

BEST PRACTICE: PACKING AND LOADING CITRUS IN RPCS



IFCO's RPCs were designed to facilitate the efficient packing, palletizing, and loading of fresh citrus. By following the best practices outlined here, growers can ensure their product arrives at retail in premium condition.

High-quality citrus

- Fast, uniform cooling and better temperature management
- Greater product protection in distribution
- Sturdy, smooth construction
- Will not collapse or bulge
- Will not flatten thin-peeled items

Efficient handling and distribution

- Works well with both volume- and pattern-packed product
- Easy assembly and packing
- Offers maximum pack and cube capacities
- Reduces packaging costs and materials
- Easier, more ergonomic handling at both warehouse and store
- Builds strong pallet foundation for distribution, including cross-stack patterns
- Folding efficiency reduces storage and transportation costs

Environmentally friendly packaging

- Designed for years of reuse
- Reduces corrugated waste, energy consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions
- IFCO is committed to Worldwide Responsibility





Packing

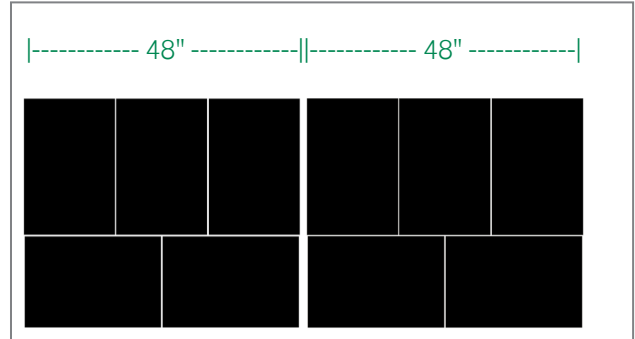
1. Volume- or pattern-pack in RPC per retailer's weight or size requirements, respectively
2. Ensure latches are fully locked prior to and during packing.

Palletizing

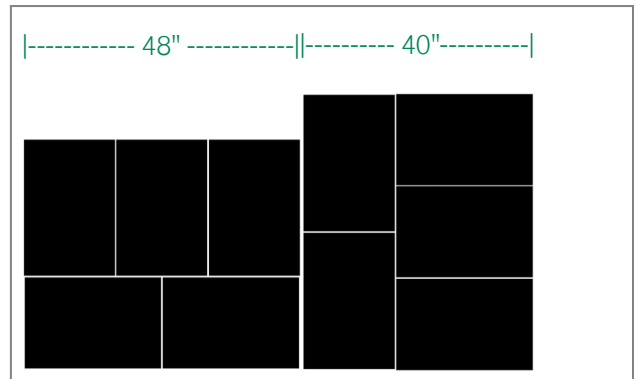
1. Palletize RPCs in cross stack pattern with stacking height per retailer specifications. Ensure RPCs are properly nested and latched during pallet building.
2. Strap from top to bottom to ensure stability. IFCO recommends 3 straps (top, middle and bottom).
3. Ensure proper RPC labeling – please refer to retailer labeling guidelines.

Loading

102"-wide trailers: load pallets across 48" side



96"-wide trailers: load pallets in a pinwheel fashion, one pallet on 40" side, the other pallet on 48" side

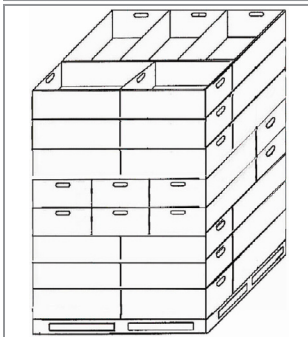


Two load locks should be placed at the end of RPC pallets, regardless of trailer size.



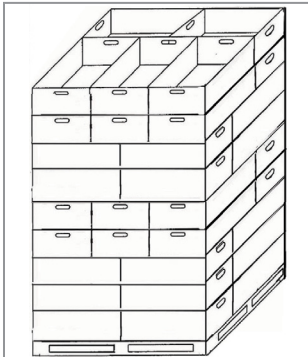
7 Layers - 35 RPCs

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8 Layers - 40 RPCs

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9 Layers - 45 RPCs

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