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CROSS-DOCKING VS. TRANSLOADING



The Differences

Cross-docking is all about speed. It reduces inventory holding times while facilitating a faster connection between suppliers and customers.

Transloading, on the other hand, optimizes container space, reducing costs related to transportation and promoting supply chain flexibility.

As a trusted service provider, Wavepoint prioritizes the safety and hygiene of all products; our commitment is backed by an experienced crew, continuous training, investment in handling and tracking technology, and state-of-the-art facilities. Whether you require our transloading or cross-docking services, rest assured that your products are treated with the utmost care.

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Postponement

Given a strategic location and environment, warehousing facilities can add value beyond traditional storage, especially in the case of postponement. Postponement is delaying the final configuration until a product is sold or at least close to the point of consumption.

THIS OFFERS TWO BENEFITS:

- ▶ Allows the manufacturer to save by shipping bulk as far down the supply chain as possible.
- ▶ Minimizes the risk of carrying a larger portion of inventory as finished. Paint is an ideal example of postponement: it's mixed only when the customer purchases that specific color in the store.

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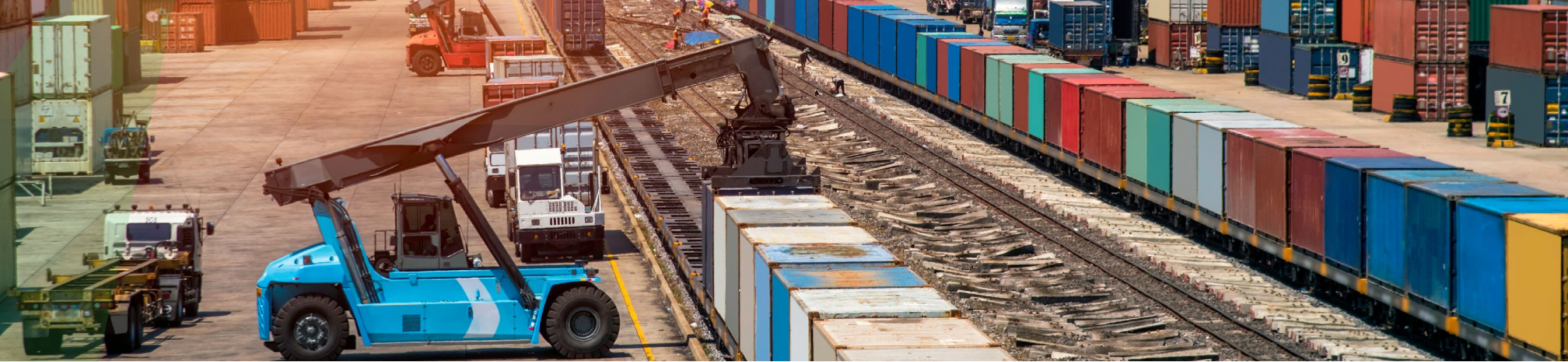
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"By reducing the amount of time the product spends in the distribution center, companies can save on inventory space, labor costs and time, increase asset utilization, and reduce safety stocks and stockouts." *Deloitte Report*





Why Transloading?

Transloading, whether dry or temperature controlled, is an effective solution for companies that need to ship bulk materials such as powders and liquids. By using the most efficient mode of transportation for each leg of the journey and ensuring that products are kept at the appropriate temperature, companies can reduce costs, minimize the risk of spoilage, and ensure that their products are delivered to customers in optimal condition.

Ensure the financial efficiency of your current transloading partner. There are a few key metrics that you could consider:

- **Transit Time:** Time is money. The interval between receiving and shipping goods should be as brief as possible without compromising safety and organization.
- **Storage Cost:** Consider the amount you are being charged for storage. A cost-effective transloading partner will provide competitive prices without hidden fees.
- **Handling & Damage:** Mishandling can lead to product damage and increased costs. A good transloading partner would have minimum mishandling incidents and an efficient damage mitigation system.
- **Service Level:** The service levels provided by your transloading partner, be it their responsiveness, flexibility, or problem-solving abilities, can significantly impact the total cost.

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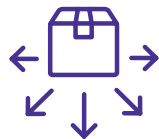
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Temperature-controlled Transloading



In the case of food, food ingredients, and OTC pharma, transloading may require food-grade equipment and facilities, even temperature-controlled areas, especially for temperature-sensitive products, such as dry and liquid powders. Temperature-controlled transloading requires a higher level of expediency, control, and protection. Transferring loads from one mode of transportation to another while ensuring the products are kept at the appropriate temperature during repackaging, labeling, and building pallets or parcels. Temperature protection is usually required as protection from freeze or maintaining cooler-like conditions. For example, products may need to be transported by refrigerated truck for part of the journey and then transferred to a refrigerated container.



One of the biggest benefits of temperature-controlled transloading is that it allows companies to use the most efficient mode of transportation for each leg of the journey. For example, rail may be the most cost-effective method for long distances, while trucking may be better for short distances. By using temperature-controlled transloading, companies can take advantage of the most efficient transportation mode for each leg of the journey while ensuring that products are protected at the appropriate temperature.

Companies need to ensure their transloading partner is not cutting corners by transporting or storing products under less-than-ideal conditions.

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Cross-docking Keeps it Moving

Cross-docking can be a competitive advantage and winning supply chain strategy for the right products and situations. Shippers can eliminate warehousing storage costs, lowering labor and picking and packing costs. Cross docking is used alongside some just-in-time strategies to lower inventory costs.

Benefits of cross-docking include:

- **Rapid Turnaround:** Cut down inventory holding times to ensure a more efficient process from supplier to customer.
- **Cost Minimization:** Lower your inventory concerning storage and warehousing costs, significantly impacting your bottom cost.
- **Streamlined Supply Chain:** Experience an efficient, lean, and agile supply chain that can adjust to dynamic changes in demand.

With less material handling, there's a lower potential for damage. That said, cross docking demands the same degree of accuracy, quality environment, and technology support to assure SKU and pallet tracking.

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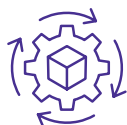
Unleashing Efficiency With Cross-docking & Transloading



Cross-docking and transloading strategies have unique potentials but require expert supply chain engineering to unlock their optimal benefits. Wavepoint 3PL views transloading and cross-docking as critical links in our clients' supply chains.



We offer a range of temperature-controlled transloading services to help our clients transport their products safely and efficiently. Our temperature-controlled facilities are equipped with state-of-the-art technology to accommodate a wide range of products requiring dry, protect-from-freeze, cooler, frozen, and deep frozen.



We know repack. Our team offers a comprehensive range of repackaging solutions to meet your or your customer's requirements. We can accommodate various container types and sizes, whether you require the repackaging of liquids or powders.



Our efficient process includes unloading and repackaging your bulk products into a variety of containers. Depending on your specific requirements, we can handle different types of containers, such as drums, Gaylord boxes, valve bags, or bulk bags.



We understand the importance of accurate identification of your materials. Our team provides labeling services to ensure that your products are properly identified, minimizing the risk of errors and product mix-ups and ensuring that your products can be easily tracked and traced throughout the supply chain.

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What makes **Wavepoint 3PL** a better solution?

By understanding your customer demand, collaborating across teams, using data analytics, optimizing your inventory levels, and continuously monitoring and adjusting, you can optimize your supply chain and achieve cost savings.

Give us a call, and we can recommend how demand planning can play a role in your specific supply chain strategy.

Wavepoint 3PL will help you develop a metrics-based analysis of current supply chain operations to evaluate performance as it relates to:

- ▶ **Bottom-line efficiencies**
- ▶ **Corporate objectives**
- ▶ **KPIs measured against best practices**

Our optimization and modeling tools support supply chain evaluations, facility network appraisals, transportation assessments, and warehousing and inventory analysis.

Wavepoint 3PL is your flexible logistic services provider for streamlined solutions from LTL and truckload services through an asset-based fleet; warehouse and inventory management in food grade facilities; and technology-enabled omnichannel fulfillment services, among other value-added offerings.

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