



## A RISE IN GLOBAL LOGISTICS

The **Intermodal Association of North America** defines Intermodal Shipping as *the transfer of products involving multiple modes of transportation - truck, railroad or ocean carrier.*

This method of shipping combines the best abilities of different transportation methods to deliver service, savings, and solutions.<sup>1</sup> It's growing faster than any other mode of transportation and is projected to increase at twice the rate of truck movements over the next decade.

- In 2014, TEU imports in the U.S. reached 19.1 million units, up 15% from 2010.<sup>2</sup>
- TEU exports from the U.S. reached 12.5 million units in 2014, up 6% from 2010.<sup>2</sup>

Intermodal cargo is traditionally loaded into 20' shipping containers called TEUs. It is then transferred from one mode of transportation to the next without being removed from the TEU.

This reduces cargo handling, improves security, cuts damages and losses, and expedites the transportation of goods - greatly increasing the likelihood that intermodal containers will end up at your loading dock.

<sup>1</sup> Intermodal.org, "Intermodal fact sheet" 2014  
<sup>2</sup> JOC.com: "Top 40 container Carriers" 2014



### Industry Challenges

Many intermodal containers have a cover plate above the rear impact guard that can interfere with the chassis being safely secured to the loading dock. An unsecure trailer is susceptible to **loading dock separation accidents** which pose a number of risks for companies including worker injuries or fatalities, damaged equipment and goods, lost productivity and more.



### Proven Solutions

Rite-Hite's Dok-Lok® **Shadow Hook Restraint** features a patented shadow hook and **unique hook design** that helps protect against all types of trailer separation accidents by accommodating traditional rear-impact guards and intermodal containers with rear-impact guard obstructions.

The Shadow Hook by Rite-Hite is designed to secure a variety of trailer types and is the only restraint on the market ready to meet your evolving needs.

Watch the video to learn more about the rise in global logistics and how Rite-Hite can help.

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