

# BULLBOX

**20' CONTAINER ISO 1CC  
TECHNICAL SPEC. BULLBOX**

STEEL DRY  
CARGO CONTAINER  
BULLBOX 20' x 8' x 8'6" TYPE

MODELO NO:  
**BULLBOX 20' OPEN TOP STANDARD  
CONTAINER**  
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 **1.1 General**

This specification will cover the design, construction, materials, testing and inspection performances of 20'x8'x8'6" ISO 1CC type steel dry cargo containers.

These containers specified herein will be manufactured by Contenedores y Embalajes Normalizados, S.A (hereinafter referred to BULLBOX) under strict quality control by BULLBOX and be **approved by the classification society** (Bureau Veritas, China Classification Society, Lloyd's Register of Shipping, American Bureau of Shipping...)

The container will be designed and constructed for carriage of general cargo by marine (on or below deck), road and rail throughout the world. All materials used in the construction will be to withstand extremes of temperature range from 40 °C to +70 °C without effect on the strength of the basic structure and watertightness.

Container will satisfy the following requirements, unless otherwise mentioned in this specification


*ISO Container Standards:* ISO 668. ISO 830. ISO 1161. ISO 1496-1. ISO 6346

*T.I.R. Certification:* All the containers will be certified and complied with "The Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under the cover of T.I.R. Carnets." or "The Customs Convention on Containers."

*C.S.C. Certification:* All the containers will be certified and complied with the requirements of the "International Convention for the Safe Containers."

*T.C.T. Certification:* All exposed wooden components used for container will be treated to comply with the requirements of "Cargo Containers-Quarantine Aspects and Procedures" of the Commonwealth Department of Health, Australia.

*U.I.C. Registration:* All the containers will be registered and complied with the "International Union of Railways."

 **1.2 Handling and Transportation**

The container will be constructed to be capable of being handled without any permanent deformation under the following conditions:

- a) Lifting, full or empty, at top corner fittings vertically by means of spreaders fitted with hooks, shackles or twistlocks.
- b) Lifting, full or empty, at bottom corner fittings using slings with terminal fittings at any angles between vertical and 45 degrees to the horizontal.
- c) Lifting, full or empty, at forklift pockets using forklift truck.

The container will be constructed to be suitable for transportation in the following modes:

- a) Marine: In the ship cell guides of vessels, seven (7) high stacked.  
On the deck of vessels, four (4) high stacked and secured by vertical and diagonal wire lashings.
- b) Road: On flat bed or skeletal chassis, secured by twistlocks or equivalent at the bottom corner fittings.
- c) Rail: On flat cars or special container cars secured by twistlocks or equivalent at the bottom corner fittings

## 02-DIMENSION AND RATINGS

 **2. Dimensions and Ratings****External**

<b>Length</b>	6,058 mm	20'
<b>Width</b>	2,438 mm	8"
<b>Height</b>	2,591 mm	8' 6"

**Internal**

<b>Length</b>	5,898 mm
<b>Width</b>	2,352 mm
<b>Height</b>	2,350 mm

**Roof opening**

<b>Length between top headers</b>	5,652 mm
<b>Length between troughs</b>	5,450 mm
<b>Width between top side rails</b>	2,192 mm
<b>Width between stubs when header removed</b>	1,950 mm

**Door opening dimensions**

<b>Width</b>	2,343 mm
<b>Height</b>	2,280 mm

**Internal cubic capacity**

33.12 cu.m	1,150 cu.ft
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**Forklift pockets**

<b>Width</b>	360 mm
<b>Height</b>	115 mm
<b>Center to center</b>	2080 mm

**Ratings**

<b>Max. Gross Weight</b>	30,480 kg	67,200 lb
<b>Tare Weight</b>	2,290 kg	5,050 lb
<b>Max. Payload</b>	28,190 kg	62,150 lb

Dimensions and ratings are subject to small variations depending on the batch.



### 3. Materials

The following materials will be used in the construction of containers:



#### 3.1 Parts specifications

Parts	Materials
1) All steel except screws, rivets, bolts/nuts, door hardwares and other shown on drawings and specification	Anti-corrosive steel: CORTEN A, SPA-H or equivalent Y.P.: 343 N/mm <sup>2</sup> T.S.: 481 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
2) Rear corner posts (inner)	Rolled high tensile steel: SM50A or equivalent. Y.P.: 324 N/mm <sup>2</sup> T.S.: 490 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
3) Cut-out channel steels	Structural steel: SS400 (SS41) Y.P.: 245 N/mm <sup>2</sup> T.S.: 402 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
4) Door locking bars, roof bows	Structural steel round pipe: STK400 (STK41) Y.P.: 235 N/mm <sup>2</sup> T.S.: 402 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
5) Corners Fitting	Casted weldable steel: SCW480 (SCW49) Y.P.: 275 N/mm <sup>2</sup> T.S.: 480 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
6) Locking gear cams and keepers	S20C Y.P.: 245 N/mm <sup>2</sup> T.S.: 402 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
7) Door hinges	S25C Y.P.: 265 N/mm <sup>2</sup> T.S.: 441 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
8) Door hinge pins, door header ins, gasket retainers	Stainless Steel
9) Door gasket	EPDM
10) Floor	Plywood board / Bamboo
11) Tarpaulin cover	PVC treira

Y.P. – Yielding Point

T.S. – Tensile Strenght

 **4.1. Construction**

The container will be constructed with steel frames, fully vertical-corrugated steel sides and front wall, horizontal-corrugated steel double doors at rear end, roof bows, tarpaulin cover and corner fittings.

All welds of exterior including the base frames will be continuous welding using CO<sub>2</sub> gas.

Interior welds - when needed - will be stitched with a minimum length of 15 mm.

Gaps between adjacent components to be welded will not exceed 3 mm or the thickness of the parts being welded.

Chloroprene sealant is to be applied at periphery of floor surface and inside unwelded seams, butyl sealant is used to caulk at invisible seam of floor joint area and between door gasket and frame.

The internal bend radii of pressed sections of steel will be not less than 1.5 time the thickness of the materials being pressed.

The wooden/bamboo floor will be fixed to the base frames by zinc plated self-tapping screws.

 **4.2 Protrusion**

The plane formed by the lower faces of all transverse members shall be positioned by 12.5 mm +5/-1.5 mm above the plane formed by the lower faces of the bottom corner fittings.

The top corner fittings are to protrude 6 mm above the highest point of the roof.

The outside faces of the corner fittings will protrude from the outside faces of the corner posts by nominal 4 mm for the front and nominal 3 mm for the rear.

The outside faces of the corner fittings will protrude from the outside faces of the sides and front wall by nominal 8 mm.

Under maximum payload, no part of the container will protrude below the plane formed by the lower faces of the bottom corner fittings at the time of maximum deflection.

Under 1.8 x maximum gross weight, no part of the container will protrude more than 6.0 mm below the plane formed by the lower faces of the bottom corner fittings at the time of maximum deflection.

 **4.3 Corner fittings**

The corner fittings will be designed in accordance with ISO 1161 and manufactured at the works approved by classification society.

 **4.4 Base frame structure**

Base frame will be composed of two bottom side rails, eighteen cross members, and a set of forklift pockets.

Each bottom side rail is built of a 50x162x30x4.5 mm thick cold formed channel section steel made in one piece. The lower flange of the bottom side rail is outward to facilitate easy removal of the cross members

during repair and of less susceptible corrosion.

Reinforcement plates to be made of 4.0 mm thick flat steel is welded to bottom corner fitting.

The cross members are made of pressed channel section steel with a dimension of 45x122x45x3.5 mm for the normal areas and 75x122x45x4.0 mm for the floor butt joints. The large one is reinforced by three 4.0 mm thick gussets. The cross members are placed fully to withstand floor strength and welded to each bottom side rail.

Each forklift pocket is built of 3.0 mm thick full depth flat steel top plate and two 200 mm deep x 6.0 mm thick flat lower end plates between two channel section cross members. The one set of forklift pockets is designed in accordance with ISO requirements.

#### 4.5 Flooring

The floor will consist of six pieces plywood/bamboo boards, floor center rail, and self-tapping screws.

The wooden / bamboo floor to be constructed with 28 mm thick hardwood plywood/bamboo boards are laid longitudinally on the transverse members between the 4.0 mm thick flat bar floor center rail to the bottom side rails. The floor boards are tightly secured to each transverse member by self-tapping screws, and all butt joint areas and peripheries of the floor boards are caulked with sealant.

1) Wood species: Apitong, Hardwood plywood or bamboowood composite

2) Glue: Phenol-formaldehyde resin.

3) Treatment:

a) Preservative: Meganium or Equivalent. In accordance with Australian Health Department Regulations.

b) Average moisture content will be 12% before installation.

Each floorboard is fixed to the transverse members by zinc plated self-tapping screws that are 8.0 mm dia. shank x 16 mm dia. head x 45 mm length and fastened by four screws per cross member but five screws at joint areas. Screw heads are to be countersunk with about 2 mm below the floor top surface.

#### 4.6 Rear frame structure

The rear frame will be composed of one door sill, two corner posts, one door header and four corner fittings, which will be welded together to make the door-way.

The door sill to be made of a 4.5 mm thick pressed open section steel is reinforced by four internal gussets at the back of each locking cam keeper location. The upper face of the door sill has a 10 mm slope for better drainage. There is cut out at each end of the door sill and reinforced by a 200x75x9.0 mm channel steel as a protection against handling equipment damages.

Each rear corner post of hollow section is fabricated with 6.0 mm thick pressed steel outer part and 40x113x12 mm thick hot rolled channel section steel inner part, which are welded continuously together to ensure a maximum width of the door opening and to give a sufficient strength against stacking and racking forces.

Four (4) sets of hinge pin lugs are welded to each rear corner post.

**The swing header** is constructed with a 4.0 mm thick pressed "U" section steel lower part having four internal gussets at the back of each locking cam keeper location and a 4.0 mm thick pressed steel upper part, which are formed into box section by continuous welding.

The swing header supported two hinges having 22 mm dia. Stainless steel pins and provided with EPDM gasket to prevent the leakage of water into the container. Pins are secured to the header by a steel chain and even disappears when removable the head away.

There are 11 tarpaulin lashing rings welded on the door header.

#### 4.7 Door

Each container will have double wing doors at rear end frame, and each door will be capable of swinging approximately 270 degrees.

Each door is constructed with two 3.0 mm thick pressed channel section steel horizontal frames for the top and bottom, two 100x50x3.2 mm thick rectangular hollow section vertical frames for the post side and center side of door, 1.6 mm thick horizontally corrugated steel door panel, which are continuously welded within frames.

Two sets of galvanized bolt on model locking assemblies with forged steel handles are fitted to left door, and one set (with lengthened pressed steel handles) is fitted to the right door, using zinc plated steel bolts and Huck bolts according to TIR requirements. Locking bar retainers are fitted with nylon bushings at the top, bottom and intermediate bracket.

Locking gears should be assembled after painting of container.

The left hand door can not be opened without opening the right hand door when the container is sealed in accordance with TIR requirements.

The door hold-back of nylon rope is provided to the center locking bar on each door and a hook of steel bar is welded to each bottom side rail.

Each door is suspended by four hinges being provided with stainless steel pins, self-lubricating nylon bushings and the stainless steel washers, which are placed at the hinge lugs of the rear corner posts.

The door gasket to be made of an extruded J&C-type EPDM rubber is installed to the door peripheral frames with stainless steel gasket retainers which must be caulked with butyl sealant before installation of gasket, and fastened by stainless steel rivets at a pitch of 150 mm.

#### 4.8 Roof structure

The roof will be constructed with nine bows, one tarpaulin, one TIR cable and four rain gutters.

**The roof bow** is made of one 34 mm dia. hot-dipping zinc galvanized round pipe.

Bows are about 610 mm equally spaced in the rings on the top side rails.

**The tarpaulin** is made of cloth of polyester coated on both side with high quality PVC coating and comply with DIN (Total weight of fabric: 600 - 650 g/m<sup>2</sup>).

There are many eyelets about 200 mm equally spaced around tarpaulin which are used to insert the tarpaulin lashing rings on the top side rails, door header and front top end rail.

The **TIR cable** is made of 3.0 mm dia. steel cable with 6.0 mm dia. clear PVC sheading and galvanized ends with provision for customs seal.

**The rain gutter** is made of angle shaped section and provided around each top corner fitting.

#### 4.9 Top side wall

Each top side rail is made of a 100x50x4.0 mm rectangular tube upper and a 120x120x4.0 mm square tube lower welded together. There are 29 tarpaulin lashing rings welded on each top side rail.



 **4.10 Side wall**

The trapezium section side wall is constructed with 2.0 mm thick fully vertically continuous-corrugated steel outer panels near the each post and 1.6 mm thick intermediate inner panels, which are butt welded together to form one panel and continuously welded to the side rails and corner posts.

 **4.11 Front structure**


Front end structure will be composed of one bottom end rail, two corner posts, one top end rail, four corner fittings and an end wall, which are welded together.

The bottom end rail to be made of a 4.0 mm thick pressed open section steel is reinforced by four internal gussets. There is cut out at each end of the bottom end rail and reinforced by a 200x75x9.0 mm channel steel as a protection against handling equipment damages.

Each corner post is made of 6.0 mm thick pressed open section steel in a single piece and designed to give a sufficient strength against stacking and racking forces.

The top end rail is made of a 100x50x4.0 mm rectangular tube upper and a 120x120x4.0 mm square tube lower welded together. There are 11 tarpaulin lashing rings welded on the top end rail.

The trapezium section front wall is constructed with 2 mm thick vertically corrugated steel panels, butt welded together to form one panel, and continuously welded to front end rails and corner posts.

 **4.12 Special feature**

Customs seal and padlock provisions are made on each locking handle retainer to cover the sealed area in accordance with TIR requirements.

Five (5) lashing hoop rings are welded to each top and bottom side rail at recessed corrugations of side panels but not extruded any cargo space (total 20 rings). Each lashing point is designed to provide a "1,500 kgs pull load in any direction" without any permanent deformation of lashing ring and surrounding area.

Two (2) lashing rods are welded to each corner post at the position of 500 mm higher from the floor and 200 mm lower from the bottom surface of top corner fitting and middle of the corner post. Each lashing rod on the corner post is designed to provide a "1,000 kgs pull load in any direction" without any permanent deformation.

A shoring slot, having a size of 60 mm width x 40 mm depth is provided on each rear corner post so that 2 1/4" thick battens can be arranged to be able to prevent doors from damage due to shifting cargo.



### 5.1 Surface preparation

- 1) All steel surfaces - prior to forming or after - will be fully abrasive shot blasted conforming to Swedish Standard SA 2 1/2 to remove all rust, dirt, mill scale and all other foreign materials. The shot blasted surface profile shall have a maximum peak to valley height not exceeding 50 microns and average peak to valley height of about 25 microns.
- 2) All door hardwires will be hot-dipping zinc galvanized with approximately 75 microns thickness.
- 3) All fasteners such as self-tapping screws and bolts, nuts, hinges, cam keepers and lashing fittings will be electro-galvanized with approximately 13 microns thickness



### 5.2 Coating

Coating specifications will be provided on request.

 **6. Marking**

The containers will be marked in accordance with ISO, TCT, UIC, CSC and TIR requirements, owner's marking specifications and other required regulations.

*Materials*

- 1) Decal: - Self-adhesive, high tensile PVC film for seven (7) years guarantee without peeling off, tenting or color fading.
- 2) Certification plate: Stainless steel plates to be chemically etched by acid.

*Specifications*

Identification plates such as consolidated data plate consisting of CSC, TIR and TCT will be riveted on the door permanently by stainless steel rivets. The entire periphery except underside will be caulked with sealant.


**7. Testing**

The prototype container manufactured in accordance with this specification will be tested by manufacturer under the supervision of classification society.

<i>Test &amp; loads</i>	<i>Test methods</i>
<b>A) Stacking</b> Internal load: 1.8R-T Test load: 86,400kg/post	Hydraulic cylinder load will be applied to each corner post through top corner fittings. Offset: 25.4 mm lateral 38.0 mm longitudinal Time duration: 5 minutes
<b>B) Lifting</b> (from top corner fitting) Internal load: 2R-T	Lifting vertically. Time duration: 5 minutes
<b>C) Lifting</b> (from bottom corner fittings) Internal load: 2R-T	Lifting 45 degree to the horizontal. Time duration: 5 minutes
<b>D) Lifting</b> (for forklift pockets) Internal load: 1.6R-T	Lifting by horizontal bars. Bar length: 1,828mm Bar width: 200mm Time duration: 5 minutes
<b>E) Restraint</b> (longitudinal) Internal load: R-T Test load: 2R	Hydraulic cylinder load will be applied to the bottom side rails. Two times for pulling and pushing. Time duration: 5 minutes
<b>F) Floor strength</b> Test load: 5,460 kgs (12,000 lbs)	Use of a special truck. Total contact area: 284 sq. cm Wheel width: 180 mm Wheel centre: 760 mm
<b>G) Wall strength</b> (front) Test load: 0.4(R-T) = 0.4P	Compressed air bag will be used. Time duration: 5 minutes
<b>H) Wall strength</b> (side) Test load: 0.5(R-T) = 0.5P	Compressed air bag will be used on one side only. Time duration: 5 minutes
<b>I) Wall strength</b> (door) Test load: 0.4(R-T) = 0.4P	Same as front wall strength test.
<b>J) Racking</b> (transverse) Test load: 15,240 kgs	Hydraulic cylinder load will be applied to the header rail through top corner fittings. Two times for pulling and pushing.  Time duration: 5 minutes
<b>K) Racking</b> (longitudinal) Test load: 7,620 kgs	Hydraulic cylinder load will be applied to the top side rail through top corner fitting on one side only. Two times for pulling and pushing. Time duration: 5 minutes
<b>L) Operation of door</b>	After completion of test, the operation of doors, locks, hinges, etc. will be checked.

## 07-TESTING

<b>M) Dimensions and weight</b>	After completion of test, the dimensions and weight will be checked.
<b>N) Weatherproofness</b>	Inside dia. of nozzle: 12.5mm Distance: 1.5 m Speed: 100 mm/sec. Pressure: 1 kg/sq. cm

\* Note: R - Maximum Gross Weight

T - Tare Weight

P – Maximum Payload

**8 Guarantee****Structure**

All the containers shall be guaranteed by manufacturer to be free from defects in materials, workmanship and structure for a period of one (1) year from the date of production certificate.

**Painting**

The paint system coated on the container surface shall be guaranteed to be free from corrosion and failure for a period of three (3) years from the date of production certificate.

Corrosion is defined as rusting which exceeds RE3 (European Scale of degree of Rusting) on at least ten (10) percent of the total container surface, excluding that resulting from impact or abrasion damage, contact with solvents or corrosive chemicals and abnormal use.

If the corrosion exceeds RE3 as defined above within the guarantee period, inspection of the corrosion shall be carried out by the buyer, BULLBOX and paint manufacturer to detect the cause. As the result of the inspection, if it is mutually agreed and accepted that the corrosion has been caused by the defective paint quality and/or poor workmanship, BULLBOX and/or paint manufacturer shall correct the defect on their accounts.

**Decals**

Decals applied on the container shall be guaranteed for a period of seven (7) years without peeling off, tenting or color fading.



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