CONTAINER CHIQ

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CONTAINER GRADES AND CONDITION GUIDE

New, used or in between. What each grade looks like, what it can do and what our guarantee covers.



ONE-TRIP



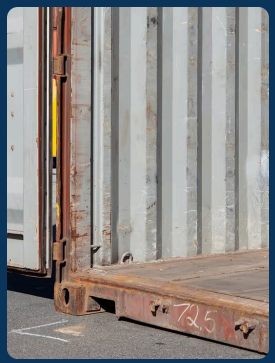
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CARGO WORTHY



WIND AND WATERTIGHT



AS IS

AT A GLANCE

FIVE GRADES, BEST TO MOST WORN

Every container is graded by how many trips it has made and how it has held up. Use this page to narrow the field, then turn to the grade that fits.

GRADE	TRIPS	TYPICAL AGE	SHIPS CARGO	GUARANTEE	BEST FOR
ONE-TRIP One voyage from the factory. Like new.	1	Under 1 yr	Yes	365 days, then free patch kits for life	offices, conversions, retail and anything customers will see.
IICL A few years of service. Leasing-grade condition.	2+	1 to 5 yrs	Yes	365 days, then free patch kits for life	buyers who want near-new condition at a lower price than One-Trip.
CARGO WORTHY Years of service. Certified to ship.	Many	5 to 15 yrs	Yes	365 days, then free patch kits for life	secure storage and job sites where function leads.
WIND AND WATERTIGHT Sealed against weather. Storage only.	Many	10 to 15+ yrs	No	90 days	ground-level storage on a budget.
AS IS Sold exactly as seen. No guarantees.	Many	15+ yrs	No	Not covered. Sold as seen.	art pieces, parts, barriers and uses where weather does not matter.

SHIPPING OVERSEAS?
One-Trip, IICL or Cargo Worthy. All three carry a valid CSC plate.

STORAGE OR A BUILD?
One-Trip for looks. Wind and Watertight for value on the ground.

LOWEST PRICE?
As Is, sold exactly as seen with no guarantee.



20' Standard 8'6"	**from $2,650**
40' High Cube 9'6"	**from $3,650**

01

ONE-TRIP

Also Called New or Factory Grade

A One-Trip container made a single voyage, usually with cargo from the factory, then went straight into domestic sale. Paint, seals and floor are close to the day it was built.

TRIPS	TYPICAL AGE	SHIPS CARGO	GUARANTEE
1	**Under 1 yr**	**Yes**	**365 days, then free patch kits for life**

Structure	Straight beams, frames and corner posts with no bends.
Exterior	Original factory paint. Handling marks at most, about 99% dent free.
Interior	Fully sealed. No daylight shows with the doors closed. Clean walls.
Floor	Little to no scuffing or staining.
Standards	IICL-6 with a valid CSC plate. Often food grade, though inspection is still advised for food cargo.

Best for offices, conversions, retail and anything customers will see.



Any size, rare	**quote only**

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IICL

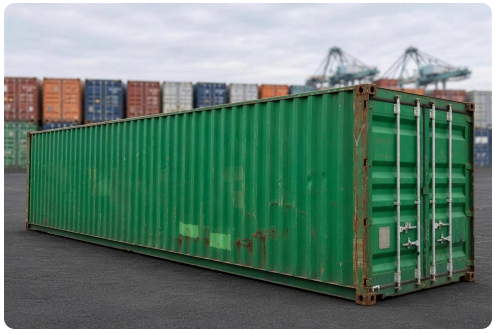
Excellent used, multi-trip

IICL containers come off lease from the major container lessors. They have done several voyages and were kept to the strict repair standard the lessors use.

TRIPS	TYPICAL AGE	SHIPS CARGO	GUARANTEE
2+	**1 to 5 yrs**	**Yes**	**365 days, then free patch kits for life**

Structure	Sound frames, walls, roof, doors and seals. Small bends within ISO tolerance.
Exterior	Around 95% original paint. Minor dents and scratches. Any repairs meet IICL standard.
Interior	Fully sealed. Light scratches and possible stains that do not transfer.
Floor	Good condition with light scuffs and minor stains.
Standards	IICL-5 or IICL-6 with a valid CSC plate. Often food grade, inspection advised.

Best for buyers who want near-new condition at a lower price than One-Trip.



20' Standard 8'6"	**from $2,050**
40' High Cube 9'6"	**from $2,350**

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CARGO WORTHY

Certified for ocean shipping

A Cargo Worthy container is still fit to carry freight overseas. It shows its years with dents, rust spots and repairs, while the structure stays sound and sealed.

TRIPS	TYPICAL AGE	SHIPS CARGO	GUARANTEE
Many	**5 to 15 yrs**	**Yes**	**365 days, then free patch kits for life**

Structure	Safe for international shipping. Surface rust on frames and posts is acceptable.
Exterior	Dents, earlier repairs and paint touch-ups that may differ in color. Old logos may be painted over.
Interior	Wind and watertight with no holes in the roof, walls or doors. Scuffs and light surface rust.
Floor	Stable and secure. May show stains or minor delamination. Free of toxic contamination.
Standards	Valid CSC plate. Repaired to the Cargo Worthy standard, which sits below IICL. Usually not food grade.

Best for secure storage and job sites where function leads.



20' and 40'	**price on request**

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WIND AND WATERTIGHT

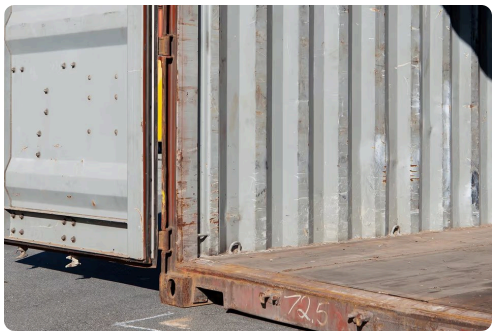
Also called WWT

A Wind and Watertight container keeps wind and rain out, so it works for storage on the ground. It is no longer certified to ship cargo.

TRIPS	TYPICAL AGE	SHIPS CARGO	GUARANTEE
Many	**10 to 15+ yrs**	**No**	**90 days**

Structure	Repaired over the years and shows wear. Generally sound for storage.
Exterior	Heavy markings, corrosion and rust. No holes.
Interior	Sealed against wind and water. Markings and rust inside.
Floor	Marked with visible wear and some delamination. Check it against your use.
Standards	No certification. The CSC plate may have lapsed.

Best for ground-level storage on a budget.



Any size **quote only**

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AS IS

End of service life

As Is containers have been retired from shipping. They are sold without repairs or guarantees and may let in wind, water or light.

TRIPS	TYPICAL AGE	SHIPS CARGO	GUARANTEE
Many	**15+ yrs**	**No**	**Not covered. Sold as seen.**

Structure	May be damaged. Repairs may cost more than the container is worth.
Exterior	Possible holes in the roof or walls, worn seals and stiff doors.
Interior	May let in wind, water and light.
Floor	May have rotten or missing sections.
Standards	None. No CSC plate.

Best for art pieces, parts, barriers and uses where weather does not matter.

OUR GUARANTEE

WIND AND WATERTIGHT, OR WE MAKE IT RIGHT

Inspect your container when it arrives. Send us photos and video of any damage or leak within 10 days of delivery. If a leak appears later in the guarantee period, send photos and video as soon as you see it. Once we confirm it, we will do one of the following:

1. Reimburse the reasonable cost of a repair by a qualified welder.
2. Send an industry-standard repair patch at no cost.
3. Swap the container. Transport for the swap is billed at cost.

Damage after delivery and modifications by others are not covered. Full details are in our Terms of Sale at containerchiq.com/terms-of-sale.

KNOW WHAT YOU ARE BUYING

HOW TO READ THE DATA PLATE

Every container carries a metal safety plate on the left door. It shows the age, the weight it can carry and whether its approval is current. Ask us for a photo of the plate on your unit.



Illustration. Numbers are examples, not from a real container.

1. **Customs approval**
   Confirms the container can travel sealed through customs.
2. **Type code**
   The ISO size and type. 22G1 is a 20' Standard 8'6". 45G1 is a 40' High Cube 9'6".
3. **Owner number**
   Four letters ending in U, six digits and a check digit. It matches the number painted on the doors.
4. **Timber treatment**
   How the plywood floor was treated against pests.
5. **Date manufactured**
   The month and year it was built. A One-Trip container is usually under a year old.
6. **Max gross mass**
   The most the container and its cargo may weigh together: 30,480 kg or 67,200 lb.
7. **Stacking load**
   The weight it can carry stacked on top, tested at 1.8 times gravity.
8. **Racking test force**
   How well it resists twisting side to side.
9. **Next examination**
   When it must be inspected again to keep its safety approval valid.

NOT SURE WHICH GRADE FITS?

TELL US HOW IT WILL BE USED

We recommend the grade that does the job at the lowest price, send photos of your exact unit and deliver nationwide.

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