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(1.47) Best Trailer Configurations and Cargoes

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A detailed reference to help you make the most profit from your owned trailer. Verified for 1.47, this includes best paying cargoes (including cargo pack DLCs), all trailer configurations (including Lode King DLC), state weight restrictions, and best cargoes for configurations.



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See below for pros and cons of owning a trailer (under General Tips), and the key to abbreviations. My life circumstances have changed and I don't have much time to maintain this guide now, sorry for lack of updates!

Lowboys by owned DLC

DLC	Vanilla	Heavy Cargo DLC	Forestry DLC	Volvo DLC
Best Config	2x 4-axle (2-2-0)	3x 9-axle	3x 8-axle	2x 4-axle (2-2-0)

2x 4-axle (2-2-0) is the second 4-axle option, with the dolly on the front, not the stinger in the back.

Trailers by Best-Paying Cargo

Note 1: Your mileage will vary. These results were retrieved using a Volvo VNL Long 6x4 Chassis, driver Level 55, and Cargo Market deliveries <=250 miles long, with green arrow.

Trailer Type	Best Pay Per Mile	Best Cargo	Skills Needed
Dropdeck 53'	\$174.16	Boom Lift (Small)	High Value
Gas Tank B2x	\$160.29	Anhydrous Ammonia	HazMat 2
Dry Van TPD 5-axle	\$152.77	Dynamite	HazMat 1
Fuel Tank TPD 5-axle	\$146.30	Gasoline	HazMat 3
Insulated TPD 5-axle	\$138.25	Potassium	HazMat 4, Fragile
Reefer TPD 5-axle	\$138.25	Potassium	HazMat 4, Fragile
Container Carrier TPD 5-axle	\$131.83	Potassium	HazMat 4, Fragile
Lowboy 1x 2-axle	\$130.39	Boom Lift (Large)	High Value
Flatbed TPD 5-axle	\$103.51	Pressure Tank	
Sliding Tarp TPD 5-axle	\$100.59	Furniture	
Lowboy 3x 9-axle	\$100.48	Lift Truck (Heavy Cargo DLC) Log Stacker (Forestry DLC)	High Value High Value
Flated TPD 5-axle	\$94.20	Wheels with Volvo Rims (Volvo DLC)	

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Chemical Tank 53'	\$86.83	Hydrochloric Acid	HazMat 8
Dry Bulk TPD	\$86.43	Cotton Seeds	
Lowboy 1x 2-axle Dropdeck 53' 2-axle	\$84.85	Fertilizer Spreader (Farm Machinery) Square Baler* (Farm Machinery)	High Value
Grain Hopper TPD 6-axle	\$83.69	Cotton Seeds	
Food Tank TPD 5-axle	\$79.02	Fruit Juice	
Livestock (Belly)	\$78.58	Live Cattle	Fragile
Lowboy 1x 2-axle	\$65.70	Volvo EC220E Excavator (Volvo DLC)	High Value
Chip Van (Belly)	\$60.37	Cotton Seeds	
Bulk Feed 3-axle	\$57.62	Cotton Seeds	
Bottom Dumper TPD	\$44.90	Excavated Soil	
Dumper (Side) TPD	\$43.59	Excavated Soil	
Logger (4 Bolster) 2-axle	\$38.01	Large Tubes	

* = Drop-deck 53' 3-axle can carry \$127.27 of Square Baler in some states, but I think this is a bug.

Best Configuration for each Trailer in each State

Trailer Type	AZ, CA, TX	CO	ID, OR	MT, NV, UT	NM	WA	WY
Bottom Dumper*	40'	RMD 4a	RMD 4a	TPD	45'	RMD 4a	RMD 5a
Bulk Feed	45' 2a	45' 3a	45' 3a	45' 3a	45' 3a	45' 3a	45' 3a
Chemical Tank	53'	53'	53'	53'	53'	53'	53'
Chip Van	Belly 2a	Belly 3a	Belly 3a	Belly 3a	Belly 3a	Belly 3a	Belly 3a
Container Carrier	53' 2a	TPD 5a	RMD	TPD 5a	53' 2a	RMD	RMD
Dropdeck	53' 2a	53' 4a	53' 4a	53' 4a	53' 3a	53' 4a	53' 4a
Dry Bulk	42' 2a	RMD 5a	RMD 4a	TPD	42' 2a	RMD 4a	B2x
Dumpers (End & Bottom)	Side 36' 2a	Side TPD	Side B2x 4a	Bottom TPD	Bottom 45'	Side B2x 4a	Bottom RMD 5a
Dry Van	2x	3x	3x	TPD	2x	RMD	RMD
Flatbed	2x	3x	RMD	TPD 5a	2x	RMD	RMD
Flatbed (Lode King)	53' 2a	53' 4a	53' 4a	53' 4a	53' 3a	53' 4a	53' 4a
Food Tank	43'	RMD	RMD	TPD 5a	48'	RMD	RMD
Fuel Tank	43'	RMD	B2x	TPD	43'	B2x	B2x
Gas Tank	32'	53'	53'	B2x	32'	B2x	B2x
Grain Hopper	50' 2a	3x	B2x	TPD	50' 2a	B2x	B2x
Grain Hopper (Lode King)	50' 3a	B2x	B2x	B2x	50' 3a	B2x	B2x
Insulated	2x	3x	3x	TPD	2x	RMD	RMD
Livestock	Belly 2a	Belly 2a	Belly 2a	Belly 2a	Belly 2a	Belly 2a	Belly 2a
Logger	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any
Reefer	2x	3x	3x	TPD	2x	RMD	RMD
Side Dumper*	36' 2a	TPD	B2x 4a	TPD	36' 3a	B2x 4a	B2x 6a
Sliding Tarp	2x	3x	3x	TPD 5a	2x	RMD	RMD

* -- See row 'Dumpers (End & Bottom)' for better info.

Container Carrier

Dry Bulk

Dry Van

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Key to Abbreviations

Note: Though I consider the guide complete enough to remove the WIP tag, some trailers are missing real-life usage details, and some formatting details are inconsistent. Nonetheless, basic function data is available for all trailers in the game.

State restrictions on total weight of the truck, trailer, and cargo:

Category Abbreviation	Limit	States
CA	40.0t / 80,000 lbs	Arizona (AZ), Arkansas* (AK), California (CA), Kansas* (KS), Louisiana* (LA), Texas (TX)
NM	43.5t / 87,000 lbs	New Mexico (NM)
OK	45t / 90,000 lbs	Iowa* (IA), Oklahoma* (OK)
NE	47.5t / 95,000 lbs	Nebraska* (NE)
ID	53.0t / 106,000 lbs	Idaho (ID), Oregon (OR), Washington (WA)
CO	55.0t / 110,000 lbs	Colorado (CO)
UT	64.5t / 129,000 lbs	Montana (MT), Nevada (NV), Utah (UT), Wyoming (WY)

* Thank you to Crieris for this information, as posted in the comments section! Note IL, SD, and BC are upcoming DLC releases. Note I have not calculated data for OK and NE weight class states.

States	Doubles	Other
AZ = Arizona CA = California CO = Colorado ID = Idaho MT = Montana NM = New Mexico NV = Nevada OR = Oregon WA = Washington WY = Wyoming TX = Texas UT = Utah	#a = Number of axles, e.g. 2a is 2 axles 2x = STAA Double 3x = STAA Triple B2x = B-Double RMD = Rocky Mountain Double TPD = Turnpike Double	LK = Lode King DLC

General Tips

Pros	Cons
• Customizable • Pays 11% more than freight market* • May access better-paying configurations • May help access rare cargo routes for achievements	• Cost of purchasing trailer means net gain could take a while • Good paying configuration is usually available by clicking the gear at the freight market pickup site • Difficult to access--have to travel to its garage or quick travel to swap • Limits options for cargo, pickup, and destination

* Steve Pitts. (2021). SCS software forums, <https://forum.scssoft.com/viewtopic.php?t=300120>

Tips:

- Capacity restrictions are not shown when the heaviest cargo isn't limited by the restriction.
- Capacity restrictions are the difference between a state group's weight limit, and the weight of the truck plus the weight of the trailer. For all such calculations shown in this guide, the weight of the truck is a 20,400 lbs Volvo VNL Long 6x4.

- \$/mi values were determined at Level 55 using jobs between 80 to 250 mi and no just-in-time delivery.
- 'Excellent \$/mi' is usually the best-paying cargo for a given trailer, though not always. It is always close to the best-paying cargo.
- Avoid TPD 6a configurations when possible. The extra axle only hurts capacity.
- Normal vs. Double PUP, Steerable vs. Fixed axles, and other chassis and body variants usually don't affect weight. The only exception is Sliding Tarps, which turn Dropdecks and Flatbeds into a completely different class of trailer.
- Truck weight contributes toward weight restrictions, so daycabs and 4x2 configurations will allow you to carry a little more (especially with Freightliner Cascadia, Mack Anthem, and Western Star 57X models). However, if you're going to be transporting large doubles, driving on forestry roads, or playing in Convoys, I would not recommend going below a 6x4 chassis; You will need the extra driven axle if you (or someone else) get stuck.

Bottom Dumper

See 'Comparison -- Dumpers' near the bottom of the guide for more information.

Bulk Feed

In the game, Grain Hoppers are better because they also carry Sugar Beet.

If you're aiming for realism, Bulk Feed tanks are the best way to transport Cotton Seed, Grain, and Pelleted Animal Food to farms. It is not realistic to use them to transport grain *from* farms.

In real life, Bulk Feed tanks are similar to a grain hopper, but have an auger for directly loading silos or other farm machinery (that's what the pipe on the back and along the left side is for). This concept is shared with seed tenders, chaser bins, and even combine harvesters! They also have an auger running along the bottom to maximize capacity.

Numbers are in lbs (pounds) unless otherwise noted. Weight found using 20,400 lbs Volvo VNL Long 6x4. \$/mi results found at Level 55 using Standard deliveries with no Long Distance (<250 mi).

Grain Hoppers data included here for quicker comparison.

Configuration	Price	Tare	Excellent \$/mi (Cotton Seed)	80,000 Limit	87,000 Limit	Heaviest
45' 2a	\$57,700	12,900	\$50.75	46,700		46,907
Grain Hopper 50' 2a	\$73,800	15,099	\$56.24	44,501	41,501	52,910
45' 3a	\$61,860	14,300	\$57.62 (53,246)	45,300	52,300	54,013
Grain Hopper 50' 3a	\$78,960	16,500	\$63.11	43,100	50,100	59,524

Chemical Tank

These tanks are used to transport highly corrosive materials. They require HazMat 6 or HazMat 8 to use (HazMat 6 loads are more common). They pay decently well, though aren't very good for exploration, with most loads being between farms or refineries.

In real life, they're classified DOT 412/MC-312 tankers. Their key feature is their inner lining, usually made of butyl rubber (also used in inner tubes and inner tire linings), allowing them to safely transport strong corrosives. They also tend to have noticeable rings on the outside of the tank. As they are a type of tanker trailer, they must be washed after every load, to prevent contamination.

Best-Paying Cargoes:

- Hydrochloric Acid (HazMat 8)

- Pesticides (HazMat 6)
- Sulphuric Acid (HazMat 8)
- Lye (HazMat 8)
- Mercuric Chloride (HazMat 6)

Tip: D-Shaped and Deep Drop styles are functionally identical--They have the same weight and capacity.

Tip: None of the cargoes currently available for this trailer are dense enough to be weight restricted in AZ, CA, or TX for any configuration.

Tip: If you haven't unlocked the skills for this trailer, get HazMat 6 first; This allows you to transport Pesticides, which are the most common cargo for this trailer.

Numbers are in lbs (pounds) unless otherwise noted. Weight found using 20,400 lbs Volvo VNL Long 6x4. \$/mi results found at Level 55 using Standard deliveries with no Long Distance (<250 mi)

Length	Price	Weight	Best Cargo: Hydrochloric Acid (HazMat 8)	Heaviest Cargo: Mercuric Chloride (HazMat 6)
43'	\$54,940	11,600	\$57.89 (22,958)	27,880 (\$48.88)
48'	\$70,100	14,200	\$70.58 (27,998)	34,000 (\$59.61)
53'	\$82,870	16,600	\$86.82 (34,438)	41,820 (\$73.32)

Chip Van

AZ, CA, TX	Everywhere else
Belly 2a	Belly 3a

Doesn't require skills to transport any of its cargoes. It's not very profitable, but is perhaps the best for exploration in its category.

These trailers are box trailers specialized to transport low-density bulk products, particularly forestry byproducts such as wood shavings. They can have tarps, instead of solid roofs, for over-loading. Vans with moving floors can unload themselves, while those without moving floors are unloaded by tipping platforms (like a tipper, but the mechanism is external to the trailer).

They carry the following cargoes:

- Cotton Seed
- Wood Shavings
- Scrapped Cars
- Hay
- Waste Paper
- Used Packaging

Best-paying generally follows the same order, except for Belly 2a, where Cotton Seed and Wood Shavings are reversed.

Moving Floor vans are slightly heavier, but this doesn't cause any substantial difference. For all 3a variations except Belly, only 1 cargo, Cotton Seed, benefits.

Numbers are in lbs (pounds) unless otherwise noted. Weight found using 20,400 lbs Volvo VNL Long 6x4. \$/mi results found at Level 55 using Standard deliveries with no Long Distance (<250 mi)

Configuration	Price	Tare	Excellent \$/mi (Cotton Seed)	CA	NM	Heaviest
Chip Van 2a	\$68,740	13,500	\$49.39 (45,639)			45,639
Moving Floor 2a	\$73,740	13,900	\$49.39 (45,639)			45,639

Chip Van 3a	\$73,900	14,200	\$61.73 (57,049)	45,400	52,400	57,049
Moving Floor 3a	\$78,900	14,600	\$61.73 (57,049)	45,000	52,000	57,049
Belly 2a	\$78,740	15,480	\$48.02 (44,371)	44,120	51,120	44,371
Belly 3a	\$83,900	16,180	\$60.37 (55,781)	43,420	50,420	55,781

Container Carrier

These trailers are used for transporting intermodal containers, design to be easily transferred between ships, trucks, and trains. In reality, flatbeds and dropdecks are also commonly used to transport containers.

Tip: More axles never benefit this trailer type.

Note: The 'Extendable' variant can be switched between 32' and 40' in the F7 menu. The 48' only has the capacity of a 32' with the rest taken up by an unloading ramp.

Numbers are in lbs (pounds) unless otherwise noted. Weight found using 20,400 lbs Volvo VNL Long 6x4. \$/mi results found at Level 55 using Standard deliveries with no Long Distance (<250 mi)

Config	Price	Weight	CA Limit	NM Limit	Heaviest	Excellent \$/mi (Potassium)
32' 2a	\$25,400	6,800			19,435	\$32.14 (16,957)
32' 3a	\$30,060	7,919			19,435	\$32.14 (16,957)
Extendable 32'	\$31,400	8,450			19,435	\$32.14 (16,957)
48'	\$33,400	8,600			19,435	\$32.14 (16,957)
40' 2a	\$27,900	7,000			38,871	\$64.30 (33,915)
Extendable 40'	\$31,400	8,450			38,871	\$64.30 (33,915)
40' 3a	\$32,060	8,750			38,871	\$64.30 (33,915)
45' 2a	\$29,900	8,380			44,702	\$73.94 (39,003)
45' 3a	\$35,060	9,741			44,702	\$73.94 (39,003)
53' 2a	\$33,900	10,200	49,400		52,477	\$86.81 (45,786)
53' 3a	\$39,060	11,240	48,360		52,477	\$86.81 (45,786)
53' 4a	\$43,720	15,000	45,600	51,600	52,477	\$86.81 (45,786)

Config	Price	Weight	ID Limit	CO Limit	UT Limit	Heaviest	Excellent \$/mi (Potassium)
B2x 5a	\$57,460	18,600				38,871	\$64.30 (33,915)
B2x 6a	\$62,120	19,719		N/A		38,871	\$64.30 (33,915)
RMD	\$61,500	16,600		N/A		58,307	\$96.45 (50,873)
TPD 5a	\$64,000	16,800	N/A	72,800		79,687	\$131.82 (69,527)
TPD 6a	\$67,160	19,000	N/A	70,600		79,687	\$131.82 (69,527)

Dry Bulk

Used to transport powdery bulk goods, such as cement. They don't pay very well, but are good for exploration as they can deliver to/from a wide range of depots.

These trailers look similar to hoppers, but they are more rounded and unload via a system of pneumatic tubes (i.e. forcing air through), in addition to gravity. In real life, they're primarily used to transport dry cement, but these funnel tankers in particular can efficiently transport powders and even granular materials!

Transports the following cargoes, in order of best-paying (order is very consistent between

configurations):

- Cotton Seeds
- Sand
- Cement
- Grain
- Pelleted Animal Food

Numbers are in lbs (pounds) unless otherwise noted. Weight found using 20,400 lbs Volvo VNL Long 6x4. \$/mi results found at Level 55 using Standard deliveries with no Long Distance (<250 mi)

Configuration	Price	Tare	Best \$/mi (Cotton Seed)	80,000 Limit	87,000 Limit	Heaviest
22'	\$26,940	6,200	\$26.06 (24,087)			34,969
32'	\$48,000	9,000	\$38.41 (35,497)			47,685
42' 2a	\$56,100	11,600	\$52.12 (48,175)	48,000		48,175
42' 3a	\$60,120	12,950	\$53.50 (49,442)	46,650	53,650	54,044
48' 2a	\$66,660	12,800	\$50.75 (46,907)	46,800	53,800	46,907
48' 3a	\$72,180	14,200	\$63.10 (58,317)	45,400	52,400	58,317
48' 4a	\$76,200	15,600	\$65.85 (60,852)	44,000	51,000	60,852
2x	\$62,200	15,200	\$53.50 (49,442)	44,400	51,400	57,223

Configuration	Price	Tare	Best \$/mi (Cotton Seed)	106,000 Limit	110,000 Limit	129,000 Limit	Heaviest
B2x	\$109,820	19,580	\$76.82 (70,995)	66,200	Not Legal		70,995
RMD 4 axles	\$90,360	20,600	\$75.45 (69,727)	65,000	69,000		69,939
RMD 5 axles	\$94,380	21,950	\$79.57 (73,110)	63,650	67,650		76,297
TPD	\$132,000	30,900	\$83.69 (77,333)	Not Legal	58,700	77,700	77,333

Dry Van

Dry Van is the best for transporting what cargoes it can. It can transport many of the best-paying cargoes, including the absolute best, Dynamite. For more information, see Detailed Comparison -- Box Trailers near the bottom of the guide.

Tip: 2x and 3x (except where TPD is available) are best for most of the cargo types a dry van can carry, as most cargoes--including 9 of the top 14 highest-paying ones--have a density similar to or lower than Dynamite. Those marked Bulk are best transported in 53' and RMD, respectively.

Tip: Using more axles is not necessary. It does maximize capacity, but the only cargo which benefits is Pelleted Animal Food, which pays poorly and probably isn't something you'd be transporting very often. The only exception is a 53' 3a will also carry a little more Flour and Soda Ash.

Best-paying Cargoes

- Potassium (Bulk; HazMat 4, Fragile)
- Nitrocellulose (Bulk; HazMat 4, Fragile)
- Dynamite (HazMat 1)
- Household Appliances (Fragile)
- TVs (Fragile)
- Fireworks (HazMat 1)
- Tableware (Bulk; Fragile)
- Computers (Fragile)
- Beverages (Bulk; Fragile)

- Lemonade (Bulk; Fragile)
- Furniture
- Home Accessories (Bulk)
- Toys
- Fertilizer
- Tires (Bulk)

Note: Dynamite usually pays a little less than Potassium, but it is about 10 times as common, making it the best cargo overall.

Numbers are in lbs (pounds) unless otherwise noted. Weight found using 20,400 lbs Volvo VNL Long 6x4. \$/mi results found at Level 55 using Standard deliveries with no Long Distance (<250 mi)

Configuration	Price	Tare	Excellent \$/mi 1 (Potassium)	Excellent \$/mi 2 (Dynamite)	CA	NM	Heaviest
28'	\$41,380	8,000	\$45.01	\$43.64			26,059
32' 1a	\$49,440	9,000	\$51.44	\$49.89			40,785
32' 2a	\$54,100	10,280	\$51.44	\$49.89	49,320		49,604
45'	\$61,700	12,950	\$77.16	\$74.83	46,650	53,650	52,910
48'	\$68,740	13,500	\$80.38	\$77.95	46,100	53,100	52,910
53' 2a	\$77,800	14,900	\$90.02	\$87.31	44,700	51,700	52,910
53' 3a	\$82,960	16,300	\$90.02	\$87.31	43,300	50,300	59,524
53' 4a	\$87,130	17,700	\$90.02	\$87.31	41,900	48,900	65,306
2x	\$90,960	18,800	\$93.24	\$90.42	40,800	47,800	51,588

Configuration	Price	Tare	Excellent \$/mi 1 (Potassium)	Excellent \$/mi 2 (Dynamite)	ID	CO	UT	Heaviest
B2x 4a	\$105,140	20,560	\$99.67	\$96.65	65,040	N/A		68,343
B2x 5a	\$109,800	21,960	\$99.67	\$96.65	63,640	N/A		72,752
RMD	\$111,780	23,750	\$115.75	\$121.60	61,850			61,048
3x	\$140,540	29,600	\$135.04	\$137.19	56,000	60,000		72,771
TPD 5a	\$132,100	28,700	\$151.12	\$152.78	N/A	60,900	79,900	79,702
TPD 6a	\$135,260	30,900	\$144.69	\$152.78	N/A	58,700	77,700	77,671

End Dumper, Side Dumper, Live-Floor Dumper

See 'Comparison -- Dumpers' near the bottom of the guide.

Flatbed and Dropdeck

Note: Lode King and Prestige flatbeds and dropdecks have the same weight and capacity as their generic brand counterparts, and are generally about the same price.

Note: Dropdecks have the same weight as their flatbed counterparts, as well as the same capacities and restrictions for cargoes available to both, and are about the same price.

Note: Wooden and Aluminum beds have exactly the same weight, but Sliding Tarp turns flatbeds and dropdecks into a completely different type of trailer.

Outside Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas, more axles allow single trailers to carry more of the following cargoes:

- Cables
- Cotton Lint
- Iron Pipes
- Large Tubes
- Metal Coils
- Oil Pipes

- Pressure Tanks
- Rails
- Square Tubes
- Train Axles

In Arizona, California, and Texas, the following cargoes are bulky and are better hauled on a 53' 2-axle (the same are likewise best hauled on 53' 2- or 3-axle in New Mexico):

- Concrete Barriers
- Cotton Lint
- Iron Pipes
- Large Tubes
- Lumber
- Oil Pipes
- Pressure Tanks
- Scrapped Cars
- Utility Poles

Numbers are in lbs (pounds) unless otherwise noted. Weight found using 20,400 lbs Volvo VNL Long 6x4. \$/mi results found at Level 55 using Standard deliveries with no Long Distance (<250 mi)

Configuration	Price	Tare	Excellent \$/mi (Pressure Tank)	CA	NM	Heaviest	
28'	\$19,380	6,350	\$35.41			27,550	
32' 1a	\$22,880	7,070	\$43.58			43,200	
32' 2a	\$27,540	8,470	\$43.58			44,080	
45' 2a	\$30,700	12,420	\$62.64	47,150		49,590	
45' 3a	\$34,860	13,120	\$62.64	46,480	53,480	60,610	
48' 2a	\$33,200	12,800	\$68.09*	46,800	53,800	54,000	
48' 3a	\$38,360	13,500	\$68.09*	46,100	53,100	60,610	
53' 2a	\$37,800	13,430	\$70.82*	46,170	53,170	54,340	
53' 3a	\$42,960	14,130	\$76.26	45,470	52,470	60,610	
53' 4a	\$47,130	14,830	\$76.26	44,770	51,770	66,120	
2x	\$46,520	15,500	\$70.82	44,100	51,100	54,340	
Configuration	Price	Tare	Excellent \$/mi (Pressure Tank)	ID	CO	UT	Heaviest
B2x 4a	\$56,580	16,940	\$81.71	68,660	N/A		71,630
B2x 5a	\$61,240	18,340	\$81.71	67,260	N/A		75,600
RMD	\$58,340	21,570	\$81.71	64,030			62,890
3x	\$73,660	24,650	\$100.77	60,950	64,950		77,330
TPD 5a	\$70,100	27,640	\$103.50	N/A	61,960	80,960	79,950
TPD 6a	\$73,260	29,840	\$100.77	N/A	59,760	78,760	78,201

* -- For Dropdecks of these configurations, Boom Lifts (Small) pay best; \$174.16 \$/mi

Food Tank

Food Tanks are used for bulk transport of liquids that are or will be safe to drink, which currently includes 3 cargoes, ranked according to best-paying:

- Fruit Juice
- Milk
- Raw Milk

In real life, these trailers are classified as DO 407/MC-307. They have stainless steel construction, allowing them to safely carry edibles, and carry mild acids. They technically can be used for fuels. Being a tank trailer, they must be washed after every load.

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Weight for \$/mi same as Heaviest

Config	Price	Weight	CA Limit	NM Limit	Heaviest	Best \$/mi (Fruit Juice)
28'	\$37,780	7,399			30,864	\$30.72
43'	\$55,100	11,600			46,297	\$46.09
48'	70,700	14,200	45,400	52,400	57,320	\$57.06
53'	\$83,130	16,600	43,000	50,000	61,729	\$61.46
2x	\$83,320	17,600	42,000	49,000	59,524	\$59.26

Config	Price	Tare	ID Limit	CO Limit	UT Limit	Heaviest	Best \$/mi (Fruit Juice)
RMD	\$101,140	21,800	63,800	67,800		70,547	\$70.24
3x	\$121,860	27,800	57,800	61,800	80,800	79,366	\$79.02
TPD 5a	\$118,900	26,000	N/A	63,600	82,600	79,366	\$79.02
TPD 6a	\$122,060	28,200	N/A	61,400	80,400	79,366	\$79.02

Fuel Tank

Tip: All 5 cargoes carried using fuel tanks require the HazMat 3 skill. Gasoline is usually the best-paying cargo, but this varies more heavily on configuration than for most trailers. Crude Oil is the lowest-paying cargo.

In real life, these are classified as DOT 406/MC-306 tankers. They are constructed of aluminum. Being a type of tank, they must be washed after every load, to prevent contamination.

Numbers are in lbs (pounds) unless otherwise noted. Weight found using 20,400 lbs Volvo VNL Long 6x4. \$/mi results found at Level 55 using Standard deliveries with no Long Distance (<250 mi).

Length	Price	Tare	Excellent \$/mi (weight) (Gasoline)	CA	NM	Heaviest
28'	\$37,780	7,400	\$48.76 (27,171)			29,982
32'	\$46,040	8,600	\$57.37 (31,967)			41,887
43'	\$54,940	11,600	\$77.44 (43,155)	48,000		47,619
48'	\$70,100	14,200	\$86.06 (47,950)	45,400	52,400	57,540
53'	\$82,870	16,600	\$94.65 (52,745)	43,000	50,000	61,839
2x	\$83,320	17,600	\$100.39 (55,942)	42,000	49,000	59,524

Config	Price	Tare	Excellent \$/mi (weight) (Gasoline)	ID	CO	UT	Heaviest
B2x	\$101,140	17,200	\$114.72 (63,934)	68,400	N/A		74,957
RMD	\$101,980	21,800	\$126.21 (70,327)	62,800	66,800		71,429
3x	\$128,860	27,600	\$143.43 (79,917)	58,000	62,000	81,000	80,578
TPD 5a	\$120,580	26,000	\$143.43 (79,917)	N/A	63,600	82,600	80,578
TPD 6a	\$123,740	28,200	\$143.43 (79,917)	N/A	61,400	80,400	79,917

Gas Tank

Added in 1.47, these trailers require HazMat 2 to use, but pay extremely well--even the shortest trailer gets over \$100/mi on some baseline loads! They aren't very good for exploration, as they're

limited to chemical plants and rail yards.

These trailers are also known as DOT 331/MC-331. They're used to transport gasses that liquefy under high pressures, between 100-500 psi, and are usually painted white to minimize solar heating effects.

They currently support 5 cargoes:

- AA: Anhydrous Ammonia (HazMat 2)
- Chlorine (HazMat 2)
- Ethane (HazMat 2)
- Propane (HazMat 2)
- LPG (HazMat 2)

AA is always the best-paying cargo. The ranking of the other cargoes varies by configuration.

The default 43' configuration tends to be the least profitable overall due to restrictions, despite carrying a little more Ethane, Propane, and LPG. 32' is better for AA and Chlorine.

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The trailer purchase prices listed below are the minimum prices. To attain these, downgrade the side marker lamps and taillights to the least expensive item available

Configuration	Price	Tare	Best \$/mi (AA)	CA	NM	Heaviest
32'	\$48,900	16,000	\$120.21 (43,453)			43,453 (AA)
43'	\$57,500	21,500	\$102.40 (37,015)	38,100		38,378 (Ethane)
48' 3a	\$73,080	23,999	\$127.12 (46,671)	35,601	42,601	47,972 (Ethane)
53' 4a	\$87,560	27,199	\$142.48 (51,499)	32,401	39,401	52,139 (LPG)
Configuration	Price	Tare	Best \$/mi (AA)	ID	CO	Heaviest
B2x	\$110,620	34,500	\$160.29 (57,937)	51,100	N/A	57,937 (AA)

Grain Hoppers -- Including Lode King Distinction and Prestige

Best for: Cotton Seed, Pelleted Animal Food, and Sugar Beet.

Good for: Grain; however, Dry Van carries more.

Bad for: Potatoes; Use Container Carrier or Dry Van to get triple the \$/mi for the same weight!

Dry Van cannot carry Sugar Beet or Cotton Seed.

Bulk Feed and Dry Bulk have similar capacities but cannot carry Potatoes or Sugar Beet.

Lode King DLC: Distinction -- The only difference between steel and aluminum chassis, of the same size, is aluminum costs slightly more. Otherwise, they have the same weight and capacity.

Lode King DLC: Distinction and Prestige -- The minimum prices for these models are shown here. Prices for the default configurations are slightly more.

Numbers are in lbs (pounds) unless otherwise noted. Weight found using 20,400 lbs Volvo VNL Long 6x4. \$/mi results found at Level 55 using Standard deliveries with no Long Distance (<250 mi)

Configuration	Price	Tare	Best \$/mi (Cotton Seed)	CA	NM	Heaviest
28' 1a	\$41,380	8,640	\$37.03 (34,229)			34,229
28' 2a	\$49,040	10,040	\$48.02 (44,371)			44,462
40'	\$58,700	12,800	\$57.61	46,800	53,800	46,907
LK Distinction 40'	\$64,560					

50' 2a	\$73,800	15,099	\$54.88 (50,710)	44,501	41,501	50,814	
LK Prestige 45'	\$75,140	16,500	\$58.99 (54,514)	43,100	50,100	55,115	
50' 3a	\$78,960	16,499	\$60.36 (55,781)	43,100	50,100	56,217	
LK Distinction 50'	\$84,860	16,500					
2x	\$90,960	20,080	\$60.36 (55,781)	39,520	46,520	56,217	
Configuration	Price	Tare	Best \$/mi (Cotton Seed)	ID	CO	UT	Heaviest
LK Prestige B2x	\$121,180	26,500	\$68.59 (63,388)	59,100	N/A		63,517
B2x	\$105,740	23,800	\$69.96 (64,656)	61,800	N/A		65,105
RMD	\$108,240	24,240	\$72.71 (60,852)	61,360			67,240
3x	\$140,540	31,520	\$82.32 (76,066)	54,080	58,080	77,080	76,221
TPD 5a	\$125,600	28,400	\$80.94 (74,798)	N/A	61,200	80,200	74,798
TPD 6a	\$128,760	30,600	\$83.69	N/A	59,000	78,000	77,809

Insulated

Insulated trailers are not very practical; Dry Van has more capacity for what it can carry, and Reefer can carry an even wider variety of cargoes. The only case where Insulated might be practical is when you want to transport fruit or vegetables, but can't afford a Reefer. Other than that, stick to Dry Van or Reefer, according to your preferences. For more information, see Detailed Comparison -- Box Trailers near the bottom of the guide.

Even real-life trailer guides only list Dry Van or Reefer!

Best Cargoes

- Potassium (Bulk; HazMat 4, Fragile)
- Nitrocellulose (Bulk: HazMat 4, Fragile)
- Dynamite (HazMat 1)
- Household Appliances (Fragile)
- TVs (Fragile)
- Fireworks (HazMat 1)
- Tableware (Bulk; Fragile)
- Computers (Fragile)
- Beverages (Bulk; Fragile)
- Lemonade (Bulk; Fragile)
- Furniture
- Home Accessories (Bulk)
- Toys
- Fertilizer
- Tires (Bulk)

Note: Dynamite does pay a little less than Potassium, but it is about 10 times as common, making it the best cargo overall.

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Configuration	Price	Tare	Excellent \$/mi 1 (Potassium)	Excellent \$/mi 2 (Dynamite)	CA	NM	Heaviest
28'	\$51,380	8,220	\$41.79	\$40.53			25,353
32' 1a	\$59,440	9,250	\$48.22	\$46.77			40,785
32' 2a	\$64,100	10,530	\$48.22	\$46.77	49,070		49,604
45'	\$81,700	13,320	\$67.52	\$65.48	46,280		51,808
48'	\$88,740	13,900	\$70.73	\$68.60	45,700	52,700	52,910
53' 2a	\$97,800	15,340	\$80.38	\$77.94	44,260	51,260	52,910

53' 3a	\$102,960	16,740	\$80.38	\$77.94	42,860	49,860	58,422	
53' 4a	\$107,130	18,140	\$80.38	\$77.94	41,460	48,460	65,036	
2x	\$110,960	19,240	\$83.59	\$81.07	40,360	47,360	50,706	
Configuration	Price	Tare	Excellent \$/mi 1 (Potassium)	Excellent \$/mi 2 (Dynamite)	ID	CO	UT	Heaviest
B2x 4a	\$125,140	21,030	\$90.03	\$87.31	64,570	N/A		67,240
B2x 5a	\$129,800	22,430	\$90.03	\$87.31	63,170	N/A		71,540
RMD	\$141,780	24,340	\$112.54	\$109.13				60,482
3x	\$170,540	30,260	\$128.61	\$124.72	55,340	59,340		71,913
TPD 5a	\$172,100	29,440	\$138.25	\$134.08	N/A	60,160	79,160	78,768
TPD 6a	\$175,260	31,640	\$138.25	\$134.08	N/A	57,960	76,960	76,936

Livestock

The best configuration for this trailer is Belly 2-axle. There is only one cargo: Livestock. It is not very good for exploration, being limited to Bushnell Farms, Rail Export, cattle auctions, and similar industries. It is not affected by state weight restrictions.

In real life, these trailers are used to transport just about any farm animal. Transport is no longer done via trains. Animals can only be kept in the trailer for so long before they must be unloaded to feed and rest. How often the stops are depends on the species and status of the animals being transported.

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Configuration	Price	Tare	\$/mi (Livestock)	Heaviest
Normal 2a	\$67,540	13,500	\$71.45	31,305
Normal 3a	\$73,100	14,200	\$71.45	31,305
Belly 2a	\$77,540	15,480	\$78.59	34,436
Belly 3a	\$83,100	16,180	\$78.59	34,436

Logger

All configurations for this trailer have the same weight and capacity. No cargoes are affected by state weight restrictions.

This is the only trailer capable of carrying Logs. They can also carry Large Tubes, Lumber, and Utility Poles, but even a 45' flatbed carries more of those. Sorted by best-paying, the available cargoes are as follows:

- Large Tubes
- Lumber
- Utility Poles, Logs

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Config	Price	Tare	Best \$/mi & Heaviest (Large Tubes)
4-Bolster 2a	\$42,700	14,290	\$38.01 (39,520)
4-Bolster 3a	\$46,860	14,290	\$38.01 (39,520)
6-Bolster 2a	\$43,700	14,290	\$38.01 (39,520)

6-Bolster 3a	\$47,860	14,290	\$38.01 (39,520)
Flatbed 45' 2a	\$30,700	12,420	\$46.02 (47,840)

Specific cargo pay comparison

Trailer	Large Tubes	Lumber	Utility Poles	Logs
Logger	\$38.01 (39,520)	\$36.36 (31,050)	\$31.65 (31,176)	\$31.65 (31,176)
Flatbed 45' 2a	\$46.02 (47,840)	\$45.79 (39,100)	\$38.32 (37,740)	N/A

Lowboys

Lowboys are generally considered the best trailer in the game. This is because they can haul their best-paying cargoes anywhere, as unlike all the other trailers, lowboy's cargo options are almost never affected by weight restrictions.

The best-paying cargo is Space Container at \$121.10, and can be carried with any configuration.

Convoys Tip: Be careful when using 2x 4a 0-3-1 and 2x 3a variants in Convoys. The 1-axle stingers can appear to wobble badly at highway speeds to other players, due to latency.

DLC Tip: There are 17 cargoes for Lowboys in the base game. Heavy Cargo DLC adds 9 more, and Forestry DLC and Volvo DLC add 6 more each. You should have Heavy Cargo DLC if you're using Lowboys (fortunately this is included in several bundles). Forestry and Volvo DLCs are comparatively optional.

Tare numbers are in lbs.

Configuration	Price	Tare	Cargoes (Total)	Cargoes (Vanilla)	Cargoes (Heavy)	Cargoes (Forestry)	Cargoes (Volvo)	Heaviest
1x 2a	\$38,300	14,540	21	14	0	4	3	48,500 (Forestry)
1x 3a	\$45,960	20,200	27	14	0	4	3	48,500 (Forestry)
2x 3a	\$48,400	17,340	28	16	2	4	5	66,000 (Heavy)
2x 4a (0-3-1)	\$56,050	23,000	28	17	2	4	5	70,000 (Vanilla)
2x 4a (2-2-0)	\$38,300	14,540	30	17	3	4	6	77,823 (Volvo)
2x 5a	\$65,220	24,400	30	17	3	4	6	77,823 (Volvo)
3x 6a	\$73,320	22,240	33	17	6	4	6	94,500 (Heavy)
3x 7a	\$80,980	27,900	34	17	7	4	6	97,000 (Heavy)
3x 8a	\$86,640	28,600	35	17	7	5	6	106,500 (Forestry)
3x 9a	\$92,300	29,300	38	17	9	6	6	123,500 (Heavy)

Reefer

Reefers carry less than Dry Vans, but can carry 12 more cargoes they can't carry (including Fruits, and Vegetables, which can also be carried in Insulated trailers). For more information, see Detailed Comparison -- Box Trailers near the bottom of the guide.

Reefer trailers are box trailers lined with insulation, and equipped with a refrigeration unit at the front of the trailer. A green light on the front left corner of the trailer tells the driver the reefer is still running. In real life, the reefer unit runs on its own generator and requires its own fuel. It is more expensive for carriers to run reefers due to maintenance and fuel for the reefer unit.

Tip: Like Dry Van, 2x, 3x, and TPD variants of Reefer carry the most of any cargoes not listed as 'Bulk' in the list below, making them better overall if you want the most \$/mi. However, Reefer doubles are rare in real life, so stick to 53' if you prefer realism.

Tip: More axles is not necessary for this trailer type, as this only benefits one cargo: Pelleted Animal Food. This cargo doesn't pay well, is not something you'd transport regularly, and is better transported in Dry Vans, anyways.

Best Cargoes

- Potassium (Bulk; HazMat 4, Fragile)
- Nitrocellulose (Bulk; HazMat 4, Fragile)
- Dynamite (HazMat 1)
- Household Appliances (Fragile)
- TVs (Fragile)
- Fireworks (HazMat 1)
- Tableware (Bulk; Fragile)
- Computers (Fragile)
- Beverages (Bulk; Fragile)
- Lemonade (Bulk; Fragile)
- Furniture
- Home Accessories (Bulk)
- Toys
- Fertilizer
- Tires (Bulk)

Note: Dynamite does pay a little less than Potassium, but it is about 10 times as common, making it the best cargo overall.

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Configuration	Price	Tare	Excellent \$/mi 1 (Potassium	Excellent \$/mi 2 (Dynamite)	CA	NM	Heaviest	
28'	\$83,380	9,200	\$41.79	\$40.53			24,504	
32' 1a	\$91,440	10,370	\$48.22	\$46.77			39,683	
32' 2a	\$96,100	11,650	\$48.22	\$46.77	47,950		48,501	
45'	\$113,700	14,820	\$67.52	\$65.48	44,780		50,706	
48'	\$120,740	15,480	\$70.73	\$68.60	44,120		50,706	
53' 2a	\$129,800	17,100	\$80.38	\$77.94	42,500	49,500	50,706	
53' 3a	\$134,960	18,500	\$80.38	\$77.94	41,100	48,100	57,320	
53' 4a	\$139,130	19,900	\$80.38	\$77.94	39,700	46,700	62,831	
2x	\$174,960	21,200	\$83.59	\$81.07	39,400	46,400	48,589	
Configuration	Price	Tare	Excellent \$/mi 1 (Potassium	Excellent \$/mi 2 (Dynamite)	ID	CO	UT	Heavies
B2x 4a	\$189,140	23,130	\$90.03	\$87.31	62,470	N/A		66,138
B2x 5a	\$193,800	24,530	\$90.03	\$87.31	61,070	N/A		69,445
RMD	\$205,780	26,820	\$109.32	\$109.13				57,886
3x	\$266,540	33,200	\$128.61	\$124.72	52,400	56,400		69,136
TPD 5a	\$236,100	32,440	\$138.25	\$134.08	N/A	57,160	76,160	76,059
TPD 6a	\$239,260	34,640	\$138.25	\$134.08	N/A	54,960	73,960	73,856

Fun Fact: In the vanilla game, a Reefer 3x is the most expensive trailer you can buy at \$266,540k.

Sliding Tarp

Avoid 32' 2a, 45' 3a, 48' 3a, 53' 4a, and B2x 5a configurations; None of these increase the amount of cargo you can carry versus the same lengths with fewer axles.

Dropdeck sliding tarps are no different than flatbed sliding tarps.

Numbers are in lbs (pounds) unless otherwise noted. Weight found using 20,400 lbs Volvo VNL Long 6x4. \$/mi results found at Level 55 using Standard deliveries with no Long Distance (<250 mi.)

Configuration	Price	Tare	Excellent \$/mi (Fertilizer)	CA	NM	Heaviest	
28'	\$27,380	7,550	\$29.75 (18,480)			26,389	
32' 1a	\$32,380	8,440	\$34.00 (21,120)			31,097	
32' 2a	\$37,040	9,840	\$34.00 (21,120)			31,097	
45' 2a	\$42,700	14,290	\$48.87 (30,360)	45,310		49,590	
45' 3a	\$46,800	14,990	\$48.87 (30,360)	44,610		46,646	
48' 2a	\$45,700	14,780	\$53.12 (33,000)	44,820		50,533	
48' 3a	\$50,860	15,480	\$53.12 (33,000)	44,120		50,533	
53' 2a	\$51,800	15,630	\$59.50 (36,960)	43,970	50,970	52,477	
53' 3a	\$56,960	16,330	\$59.50 (36,960)	43,270	50,270	54,420	
53' 4a	\$61,130	17,030	\$59.50 (36,960)	42,570	49,570	54,420	
2x	\$62,520	15,500	\$59.50 (36,960)	41,700	48,700	52,477	
Configuration	Price	Tare	Excellent \$/mi (Fertilizer)	ID	CO	UT	Heaviest
B2x 4a	\$74,080	19,510	\$63.75 (39,600)		N/A		60,251
B2x 5a	\$78,740	20,910	\$63.75 (39,600)		N/A		60,251
RMD	\$78,740	24,640	\$80.76 (50,160)	60,960			60,231
3x	\$97,660	28,251	\$91.38 (56,760)	60,640			74,130
TPD 5a	\$94,100	31,380	\$99.88 (62,040)	N/A	58,220	77,220	76,962
TPD 6a	\$33,580	33,580	\$99.88 (62,040)	N/A	56,020	75,020	74,967

Comparison -- Box Trailers

Container Carriers: In AZ, CA, and TX, a 53' Container Carrier is more effective than a 53' Dry Van for carrying Beverages, Dry Milk, Flour, Lemonade, Nitrocellulose, Potassium, Potatoes, Salt, Soda Ash, Sugar. In NM, they're still better for carrying Flour and Soda Ash.

Dry Van: Generally carries the most of what it can carry, with a few exceptions that are mentioned above.

Insulated: Not very practical. Dry Van has more capacity for what it can carry, and Reefer can carry an even wider variety of cargoes. The only case where Insulated might be practical is when you want to transport fruit or vegetables, but can't afford a Reefer.

Reefer: Carries less than Dry Van, but can carry 12 more cargoes they can't carry (including Fruits, and Vegetables, which can also be carried in Insulated trailers).

Sliding Tarps: Can't carry several of the best cargoes for Dry Vans (the first they can carry is Fertilizer and Furniture). Otherwise, the two have about the same capacity and weight (specifically, 28', 32', 53' 4-axle, 2x, B2x, and 3x are slightly lighter than Dry Van equivalents; all other configurations are slightly heavier). Sliding Tarps uniquely carry 5 industrial cargoes (Gypsum, Mortar, Paint, Sawdust Panels, and Silica), but these are all mid-pay. Both Flatbed and Drop-deck styles have the same capacities and weights.

Tip: 2x and 3x (except where TPD is available) are best for most of the cargo types a dry van can carry, as most cargoes--including 9 of the top 14 highest-paying ones--have a density similar to or lower than Dynamite. Those marked Bulk are best transported in 53' and RMD, respectively.

Tip: Using more axles for Dry Van, Insulated, or Reefer is not necessary. It does technically maximize capacity, but the only cargo which benefits is Pelleted Animal Food, which pays poorly and probably isn't something you'd be transporting very often. The only exception is a 53' 3a Dry Van will also carry a little more Flour and Soda Ash.

Best Cargoes for Dry Van, Insulated, and Reefer

- Potassium (Bulk; HazMat 4, Fragile)
- Nitrocellulose (Bulk: HazMat 4, Fragile)
- Dynamite (HazMat 1)
- Household Appliances (Fragile)
- TVs (Fragile)
- Fireworks (HazMat 1)
- Tableware (Bulk; Fragile)
- Computers (Fragile)
- Beverages (Bulk; Fragile)
- Lemonade (Bulk; Fragile)
- Furniture
- Home Accessories (Bulk)
- Toys
- Fertilizer
- Tires (Bulk)

Note: Dynamite usually pays a little less than Potassium, but it is about 10 times as common, making it the best cargo overall for Dry Van, Insulated, and Reefer.

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Capacity by Configuration

Configuration	Type	Price	Tare	Best \$/mi 1 (Potassium)	Best \$/mi 2 (Dynamite)	CA	NM	Heaviest	
28'	DV	\$41,380	8,000	\$45.01	\$43.64			26,059	
	IN	\$51,380	8,220	\$41.79	\$40.53			25,353	
	RF	\$83,380	9,200	\$41.79	\$40.53			24,504	
32' 1a	DV	\$49,440	9,000	\$51.44	\$49.89			40,785	
	IN	\$59,440	9,250	\$48.22	\$46.77			40,785	
	RF	\$91,440	10,370	\$48.22	\$46.77			39,683	
32' 2a	DV	\$54,100	10,280	\$51.44	\$49.89	49,320		49,604	
	IN	\$64,100	10,530	\$48.22	\$46.77	49,070		49,604	
	RF	\$96,100	11,650	\$48.22	\$46.77	47,950		48,501	
45'	DV	\$61,700	12,950	\$77.16	\$74.83	46,650	53,650	52,910	
	IN	\$71,700	13,320	\$67.52	\$65.48	46,280	52,700	51,808	
	RF	\$113,700	14,820	\$67.52	\$65.48	44,780		50,706	
48'	DV	\$68,740	13,500	\$80.38	\$77.95	46,100	53,100	52,910	
	IN	\$78,740	13,900	\$70.73	\$68.60	45,700	52,700	52,910	
	RF	\$120,740	15,480	\$70.73	\$68.60	44,120		50,706	
53' 2a	DV	\$77,800	14,900	\$90.03	\$87.31	44,700	51,700	52,910	
	IN	\$97,800	15,340	\$80.38	\$77.94	44,260	51,260	52,910	
	RF	\$129,800	17,100	\$80.38	\$77.94	42,500	49,500	50,706	
53' 3a	DV	\$82,960	16,300	\$90.03	\$87.31	43,300	50,300	59,524	
	IN	\$102,960	16,740	\$80.38	\$77.94	42,860	49,860	58,422	
	RF	\$134,960	18,500	\$80.38	\$77.94	41,100	48,100	57,320	
53' 4a	DV	\$87,130	17,700	\$90.03	\$87.31	41,900	48,900	65,306	
	IN	\$107,130	18,140	\$80.38	\$77.94	41,460	48,460	65,036	
	RF	\$139,130	19,900	\$80.38	\$77.94	39,700	46,700	62,831	
2x	DV	\$90,960	18,800	\$93.24	\$90.42	40,800	47,800	51,588	
	IN	\$110,960	19,240	\$83.59	\$81.07	40,360	47,360	50,706	
	RF	\$174,960	21,200	\$83.59	\$81.07	39,400	46,700	48,589	
Configuration	Type	Price	Tare	Best \$/mi 1 (Potassium)	Best \$/mi 2 (Dynamite)	ID	CO	UT	Heaviest
B2x 4a	DV	\$105,140	20,560	\$99.67	\$96.65	65,040	N/A		68,343
	IN	\$125,140	21,030	\$90.03	\$87.31	64,570			67,240
	RF	\$189,140	23,130	\$90.03	\$87.31	62,470			66,138

B2x 5a	DV	\$109,800	21,960	\$99.67	\$96.65	63,640	N/A		72,752
	IN	\$129,800	22,430	\$90.03	\$87.31	63,170			71,540
	RF	\$193,800	24,530	\$90.03	\$87.31	61,070			69,445
RMD	DV	\$111,780	23,750	\$115.75	\$121.60	61,850			61,048
	IN	\$141,780	24,340	\$112.54	\$109.13				60,482
	RF	\$205,780	26,820	\$109.32	\$109.13				57,886
3x	DV	\$140,540	29,600	\$135.04	\$137.19	56,000	60,000		72,771
	IN	\$170,540	30,260	\$128.61	\$124.72	55,340	59,340		71,913
	RF	\$266,540	33,200	\$128.61	\$124.72	52,400	56,400		69,136
TPD 5a	DV	\$132,100	28,700	\$151.12	\$152.78	N/A	60,900	79,900	79,702
	IN	\$172,100	29,440	\$138.25	\$134.08		60,160	79,160	78,768
	RF	\$236,100	32,440	\$138.25	\$134.08		57,160	76,160	76,059
TPD 6a	DV	\$135,260	30,900	\$144.69	\$152.78	N/A	58,700	77,700	77,671
	IN	\$175,260	31,640	\$138.25	\$134.08		57,960	76,960	76,936
	RF	\$239,260	34,640	\$138.25	\$134.08		54,960	73,960	73,856

Comparison -- Dumpers

Best Capacity by State

AZ, CA, TX	CO	ID, OR	MT, NV, UT	NM	WA	WY
Side 36' 2a	Side TPD	Side B2x 4a	Bottom TPD	Bottom 45'	Side B2x 4a	Bottom RMD 5a

End, Live Floor, and Side Dumper are different body types for the same trailer style. Unlike most trailers, however, the body differences *do* affect weight and capacity, slightly!

- Live Floor Dumpers aren't practical, due to slightly lower capacity.
- End Dumpers have the lowest price for a given capacity, but they weigh slightly more.
- Side Dumpers have the highest price for a given capacity, but are also much lighter, making them the better investment when weight restrictions are a concern!

Bottom Dumper is a separate trailer style. Horizontal and Vertical variants are purely cosmetic. They are much heavier for a given capacity, but carry the most of any dumper when weight restrictions aren't a problem, and are (probably) more stable at highway speeds.

Real-life

In real life, Bottom Dumpers (also known as Clam or Belly Dumpers) spread aggregates in a low, even line, rather than a large heap like a tipper would. This is especially useful for tasks such as paving roads. They differ from hoppers in that their unloading area is much larger. While they're extremely stable, they can't effectively unload aggregates larger than 1 ft in size, such as large rocks.

End Dumpers (also known as Tippers) use hydraulic rams to angle the bin and encourage material to slide out. It's important to only unload them with the trailer on level ground, as angling the bin increases the center of gravity to the point that even slight roll could cause it to fall over, especially with longer trailers!

Side Dumpers (also known as tippers) work just like End Dumpers, but their Achilles' heel is soft ground--by shifting the center of gravity to the side in these conditions, all the wheels on that side can become stuck in the dirt!

Live Floor Dumpers use a belt to unload. While they are much more stable than a tipper, the V shape reduces the amount they can carry.

The Data

Numbers are in lbs (pounds) unless otherwise noted. Weight found using 20,400 lbs Volvo VNL Long 6x4. \$/mi results found at Level 55 using Standard deliveries with no Long Distance (<250 mi)

Config	Price	Weight	CA Limit	NM Limit	Heaviest	Best \$/mi (Excavated Soil)
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Bottom 28'	\$37,740	12,630			29,806	\$18.71 (28,660)	
Live Floor 30'	\$50,920	13,626			41,327	\$26.19 (40,124)	
Bottom 40'	\$57,860	16,880			41,667	\$26.19 (40,124)	
End 30'	\$46,820	13,185			41,667	\$26.19 (40,124)	
Side 30'	\$56,820	12,745			41,667	\$26.19 (40,124)	
Live Floor 36' 2a	\$60,920	15,302			42,990	\$28.06 (42,990)	
End 36' 2a	\$56,820	14,861			44,506	\$28.06 (42,990)	
Side 36' 2a	\$66,820	14,200			44,709	\$28.06 (42,990)	
Live Floor 36' 3a	\$65,940	17,202	42,398		46,297	\$29.93 (45,856)	
End 36' 3a	\$61,840	16,761	42,839		46,737	\$29.93 (45,856)	
Side 36' 3a'	\$71,840	16,100	43,500		47,685	\$29.93 (45,856)	
Bottom 45'	\$62,940	18,630	40,970	47,970	50,926	\$29.93 (45,856)	
Bottom 2x	\$84,000	28,060	31,540	38,540	48,722	\$31.80 (48,722)	
Config	Price	Tare	ID Limit	CO Limit	UT Limit	Heaviest	Best \$/mi (Excavated Soil)
Bottom RMD 4a	\$104,120	32,310	53,290			55,776	\$33.67 (51,588)
Side B2x 4a	\$121,020	27,285		N/A		55,887	\$35.54 (54,454)
Side B2x 6a	\$140,700	32,540	53,060	N/A		64,264	\$41.15 (63,052)
Bottom RMD 5a	\$109,200	34,060	51,540	55,540		65,918	\$43.03 (65,918)
Side TPD	\$125,400	30,490	N/A	59,110		65,918	\$43.03 (65,918)
Bottom TPD	\$127,480	38,760	N/A	50,840	69,840	69,445	\$44.89 (68,714)

Changelog

2025 Mar 28: Rephrased description, noted cargo market only pays 11% more, noted weight restrictions for new state DLCs as included in the comments section.

2023 May 11: Removed WIP tag as basic data is available for every trailer in the game. Real-life usage details on some trailers.

2023 Apr 26: Updated data on Grain Hopper to 1.47. Minor clarifications in Dry Bulk and Gas Tank.

2023 Apr 17: Updated data on Bulk Feed and Dry Bulk to 1.47.

2023 Apr 13: Added the new Gas Tanks added in 1.47, also Chip Vans; The guide now has info on every trailer in the game! Updated Quick Ref -- Trailers by State.

2023 Mar 30: Added Logger.

2023 Mar 27: Added Livestock trailers. Changed 'Cost' to 'Price.'

2023 Mar 17: Added Food Tanks. Updated WIP notice (finally)

2023 Mar 09: Added Comparison for Dumpers, and missing changelog entry for Mar 02. corrected 'Extracted' to 'Excavated' in Bottom Dumper.

2023 Mar 02: Added Bottom Dumpers

2023 Mar 01: Fixes. Removed heaviest trailer fun fact from Reefer; There's an even heavier trailer.

2023 Feb 21: Added Container Carrier and Quick Ref for Sliding Tarp. Standardized table for Chemical Tank.

2023 Feb 13: Added Lowboy, clarified 'Best \$/mi' as 'Excellent \$/mi,' and some other fixes.

2023 Feb 11: Added Sliding Tarp. Adjusted and expanded General Tips. Adjusted Closing notes to encourage feedback.

2023 Feb 08: Added Best \$/mi for Flatbed, Dropdecks, and Fuel Tank. Corrected data for Fuel Tank 2x

2023 Feb 06: Reformatted Quick Reference -- Config by State to group like states (making it fit again). Correction: Potassium is usually the best-paying cargo for Dry Van, Insulated, and Reefer.

2023 Feb 04: Added Insulated, Reefer. Separated Dry Van into a brief section and a detailed section.

2023 Jan 27: Added Bulk Feed, best \$/mi for Dry Bulk, tips for Grain Hoppers. Updated Quick Reference for Bulk Feed, Grain Hoppers, and Flatbed. Clarified Best \$/mi column.

2023 Jan 21: Reformatted Dry Van tables. Added Grain Hoppers, including Lode King DLC Distinction and Prestige. Cleaned up minor styling differences.

2023 Jan 19: Quick Reference; Updated best cargo for Bottom Dumper, Bulk Feed, Chip Van, Dry Bulk, Grain Hopper trailers.

2023 Jan 17: Added CO (110,000 lbs) limits for Fuel Tanker

2023 Jan 10: Completed Quick Reference for CO and WY. Note B2x not legal in CO. Reformatted, separated, and updated Dry Bulk section.

2023 Jan 06: Some info for CO, MT, and WY

2023 Jan 02: Updated Quick Reference with best cargoes from Volvo DLC.

-- Space Container is the best Lowboy cargo since 1.47

-- Dumpster; Removed from list as it now pays much less than pressure tanks

2022 Dec 29: Texas has same weight restriction as Arizona and California; Lode King and Prestige Flatbeds; Moved state weight restrictions to Abbreviations

2022 Dec 17: Added Flatbeds and Dropdecks. Axle count is now frequently abbreviated #a, e.g. 2a is 2 axles.

2022 Nov 18: Reformatted table for Fuel Tank and moved it to its own section. Fixed: Incorrect capacities on some large fuel tank configurations; Weight limit in ID, OR, and WA (was 1,000 lbs too low).

2022 Nov 08: Added information on Chemical Tanks, added in the 1.46 update which released today. Added Skills to top cargoes comparison. Changed ADR to HazMat to use proper terminology (ADR is ETS2, HazMat is ATS).

2022 Nov 04: Comparisons to Dry Van, found better best cargo on Container Carrier.

2022 Oct 27: Fixes

2022 Oct 26: Added Dry Van, corrected best cargo on Sliding Tarp, corrected weight of reference truck (only 2 lbs heavier) and a few other additions and fixes.

2022 Oct 13: Clarifications

2022 Oct 12: Added Trailers by Best-Paying Cargo list in Quick References. Moved a few things.

2022 Oct 10: Added Dry Bulk and made some corrections.

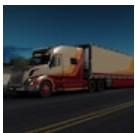
2022 Oct 08: A few corrections

2022 Oct 07: Original upload. Included information on fuel tanks, and some other details.

Closing

Thank you for reading. I hope you found this guide helpful!

Thanks to Ewo for their guide, else I wouldn't have even a remote clue about CO, MT, or WY:



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