

Mission Essentials

GSA has shipping boxes for a variety of uses and in a wide range of sizes. Our best selling shipping box, 8115-00-117-8249, is for storing, retiring, and shipping items to the Federal Archives and Records Center, or preparing papers for the relocation to one's new office. The second best-selling shipping box GSA offers, 8115-00-774-6562, is triple-walled and for use in extreme weather conditions and high humidity. Additional shipping boxes available from GSA include single-walled, non-weather resistant boxes capable of holding up to 140 lbs.; double-walled, weather resistant boxes capable of holding up to 260 lbs.; and triple-walled, weather resistant boxes capable of holding up to 280 lbs.



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U.S. Government Messenger Envelopes ▶

Brown sulphite kraft messenger (Holey Joe) envelope. Features a flap on the open, narrower side with a button and string closure.

OF 65-A. Has 12 STOPS on front and back.

NSN 7540-00-117-8424

Size 4-1/8" x 9-1/2"

Unit of Issue Box (contains 200 EA)

Price \$33.09

OF 65-B. Has 38 STOPS on front and back.

NSN 7540-00-222-3467

Size 9-1/2" x 12"

Unit of Issue Box (contains 250 EA)

Price \$29.25

OF 65-C. Has 75 STOPS on front and back.

NSN 7540-00-222-3468

Size 12" x 16"

Unit of Issue Box (contains 250 EA)

Price \$38.81

Special-Use Box ▼

Each corrugated, fiberboard box features lapped joints secured by wire stitching. Meets or exceeds National Archives and Records Administration standards. Exclusively for use for retiring, storing, and shipping non-current paper and magnetic tape-records to the Federal Archives and Records Center. This lock-bottom box includes hand holes and boasts a bursting strength of 275 p.s.i. Maximum weight of box and contents is 95 lbs. Contains 40% recycled material; CPG compliant.



NSN 8115-00-117-8249

Size 14-3/4" x 12" x 9-1/2"

Price \$50.23 1 Bundle (contains 25 EA)

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Corrugated Box ▲

Use this weather-resistant corrugated fiberboard box for shipping or storage under extreme weather conditions and high humidity. Features include triple-wall construction and high-stacking strength. Regular-slotted box. Contains 40% recovered materials; CPG compliant.

NSN 8115-00-774-6562 

Size 48" x 40" x 36"

Price \$31.22 (EA)

This corrugated, fiberboard-shipping box features overlapped, glued joints or butted, taped joints. (Dimensions shown below are inside dimensions in order of length, width, and depth.) Single-walled weather-resistant box. Regular-slotted box has a bursting strength of 400 p.s.i. With four flaps on top and on bottom; outer flaps meet when closed. Maximum weight of box and contents is 140 lbs. 30% recovered materials; CPG compliant.

NSN 8115-00-190-4959 

Size 10" x 10" x 10"

Price \$61.95 1 Bundle (contains 25 EA)

NSN 8115-00-183-9488 

Size 14" x 12" x 8"

Price \$77.85 1 Bundle (contains 25 EA)

NSN 8115-00-656-0912 

Size 27" x 21-1/2" x 18-3/4"

Price \$93.69 1 Bundle (contains 9 EA)

Weather-resistant, corrugated, fiberboard box is designed for use as an exterior shipping container, or as an insert in cargo transporters such as CONEX, SEAVAN or MILVAN. Does not include pallets. Features double-wall construction and is regular slotted. Maximum weight of box and contents is 260 lbs. Contains 40% recovered materials; CPG compliant.



NSN 8115-00-935-5896

Size 43" x 31-3/4" x 35-1/4"

Price \$9.39 (EA)

This weather-resistant corrugated fiberboard box is ideal for shipping or storage under extreme weather conditions and high humidity. Features include triple-wall construction and high-stacking strength. With a minimum puncture of 1,100 in.-oz. per inch. Maximum weight of box and contents is 280 lbs. Regular-slotted box. Contains 40% recovered materials; CPG compliant.



Size 21" x 19" x 14-3/4"

NSN 8115-00-616-9150

Price \$29.55 1 Bundle (contains 4 EA)

Size 45" x 14" x 22"

NSN 8115-00-559-5516 

Price \$26.48 1 Bundle (contains 3 EA)

All boxes listed contain a minimum 30% post-consumer material and are compliant with the Comprehensive Procurement Guideline.

GSA has barrier material that provides additional protection during shipment.

Barrier Material

This plastic barrier material protects supplies during transportation and storage under all weather conditions. Also useful for all applications that require water vapor-proof, flexible, heat-sealable, low water vapor transmission packaging material. Features non-woven backing. Width: 36" ▶

NSN 8135-00-282-0565

Price \$110.17 Roll (contains 200 Yards)



Protects supplies against grease and water during transportation or storage. Greaseproof, waterproof, flexible material. Acid-free and noncorrosive. Heat-sealable material has a nonstretchable, smooth surface. Use it to make packaging bags, sleeves, pouches and liners for fiberboard containers. Width: 36".

Heavy-duty type

NSN 8135-00-233-3871

Price \$66.36 Roll (contains 200 Yards)

Medium-duty type

NSN 8135-00-224-8885

Price \$57.55 Roll (contains 200 Yards)

Cushioning Material ▶

Packaging cushioning material (bubble wrap) comes in roll form and measures 9' long and 16" wide. The material is between 1/8" to 1/4" thick. Includes the recycled logo on each individual plastic bag containing the packaged roll. Width: 16"; Length: 9 ft.

NSN 8135-01-381-6525

Price \$20.55 PG (contains 12 EA)



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Packaging Tape

Tape is something you don't think about until you need it. And when you need tape or tape dispensers, think of GSA Global Supply. We have just about every type and style of tape that you could possibly want, including 60-yard rolls of waterproof and weather-resistant tape (with 1-, 2-, or 3-inch cores) for sealing fiberboard boxes and tapes able to withstand temperatures of -65 to 160 degrees Fahrenheit.

This medium-strength tape is waterproof and weather-resistant. Features a plastic film backing. Tape is for general use in sealing fiberboard boxes and covering exterior labels. Has a 3" core. Transparent. ▼

Width: 1"

NSN 7510-00-663-3732

Unit of Issue Roll (contains 60 Yards)

Price \$4.20

Width: 2"

NSN 7510-00-266-6715

Unit of Issue Roll

(contains 60 Yards)

Price \$2.30

Width: 3"

NSN 7510-00-281-2700

Unit of Issue Roll (contains 60 Yards)

Price \$2.96

▶ This tape is excellent for sealing containers in situations that require high strength and resistance to water, sunlight, and other adverse elements. Includes a plastic film backing and can be used in temperatures ranging from -65° F to 160° F. Has a 3" core. Tan.

Width: 2"

NSN 7510-00-079-7906

Price \$1.96 Roll (contains 60 Yards)



▶ Waterproof tape can withstand temperatures between -65° F to +160° F degrees features a woven cloth backing

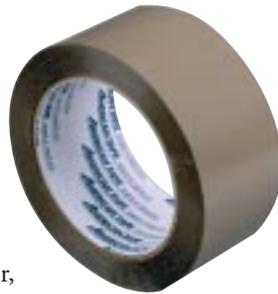
for exterior sealing. 3" inside core diameter. Black. **JWOD**

Width: 1"

NSN 7510-00-074-4960

Unit of Issue Roll (contains 60 Yards)

Price \$4.37



▶ Packaging Tape Dispenser

Handheld tape dispenser is great for cutting filament-reinforced tape. Accommodates a 60-yard roll up to 1" wide with a 3" core. (NFES #2139).

NSN 7520-00-579-9053

Price \$3.96 (EA)



POW/MIA Flags

Prisoners-of-War/Missing-in-Action flag is in accordance with the National League of Families design. The double-sided, silk-screened seal reads correctly on both sides of the flag. Made with nylon material and a canvas heading with brass grommets (Swivel snap hook 5340-01-412-7006 can be used as an attachment).

NSN 8345-01-452-8111

Size 2' (hoist) x 3' (fly)

Price \$17.61 (EA)

NSN 8345-01-452-8114

Size 3' (hoist) x 5' (fly)

Price \$17.61 (EA)

NSN 8345-01-452-6283

Size 4' (hoist) x 6' (fly)

Price \$31.47 (EA)

When to fly...

Section 1082 of the 1998 Defense Authorization Act requires a POW/MIA flag to be flown on the following days:

- Armed Forces Day (third Saturday in May)
- Memorial Day (last Monday in May)
- Flag Day (June 14)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- National POW/MIA Recognition Day (third Friday in September)
- Veterans Day (November 11)

Where to fly...

The POW/MIA flag is required to be flown at the following offices/installations:

- The Capitol
- The White House
- The Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Each national cemetery

The buildings containing the official office of:

- The Secretary of State
- The Secretary of Defense
- The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- The Director of the Selective Service System
- Each major military installation, as designated by the Secretary of Defense
- Each medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs
- Each United States Postal Service post office

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Left and previous page: ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, OK (AFPN) — Crews from the 97th Air Mobility Wing and the 60th AMW at Travis Air Force Base, CA, load a semitrailer carrying humanitarian cargo into a C-5 Galaxy for delivery to a forward-deployed location supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. With clearance coming as close as four inches at one point, the trailer took about five hours to load using a Minuteman Missile ramp. The C-5 is assigned to the 60th AMW.

One of the largest aircraft in the world, the C-5 is a flying workhorse that can carry heavy cargo intercontinental ranges, taking off and landing in relatively short distances. But someone still needs to load it.

He was too modest to let us use his photograph. Perhaps that's fitting for someone with a job so unsung yet so essential. GSA Administrative Contracting Officer William Vargus is a loadmaster for the Air Force's C-5 Galaxy and holds the rank of Technical Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. While on active duty, Bill is responsible for handling troops and cargo for one of the largest transport aircrafts in the world. The duty of the loadmaster is to ensure that the aircraft is properly loaded and off-loaded, making maximum use of its cargo capacity and taking into account the critical factors of space, weight, and how a load influences fuel consumption. Load planning—deciding where to place cargo in the plane—is critical in order to give the load its optimum center of gravity, both for optimum fuel efficiency and safety.

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“Because we're loading C-5's, cargo is often oversized,” said William. “That includes vehicles, including Humvees, heavy construction equipment, backhoes, huge forklifts, tractor trailers, trucks, Apache and Blackhawk helicopters, spare engines for C-130s and other cargo planes and fighters, and spare parts for boats. We might be loading new barracks construction material or even electrical power generators.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Brett Snow

The C-5 Galaxy in flight.

Bill Miller, who flew the smaller C-141 Starlifter transport planes for the Air Force and is now a commercial pilot said, “Sometimes the space between the cargo and the wall of the airplane is less than an inch. They manage to load planes without hitting or damaging anything—and they do it fast. A lot of different people work together to get it done—it’s like a machine. The coordination and teamwork to get items from all over the base—or from all over the country for that matter, and then get it loaded and balanced, is quite a feat in itself.”

“Often,” said William, “we’re loading 88” by 114” logistics pallets that have already been certified and loaded with cargo we usually don’t even get to see. But looking at a cargo manifest, there’s always stuff mixed in with NSN’s from GSA Global Supply as well as from GSA schedules. That could mean anything from Red Cross POW kits to gas masks. We’re moving small refrigerators, microwave units, furniture, and everything else you might need to supply our armed forces abroad.”

“We’re always in a rush, so we want to get the job done as quickly as we can while maintaining safety for loaders and for the crew—everything is dictated by safety procedures. We have before-loading and after-loading checklists. We need to check door lock indicators, status lights, switches, emergency equipment, emergency escapes, breathing equipment, oxygen bottles, four 25-person life rafts, escape slides—and enough pressure bottles to deploy them. We need to make sure winches are serviceable, cable is properly routed, and seals are functioning correctly. Ramps need to be set and configured. Knowing limitations of equipment and knowing how to respond is essential.”



DoD photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class James K. McNeil

SIGONELLA NAVAL AIR STATION, Sicily — A Navy MH-53E Sea Dragon is unloaded from a C-5 Galaxy.

Before loading finally begins, the crew has several options. Planes can be “kneeled” aft or forward or brought down “level,” lowering the entire plane. Rolling stock can be winched up the front ramp while palletized cargo is being loaded at the aft end with a K-loader—a flat vehicle with rollers on it that can take six pallets at a time. The C-5 can carry a total of 36 logistics pallets, or a combination of pallets and rolling stock, plus up to 21 crew and 73 troops.

William has demonstrated a commitment to public service through his 23 years of Federal service not only as a civilian employee of the U.S. Government, but for his 20 years of service as a member of the U.S. Air Force Reserve. William currently serves at Westover Air Reserve Base in Massachusetts with the 337th Airlift Squadron of the 439th Air Wing, and saw active duty during Desert Storm. He flew numerous missions in the combat zone and, for his efforts, was awarded the Air Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Saudi Arabia-Kuwait Liberation Medal, and the Southwest Asia Service Medal. More recently, he was activated from October 17, 2001 to September 30, 2002 in support of Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom. He also made one trip to Qatar in support of Iraqi Freedom and has just returned from Norway.

“The troops abroad rely on us to supply them with everything they need, so we rely on GSA to supply us,” said William. “Global Supply has both the capacity and the will to ensure that the Air Reserve can carry out its mission throughout the world.”



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