

# TRANSLOADING VS CROSS-DOCKING SERVICES

Understand the difference between these two shipping logistics techniques.

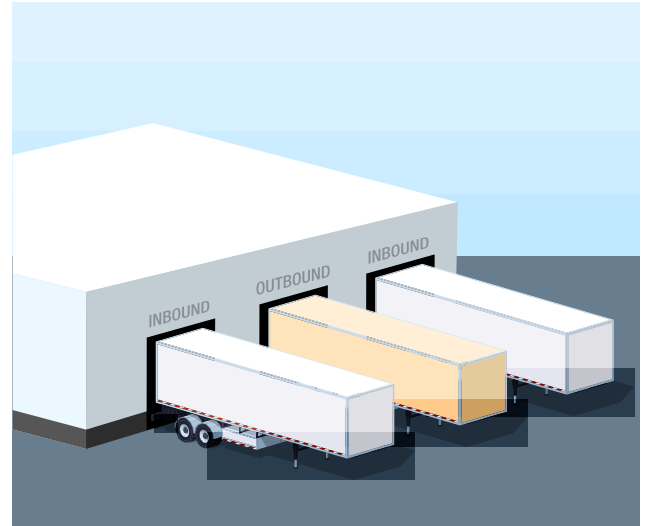


## TRANSLOADING

**Transloading** is the transfer of freight between different transportation modes. It often involves repackaging, sorting, and/or consolidating shipments before they are loaded onto an outbound truck.

***Transloading might be right for you if you...***

- Have a global supply chain and/or rely on multimodal transportation
- Need to consolidate shipments for efficient distribution
- Prioritize flexibility and mode optimization in your supply chain



## CROSS-DOCKING

**Cross-docking** is the practice of unloading freight from one truck and immediately loading it onto an outbound truck with minimal or no storage time in between.

***Cross-docking might be right for you if you...***

- Ship high-turnover, time-sensitive, or perishable freight
- Must maintain lean inventory levels
- Prioritize speed and efficiency in your supply chain

## THE BOTTOM LINE

**Transloading** transfers freight between differing transportation modes and often includes additional steps to sort or re-package the freight, while **cross-docking** transfers from one truck to another without additional handling steps.