Used Container Selection Criteria

1. Objectives

- a) These criteria are designed for use at all container inspections when selecting used containers.
- b) Grade A container is to provide clients with freight container to carry cargo safely and be seaworthy, as well as for storage.
- c) Grade B container is for other purposes.
- d) GT inspectors will base on these criteria to select containers for our clients based on customer requirements.

2. General Criteria for Grade A Containers

- Containers must be in safe and sound conditions
- Containers are complied with International Convention for Safety Container
 (CSC) safety and regulatory standards.
- Cosmetic appearance of the containers is taken into account. Nice-looking container will be considered with first priority.
- Containers are complied with Unified Container Inspection & Repair Criteria
 (UCIRC)
- Water-tight and Light-tight
- No holed, cut, torn, broken, cracked on major components including panels,
 rails, headers, sills, posts, understructures, doors, etc.
- Deformation of structural members (dent or bend) is limited up to ISO +10mm on the side.
- Previous repairs are tolerable unless the structural integrity of the container is compromised.
- Some extent of corrosions (Rust less than 20% of total surface) is tolerable unless the structural integrity of the container is compromised.

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- No odour, infestation, debris, contamination that are transferable.
- No protrusion on any surface, except hanger support beams.
- Non-transferable stains and marks are acceptable on floors and panels.

A set of sample photographs is compiled which indicate different conditions of Garde A containers. The sample photos can be taken as reference for the selection criteria and give a better picture to all parties to understand the used container selection standard.

Used Container Sample Photos

Overall Outlook & Side Panels

Grade A









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Grade B





Front & Door Panels

Grade A





Grade B





Floor & Interior Panels

Grade A





Grade B





Tolerable Features



1. Small area of oil stain



2. Small gouge on floorboard



3. Old repairs on panels (patches, inserts, etc.)

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4. Old repairs on panels (straightening)



5. Old repairs on panels (straightening)