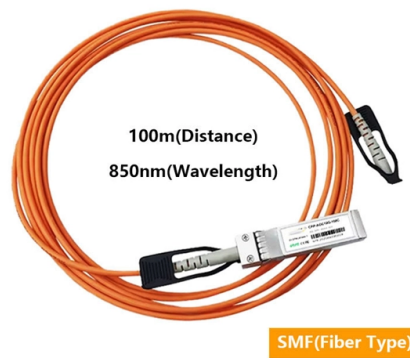


UPS Distribution Box Requirements



Article Overview

UPS distribution boxes must meet specific strength, size, and cushioning standards to ensure safe and efficient shipping.

Box Strength and Weight Limits

UPS recommends using boxes that comply with the Box Maker's Certificate, which indicates the maximum gross weight and strength of the box. These limits are intended to ensure adequate protection during transit, particularly for palletized or single-package shipments. Boxes should be tested according to International Safe Transit Association (ISTA) Test Procedure 3A to confirm they can withstand compression, impact, vibration, and other transit stresses . Exceeding the weight limit or using insufficiently strong boxes increases the risk of damage.

Size and Dimensional Guidelines

The maximum box size is determined by the sum of its length, width, and depth, not by the combined length and girth used for shipping fees. UPS provides charts and guidelines to help select the proper box size for your shipment, ensuring it fits within UPS dimensional standards while minimizing unused space . Oversized boxes can increase shipping costs due to dimensional weight pricing.

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Proper cushioning is critical to prevent product damage. Each item should be individually wrapped and surrounded by at least two inches (5.08 cm) of protective...

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