

# What is Intermodal Transportation?

Intermodal is a term we see all the time in freight and supply chain logistics, but what does it actually mean? It's pretty simple: **intermodal transportation uses two or more modes or carriers to transport freight from shipper to consignee.**

## How Intermodal Transportation Works

A typical intermodal path for a **BulkTainer™ ISO tank** using **BulkTainer® intermodal transportation services** for transporting bulk chemical freight is **truck, rail, truck.**

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A truck pulling a chassis brings an empty BulkTainer™ ISO tank using BulkTainer® intermodal transportation services to a shipper.

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When using BulkTainer® intermodal transportation services, the BulkTainer™ ISO tank is loaded with liquid chemicals in the same manner as a tank truck.

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When using BulkTainer® intermodal transportation services, the BulkTainer™ ISO tank is taken to the origin intermodal rail ramp.

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When using BulkTainer® intermodal transportation services, the BulkTainer™ ISO tank is lifted from the chassis and onto a train and moved to its destination intermodal rail ramp.

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When using BulkTainer® intermodal transportation services, the BulkTainer™ ISO tank is lifted from the train and put on a tractor-pulled chassis.

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When using BulkTainer® intermodal transportation services, the BulkTainer™ ISO tank may be taken to a storage depot for holding or to the final consignee and unloaded in the same manner as a tank truck.

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BulkTainer™ ISO tanks used for BulkTainer® intermodal transportation services are taken to a wash facility for cleaning and storage until needed for another shipment.

## Benefits of Intermodal Transportation



Save Up to 30% Compared to OTR Chemical Shipments



Alleviate Driver Capacity Constraints



Avoid Product Shortages and Delays with Forward Storage



Reduce Your Overall Carbon Footprint



Manage Orders Through a Single Point of Contact