm		-1/4"
Width	2,350	+ 0mm	7' 8 33/64"	+0
		-5mm		-3/16"
Height	2,695	+ 0mm	8'10 3/32"	+0
		-5mm		-3/16"

2.3 Door opening dimensions

Width	2,338	+ 0mm	7' 8 3/64"	+0
		-5mm		-3/16"
Height	2,585	+ 0mm	8' 5 49/64"	+0
		-5mm		-3/16"

2.4 Internal cubic capacity (Nominal)

37.4 cu.m 1,320 cu.ft

2.5 Forklift pockets

Width 360 mm 1' 2 11/64"
 Height min. 115 mm 4 1/2"
 Centre to centre 2,050 mm +/- 50 mm 6' 9" +/-2"

2.6 Ratings

Max. Gross Weight (R)	30,480 kgs	67,200 lbs
Tare Weight (design) (T)	2,300 kgs	5,070 lbs
Max. Payload (P)	28,180 kgs	62,130 lbs

Tare Weight Tolerance **2%**

3. Materials

3.1 General

The following materials will be used in the construction of containers.

3.2 Part specification

Parts Materials

1) Roof panels

Door panels

Side panels

Front panels

Bottom side rails

Cross members

Upper & lower plates of forklift pockets

Rear corner posts (outer)

Door sill

Door header (upper & lower)

Door horizontal frames

Door vertical frames

Top side rails

Front corner posts

Front bottom end rail

Front top end rail

Anti-Corrosive Steel: CORTEN A,

SPA-H, B480 or equivalent

Y.P. : 35 kg/sq. mm

T.S. : 49 kg/sq. mm

2) Rear corner posts (inner)

Rolled high tensile steel: SM490A

or equivalent

Y.P. : 33 kg/sq. mm

T.S. : 50 kg/sq. mm

3) Floor centre rail Structural Steel: SS400

Y.P. : 25 kg/sq.mm

T.S. : 41 kg/sq.mm

4) Door locking bars Structural steel round pipe: STK41

Y.P. : 24 kg/sq. mm

T.S. : 41 kg/sq. mm

5) Corner Fitting

Casted weldable steel: SCW480

Y.P. : 28 kg/sq. mm

T.S. : 49 kg/sq. mm

6) Locking gear cams and keepers Forged weldable steel: S20C

Y.P. : 23 kg/sq. mm

T.S. : 44 kg/sq. mm

7) Door hinge pins

Door gasket retainer

Stainless steel: SUS304

8) Door gasket EPDM

9) Floor board Hardwood plywood, 19-ply

10) Ventilator ABS resin labyrinth type

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- Note: Y.P. --- Yielding Point
T.S. --- Tensile Strength

4. Construction

4.1 General

- 4.1.1 The container will be constructed with steel frames, fully vertical-corrugated steel sides and front wall, horizontal-corrugated steel double doors at rear end, die-stamped steel roof and corner fittings.
- 4.1.2 All welds of exterior including the base frames will be continuous welding using CO₂ gas, but inner part of each bottom side rail will be fastened by staggered stitch welding.
- 4.1.3 Interior welds - when needed - will be stitched with a minimum bead length of 15mm.
- 4.1.4 Gaps between adjacent components to be welded will not exceed 3mm or the half thickness of the parts being welded.
- 4.1.5 Chloroprene sealant is to be applied at periphery of floor surface and inside unwelded seams, butyl sealant is used to caulk at invisible seam of floor joint area and between door gasket and frame.
- 4.1.6 The wooden floor will be fixed to the base frames by zinc plated self-tapping screws.

4.2 Protrusion

- 4.2.1 The plane formed by the lower faces of the bottom side rails and all transverse members shall be positioned by 12.5mm +5/-1.5mm above the plane formed by the lower faces of the bottom corner fittings.
- 4.2.2 The top corner fittings are to protrude a minimum of 6mm above the highest point of the roof.
- 4.2.3 The outside faces of the corner fittings will protrude from the outside faces of the corner posts by minimum 4mm for side structure and 4mm for front end structure.
- 4.2.4 The outside faces of the corner fittings will protrude from side wall by nominal 8mm and from the outside face of the end wall by 8mm.
- 4.2.5 Under maximum payload, no part of the container will protrude below the plane formed by the lower faces of the bottom corner fittings at the time of maximum deflection.
- 4.2.6 Under 1.8 x maximum gross weight, no part of the container will protrude more than 6.0mm below the plane formed by the lower faces of the bottom corner fittings at the time of maximum deflection.

4.3 Corner fittings

The corner fittings will be designed in accordance with ISO 1161 (Amd.1990) and manufactured at the works approved by classification society.

4.4 *Base frame structure*

Base frame will be composed of two (2) bottom side rails, a set of forklift pockets and totally eighteen (18) cross members.

4.4.1 Bottom side rail

Each bottom side rail is built of 48x158x30x4.5mm thick cold-formed channel section steel made in one piece. The floor guide rails of 3.0mm thick pressed angle section steel are provided to the bottom side rails by staggered stitch welding.

The lower flange of the bottom side rail is outward so as to facilitate easy removal of the cross members during repair and of less susceptible corrosion.

Reinforcement plates are to be made of 4.0mm thick, flat steel plates. The plates are welded to bottom corner fitting.

4.4.2 Forklift pockets

Each forklift pocket is built of 3.0mm thick full depth flat steel top plate and two 200 mm deep x 6.0 mm thick flat lower end plates between two channel section cross members.

The one set of forklift pockets is designed in accordance with ISO requirements.

4.4.3 Cross member

The cross members are made of pressed channel section steel with a dimension of 45x122x45x4.0mm for the normal areas and 75x122x45x4.5mm for the floor butt joints. The cross members are placed fully to withstand floor strength and welded to each bottom side rail.

4.5 *Flooring*

The floor will consist of six pieces plywood boards, floor centre rail, and self-tapping screws.

4.5.1 Floor

The wooden floor to be constructed with 28mm thick 19-ply hardwood plywood boards are laid longitudinally on the transverse members between the steel floor centre rail of 4.0mm thick flat bar and the 3.0mm thick pressed angle section steel floor guide rails stitched welded to the bottom side rails.

The floorboards are tightly secured to each transverse member by self-tapping screws, and all butt joint areas and peripheries of the floorboards are caulked with sealant.

- 1) Wood species : Apitong or Keruing
- 2) Glue : Phenol-formaldehyde resin.
- 3) Treatment :
 - a) Preservative: BASILEUM SI-84 or others.

b) In accordance with Australian Health Department Regulations. Average moisture content will be 12% before installation.

4.5.2 Self-tapping screw

Each floor board is fixed to the transverse members by zinc plated self-tapping screws that are 8.0mm dia. shank x 16mm dia. head x 45mm length, and fastened by four screws per cross member but five screws at joint areas. Screw heads are to be countersunk through about 2mm below the floor top surface.

4.6 Rear frame structure

The rear frame will be composed of one door sill, two corner posts, one door header and four corner fittings, which will be welded together to make the door-way.

4.6.1 Door sill

The door sill to be made of a 4.5mm thick pressed open section steel is reinforced by four internal gussets of a 4.0mm thick at the back of each locking cam keeper location. The upper face of the door sill has a 10mm slope for better drainage. A 200 x 75mm section is cut out at each end of the door sill and reinforced by a 200 x 75mm channel steel as a protection against handling equipment damages.

4.6.2 Rear corner post

Each rear corner post of hollow section is fabricated with pressed, 6.0mm thick, steel outer part and 40x113x12mm hot-rolled channel section steel inner part, which are welded continuously together to ensure a maximum width of the door opening and to give a sufficient strength against stacking and racking forces.

Four (4) sets of hinge pin lugs are welded to each rear corner post.

4.6.3 Door header

The door header is constructed with a 4.0mm thick pressed "U" section steel lower part having four internal gussets at the back of each locking cam keeper location and a 3.0mm thick pressed steel upper part, which are formed into box section by continuous welding.

4.7 Door

4.7.1 Each container will have double wing doors at rear end frame, and each door will be capable of swinging approximately 270 degrees.

4.7.2 Each door is constructed with pressed, 3.0mm thick, channel section steel horizontal frames for the top and bottom, 100x50x2.3mm and 100x50x3.2mm rectangular hollow section vertical frames for the post side and centre side of door respectively, 2.0mm thick horizontally corrugated steel door panel, which are continuously welded within frames.

4.7.3 Two sets of galvanized locking assemblies which is the same model with "BE-2566 Modified" with steel handles are fitted to each door wing using high tensile

zinc plated steel bolts according to TIR requirements. Locking bar retainers are fitted with nylon bushings at the top, bottom and intermediate bracket. Locking gears should be assembled after painting and not to be painted.

- 4.7.4 The left-hand door can not be opened without opening the right-hand door when the container is sealed in accordance with TIR requirements.
- 4.7.5 The door hold-back of nylon rope is provided to the centre locking bar on each door and a hook of steel bar is welded to each bottom side rail.
- 4.7.6 Each door is suspended by four hinges being provided with stainless steel pins, self-lubricating nylon bushings and brass washers, which are placed at the hinge lugs of the rear corner posts.
- 4.7.7 The door gasket made of an extruded triple lip type (J-type) EPDM rubber is installed to the door peripheral frames with stainless steel gasket retainers and fastened by stainless steel blind rivets at a pitch of 150mm. The door gasket must be caulked with butyl sealant before installation to the door frames.

4.8 Roof structure

The roof will be constructed with five five-corrugated (die-stamped) steel panels and four corner protection plates.

4.8.1 Roof panel

The roof panel is constructed with 2.0mm thick die-stamped steel sheets having about 6.0mm upward smooth camber, which are welded together to form one panel and continuously welded to the top side rails and top end rails. All overlapped joints of inside unwelded seams are caulked with chloroprene sealant.

4.8.2 Protection plate

Each corner of the roof in the vicinity of top corner fitting is reinforced by 3.0mm thick rectangular steel plate to prevent the damage caused by mishandling of lifting equipment.

4.9 Top side rail

Each top side rail is made of a 60x60x3.0mm thick square hollow section steel.

4.10 Side wall

The trapezium section side wall is constructed with 1.6mm thick fully vertically continuous corrugated steel panels at the intermediate area and 2.0mm thick fully vertically continuous corrugated steel panels at both ends which are butt welded together to form one panel and continuously welded to the side rails and corner posts. All overlapped joints of inside are caulked with chloroprene sealant.

4.11 Front structure

Front end structure will be composed of one bottom end rail, two corner posts, one top end rail, four corner fittings and an end wall, which are welded together.

4.11.1 Bottom end rail

The bottom end rail to be made of a 4.0mm thick pressed open section steel is reinforced by three internal gussets. A 200x75mm is cut out at each end of the bottom end rail and reinforced by a 200x75mm channel steel as a protection against handling equipment damages.

4.11.2 Front corner post

Each corner post is made of 6.0mm thick pressed open section steel in a single piece, and designed to give a sufficient strength against stacking and racking forces.

4.11.3 Top end rail

The top end rail is constructed with 60x60x3.0mm thick square hollow section steel at lower part and 3.0mm thick pressed steel at upper part.

4.11.4 Front wall

The trapezium section front wall is constructed with 2.0mm thick vertically corrugated steel panels, butt welded together to form one panel, and continuously welded to front end rails and corner posts. All overlapped joints of inside are caulked with chloroprene sealant.

4.12 *Special feature*

4.12.1 Customs seal provisions

Customs seal and padlock provisions are made on each locking handle retainer to cover the sealed area in accordance with TIR requirements.

4.12.2 Lashing fittings

Five (5) lashing hoop rings are welded to each top and bottom side rail at recessed corrugations of side panels but not extruded any cargo space (total 20 rings). Each lashing point is designed to provide a "1,500 kgs pull load in any direction" without any permanent deformation of lashing ring and surrounding area.

Three (3) lashing rods are welded to each corner post. Each lashing rod on the corner post is designed to provide a "1,500 kgs pull load in any direction" without any permanent deformation.

4.12.3 Shoring slot

A shoring slot, having a size of 60 mm width x 40 mm depth is provided on each rear corner post so that 2 ¼" thick battens can be arranged to be able to prevent doors from damage due to shifting cargo.

4.12.4 Ventilator

Each container will have two small plastic ventilators of labyrinth type. Each ventilator is fixed to the right-hand upper part of each side wall by three 5.0mm dia. steel huck bolts in accordance with TIR requirements after drying of top coating, and caulked with silicone sealant around the entire periphery except bottom to prevent the leakage of water.

5. Surface preservation

5.1 Surface preparation

- 1) All steel surfaces - prior to forming or after - will be fully abrasive shot blasted to remove all rust, dirt, mill scale and all other foreign materials.
- 2) All door hardware will be hot-dipping zinc galvanized with approximately 75 microns thickness.
- 3) All fasteners such as self-tapping screws and bolts, nuts, hinges, cam keepers, lashing fittings will be electro-galvanized with approximately 13 microns thickness.

5.2 Primer coating

5.2.1 Prior to assembly

All steel surfaces will be coated with 10-15 microns thick two-pack polyamide cured zinc rich epoxy primer immediately after shot blasting, and then dried up in drying room.

5.2.2 After assembly

- 1) All weldments will be shot blasted to remove all welding fluxes, spatters, burnt primer coatings caused by welding heat, and other foreign materials. Then all blasted weldments will be coated with zinc rich epoxy primer.
- 2) Exterior of assembled container will be coated again 10 microns with zinc rich epoxy primer and again 35-40 microns epoxy primer prior to top coating.

5.3 Top coating

- 1) After drying of primer, exterior of container will be coated again with high build top paint and interior will be coated again with polyamide cured epoxy resin based high build coating.
- 2). The dry film thickness of top coating will be 55-60 microns for the exterior and 50 microns for the interior

5.4 Under coating

After completion of flooring, all the understructures and floor will be coated with minimum 230 microns dry film thickness bituminous coating.

5.5 The total dry film will be (microns):

	EXT.	INT.	BASE
Zinc rich primer	20-25	20-25	20-25
Epoxy primer	35-40		
Epoxy high build coating		50	
Acrylic coating	55-60		
Bitumen			230
Total	110	70	250
Roof	120		

6. Marking**6.1 Arrangement**

The container will be marked in accordance with ISO, TCT, CSC and TIR requirements, owner's marking specifications and other required regulations.

6.2 Materials

- 1) Decal : - Self-adhesive, high tensile PVC film for seven (7) years guarantee without peeling off, tenting or colour fading.
- 2) Certification plate : 18-8 type stainless steel plates to be chemically etched by acid and treated by enamel.

6.3 Specifications

- 1) Identification plates such as consolidated data plate consisting of CSC, TIR and TCT will be riveted on the door permanently by stainless steel blind rivets. The entire periphery except underside will be caulked with sealant.
- 2) The owner's serial numbers and manufacturer's serial numbers will be stamped into the top plane of rear lower corner fitting.

7. Testing and Inspections**7.1 Testing****7.1.1 Prototype testing**

The prototype container to be manufactured in accordance with this specification will be tested by manufacturer under the supervision of classification society.

Test items & loads Test methods

A)

Stacking

Internal load : 1.8R-T

Test load: 86,400kg/post

Hydraulic cylinder load will be applied to each corner post through top corner fittings.

Offset: 25.4 mm lateral

38.0 mm longitudinal

B) Lifting (from top corner fittings)

Internal load : 2R-T

Lifting vertically.

Time duration : 5 minutes

C) Lifting (from bottom corner fittings)

Internal load : 2R-T

Lifting 45 degree to the horizontal.

Time duration : 5 minutes

D)

Lifting (for forklift pockets)

Internal load : 1.6R-T

Lifting by horizontal bars.

Bar length : 1,828mm

Bar width : 200mm

E) Restraint (longitudinal)

Internal load : R-T

Test load : 2R

Hydraulic cylinder load will be applied to the bottom side rails.

F)

Floor strength

Test load : 7,260 kgs

(16,000 lbs)

Use of a special truck.

Total contact area: 284 sq. cm

Wheel width : 180 mm

Wheel centre : 760 mm

G) Wall strength (front)

Test load : $0.4(R-T)=0.4P$

Compressed air bag will be used.

H) Wall strength (side)

Test load : $0.6(R-T)=0.6P$

Compressed air bag will be used on one side only.

I) Wall strength (door)

Test load : $0.4(R-T)=0.4P$

Same as front wall strength test.

J) Roof strength (weakest part)

Test load : 300 kgs

Applied area will be 600x300mm longitudinal and transverse.

K) Racking (transverse)

Test load : 15,240 kgs

Hydraulic cylinder load will be applied to the header rail through top corner fittings.
L) Racking (longitudinal) Hydraulic cylinder load will be applied to the top

Test load : 7,620 kgs side rail through top corner fitting on one side only.
Two times for pulling and pushing.

M) Operation of door

After completion of test, the operation of doors, locks, hinges, etc. will be checked.

N) Dimensions and weight

After completion of test, the dimensions and weight will be checked.

O) Weatherproofness Inside dia. of nozzle : 12.5mm

Distance : 1.5 m

Speed : 100 mm/sec.

Pressure : 1 kg/sq. cm

Note: **R** Maximum Gross Weight **T** Tare Weight **P** Maximum Payload

8. Guarantee

8.1 Structure

All the containers shall be guaranteed by manufacturer to be free from defects in materials, workmanship and structure for a period of one (1) year, from the date of acceptance of the container by the buyer.

8.2 Painting

8.2.1 The paint system coated on the container surface shall be guaranteed to be free from corrosion and failure for a period of five (5) years, from the date of acceptance of the container by the buyer.

8.2.2 Corrosion is defined as rusting which exceeds at least ten (10) percent of the total container surface, excluding that resulting from impact or abrasion damage, contact with solvents or corrosive chemicals and abnormal use.

8.2.3 If the corrosion exceeds, as defined above, within the guarantee period, inspection of the corrosion shall be carried out by the buyer, container manufacturer and paint manufacturer to detect the cause. As the result of the inspection, if it is mutually agreed and accepted that the corrosion has caused for the defective paint quality and/or poor workmanship, container manufacturer and/or paint manufacturer shall correct the defect on their accounts.

8.3 Decals

Decals applied on the container shall be guaranteed for a period of seven (7) years without peeling off, tenting or colour fading if decals are supplied by manufacturer.

NOTES
