

Ask Dave



Q. *These rules for transporting flattened cars are real crazy. What is the right way to secure flattened cars?*

A. Follow these guidelines:

- Cargo must not shift while in transit AND loose parts from the flattened vehicles do not dislodge and fall from vehicle.
- On flatbed trailers, minimum 4 tie-downs per vehicle stack. Tie-downs must have a working load limit of at least 5,000 lbs.
- On trailers or containers with 4 sides block against cargo movement forward, backwards and sideways.
- On trailers with 3 side walls, secure each stack with minimum 2 tie-downs, and block against cargo movement forward, backwards and sideways.
- Wrap entire cargo load with netting that prevents any small loose parts from falling off.

(Note: more tie-downs may be required to satisfy the rule that the sum of the working load limit of tie-downs must be at least 50% of the total weight of the cargo. Cars that are baled into solid fused logs should be secured like any other baled scrap)

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