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REUSABLE CONTAINERS - LETTER REPORT NO. 25059

Ref: (a) Research and Development Authorization SE52-67, Project No. NY003-016(j), Reusable Containers; development of
(b) CONF USNSRDF Report No. 2,202024 dtd 30 Apr 1955, "Containers for Submarine Use"

Encl: (1) Photos and information on lightweight air cargo containers, general purpose shipping containers, bins, and tote boxes

1. Reference (a) requested this Facility to design and investigate reusable containers fabricated of metal or other materials. The containers were to be splash-proof and capable of being handled by one man when loaded. Later discussions with BUSANDA (W) representatives modified weight specifications and otherwise changed original project requirements.

2. Reference (b) has been completed and submitted to BUSANDA for approval. That report covers a number of containers which could be used under the specifications outlined in paragraph 1. Although some containers do not entirely meet waterproof requirements for submarine use, they do meet the splash-proof, weight and size requirements of this project. Drawings and sources of supply of reusable containers of approximately 1-1/2 cu. ft. capacity are included in reference (b), and it is recommended that they be used as a guide for procurement of suitable reusable containers falling into this capacity category.

3. In view of the material covered in reference (b) and to avoid duplication, this report deals with various types of reusable containers of larger sizes than those originally considered. However, these containers cannot be handled by one man, and are described for information only. They are suitable for specific applications, but their over-all value to the supply system has not been determined. Some of these containers may be used for general cargo, while others are specially designed for transporting liquids and/or granular materials. The lack of definite field requirements for these containers made evaluation difficult. Should a specific problem arise, however, where a reusable container is required, suitable containers could be tested and evaluated. Photographs and general information concerning the containers investigated are included in enclosure (1). Each container was considered individually, and comparisons were not made as to utility, rough handling, impact resistance, etc. Two charts (Drawing Nos. SED-580 and SED-581), however, are included in this report, indicating the ratios of tare weight versus usable cube and tare weight versus gross cube. Since the number of points used in the formation of these charts was somewhat limited, it might be said that they actually represent trends rather than well defined charts. Additional information on these containers will be supplied upon request.
4. In general, reusable containers fall into two main types:
   a. Collapsible
   b. Rigid

Each of these two main types are divided into three groups:

   (1) Lightweight containers for air cargo
   (2) General purpose (shipping containers)
   (3) Tote boxes or bins

5. Lightweight reusable containers were investigated and reported upon in Engineering Report No. 2.9012, "Packaging Developments for Air Cargo", dated 21 April 1953. The more prominent containers are included in this report.

6. A number of general purpose shipping containers from 75 to 275 cu. ft. capacity are available and have been investigated under Project No. SE54-102, "Unit Load Shipping Containers". Photographs and basic information on containers of various capacities in this category are included in enclosure (1). Two USNSRDF reports completed under Project No. SE54-102 are as follows:


7. A few of the containers covered in this report have, as a result of extensive investigation, been included in the Naval supply system. However, insufficient information is available to this Facility to indicate the application of the remainder for use in the system on a scale large enough to warrant a detailed evaluation.

8. In view of the above, it is recommended that upon receipt and acceptance of this report, this project be considered completed.

9. The inclusion of data, photographs, etc. of items of different manufacturers should not be construed as a Navy endorsement or recommendation for such items. It is realized that the listing is not complete, but is merely indicative of the items which have been readily available to this Facility and which are representative of typical constructions.
### Lightweight Air Cargo Containers

**A. Description:** Aluminum faced honeycomb container, collapsible, hinged cover, pallet box type.

**Manufacturer:** Douglas Aircraft Corporation.

**Use:** Air cargo - low and medium density.

**External Dimensions:** 65" x 42" x 35" high

**Collapsed Dimensions:** 64-1/2" x 41-1/2" x 7"

**Tare Weight:** 83 lbs.

**Gross Cube:** 52.7 cu. ft.

**Usable Cube:** 43.3 cu. ft.

**Collapsed Cube:** 18.7 cu. ft.

**Ratios:**

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**Fig. 1.** - Container in Partially Open Position. WERDF Reg. No. 114-17.
B. Description: Paper faced honeycomb container, collapsible, telescoping cover, pallet box type.

Manufacturer: Union Bag and Paper Company.

Use: Air cargo - low air medium density.

External Dimensions (cover extended): 52" x 41-3/4" x 65"

Collapsed Dimensions (cover extended): 52" x 41-3/4" x 13" high

Tare Weight: 135 lbs.

Gross Cube (cover extended): 81.5 cu. ft.

Usable Cube (cover extended): 61.5 cu. ft.

Collapsed Cube: 28.2 cu. ft.

Ratios:

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<td>Usable Cube</td>
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Fig. 2. - Assembled Container. NSRDF Neg. No. 114-25.

Fig. 3. - Collapsed Container. NSRDF Neg. No. 114-24.
C. Description: Double wall corrugated paper container, collapsible, telescoping cover, with expendable pallet.

Manufacturer: Hinde and Dauch Paper Company.

Use: Air cargo - Low and medium density.

External Dimensions (cover extended): 52" x 41-1/2" x 66"

Collapsed Dimensions (with expendable pallet): 52" x 91-1/2" x 5"

Tare Weight: 69 lbs.

Gross Cube (cover extended): 82.5 cu. ft.

Usable Cube (cover extended): 71.7 cu. ft.

Collapsed Cube (with expendable pallet): 9.1 cu. ft.

Ratios:

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\frac{\text{Tare Weight}}{\text{Gross Cube}} = 0.84 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.}
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\frac{\text{Tare Weight}}{\text{Usable Cube}} = 0.96 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.}
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Fig. 4. - Completely Assembled Container with Cover Telescoped. BRADFORD Reg. No. 114-18.

Fig. 5. - Telescoping and Container with Top Open. BRADFORD Reg. No. 114-19.
D. Description: Aluminum Pallet Box, Collapsible.
Manufacturer: Craig Machine Inc., Danvers, Mass.
Use: Air cargo
External Dimensions: 40" x 48" x 30"
Collapsed Dimensions: 40" x 48" x 7-5/8"
Tare Weight: 58 lbs.
Usable Cube: 28.3 cu. ft. (approx.)
Collapsed Cube: 8.45 cu. ft.
Ratios:

| Tare Weight | 1.77 lbs./cu. ft. |
| Gross Cube  |   |
| Tare Weight | 2.05 lbs./cu. ft. |
| Usable Cube |   |

Fig. 6. - Fully Assembled Container Ready for Shipment. NSNUF Neg. No. 376-3.
(Photocourtesy of Craig Machine, Inc.)
Fig. 7. - Container Partially Assembled, Ready for Loading. BRDF Neg. No. 344-1. (Photo courtesy of Craig Machine, Inc.)

Fig. 8. - Container in Collapsed Position. BRDF Neg. No. 344-2. (Photo courtesy of Craig Machine, Inc.)
E. Description: Neoprene Rubber - Collapsible Drum
Manufacturer: U. S. Rubber Co., Providence, R. I.
Use: Liquids and granular materials
External Dimensions: 26-1/2" dia. x 38-1/2" high
Collapsed Dimensions: 38-1/2" x 40" x 6"
Tare Weight: 38 lbs.
Gross Cube: 12.3 cu. ft.
Usable Cube: 11.2 cu. ft. (55 gallons)
Collapsed Cube: 5.34 cu. ft.
Ratios:

\[
\text{Tare Weight} = \frac{3.09 \text{ lbs.}}{\text{cu. ft.}} \\
\text{Gross Cube} \\
\text{Tare Weight} = \frac{3.39 \text{ lbs.}}{\text{cu. ft.}} \\
\text{Usable Cube}
\]

Note: These containers are also available in 70, 300, and 370 cu. ft.

Fig. 9. - Collapsed and Uncollapsed Drums. NSRDF Neg. No. 195-12. (Photo courtesy of U. S. Rubber Co.)

Fig. 10. - Cutaway view showing drum and construction. NSRDF Neg. No. 195-7. (Photo courtesy of U. S. Rubber Co.)
F. Description: Aluminum box, collapsible.
Manufacturer: Zarges Leichtmetallhau, K. G. (Germany)
Use: Air cargo - general cargo
External Dimensions: 51" x 25" x 25"
Collapsed Dimensions: 32" x 26" x 4"
Tare Weight: 66 lbs.
Usable Cube: 16.33 cu. ft.
Collapsed Cube: 3.12 cu. ft.
Ratios: \[
\frac{\text{Tare Weight}}{\text{Usable Cube}} = 3.59 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.}
\frac{\text{Tare Weight}}{\text{Gross Cube}} = 4.05 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.}
\]

Note: Smaller box sizes available also.

Fig. 11. - Container ready for use. NSRDF Neg. No. 208-7.

Fig. 12. - Fully collapsed container. NSRDF Neg. No. 208-5.
F. Description: Aluminum box, collapsible.

Fig. 13. - Container partially collapsed. NSRDF Neg. No. 208-1.
G. Description: Aluminum box, collapsible, lightweight, 4-way fork truck entry
Manufacturer: Kaiser Aluminum Co., Chicago, Ill.
Use: Air cargo, general cargo
External Dimensions: 48" x 40" x 40"
Collapsed Dimensions: 48" x 40" x 9-1/2"
Tare Weight: 68 lbs.
Usable Cube: 34.39 cu. ft.
Collapsed Cube: 10.56 cu. ft.
Ratios: Tare Weight = 1.53 lbs./cu. ft.
Gross Cube
Tare Weight = 1.98 lbs./cu. ft.
Usable Cube

Note: Photograph of this box not currently available at USNSRDF.
**GENERAL PURPOSE SHIPPING CONTAINERS**

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<td>Household effects - low and medium density cargo</td>
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<td>External Dimensions:</td>
<td>96-1/2&quot; x 71&quot; x 78&quot;</td>
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<td>69.5 cu. ft.</td>
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*Fig. 14.* - Household effects shipping container. Ready for loading. NSRDF Neg. No. 535-8.
I. Description: Steel shipping container, rigid
Manufacturer: Marine Steel Corp., New York, N. Y.
Use: General cargo up to 50 lbs./cu. ft. density
External Dimensions: 93" x 77" x 83-3/8"
Internal Dimensions: 88-3/4" x 74" x 72"
Tare Weight (estimated): 1800 lbs.
Gross Cube: 345 cu. ft.
Usable Cube: 275 cu. ft.
Capacity: 13,750 lbs.
Ratios:

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Fig. 15. - 275 cu. ft. steel shipping container. NSRDF Neg. No. 37
J. Description: Steel 200 cu. ft. shipping container
Manufacturer: Refrigeration Engineering Corp., New York, N. Y.
Use: General cargo up to 50 lbs./cu. ft. density
External Dimensions: 75" x 75" x 78"
Internal Dimensions: 70-1/2" x 72" x 68-1/2"
Tare Weight (estimated): 1280 lbs.
Gross Cube: 253 cu. ft.
Capacity: 10,000 lbs.
Ratios: \[
\frac{\text{Tare Weight}}{\text{Gross Cube}} = 5.06 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.}
\]
\[
\frac{\text{Tare Weight}}{\text{Usable Cube}} = 6.4 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.}
\]

Note: Photograph of this container not currently available at USNSRDF.
K. Description: Steel 150 cu. ft. shipping container
Manufacturer: Jeta Mfg. Co., Yonkers, N. Y.
Use: General cargo up to 50 lbs./cu. ft. density
External Dimensions: 52" x 84" x 77"
Internal Dimensions: 48" x 81-1/2" x 66-1/2"
Tare Weight (estimated): 1040 lbs.
Gross Cube: 195 cu. ft.
Capacity: 7500 lbs.
Ratios:

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Fig. 16. - 150 cu. ft. steel shipping container. HSRDF Neg. No. 233-1.
L. Description: Steel 75 cu. ft. shipping container
Manufacturer: Marine Steel Corp., New York, N. Y.
Use: General cargo up to 50 lbs./cu. ft. density
External Dimensions: 51-3/4" x 60" x 52"
Internal Dimensions: 48" x 57-1/2" x 46"
Tare Weight (estimated): 615 lbs.
Gross Cube: 94 cu. ft.
Capacity: 3750 lbs.
Ratios:
Tare Weight = 6.54 lbs./cu. ft.
Gross Cube
Tare Weight = 8.3 lbs./cu.ft.
Usable Cube

Fig. 17. - 75 cu. ft. steel shipping container. NSRDF Neg. No. 633-5.
M. Description: Armorply rigid container (4-way fork truck entry)
Manufacturer: Marine Steel Corp., New York, N. Y.
Use: General cargo
External Dimensions: 52-1/2" x 43" x 55"
Tare Weight: 430 lbs.
Usable Cube: 54 cu. ft.
Capacity: 2,700 lbs.
Ratios:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Tare Weight} &= 5.98 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.} \\
\text{Usable Cube} &= 7.96 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.}
\end{align*}
\]

Fig. 18. - 57 cu. ft. Armorply container. NSRDF Neg. No. 516-2.
N. Description: Steel rigid container (4-way fork truck entry)
Manufacturer: Marine Steel Corp., New York, N. Y.
Use: General cargo
External Dimensions: 48" x 60" x 52"
Tare Weight: 550 lbs.
Usable Cube: 69 cu. ft.
Capacity: 3,000 lbs.
Ratios:

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<td>Tare Weight to Usable Cube</td>
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<td>Gross Cube to Tare Weight</td>
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Fig. 19. - Steel rigid cargo container. NSRDF Neg. No. 533-16.
0. Description: Steel or light alloy, collapsible, 4-way fork truck entry

Manufacturer: American Premaberg Co., New York, N. Y.

Use: As is, general cargo; with liner, liquids and granular materials

External Dimensions: 63" x 48" x 72"

Collapsed Dimensions: 105" x 61" x 13"

Tare Weight: 924 lbs. (steel) and 441 lbs. (light alloy)

Usable Cube: 92 cu. ft.

Collapsed Cube: 48 cu. ft.

Capacity: 8,000 - 10,000 lbs.

Ratios:

Tare Weight = 7.33 lbs./cu. ft. (steel)

Gross Cube

Tare Weight = 10.04 lbs./cu. ft. (steel)

Usable Cube

(Photos courtesy of American Premaberg Co.)

Fig. 20. - Fully closed container. NSRDF Neg. No. 195-16.

Fig. 21. - Fully collapsed container. NSRDF Neg. No. 195-8.
P. Description: Cargo Container, wood, steel frame, collapsible

Manufacturer: Safe-Gard Container, Seattle, Washington

Use: General cargo

External Dimensions: 84" x 48" x 56"

Collapsed Dimensions: 84" x 48" x 14"

Tare Weight: 455 lbs.

Usable Cube: 100 cu. ft.

Collapsed Cube: 32.7 cu. ft.

Ratios:

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Fig. 22. - Assembled container with lid removed. NSRDF Neg. No. 195-1. (Photo courtesy of Safe-Gard Container)

Fig. 23. - Container being loaded through opened end. NSRDF Neg. No. 195-3. (Photo courtesy of Safe-Gard Container)
P. Description: Cargo Container, wood, steel frame, collapsible

Fig. 24. - Fully collapsed container. NSRDF Neg. No. 195-2. (Photo courtesy of Safe-Gard Container)
Q. Description: Cargo container, wood, steel frame, rigid
Manufacturer: Wood Fabricating Co., Portland, Oregon
Use: General cargo
External Dimensions: 74" x 50" x 78"
Tare Weight: 715 lbs.
Usable Cube: 144 cu. ft.
Ratios:
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\frac{\text{Tare Weight}}{\text{Usable Cube}} = 4.28 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.}
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\frac{\text{Gross Cube}}{\text{Tare Weight}} = 4.97 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.}
\]

Fig. 25. - Container partially opened. N3RDF Neg. No. 195-15.
(Photo courtesy of Wood Fabricating Co.)
TOTE BOXES AND BINS

Tote boxes and bins have limited uses. They are generally used for intra-depot movement of small parts or packages. Since these containers are not equipped with lids, their use for domestic truck or rail shipments is limited as special handling is required. Some typical examples of these containers are listed as follows:

R. Description: Steel bin, collapsible, tierable, 2-way fork truck entry
Manufacturer: Republic Steel Corporation
Use: Small, heavy items
External Dimensions: 30" x 30" x 34-1/2"
Collapsed Dimensions: 30" x 30" x 7"
Usable Cube: 14.6 cu. ft.
Collapsed Cube: 3.35 cu. ft.
Tare Weight: 140 lbs. (estimated)
Ratios:
\[
\frac{\text{Tare Weight}}{\text{Gross Cube}} = 7.79 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.}
\]
\[
\frac{\text{Tare Weight}}{\text{Usable Cube}} = 9.59 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.}
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Fig. 25. - Fully assembled bin. NSRDF Neg. No. 195-9. (Photo courtesy of Republic Steel Corp.)
Fig. 27. - Fully collapsed bin. NSRDF Neg. No. 195-6. (Photo courtesy of Republic Steel Corp.)
S. Description: Steel bin, collapsible, 4-way fork truck entry.
Manufacturer: Mechanical Handling Systems, Inc., Chicago, Ill.
Use: Small, heavy items
External Dimensions: 60-1/2" x 36-1/2" x 40-3/4"
Collapsed Dimensions: 60-1/2" x 36-1/2" x 19-3/4"
Usable Cube: 28.3 cu. ft.
Collapsed Cube: 25.2 cu. ft.
Tare Weight: 500 lbs.
Ratios:
\[
\text{Tare Weight} = \frac{9.62 \text{ lbs.}}{\text{cu. ft.}}
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\text{Gross Cube} \quad \text{Tare Weight} = \frac{17.67 \text{ lbs.}}{\text{cu. ft.}}
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\[
\text{Usable Cube}
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Fig. 28. - Assembled steel bin. NSRDF Neg. No. 195-11.
(Photograph courtesy of Mechanical Handling Systems, Inc.)

Fig. 29. - Collapsed steel bin, illustrating tiering qualities.
NSRDF Neg. No. 195-14.
(Photograph courtesy of Mechanical Handling Systems, Inc.)
T. Description: Steel wire bin, basket type, collapsible, 4-way fork truck entry

Manufacturer:

Use:
General cargo and granular materials (with liner)

External Dimensions: 40" x 48" x 29-1/4" (Pittsburgh Steel Products)
Collapse Dimensions: 40" x 48" x 7-1/2"

Tare Weight: 147 lbs.
Usable Cube: 25 cu. ft.
Collapsed Cube: 8.3 cu. ft.

Ratios:
\[
\text{Tare Weight} = 4.52 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.} \\
\text{Gross Cube} \\
\text{Tare Weight} = 5.88 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.} \\
\text{Usable Cube}
\]

Fig. 3C. - Typical steel wire bin. NSRDF Neg. No. 194-1.
U. Description: Wood tote box, steel reinforced, collapsible, tierable, 2-way fork truck entry
Manufacturer: G. B. Lewis Co., Watertown, Wisconsin
Use: Small parts
External Dimensions: 48" x 28" x 34" (various other sizes available)
Collapsed Dimensions: 48" x 28" x 14"
Tare Weight: 120 lbs. (estimated)
Usable Cube: 19.3 cu. ft.
Collapsed Cube: 8.5 cu. ft.
Ratios:
\[
\text{Tare Weight} = 4.54 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.}
\]
\[
\text{Gross Cube}
\]
\[
\text{Tare Weight} = 6.22 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.}
\]
Usable Cube

Fig. 31. - Assembled and collapsed pallet equipped wood box. NSRDF Neg. No. 195-5. (Photo courtesy of G. B. Lewis Co.)
V. Description: Vulcanized fiber rigid tote box (steel reinforced corners) - skid equipped

Manufacturer: William Bal Corp., Newark, N. J.

Use: Small parts and low density cargo

External Dimensions: 48" x 36" x 36"

Tare Weight: 45 lbs. (approx.)

Usable Cube: 32 cu. ft.

Ratios:

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Fig. 32. - Vulcanized fiber tote box, skid equipped. NSRDF Neg. No. 195-10. (Photo courtesy of William Bal Corp.)
W. Description: Aluminum tote box, collapsible
Manufacturer: Hamlin Metal Products, Akron, Ohio
Use: Air Cargo and small parts
External Dimensions: 40" x 48" x 21-11/16"
Collapsed Dimensions: 40" x 48" x 6"
Tare Weight: 150 lbs. (approx.)
Usable Cube: 23 cu. ft.
Collapsed Cube: 6.7 cu. ft.
Ratios:
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\begin{align*}
\text{Tare Weight} & = 6.21 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.} \\
\text{Gross Cube} & = 6.52 \text{ lbs./cu. ft.}
\end{align*}
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Fig. 33. - Fully assembled aluminum tote box. NSRDF Neg. No. 642-4.

Fig. 34. - Fully collapsed tote box. NSRDF Neg. No. 642-1.
## REUSABLE CONTAINERS

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REUSABLE CONTAINERS

CONTAINER TARE WT. VS. CONTAINER USABLE CUBE

LEGEND

☐ STEEL SHIPPING CONTAINERS
☐ LIGHT WEIGHT AIR CARGO CONTAINERS
△ LIGHT ALLOY OR WOOD SHIPPING CONTAINERS
☐ STEEL OR WIRE BIN
◇ MISCELLANEOUS TOTE BOXES & BINS
CONTAINERS
INNER USABLE CUBE

SEND
SHIPPING CONTAINERS
WEIGHT AIR CARGO CONTAINERS
ALLOY OR WOOD SHIPPING CONTAINERS
OR WIRE BIN
VARIABLE TOTE BOXES & BINS

LIGHT ALLOY OR WOOD
O SHIPPING CONTAINERS

AVERAGE CURVE

STEEL SHIPPING CONTAINERS

O2
REUSABLE CONTAINERS

CONTAINER TARE WEIGHT VS. CONTAINER GROSS CUBE

LEG
- STEEL SHIPPING CONTAINER
- LIGHT WEIGHT AIR CASK
- LIGHT ALLOY OR WOOD
- STEEL OR WIRE BIN
- MISCELLANEOUS TOOLS

LIGHT ALLOY SHIPPING

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AINERS

LEGEND

STEEL SHIPPING CONTAINER
LIGHT ALLOY OR WOOD SHIPING CONTAINERS
STEEL OR WINE BINS
MISCELLANEOUS TOTE BOXES & BINS

LIGHT WEIGHT AIR CARGO CONTAINERS
STEEL OR WOOD SHIPING CONTAINERS

LIGHT ALLOY OR WOOD SHIPING CONTAINERS

STEEL SHIPING CONTAINERS

LIGHT ALLOY OR WOOD SHIPING CONTAINERS

STEEL SHIPING CONTAINERS

AVERAGE CURVE

ANERS

TAINER GROSS CUBE

AIR CAR

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ALLOY OR WOOD HIPPING CONTAINER

SEL OR WEIGH'r

AIR CAR

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ALLOY OR WOOD HIPPING CONTAINER

SEL OR WEIGH'r