Furniture Packaging Standards
The following standards must be adhered to when shipping all furniture products to TJX Corporation.

Exterior Carton Requirements
a) Carton weight should not exceed 50lbs (22.68kg) if there is more than 1 unit per box.
b) If carton exceeds 50lbs (22.68kg), place two man lift sticker on exterior sides of the carton.

c) Corners should be reinforced to withstand 18in (45.72Cm) drop test.
d) All over sized items must be individually packaged in single or double wall corrugate with 275lbs (124.74kg) burst strength. Edge Crush Test is 40lbs (18.14kg).

e) Corners must be reinforced to withstand 18in (46.72cm) drop test.
f) All glass surfaces must be protected by:
   i) Styrofoam or
   ii) ½in (2cm) - bubble wrap

Exterior Labels
a) Fragile symbols on the front and back of carton panels.
b) All cartons must be marked “FRAGILE” with directional Arrows Up.

All cartons containing fragile or breakable items must be printed with International fragile markings on the cartons exterior panels in 2in (5.08cm) letters and have directional arrows to instruct the carton handlers as to the proper carton handling and placement.
c) Items with a separated boxed top and a boxed base (ex: armoire), must have each individual carton marked as follows:
   - Vendor Style Number
   - Clear Identification: “Box 1 of 2” and “Box 2 of 2”.
   - Designation on each carton as “top” or “bottom” of the piece of furniture

   *Equal numbers of the same style to and bottom must be shipped on the same trailer or container for each distribution center.*

**Interior Carton Requirements**

a) All cartons must be free from punctures, tears, rips, or corner damage.
b) All tape must be at least 2in (5.08cm) wide.
c) All tape must be pressure sensitive or nylon reinforced.
d) DO NOT USE MASKING TAPE, DUCT TAPE, CELLOPHANE, STRING, or PAPER over-wrap to close cartons.
e) Two piece items with a separated boxed top and a boxed base (ex: armoire), must have each individual carton marked as follows:
   - Vendor Style Number
   - Clear Identification: “Box 1 of 2” and “Box 2 of 2”.
   - Designation on each carton as “top” or “bottom” of the piece of furniture

**Interior Packaging Requirements**

The interior carton packaging for furniture is essential for the product to remain in its original condition through the entire supply chain. The TJX Corporation requires compliance to the following standards to allow sell through of goods without Damage.

a) Corner protection is essential. Foam corner protection is required for marble, stone, and glass products. Corrugate cardboard corner protection is acceptable for any other items.
b) Leg bracing for legs longer than 6in (15.24cm) is necessary on Furniture. All legs must be wrapped and protected with corrugate or foam wrap.
c) Chairs that can be boxed in sets of two should be boxed seat to seat. The top of back rests and corners will need surface protection. (This will prevent damage to the finish, facilitate the stacking of merchandise in trailers, and minimize load shifting during transit).
d) Products that are Ready to Assemble (RTA) must include the correct parts and pieces of hardware. These pieces must be in a florescent bag, placed inside a draw.
e) All furniture must be California Air Resource Board (C.A.R.B) compliant.
f) Flat surfaces should be protected with 1¼in (3.18cm) Styrofoam covering.

![1¼in (3.18cm) Styrofoam Protection](image)
g) In containers where carton packing may not be possible due to furniture structure or shape it is essential that all surfaces must be wrapped in protective coverings and secured to remain intact during transportation.

Acceptable protective materials are:

i) Furniture *without* glass – \(\frac{3}{16}\)in (0.476cm) bubble wrap or 1/16in (0.158cm) cohesive coated polyethylene foam laminated to high-density film.

ii) Furniture *with* glass: \(\frac{5}{16}\)in (0.793cm) to ½in (1.27cm) bubble wrap.

**Mirror Furniture Requirements**

a) Extra foot protection is strongly recommended. Corners and edges need additional protection as well.

b) Knobs should be secured and placed inside the draw.

c) Place a separate label on the exterior carton marking items are fragile, Glass.

d) In a separate bag containing hardware, place the correct number of rubber or plastic washers for the product and knobs, if applicable.
Chair Packing and Packaging Requirements

**SINGLE CHAIR PACKAGE**
- Foam channel to protect curving feature of chair from shock and abrasion
- Wooden frame located in base of master carton
- Carton sealed at all seams
- Void fill carton prevents carton collapsing during stacking and shipping

**SET OF TWO CHAIR PACKAGE**
- Second chair wrapped and position inverted on top of corrugate sheet separates two chairs
- Corrugate pad separates chairs
- Protect items from abrasion. Polybag (2 mil) min. thick
- Wooden frame located in base of master carton
- Foam channel to protect curving feature of chair from shock and abrasion

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**Trailer/Container Loading Requirements**

1.) All merchandise must be loaded on to the trailer/container in an upright manner in conjunction or following the directional arrows on the exterior cartons.

2.) All items which are two part items packaged individually must have an equal number of cartons on the trailer/container.