

# Guidelines for grading container condition

## Sales grading is a combination of both external and internal aesthetic conditions.

### Container condition

There are effectively two ways of grading the condition of a container - structurally and aesthetically. These can be quite exclusive of each other.

For example, a container may be completely structurally sound for shipping purposes but may look unsightly due to rust and paint degradation, or due to lots of small dents.

#### The basic structural conditions used in the shipping industry are:

##### IICL5

This is the international leasing inspection/repair standard, generally regarded as the most stringent.

##### CW (Cargo Worthy)

This is the standard used by most shipping lines.

##### WWT (Wind and Watertight)

This is a common standard used by container traders to classify containers that do not have a valid CSC Plate for shipping. Although watertight, these containers are not suitable for shipping for any number of inspection criteria.

##### AI (As is)

This grade classifies containers that have no guarantee that they are, or will remain, watertight or cargo worthy for any extended period of time. Often they have sustained damage that is not easily repaired such as large dents, holes or extensive, deep-seated corrosion.

#### The basic aesthetic conditions are used to describe the cleanliness and visual state of the container.

##### Food Grade

Used to classify the highest standard of internal cleanliness.

##### Furniture Quality

Generally a very clean container that won't transfer marks to cargo.

##### General Quality

Scuffed and marked with some rust showing.

##### Industrial Quality

Quite badly marked with widespread rust showing.

At Boxman we classify our container grading based upon a combination of both the structural and aesthetic conditions.

Because of our quality buying programme the majority of containers we sell sit in the IICL5 or CW structural categories, and we rarely hold stock in the lower C and D grade range.

If you are buying a container to ship overseas, then it must be fitted with a current and valid CSC Plate. CSC stands for 'Convention for Safe Containers' and is similar to a motor vehicle warrant of fitness.

Ask our team about validating the CSC Plate on your container if you believe it will be shipped overseas in the future.

### Grading:

#### F Grade: (stands for Food Grade)

Structural Condition: must be IICL5 or CW with Valid CSC Plate.

New, As New and Refurbished containers fall into this category.

Interior Paintwork: Must be between 95% and completely mark free.

Floor: Must be clean with no transferable marks or stains, scratches must not exceed 2mm in depth.

Exterior Panels: Minimal surface rust, negligible denting.



#### A Grade:

Structural Condition: must be IICL5 or CW with Valid CSC Plate.

As New, Refurbished and Used containers fall into this category.

Interior Paintwork: Must be 90 - 95% mark free.

Floor: Must be clean with minimal non-transferable oil or stain marks, scratches must not exceed 2mm in depth.

Exterior Panels: Minimal surface rust, negligible denting.



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### Grading (continued):

#### Grade: A-

Structural Condition: must be IICL5 or CW with valid CSC Plate. Used containers fall into this category.

Interior Paintwork: Must be 80% - 90% mark free, some scuffing or scratching of paint work acceptable.

Floor: Must be clean with minimal non-transferable oil or stain marks, scratches must not exceed 2mm in depth.

Exterior Panels: Some surface rust and minor denting



#### Grade: B+

Structural Condition: IICL5 or CW with valid CSC Plate. Used containers fall into this category.

Interior Paintwork: Must be 70% - 80% mark free, some scuffing, scratching and minor rust of paint work acceptable.

Floor: Must be clean with no transferable marks, scratches may exceed 2mm depth.

Exterior Panels: Some surface rust and minor denting



#### Grade: B

Structural Condition: IICL5, CW or WWT with or without valid CSC Plate

Used containers fall into this category.

Interior Paintwork: Surface rust, scuffs and marking on 40% + of interior.

Floor: Floor stained and marked with/or minor de-lamination.

Exterior Panels: Surface rust and denting more prevalent, some blotches of deeper corrosion.



#### Grade: B-

Structural Condition: CW or WWT with or without CSC Plate. Used containers fall into this category.

Interior Paintwork: Extensive marking, scratches and corrosion

Floor: Extensively stained and/or moderate de-lamination

Exterior Panels: Surface rust and denting extensive, patches deeper corrosion common.



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### Grading (continued):

#### Grade: C

Structural Condition: CW, WWT or As Is with or without CSC Plate. Used containers fall into this category.

Interior Paintwork: Significant rust and markings

Floor: Extensively stained and/or moderate de-lamination

Exterior Panels: Extensively rusted with a multitude of dents.



#### Grade: D

Structural Condition: WWT or As Is without CSC Plate. Used or Highly Damaged containers fall into this category.

Interior Paintwork: Extensive overall corrosion and/or rust holes

Floor: Extensive staining and de-lamination

Exterior Panels: Extensive overall corrosion and/or rust holes

