

# TForce Freight

## Business Policies

### Electronic Bills of Lading

- Must receive the electronic Bill of Lading prior to the shipment arriving at the origin service center (typically prior to 5:00 p.m. local time).
- Must receive a complete Bill of Lading with the below listed information:
  - Shipper Name and Address
  - Consignee Name and Address
  - Bill To Name and Address
  - Purchase Order Numbers along with pieces and weight associated with PO
  - Bill of Lading Numbers
  - Requested Ship Date
  - Quantity
  - Packaging Type
  - Description of Item
  - Weight
  - NMFC and Sub Number
  - Terms
  - Hazmat Information, if applicable
  - Pro Number (highly desirable)  
*Pre-assigned pro numbers help assure a higher level of accuracy and can be obtained from your local account manager.*
- When using pre-assigned pro numbers, the pro number must be printed both on the bill of lading and the shipment label.
- Carrier prefers all Bills of Lading from a shipper are sent electronically, but we will accept electronic bills of lading for only specific consignees.
- Billers will only verify the following information against the paper bill of lading:
  - Responsible pieces
  - Handling units
  - Weight
  - Hazardous material items
  - Accessorial Charges

We will assume all other information on the EDI bill of lading is correct and complete.

## **Pickup Notification (Load Tenders)**

- Must receive the electronic load tenders at least 24 hours prior to requested pickup.
- Must receive a 204 or 211 with the following information:
  - Shipper Name and Address
  - Consignee Name and Address
  - Requested Ship Date
  - Quantity
  - Packaging Type
  - Description of Item
  - Weight

**This information will be forwarded to the origin terminals based on the shipper zip code. Shipments that are presented as load tenders will not be used in the billing process.**

**Electronic Bill of Lading  
Flat File Layout**

**RECORD SEPARATOR**

Field Name	Length	Start Position	Max Occurrence	Description
Record Divider	63	1		#####EDIE#####LAYOUT#####EBOLF LATV#####TPALIAS#####[KEY]  Key = Provided by carrier. Unique to each shipper.
Record Terminator	2	64		Carriage Return, Line Feed

**HEADER RECORD**

Field Name	Length	Start Position	Max Occurrence	Description
Record Type	2	1	1	HD – Header Record
Shipper Name	30	3	1	
Shipper Address1	30	33	1	P.O. Box
Shipper Address2	30	63	1	Street Address
Shipper City	19	93	1	
Shipper State	2	112	1	
Shipper Zip Code	9	114	1	
Shipper Contact Name	30	123	1	
Shipper Contact Phone	16	153	1	
Consignee Name	30	169	1	
Consignee Address1	30	199	1	P.O. Box
Consignee Address2	30	229	1	Street Address
Consignee City	19	259	1	
Consignee State	2	278	1	
Consignee Zip Code	9	280	1	
Consignee Contact Name	30	289	1	
Consignee Contact Phone	16	319	1	
Bill To Name	30	335	1	
Bill To Address1	30	365	1	P.O. Box
Bill To Address2	30	395	1	Street Address
Bill To City	19	425	1	
Bill To State	2	444	1	
Bill To Zip	9	446	1	
Hazmat Contact	30	455	1	

Hazmat Phone	16	485	1	
Ship Date	8	501	1	YYYYMMDD
Requested Delivery Date	8	509	1	YYYYMMDD
Bill of Lading Number	16	517	1	
Pro Number	9	533	1	
Method of Payment	1	542	1	P-Prepaid, C-Collect
Record Terminator	2	543	1	Carriage Return, Line Feed

## DETAIL RECORD

Field Name	Length	Start Position	Max Occurrence	Description
Record Type	2	1	50 (loops)	DT – Detail Record
Number of Pieces	5	3	1	Fill with leading zeros
Packaging Type	3	8	1	
Commodity Description Line 1	30	11	1	
Commodity Description Line 2	30	41	1	Use only if needed
Commodity Description Line 3	30	71	1	Use only if needed
Weight	7	101	1	Fill with leading zeros
NMFC Number	6	108	1	Fill with leading zeros
NMFC Sub Number	2	114	1	Fill with leading zeros
Class	4	116	1	
Hazmat UN Number	6	120	1	
Hazmat Classification	30	126	1	
Hazmat Shipping Name	25	156	1	The proper shipping name as specified by the Code of Federal Regulations
Record Terminator	2	180	1	Carriage Return, Line Feed

## PURCHASE ORDER RECORD

Field Name	Length	Start Position	Max Occurrence	Description
Record Type	2	1	50 (loops)	PO – Purchase Order Number Record
Purchase Order Number	17	3	1	
Number of Cartons/ PO Number	5	20	1	Fill with leading zeros
Weight/PO Number	7	25	1	Fill with leading zeros
Department/PO Number	5	32	1	
Record Terminator	2	37		Carriage Return, Line Feed