

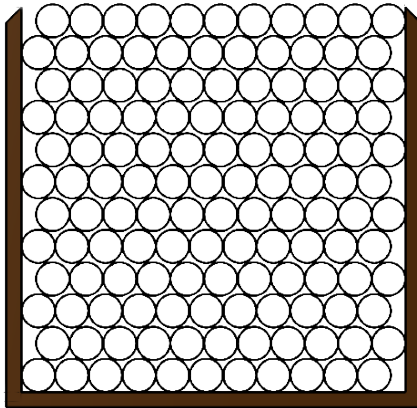
# UCrate® vs Shipping Tubes

## More Efficient Alternative to Traditional Shipping Tubes

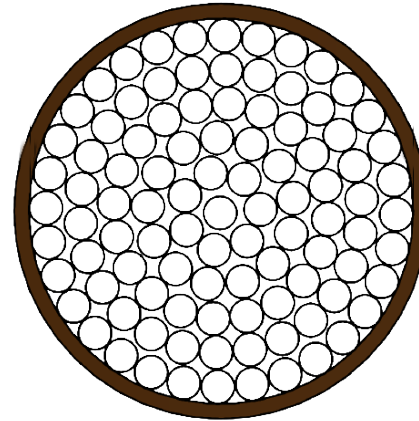
UCrate® offers a more efficient alternative to traditional shipping tubes for long, narrow products. UCrate can be customized to tightly and adequately fit long and narrow products for shipping, allowing for more product per package and higher impact resistance. It can be formed into virtually any combination of base sizes, allowing for maximum shipping capacity, with minimum cost per piece shipped. Plus, it's easy to open. Simply take the top off and access the product. Cylindrical packaging, such as shipping tubes, on the other hand, requires you to balance the tube while pulling the product out.

### Avoid Additional Handling Charges

Round shipping tubes are frequently flagged by UPS for additional handling due to rolling, instability, and non-conveyable shape, resulting in unexpected per-package fees. UCrate's flat, stable design helps shipments move normally through carrier networks.



4x4 UCrate® holds 132 pieces



4" diameter tube holds 99 pieces

In a side-by-side comparison, UCrate holes up to 30% more product than a comparable round shipping tube.

UCrate®	Shipping Tubes
Easier stacking	More difficult to stack
Fits up to 40% more pieces in warehouse space	Takes up more warehouse space
Superior impact resistance	Prone to impact damage
More stable during transit	Prone to shifting/rolling during transit; subject to additional handling charges
Lower shipping costs per piece	Higher shipping costs per piece
Custom-formed into virtually any combination of base shapes and sizes	Limited to standard round dimensions
Labor-saving for loading/unloading from top	Labor intensive, loading only from the tube end
Wood, UChannel® or corrugated end-caps available	Limited to standard tube enclosures
High-quality printing and consistent logo or information presentation	Round-surface printing more difficult