

# Consolidated Packaging

Sometimes, it is more appropriate for shippers to amalgamate multiple small packages into a single, consolidated package for ease of handling/transportation. Some examples may be to build smaller packages onto a wooden pallet/skid, or, banding 2 or 3 packages together.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** When smaller packages are consolidated by these means, the resulting package/skid/bundle is regarded as a single piece for the purpose of documentation and labeling. If separation of the shipment occurs, the piece count will be invalidated and the shipment may be rejected.

## Skids/Pallets

- Shipments of multiple pieces, consolidated and shipped as a single package, e.g., on a standard 48" x 40" wooden/plastic pallet or skid must be secured to the pallet in such a manner as to withstand the rigours of handling without the individual pieces separating.
- Handling can include the pallet being forcibly pushed by hand along the aircraft floor.
- Recommended methods of securing consolidated loads to pallets include using a combination of plastic banding and shrink wrap. Shrink wrap alone is NOT considered sufficient for securing heavier items to pallets/skids. Materials used to secure items to the pallet must not be wrapped around the base as this can impair movement and must not be capable of causing injury to handling staff.
- Shippers must carefully check the pallets/skids for any protruding nails/staples/broken slats which could damage the aircraft or injure handling staff.

## Bundles

- Methods of bundling can include, but are not limited to bagging, banding, taping, shrink wrapping or a combination of methods.
- Where shippers bundle two or more packages into a single piece, the method of bundling shall be sufficient to withstand the normal rigours of handling without separating.
- Common failures occur where insufficient banding or tape is applied. Shippers must ensure the security of the method used.
- If separation of bundled pieces occurs, this invalidates the piece count and may lead to rejection of the shipment at any stage of transportation.

## Bundling Examples



Good quality banding  
No risk of separation  
Correctly labelled as one piece



Each piece in the bundle is  
incorrectly labelled as a single  
piece



Poor quality or application of banding  
has caused the bundle to separate

The piece count is now invalid and  
the shipment may be rejected