Standard pallet sizes

US standard: 48″ × 40″

1,219 × 1,016 mm · GMA pallet · about 4.5–6.5 in tall empty (CHEP block: 5.6 in)

NORTH AMERICA BY INDUSTRY

48 × 40	Grocery, consumer goods
42 × 42	Paint, telecom
48 × 48	Drums, chemical, oil
48 × 42	Beverage, chemical
48 × 45	Automotive
48 × 36	Beverage, paper, shingles
44 × 44	Chemical, drums
40 × 40	Dairy
36 × 36	Beverage
48 × 20	Retail

48 × 40 SPECS (SOURCES DIFFER)

Empty height	≈ 4.5 – 6.5 in
Empty weight	30 – 48 lb
Example load rating	CHEP wood block: 2,800 lb evenly distributed in normal use

EURO AND ISO

EUR 1	1200 × 800 mm	47.2 × 31.5″
EUR 2	1200 × 1000 mm	47.2 × 39.4″
EUR 6	800 × 600 mm	31.5 × 23.6″
ISO	1067 × 1067 mm	42 × 42″
ISO Asia	1100 × 1100 mm	43.3 × 43.3″
ISO Aus.	1165 × 1165 mm	45.9 × 45.9″

48 × 40 PALLETS PER LOAD

53′ trailer, straight	26 (52 stacked)
53′ trailer, turned*	≈ 30
20′ dry container	9 floor positions (18 if double-stacked)†

*Needs at least 96″ inside width. Weight limits often cap the count first.

†Whole rows, no overhang, based on a Hapag-Lloyd 5,900 × 2,352 mm interior: four rows of two plus one turned pallet. Double-stack only if the load, door opening, height and payload allow it.

BEFORE IT SHIPS

- ☐ Footprint matches receiver
- ☐ No overhang past limit
- ☐ Loaded height under limit
- ☐ Gross weight under limit
- ☐ Entry type (2- or 4-way) OK

Sources: Kamps Pallets, PalletOne, Freightquote, CHEP and Hapag-Lloyd (Nov 2026). Confirm limits with your receiver and carrier. Free reference and calculators at **standardpalletsize.com**