

WHY BOX SIZE MATTERS?

ACTUAL WEIGHT VS. DIMENSIONAL (DIM) WEIGHT

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Dimensional (DIM) Weight

Question: Does FedEx charge the same to ship each of the below boxes?



Answer: No. Larger size items fill up trucks faster, therefore, limiting the number of packages that can be loaded on the truck.

- DIM is an acronym for “Dimensional”
- In 2015 UPS and FedEx started using Dimensional (volumetric) Weight to charge for shipments.
- The formula for DIM weight is $(\text{Length} \times \text{Width} \times \text{Height}) / 194$ (Rounded up)
- The price of your shipment is based either on your package’s DIM weight or the actual weight of the package, whichever is **greater**. DIM weight can increase costs by up to 61%.

Why size matters?

Since the **DIM weight** is **greater** than the **actual weight** of the below shipments, DIM weight is used to calculate charges.



The information to the right, demonstrates how using a box 2" larger to ship an item, can increase the cost by 6% - 41%.

Box Size	Ground	Increase Using Next Larger Box	2Day AM	Increase Using Next Larger Box	Priority Overnight	Increase Using Next Larger Box
12X12X12	\$5.82		\$19.49		\$25.32	
14X14X14	\$6.16	6%	\$27.39	41%	\$34.72	37%
16X16X16	\$7.31	19%	\$35.49	30%	\$43.95	27%

Which Costs less?

\$5.82

6 Lbs 10"
8" 14"

$\frac{14 \times 8 \times 10}{194 \text{ Divisor}} = \text{DIM Weight } \mathbf{6 \text{ Lbs}}$

\$11.64

3 Lbs 5"
8" 14" 3 Lbs 5"
8" 14"

$\frac{14 \times 8 \times 5}{194 \text{ Divisor}} = \text{DIM Weight } \mathbf{3 \text{ Lbs}}$

Scenario – Shipping 2 smaller boxes or 1 larger box from Chicago Warehouse to Jacksonville, FL



	Ground	2Day AM	Priority Overnight	First Overnight
Cost Per Small Box	5.82	12.56	19.08	96.26
2 Small Boxes	11.64	25.12	38.16	192.52
Large Box	5.82	15.24	22.52	108.89
\$ SAVINGS	5.82	9.88	15.64	83.63
% SAVINGS	50%	61%	59%	57%