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1.0 Overview

The SmartWay Logistics Tool is intended to help logistics companies estimate and assess their carbon, PM, and NO_x emission performance levels as well as their total emissions associated with goods movement in the U.S. freight rail, barge, air and trucking sectors.[1]

The new SmartWay truck, air and barge carrier emissions performance data that EPA has included in the Tool, along with publicly available Class I rail data, will allow logistics companies to generate more accurate emissions performance estimates and mass emissions inventories. The Tool will allow logistics companies to track their freight-related emissions performance from year to year, and also help optimize their emissions performance by allowing them to better estimate the emissions impact of individual carriers.

[1] While this Tool is primarily focused on freight movements in the U.S. rail, air, barge and trucking freight sectors, SmartWay anticipates providing performance data for ocean-going marine freight in the future as well.

2.0 Tool Inputs and Calculations

After logistics companies enter their company and contact information, they provide basic information about each company they operate, including name, SCAC, MCN, NSC, and US DOT Number. Logistics companies then identify each carrier that they use for each logistics business unit. Next, users proceed to input activity data for each carrier specified.

EMISSION INVENTORY AND PERFORMANCE METRIC CALCULATIONS

After inputting the required mileage and/or ton-mile information for each carrier used, the Tool will calculate the associated total mass emissions (i.e., an emissions inventory) based on the mileage-related activity data entered, as well as various emission performance metrics (e.g., composite grams/mile and grams/ton-mile – see below).

Carrier-specific emissions are first calculated either on a ton-mile basis (as ton miles x grams per ton-mile), or on a mile basis (miles x grams per mile), depending on the category as shown in Table 1.[2] Any modes/categories not listed have a limited data availability and their emissions are calculated using ton-miles.

Table 1. Emissions Calculation Basis by SmartWay Category

SmartWay Category	Activity Basis	D_{tm}	D_m
Refrigerated	Ton-miles	1	0
Mixed	Ton-miles	1	0
TL/Dry Van	Ton-miles	1	0
Flatbed	Miles	0	1
Moving	Miles	0	1
Dray	Miles	0	1
Non-SW Truck General	Ton-Miles	1	0
Specialized	Miles	0	1
Expedited	Miles	0	1
Auto	Miles	0	1
Tanker	Miles	0	1
Heavy/Bulk	Miles	0	1

The partner's mass emissions are calculated by summing the individual carrier emissions. Then, fleet average emission factors are calculated by dividing mass emissions by total ton-miles and total miles to obtain grams per ton-mile and grams per mile, respectively. The fleet average payload is calculated by dividing total ton-miles by total miles.

[2] Note that the Tool doesn't need partners to enter a payload or ton-mile estimate for SmartWay Categories whose emissions are based on Miles, as the payload estimate will not affect the overall emissions footprint. However, the calculated emission factors and average payload estimate are affected by the assigned payload.

Overall, carrier emissions are calculated using the following equations, where D_{tm} and D_m are dummy variables with values of either 0 or 1, as shown in Table 1 above.

$$E_c = D_{tm} * TonMiles * gtm + D_m * Miles * gm$$

Total emissions:

$$E_{tot} = \sum_c E_c$$

Emission factors and average payload (APL):

$$gtm = \frac{E_{tot}}{\sum_c TonMiles_c}$$

$$gm = \frac{E_{tot}}{\sum_c Miles_c}$$

$$APL = \frac{\sum_c TonMiles_c}{\sum_c Miles_c}$$

The emissions inventory for each carrier/mode combination displayed on the Emissions Summary, **Carrier Performance**, and **SmartWay Category Details** screens is calculated by multiplying the appropriate unit of activity data (i.e., truck, air or barge-miles, railcar-miles, or ton-miles) by the corresponding carrier emissions performance data. To calculate composite, business unit-wide emissions performance metrics on the **Carrier Performance** screen (i.e., overall g/mile and g/ton-mile performance), the Tool simply sums the emissions, miles and ton-miles for the associated group ((e.g. all Inbound carriers) and divides the total emissions by total miles and ton-miles as appropriate.

Note that the composite emissions performance values are the numbers that will be used to place logistics partners into performance bins within the logistics category.

TON-MILE CALCULATION

Correctly calculating Ton-Miles is critically important for the accurate determination of your carbon footprint. You can calculate your business unit's ton-miles as follows.

Determine the ton-miles hauled per year attributable to each carrier. A ton-mile is one ton moving one mile. DO NOT ESTIMATE TON-MILES BY SIMPLY MULTIPLYING TOTAL MILES BY TOTAL TONS - this calculation effectively assumes your entire tonnage is transported on EACH AND EVERY shipment and will clearly overstate your ton-miles.

Many companies track their ton-miles and can report them directly without further calculation. For example, logistics company systems are typically set up to associate a payload with the mileage traveled on each trip by carrier and are then summed at the end of the year. If such information is not available, there are two ways to calculate ton-miles:

1. Companies can determine their average payload per carrier, multiply the average payload by the total miles per carrier, and sum the results for all carriers for the reporting year; or

$$\text{2) Set Ton-miles per carrier} = \frac{\text{(total miles per carrier x total tons per carrier)}}{\text{total \# of trips per carrier}}$$

NOTE: In both ton-mile calculations, empty miles are not factored in while the fuel used to drive those empty miles is factored in.

To check your estimate, divide ton-miles by miles. The result is your fleet-average payload. If this number is not reasonable, (e.g., typically between 15 and 25 tons for Class 8b trucks), please check your calculations.

CARRIER EMISSIONS PERFORMANCE DATA

The current SmartWay program provides CO_2, NO_x and PM gram per mile and gram per ton-mile emission factors for truck, barge, air, and rail freight transport providers. These data are provided in the SmartWayCarrierData2020.xls file, which should be downloaded to the user's computer using the appropriate button on the Tool's Home page. Performance data for truck, barge, air,[3] and multimodal partners correspond to data submittals for the 2020 calendar year, while current Logistics partner performance may correspond to submittals for 2019, depending on whether the 2020 data year performance information for logistics companies has been released at the time of tool download. (Within a given data year, logistics tools are released *after* the multimodal tool.) Performance for Rail companies are modal averages, based on publicly available R-1 data.

It is envisioned that SmartWay will incorporate emission factors ocean-going vessel transport providers in the future.

Truck Carrier Performance

Truck carrier performance data utilized by the Logistics Tool is based on 2021 Truck Partner Tool submittals for activity in 2020. Performance data includes g/mile and g/ton-mile for each truck carrier by SmartWay Category, with a top ranking indicating the top 20 percent performance level for a given pollutant/performance category. Note that g/mile and g/ton-mile values represent midpoints for the appropriate SmartWay Category, rather than exact performance levels for a given carrier. Truck SmartWay Categories include:

[3] As of 5-21-2021 no air carrier data had been approved by SmartWay.

- TL Dry Van
- LTL Dry Van
- Refrigerated
- Flatbed
- Tanker
- Dray
- Heavy/Bulk
- Package
- Auto Carrier
- Moving
- Specialized
- Mixed
- Expedited

Truck fleets are placed into a SmartWay Category and ranked with other SmartWay truck partner fleets in that same category based on the following rules:

1. If 75% or more of the fleet's Operation is Drayage, the fleet will be categorized as a Drayage fleet, regardless of what is specified for fleet's Body Type.

   Otherwise;

2. If 75% or more of the fleet's Body Type is Moving, Heavy/Bulk, Refrigerated, Tanker, Auto Carrier, or Flatbed, then the fleet will be categorized as that matching body type.

3. If the sum of the fleet's Utility Body Type and Special Hauler Body Type is 75% or more, then the fleet will be categorized as Specialized/Utility.

4. If 75% or more of the fleet's Body Type is Dry Van or Chassis then:

   a. If 75% or more of the fleet's Operation is Truckload then the fleet will be categorized as TL/Dry Van.

   b. If 75% or more of the fleet's Operation is Less than Truckload then the fleet will be categorized as LTL/Dry Van.

   c. If 75% or more of the fleet's Operation is Package then the fleet will be categorized as Package.

d. If 75% or more of the fleet's Operation is Expedited then the fleet will be categorized as Expedited.

e. If none of the above (a through d) are true, then the fleet will be categorized as Mixed.

5. Otherwise if none of the above conditions are met, the fleet will be categorized as a Mixed fleet.

The following provides an overview of the truck carrier ranking process used to estimate the carrier-specific performance bins.

Truck Performance Categories

In the SmartWay Truck Tool, data is collected at the individual company fleet level. Fleets are characterized by A.) business type: for-hire or private, B.) operational type: truckload/expedited, less than truckload, dray, package delivery, or expedited, and C.) equipment type: dry van, refrigerated van, flatbed, tanker, heavy/bulk, chassis (container), auto carrier, moving, utility, or specialized (e.g., hopper, livestock, other). The possible categories are shown below.

For Hire									
	Dry Van	Reefer	Flatbed	Tanker	Chassis	Heavy/Bulk	Auto Carrier	Moving	Specialized
TL									
LTL									
PD									
Expedited									
Dray									

Private									
	Dry Van	Reefer	Flatbed	Tanker	Chassis	Heavy/Bulk	Auto Carrier	Moving	Specialized
TL									
LTL									
PD									
Expedited									
Dray									

Note that while Specialized fleets have disparate operations/equipment types and thus do not compare well, they are also unlikely to compete with one another, so it was deemed acceptable to aggregate these disparate fleets into one category.

For-hire and private fleets are combined in SmartWay categories. There are relatively few private fleets compared to for-hire fleets. Because owners of private fleets generally hire their own fleets exclusively, it

was determined that ranking for-hire and private fleets together would not be detrimental to for-hire fleets, and the simplicity of one for-hire and private category outweighed the benefits of listing fleets separately. Ranking for-hire and private separately would have doubled the number of categories. Therefore, the fleets can thus be categorized as shown below.

For Hire / Private									
	Dry Van	Reefer	Flatbed	Tanker	Chassis	Heavy/Bulk	Auto Carrier	Moving	Specialized
TL									
LTL									
PD									
Expedited									
Dray									

To be categorized in a particular category, a fleet must have at least 75% of its operations by mileage in a single category, otherwise it is classified as a "Mixed" fleet. Fleets could be mixed via their operational or equipment type. Fleets are generally segregated by their operational type, but some mixing does occur via equipment type, especially with smaller carriers that do not differentiate their fleet. Fleets that do not have 75% of their operations in a specific category are placed in the Mixed category.

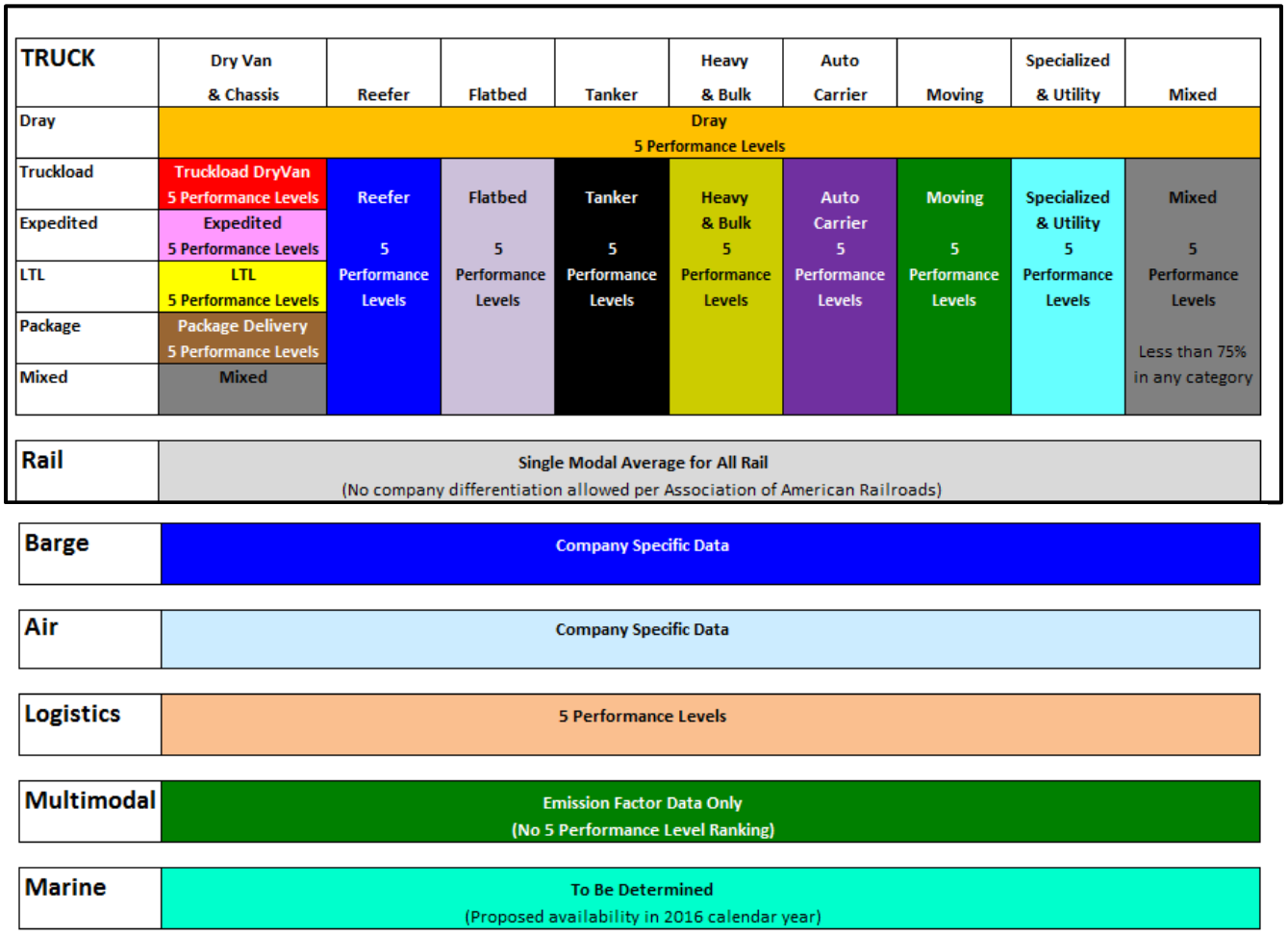
Individual fleets were then placed into categories. The following graphic illustrates the population of the various categories. The darker the shade of the intersection, the higher the number of fleets in that category.

	Dry Van	Reefer	Flatbed	Tanker	Chassis	Heavy/Bulk	Auto Carrier	Moving	Specialized	Mixed
TL										
LTL										
PD										
Expedited										
Dray										
Mixed										

SmartWay then looked at combining categories that exhibited similar characteristics for simplification purposes. One prerequisite was that there needed to be a minimum number of fleets in each category. SmartWay determined that a category needed a minimum of 25 fleets to be created. It was also determined that dry van and chassis (intermodal container) functioned primarily as dry van transport, so these categories were combined. While most refrigerated carriers were truckload, a few less than truckload refrigerated fleets exist, so these two categories were combined. A similar situation was identified with flatbed, and flatbed truckload and less than truckload were combined. Although no less than truckload tanker fleets were identified, tanker truckload and less than truckload were combined into one category so that no intersections would be left undefined. Similar aggregations were made for the remaining, less common body types including heavy/bulk, auto carrier, moving and specialized. All dray was collapsed into one category, and package delivery was restricted to dry van body types. Any fleet that had mixed operation and/or mixed equipment was placed into a single mixed category. Finally, logistics and multimodal fleets were also included and retained as unique categories.

The final performance categories for the 2020 Data Year are illustrated below. The solid colors indicate how operation and equipment type assignments vary by performance category. For example, if 75% or more of a fleet's mileage is associated with reefer trucks, the fleet is assigned to the Reefer category *regardless* of the operation percentage across truckload, expedited, LTL, and package categories. However, the Reefer category assignment is overridden if the operation category is greater than or equal to 75% dray, logistics, or multimodal. Similar assignment rules apply to flatbed, tanker, heavy/bulk, auto carrier, moving, and specialized equipment types, as described above. Only the Dry Van/Chassis equipment category is subdivided by the truckload, expedited, LTL, and package operation categories, meaning that the 75% threshold must be met for *both* equipment and operation type in these cases. All other equipment/operation type percentage distributions are assigned to the Mixed category.

Figure 1. SmartWay Carrier Categories and Data Specificity 2019 Calendar Year



It is possible that SmartWay will expand these categories based on in-use experience or as a result of further data analysis, and/or requests from industry.

Companies *within a category* have been ranked from lowest emission factor (best) to highest emission factor (worst) for each of the following metrics: CO_2 g/mile, CO_2 g/ton-mile, NO_x g/mile, NO_x g/ton-mile, PM_{10} g/mile and PM_{10} g/ton-mile. When SmartWay Categories are established, fleets within a category are separated into 5 ranges where each range represents a group of emission factors. These ranges, and associated ranking "cutpoints" (transition points from one rank to the next) are then modified so that each range has an equal difference between upper and lower bounds, and the new cutpoints remain as close to the originals as possible. The new range cutpoints are displayed as numbers with significant digits appropriate to emission factors in that range. The midpoint of the range is used as the emission factor for all fleets in that range.

It would be simpler and more straightforward to use company-specific emission factors, however the trucking industry expressed concern with revealing exact data that could be used to back-calculate mile per gallon numbers. The above described methodology prevents a determination of an exact mpg figure, while at the same time attributing an emission factor much more exact than a modal default number. Given the large number of trucking companies, and thus opportunity for companies to be very close to each other in performance (for example 0.001 g/mile of CO_2), SmartWay believes it is acceptable and appropriate to break truck fleets into 5 performance rankings.

The table below illustrates the ranges in the For Hire/Private Truckload/Expedited Dry Van SmartWay Category, using 2013 Truck Partner data as an example.

Table 2. Emission Factor Ranges for One Performance Category (2013 Data)

For Hire/Private Truckload/ Dry Van CO2 g/mile						
Group ID	**Fleets Per Bin**	**Grams Per Mile Min**	**Grams Per Mile Max**	**Grams Per Mile Avg**	**Grams Per Mile Midpoint**	**Grams Per Mile Std Dev**
1	186	944	1,549	1,452	1,500	118
2	227	1,551	1,650	1,601	1,600	28
3	194	1,651	1,749	1,692	1,700	29
4	140	1,751	1,848	1,798	1,800	29
5	115	1,851	5,090	2,010	1,900	359

Similar tables were developed for all SmartWay performance categories. The midpoint of each ranking category is the data that a logistics company will download into their SmartWay Logistics Tool to represent the emission performance of a specific carrier fleet that is in the associated rank/category. Once the categories and ranks have been established, the carrier fleets of any new companies joining SmartWay will fall into one of the predefined categories/ranks for that reporting year. SmartWay expects to update the category/range structure periodically.

Performance estimates for non-SmartWay truck carriers were calculated based on the lowest performing truck partners. Since no data exists to define non-SmartWay fleets, SmartWay believes the prudent approach is to assign conservative emission factors to non-SmartWay companies. Also, this policy makes it likely that any company joining SmartWay will see better emission factors displayed than the non-SmartWay default emission factors.

The non-SmartWay performance metrics were calculated by taking a standard performance range delta (max - min) for each range within each SmartWay Category and using the delta to calculate a non-SmartWay carrier midpoint for each category.[4] This midpoint was the midpoint for Range 5 plus the standard range delta. For example, if the Range 5 midpoint was 10.5 and the category's standard delta was 1, then the non-SmartWay midpoint was calculated to be 11.5.

Depending upon the type of data available for a given carrier, the user may input ton-miles or miles, and rely on carrier data to back-calculate the other value. For example, providing ton-miles and average payload allows the tool to estimate total miles, by dividing the former by the latter.

Logistics and Multimodal Carrier Performance

Logistic and multimodal carriers have their own performance bins based on the carrier tool submittals for the most recent available calendar year (2018 for logistics, and 2019 for multimodal). Multimodal carrier categories are also differentiated by mode combinations, including Surface;[5] Surface-Air; Surface-Marine; and Surface-Air-Marine. Multimodal composite fleets with 10% or more of their ton-miles coming from air or marine carriers are designated Surface-Air/Marine.[6] If a composite fleet does not meet the above Multimodal criteria, and if it has 75% of its ton-miles derived from one or more Logistics component fleets, it is binned as a Logistics fleet. If a composite fleet does not meet any of these criteria, it is binned as a Truck fleet.

Non-SmartWay carrier performance for these SmartWay Categories is estimated in the same way as is done for non-SmartWay Truck carriers.

Air and Barge Carrier Performance

Air and barge carriers have agreed to have their actual emissions results made public, and, barge performance values used in the Logistics Tool are carrier-specific. The gram per mile performance values for barge carriers correspond to individual barge (nautical) miles travelled, rather than miles travelled by a string of barges or the associated tug(s).

[4] Performance metrics for the non-SmartWay General Truck Category were set equal to the non-SmartWay Mixed Category metrics, since the Mixed Category is assumed to be representative of industry average operations.

[5] Surface multimodal carriers utilize road and rail modes.

[6] Air and/or marine carriers may be utilized directly by the multimodal carrier, or may be utilized indirectly by logistics business units hired by the multimodal carrier.

Non-SmartWay barge carrier gram per mile and gram per ton-mile performance is set to be 25% higher than the worst performing SmartWay barge carrier.

Since no air carrier data submittals have been approved as of this date, performance levels for non-SmartWay air freight are based on publicly available data. First upper bound estimates for grams of CO_2 per ton-mile were obtained for short and long-haul air freight (~4,236 g/t-mi and ~1,461 g/t-mi, respectively).[7,8] Values for CO_2 g/mile were calculated by multiplying the g/t-mi value by an average cargo payload value of 22.9 short tons. The average payload value was estimated by dividing total air freight tonnage in 2012 (15M tons)[9] by the total number of cargo departures in the same year (654,956 LTOs).[10] Corresponding performance metrics for NO_x and PM_{10} were based on the ratio of these pollutants to CO_2 from the EDMS 5.1.4.1 model (0.009 for NOx and 0.000059 for PM_{10}).[11] The resulting performance metrics are shown in Table 3 below.

Table 3. Assumed Performance Metrics for Non-SmartWay Air Carriers

	CO_2/tmi	CO_2/mi	NO_x/mi	NO_x/tmi	PM/mi	PM/tmi
Short-haul	4,236	96,998	873.2713	38.1341	5.743247	0.250797
Long-haul	1,461	33,448	301.1280	13.1497	1.980430	0.086482

Rail Carrier Performance

Rail carrier performance data are collected and displayed in the Logistics Tool at the industry average level derived from Class 1 rail company data. Gram per ton-mile factors were determined by dividing total fuel use by total ton-miles and multiplied by a rail diesel CO_2 factor (10,180 g CO_2/gal diesel fuel), from publicly available data submitted in the 2017 railroad R-1 reports to the Department of Transportation. 2017 R-1 data was also used to obtain total railcar-miles per year for all Class 1 carriers, in order to estimate gram per railcar-mile factors. *Industry average values are currently assumed for all rail carriers in the carrier data file, regardless of SmartWay Partnership status.* Specific rail companies may have the opportunity to provide company-specific data in the future. The R-1 data and corresponding CO_2 performance data are presented in Table 4 below.

[7] Short haul air freight assumed to be less than 3,000 miles, covering most domestic air routes in the U.S.

[8] Estimates from Figure 8.6 in Sims R., R. Schaeffer, F. Creutzig, X. Cruz-Núñez, M. D'Agosto, D. Dimitriu, M. J. Figueroa Meza, L. Fulton, S. Kobayashi, O. Lah, A. McKinnon, P. Newman, M. Ouyang, J. J. Schauer, D. Sperling, and G. Tiwari, 2014: Transport. In: Climate Change 2014: Mitigation of Climate Change. Contribution of Working Group III to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [Edenhofer, O., R. Pichs-Madruga, Y. Sokona, E. Farahani, S. Kadner, K. Seyboth, A. Adler, I. Baum, S. Brunner, P. Eickemeier, B. Kriemann, J. Savolainen, S. Schlömer, C. von Stechow, T. Zwickel and J.C. Minx (eds.)]. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, United Kingdom and New York, NY, USA.

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[11] EDMS outputs for take-off mode, assumed to be equal to cruising mode. (Cruise emissions are not output by EDMS). Take-off mode emission rates were averaged across all aircraft/engine combinations in the Heavy (Max Takeoff Weight over 255,000 lbs.) and Large (Max Takeoff Weight 41,001 to 255,000 lbs.) weight classes.

Table 4. Rail Carrier Performance Metric Calculation Inputs and Results (2017 R-1 Data)

Rail Company	Gal/Yr ('000) Sch. 750 Line 4	Freight Ton Mi/Yr ('000) Sch. 755 line 110	Railcar Mi/Yr ('000) Sch. 755 sum of lines 30, 46, 64 & 82	g CO2/railcar mile	g CO2/short ton mile
BNSF Railway	1,353,897	665,948,516	11,606,520	1,187	20.70
CSX Transportation	426,721	208,127,221	4,713,411	922	20.87
Grand Trunk	116,986	62,708,628	1,486,205	801	18.99
Kansas City Southern	68,873	34,582,626	724,012	968	20.27
Norfolk Southern*	458,179	201,451,969	4,383,081	1,064	23.15
Soo Line	65,299	35,244,079	745,550	892	18.86
Union Pacific	1,016,161	466,721,215	10,090,926	1,025	22.16
Total - Industry Average	3,506,116	1,674,784,254	33,749,705	980	20.72

* and combined subsidiaries

NO_x and PM emission factors for rail carriers are also based on industry averages. Please see the "Background on Illustrative (Modal Average) U.S. Rail Factors" in Appendix A for further details.

Average payload per loaded railcar were calculated for all Class 1 carriers by dividing the value for annual ton-miles hauled by an estimate for loaded railcar-miles, based on 2008 R-1 data. The calculation uses the Total Revenue and Non-Revenue Ton-Miles as listed in the R-1 Report on line 114 of schedule 755 divided by the Total loaded Railcar-Miles (the sum of lines 30 and 64 of schedule 755) along with the factor for fuel gallons consumed for loaded freight that is created based on the percentage of loaded freight to total freight multiplied by the total diesel fuel value listed on schedule 750 Line 4. The following table summarizes the estimated average payload per railcar, by carrier.

Table 5. Rail Carrier Average Payload

Carrier	Avg Payload/Loaded Railcar (tons)
BNSF Railway	108
CSX Transportation	85
Grand Trunk	80
Kansas City Southern	91
Norfolk Southern	76
Soo Line	77
Union Pacific	91
Industry Average	93

Average railcar volumes were calculated for all carriers by first estimating an average volume for each major railcar type listed in the R-1 forms (schedule 755, lines 15-81). The assumptions used to estimate these volumes are provided in Table 6. The railcar-miles reported for each railcar type were multiplied by these average volumes to estimate annual cubic foot-miles travelled by car type for each company and for the industry average. The distribution of cubic foot-miles across car types was used as the weighting factor to estimate a single average railcar volume for each company. These values and the resulting volume estimates are presented in Table 7.

Table 6. Railcar Volume Assumptions and Sources

Railcar Type	Cubic Feet	Source/Method *Key:* Norfolk Southern Railroad (NS)[12], Union Pacific Railroad (UP)[13], Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF)[14], CSX Transportation Railroad (CSX)[15], World Trade Press Guide to Railcars (GTRC)[16], Chicago Rail Car Leasing (CRCL)[17], Union Tank Car Company (UTCC)[18], U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA)[19]
Boxcar 50 ft and longer including equipped boxcars	7,177	Based on the average of the following boxcar types: 50ft assumed to be 5694 [reflecting the average of 5355 (NS), 5431 (UP), 5238 (CSX), 6175 (BSNF), 6269 (GTRC)]. 60ft assumed to be 6,648 [reflecting the average of 6618 (NS), 6389 (UP), 6085 (CSX), 7500 (BNSF)]. 50ft high cube assumed to be 6,304 [reflecting the average of 6339 (NS) and 6269 (CSX)]. 60 ft. high cube assumed to be 6917 [reflecting the average of 7499 (NS) , 6646 (CSX), and 6607 (GTRC)]. 86ft assumed to be 9999 (NS). Auto parts assumed to be 7499 (NS).
Boxcar 40ft	4,555	Based on estimate of 50ft boxcar volume described above. Assumed 40ft length would result in 20% reduction in volume.
Flat car – all types except for multi-level	6,395	Based on the average of the following flat car types: 60ft assumed to be 6739 (BNSF). 89ft assumed to be 9372(BNSF). Coil assumed to be 3387(NS). Covered coil assumed to be 5294 [reflecting the average of 8328 (NS) and 2260 (BNSF)]. Center beam assumed to be 6546 [reflecting the average of 5857 (UP) and 7236 (BNSF)]. Bulkhead assumed to be 7030 (BNSF).

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Multi-level flat car	13,625	Based on the average of the following multi-level flat car types: Unilevel (that carry very large cargo, such as vehicles/tractors) assumed to be 12183 (NS). Bi-level assumed to be 14381(NS). Tri-level assumed to be 14313 (based on average of 15287 (NS) and 13339 (BNSF).
Flat Car – all types- including multi-level ***[not used in analysis, except for estimating volume of "All Other Cars"]***	7,428	Based on the average volumes of the flatcar types described above including multi-level as a single flat car type.
Gondola – all types Including equipped	5,190	Based on the average of the following gondola car types: 52-53ft assumed to be 2626 [based on average of 2665 (NS), 2743 (CSX), 2400 (BNSF), and 2697(CRLC)]. 60-66ft assumed to be 3372 [based on average of 3281 (NS), 3242 (CSX), 3350 (BNSF), CRCL-3670, and 3366 (GTRC)]. Municipal Waste assumed to be 7999 (NS). Woodchip assumed to be 7781[based on average of 7862 (NS) and 7700 (CRCL)]. Coal assumed to be 4170 [based on average of 3785 (NS) and 4556 (BNSF)].
Refrigerated - Mechanical /non-Mechanical	6,202	Based on the average of the following refrigerated car types: 48-72ft assumed to be 6963 [based on average of 6043 (UP) and 7883 (BNSF)]. 50ft assumed to be 5167(GTRC). 40-90 ft. assumed to be 6476 [based on average of 6952 (UP) and 6000 (BNSF)].
Open Top Hopper	4,220	Based on the average of the following open top hopper car types: 42ft assumed to be 3000 (UP). 54ft assumed to be 3700 (UP). 60ft assumed to be 5188 [based on average of 5125 (UP) and 5250 (GTRC)]. 45ft+ assumed to be 4105 [based on average of 4500 (UP) and 3710 (BNSF). Woodchip assumed to be 7075 [based on average of 7525 (NS), 5999 (UP), and 7700 (CRCL)]. Small Aggregate assumed to be 2252 [based on average of 2150 (NS), 2106 (BNSF), and 2500 (CRCL)].

Table 6. Railcar Volume Assumptions and Sources

Railcar Type	Cubic Feet	Source/Method *Key:* Norfolk Southern Railroad (NS)[12], Union Pacific Railroad (UP)[13], Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF)[14], CSX Transportation Railroad (CSX)[15], World Trade Press Guide to Railcars (GTRC)[16], Chicago Rail Car Leasing (CRCL)[17], Union Tank Car Company (UTCC)[18], U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA)[19]
Covered Hopper	4,188	Based on the average of the following covered top hopper car types: 45ft assumed to be 5250 (GTRC). Aggregate assumed to be 2575 [based on average of 2150 (NS) and 3000 (CRCL)]. Small Cube Gravel assumed to be 2939 [based on average of 2655 (NS), 3100 (CSX), and 3063 (BNSF). Med-Large Cube Ores and Sand assumed to be 4169 [based on average of 3750 (NS) and 4589 (BNSF)]. Jumbo assumed to be 5147 [based on average of 4875 (NS), 4462 (CSX), 5175 (BNSF), and 6075 (CRCL)]. Pressure Differential (flour) assumed to be 5050 [based on average of 5124 (NS) and 4975 (CRCL)].
Tank Cars under 22,000 gallons	2,314	Assumes 1 gallon=0.1337 cubic foot (USDA). Based on small tank car average volume of 17304 gallons, which is the average of the following currently manufactured tank car volume design capacities of 13470, 13710, 15100, 15960, 16410, 17300, 19900, 20000, 20590, and 20610 gallons (GTRC).
Tank Cars over 22,000 gallons	3,857	Assumes 1 gallon=0.1337 (USDA). Based on large tank car volume of 28851 gallons, which is the average of the following currently manufactured tank car volume design capacities of 23470, 25790, 27200, 28700, 30000, 33000, and 33800 gallons (GTRC).
All Other Cars	5,014	Based on average volume presented above for each of the nine railcar types (all flatcars are represented by the line item that includes multi-level flatcars - 7428).

Table 7. Rail Carrier Average Volume Determination

Freight Car Types (R1 Schedule 755)	Avg. Cu Ft.	BNSF	
		Railcar Miles (x1K)	Cu Ft Miles (x1K)
Box-Plain 40-Foot	4,555	1	4,555
Box-Plain 50-Foot & Longer	7,177	9,338	67,018,826
Box-Equipped	7,177	147,226	1,056,641,002
Gondola-Plain	5,190	379,762	1,970,964,780
Gondola-Equipped	5,190	75,894	393,889,860
Hopper-Covered	4,188	758,442	3,176,355,096
Hopper-Open Top-General Service	4,220	65,077	274,624,940
Hopper-Open Top-Special Service	4,220	137,449	580,034,780
Refrigerator-Mechanical	6,202	19,272	119,524,944
Refrigerator-Non-Mechanical	6,202	32,910	204,107,820

Freight Car Types (R1 Schedule 755)	Avg. Cu Ft.	BNSF	
		Railcar Miles (x1K)	Cu Ft Miles (x1K)
Flat-TOFC/COFC	6,395	520,521	3,328,731,795
Flat-Multi-Level	13,625	38,624	526,252,000
Flat-General Service	6,395	357	2,283,015
Flat-All Other	6,395	71,826	459,327,270
All Other Car Types-Total	5,772	20,146	116,282,712
Average Railcar Cubic Feet			5,811

Freight Car Types (R1 Schedule 755)	CSX	
	Railcar Miles (x1K)	Cu Ft Miles (x1K)
Box-Plain 40-Foot	-	-
Box-Plain 50-Foot & Longer	6,987	50,145,699
Box-Equipped	144,631	1,038,016,687
Gondola-Plain	137,256	712,358,640
Gondola-Equipped	64,532	334,921,080
Hopper-Covered	153,315	642,083,220
Hopper-Open Top-General Service	78,412	330,898,640
Hopper-Open Top-Special Service	35,451	149,603,220
Refrigerator-Mechanical	17,117	106,159,634
Refrigerator-Non-Mechanical	11,923	73,946,446
Flat-TOFC/COFC	125,828	804,670,060
Flat-Multi-Level	29,956	408,150,500
Flat-General Service	162	1,035,990
Flat-All Other	31,913	204,083,635
All Other Car Types-Total	19,861	114,637,692
Average Railcar Cubic Feet		6,389

Freight Car Types (R1 Schedule 755)	Grand Trunk	
	Railcar Miles (x1K)	Cu Ft Miles (x1K)
Box-Plain 40-Foot	0	-
Box-Plain 50-Foot & Longer	2,119	15,208,063
Box-Equipped	66,110	474,471,470
Gondola-Plain	6,467	33,563,730
Gondola-Equipped	19,201	99,653,190
Hopper-Covered	44,239	185,272,932
Hopper-Open Top-General Service	9,114	38,461,080
Hopper-Open Top-Special Service	32,621	137,660,620
Refrigerator-Mechanical	312	1,935,024
Refrigerator-Non-Mechanical	205	1,271,410
Flat-TOFC/COFC	2,779	17,771,705
Flat-Multi-Level	4,831	65,822,375
Flat-General Service	20	127,900
Flat-All Other	31,744	203,002,880
All Other Car Types-Total	4,755	27,445,860
Average Railcar Cubic Feet		6,309

Freight Car Types (R1 Schedule 755)	Kansas City Southern	
	Railcar Miles (x1K)	Cu Ft Miles (x1K)
Box-Plain 40-Foot	0	-
Box-Plain 50-Foot & Longer	3,383	24,279,791
Box-Equipped	39,792	285,587,184
Gondola-Plain	16,628	86,299,320
Gondola-Equipped	11,150	57,868,500
Hopper-Covered	50,346	210,849,048
Hopper-Open Top-General Service	626	2,641,720
Hopper-Open Top-Special Service	943	3,979,460
Refrigerator-Mechanical	21	130,242
Refrigerator-Non-Mechanical	52	322,504
Flat-TOFC/COFC	10,736	68,656,720
Flat-Multi-Level	629	8,570,125
Flat-General Service	12	76,740
Flat-All Other	2,321	14,842,795
All Other Car Types-Total	247	1,425,684
Average Railcar Cubic Feet		5,938

Freight Car Types (R1 Schedule 755)	Norfolk Southern	
	Railcar Miles (x1K)	Cu Ft Miles (x1K)
Box-Plain 40-Foot	0	-
Box-Plain 50-Foot & Longer	7,622	54,703,094
Box-Equipped	136,745	981,418,865
Gondola-Plain	193,214	1,002,780,660
Gondola-Equipped	111,320	577,750,800
Hopper-Covered	116,848	489,359,424
Hopper-Open Top-General Service	84,557	356,830,540
Hopper-Open Top-Special Service	30,078	126,929,160
Refrigerator-Mechanical	3,512	21,781,424
Refrigerator-Non-Mechanical	5,392	33,441,184
Flat-TOFC/COFC	114,928	734,964,560
Flat-Multi-Level	20,349	277,255,125
Flat-General Service	145	927,275
Flat-All Other	24,563	157,080,385
All Other Car Types-Total	212,408	1,226,018,976
Average Railcar Cubic Feet		6,065

Freight Car Types (R1 Schedule 755)	Soo Line	
	Railcar Miles (x1K)	Cu Ft Miles (x1K)
Box-Plain 40-Foot	0	-
Box-Plain 50-Foot & Longer	725	5,203,325
Box-Equipped	17,972	128,985,044
Gondola-Plain	1,203	6,243,570
Gondola-Equipped	8,856	45,962,640
Hopper-Covered	94,146	394,283,448
Hopper-Open Top-General Service	3,077	12,984,940
Hopper-Open Top-Special Service	20	84,400
Refrigerator-Mechanical	159	986,118
Refrigerator-Non-Mechanical	742	4,601,884
Flat-TOFC/COFC	11,178	71,483,310
Flat-Multi-Level	2,973	40,507,125
Flat-General Service	12	76,740
Flat-All Other	10,068	64,384,860
All Other Car Types-Total	428	2,470,416
Average Railcar Cubic Feet		5,667

Freight Car Types (R1 Schedule 755)	Union Pacific	
	Railcar Miles (x1K)	Cu Ft Miles (x1K)
Box-Plain 40-Foot	0	-
Box-Plain 50-Foot & Longer	12,311	88,356,047
Box-Equipped	238,241	1,709,855,657
Gondola-Plain	206,370	1,071,060,300
Gondola-Equipped	91,775	476,312,250
Hopper-Covered	370,929	1,553,450,652
Hopper-Open Top-General Service	188,027	793,473,940
Hopper-Open Top-Special Service	104,969	442,969,180
Refrigerator-Mechanical	82,874	513,984,548
Refrigerator-Non-Mechanical	27,009	167,509,818
Flat-TOFC/COFC	1,026,251	6,562,875,145
Flat-Multi-Level	46,889	638,862,625
Flat-General Service	350	2,238,250
Flat-All Other	72,371	462,812,545
All Other Car Types-Total	16,769	96,790,668
Average Railcar Cubic Feet		6,248

Freight Car Types (R1 Schedule 755)	Total (for Industry Average)	
	Railcar Miles (x1K)	Cu Ft Miles (x1K)
Box-Plain 40-Foot	1	4,555
Box-Plain 50-Foot & Longer	42,485	304,914,845
Box-Equipped	790,717	5,674,975,909
Gondola-Plain	940,900	4,883,271,000
Gondola-Equipped	382,728	1,986,358,320
Hopper-Covered	1,588,265	6,651,653,820
Hopper-Open Top-General Service	428,890	1,809,915,800
Hopper-Open Top-Special Service	341,531	1,441,260,820
Refrigerator-Mechanical	123,267	764,501,934
Refrigerator-Non-Mechanical	78,233	485,201,066
Flat-TOFC/COFC	1,812,221	11,589,153,295
Flat-Multi-Level	144,251	1,965,419,875
Flat-General Service	1,058	6,765,910
Flat-All Other	244,806	1,565,534,370
All Other Car Types-Total	274,614	1,585,072,008
Average Railcar Cubic Feet		6,091

Black Carbon Emissions Estimation

The air, rail, barge, and truck carrier black carbon (BC) emissions are estimated using either emission factors (e.g. grams of BC per mile for truck carriers) or by scaling from PM emission estimates (e.g. for air carriers). BC emissions are also estimated for logistics business units assuming BC emission rates scale directly with PM (e.g., tons BC = scaling factor x tons PM). Average scaling factors for logistics business units are estimated for each selected carrier's mode/SmartWay Category combination, based on the following:

- The BC/$PM_{2.5}$ ratios for air and rail carriers are constant for each mode and are the same as those used to estimate BC emissions in the SmartWay Air and Rail Tools, respectively. Estimates assume jet fuel use for air carriers, and ultra-low sulfur diesel for rail carriers.
- Factors for barge carriers are based on the average BC/PM_{10} ratio across all propulsion engine age groups and sizes in EPA's 2020 Port Emission Inventory Guidance.[20] Estimates assume ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel use.
- Factors for each Truck/SmartWay Category combination are based on average BC/$PM_{2.5}$ ratio for SmartWay truck carrier submissions for Data Year 2019.
- Factors for the Multimodal-Surface and Multimodal-Air categories are based on simple

[20] See Table H-6. https://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyPDF.cgi?Dockey=P10102U0.pdf. Accessed 4-14-2021.

averages of the BC/$PM_{2.5}$ ratios for Truck (all Categories) and Rail, and Truck (all Categories) and Air, respectively.

- Factors for logistics business units are determined by calculating a weighted average of the BC/PM ratios for all other modes/SmartWay Categories. First, the ton-miles attributed to the air, rail, barge, truck, and multimodal carriers selected by SmartWay logistics business units for the 2019 data year were summed by mode.[21] Then the fraction of ton-miles for each mode were applied to the BC factors for each mode to estimate a weighted average BC/PM ratio for all logistics carriers. The resulting weighting factors are as follows:

  - Air – 0.04%
  - Barge – 0.06%
  - Rail – 4.07%
  - Multimodal – 6.83%
  - Truck (all Categories) – 88.99%

Table 8 presents the average scaling factors used to estimate logistics business unit BC emissions. The table also presents the minimum and maximum BC/PM ratios observed in the various data sources to provide a measure of the potential variability associated a logistic business unit's carrier selections. BC estimates are particularly uncertain for truck carriers selected by logistics business units, due to the large variation in BC/PM ratios across engine model years and truck classes.

Table 8. BC/PM Ratios for Logistics Business Units

Mode/Category	Basis	Average	Min	Max	Range	Data Source/Basis
Rail	PM2.5	**0.677**	N/A	N/A	N/A	SmartWay Rail Tool
Air	PM2.5	**0.130**	N/A	N/A	N/A	SmartWay Air Tool
Barge	PM10	**0.746**	0.733	0.754	0.021	2020 EPA Port Emissions Inventory Guidance
Truck/Auto	PM2.5	**0.366**	0.088	0.760	0.671	2019 Data Year Truck Partner submissions
Truck/Dray	PM2.5	**0.442**	0.085	0.782	0.697	2019 Data Year Truck Partner submissions
Truck/Expedited	PM2.5	**0.295**	0.071	0.720	0.649	2019 Data Year Truck Partner submissions
Truck/Flatbed	PM2.5	**0.366**	0.083	0.815	0.732	2019 Data Year Truck Partner submissions
Truck/Heavy-Bulk	PM2.5	**0.335**	0.088	0.764	0.676	2019 Data Year Truck Partner submissions
Truck/LTL	PM2.5	**0.330**	0.063	0.746	0.684	2019 Data Year Truck Partner submissions
Truck/Mixed	PM2.5	**0.355**	0.077	0.785	0.708	2019 Data Year Truck Partner submissions
Truck/Moving	PM2.5	**0.361**	0.077	0.673	0.596	2019 Data Year Truck Partner submissions
Truck/Package	PM2.5	**0.162**	0.088	0.576	0.488	2019 Data Year Truck Partner submissions
Truck/Refrigerated	PM2.5	**0.330**	0.090	0.799	0.710	2019 Data Year Truck Partner submissions

[21] Logistics business units selected by other logistics business units were excluded to simplify the analysis. This exclusion adds an unspecified degree of uncertainty to the final BC/PM ratio estimate.

Table 8. BC/PM Ratios for Logistics Business Units

Mode/Category	Basis	Average	Min	Max	Range	Data Source/Basis
Truck/Specialized	PM2.5	**0.353**	0.077	0.733	0.656	2019 Data Year Truck Partner submissions
Truck/Tanker	PM2.5	**0.330**	0.088	0.767	0.680	2019 Data Year Truck Partner submissions
Truck/TL-Dry Van	PM2.5	**0.295**	0.059	0.826	0.768	2019 Data Year Truck Partner submissions
Truck/General	PM2.5	**0.329**	0.059	0.826	0.768	Average across all SmartWay Truck Categories
MM/Surface	PM2.5	**0.503**	0.329	0.677	0.348	Average of truck and rail BC ratios
MM/Air	PM2.5	**0.230**	0.130	0.329	0.199	Average of truck and air BC ratios
Logistics	PM2.5	**0.355**	0.130	0.746	0.616	Weighted average of all category ratios

% SMARTWAY VALUE

The **% SmartWay** screen tracks the portion of goods that shippers move with SmartWay Partners (expressed as a percentage between 0 and 100). You may select either ton-miles or total miles as the basis for determining your % SmartWay Value. Note that the Tool will automatically populate the **% SmartWay** screen with any carrier activity data entered in the **Activity Data** screen. In addition, the metric selected for the first business unit (miles or ton-miles) will be chosen as the basis for your other business units as well, so that a company-level % SmartWay Value can be calculated. To see your company-level % SmartWay Value, calculated across all business units, go to the % SmartWay Report in the Reports Menu via the Home page.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE REPORTS

The Logistics Tool now provides a report summarizing Scope 3 emissions for public disclosure purposes. Mass emissions are presented in metric tonnes for CO_2 (biogenic and non-biogenic), NO_x, and PM[22] for all carriers. The percent of CO_2 attributable to SmartWay Carriers is also provided. Biogenic CO_2 emissions estimates are assumed to equal approximately 2 percent of total CO_2 emissions, as per U.S. requirements for biomass-based diesel from the EPA Renewable Fuel Standard program final volume requirements.[23]

[22] Emissions from CH_4, N_2O, HFC's, PFC's, SF_6 and NF_3 have been deemed immaterial, comprising less than 5% of overall GHG emissions and are therefore EXCLUDED for reporting purposes.

[23] As stated in the Final Rule (Table I.F.1 – see https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-02-06/pdf/2020-00431.pdf), the volume requirements for biomass-based diesel in 2020 is 2.10%, rounded to equal 2% for calculation purposes. The percentage will be updated annually in the Tool.

3.0 Data Validation

The Logistics Tool also contains data validation checks designed to identify missing and potentially erroneous data. At this time the only validation involves payload checks and total ton-mile checks, on the **Activity Data** screen.

PAYLOAD VALIDATION

Payload validation cutpoints were set with the intention of identifying those payloads that are somewhat outside typical industry values (yellow flag warnings) and those that are far outside industry averages (red flag warnings). The payload check only apples to Data Availability selections a, b, and c where payloads are either entered by the user, or calculated based on other inputs. Checks are applied at the carrier (row) level.

Payload checks are specific to the truck carrier fleet's SmartWay Category, which is specified for each carrier in the Carrier Data File. For Truck carriers, the payload checks are consistent with the Class 8b payload checks currently in the Truck Tool and are shown below in Table 9. (See the Truck Tool Technical Documentation for additional information.) Note that Ranges 1 and 5 are colored red in the Tool and require explanations before proceeding. Ranges 2 and 4 are colored yellow, and explanations are optional.

Table 9. Truck Carrier Payload Validation Ranges (Class 8b basis)

Truck Bin Category	Range 1 Low	Range 1 High / 2 Low	Range 2 High / 3 Low	Range 3 High / 4 Low	Range 4 High / 5 Low	Range 5 High (Max)
LTL Dry Van (from Dry Van Single - LTL-Moving-Package)[24]	0.0	**4.1**	6.3	**15.4**	**17.7**	83.7
Package (from Dry Van Single - LTL-Moving-Package)	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.5	20.8	83.7
TL Dry Van (from Dry Van Single - other bins)	0.0	10.5	14.5	22.4	26.4	150.0
Refrigerated	0.0	14.5	17.3	22.9	25.7	82.5
Flatbed	0.0	14.0	18.3	26.7	31.0	99.9
Tanker	0.0	19.1	22.0	27.8	30.7	103.8
Moving (from Dry Van Single – LTL-Moving-Package)	0.0	6.9	11.0	19.1	23.2	150.0
Specialized (from Specialty - Other bins)	0.0	20.2	22.9	28.3	31.1	111.0
Dray (from Chassis)	0.0	11.2	16.5	27.1	32.4	73.5
Auto Carrier	0.0	5.7	11.0	21.4	26.6	73.5

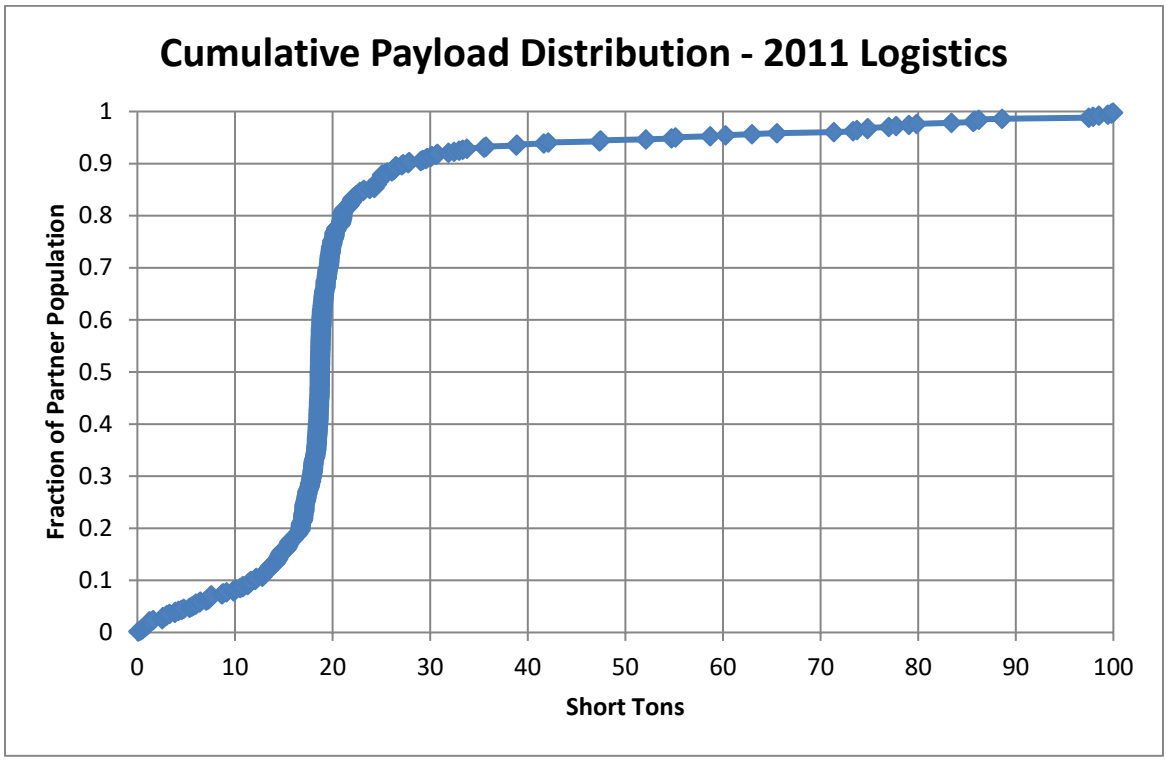
[24] Since LTL and package shipments can be very small, no lower-bound "red/yellow" ranges are designated for LTL and package carrier payloads. Upper bound yellow and red ranges for package (and multi-modal) carriers were set equal to the average payload (6.20) plus twice the standard deviation (7.33) for logistics companies using these carrier types (from 2013 data). Values for LTL carriers are based on average weight per load and loads per shipment reported by LTL Truck Partners for 2017.

Table 9. Truck Carrier Payload Validation Ranges (Class 8b basis)

Truck Bin Category	Range 1 Low	Range 1 High / 2 Low	Range 2 High / 3 Low	Range 3 High / 4 Low	Range 4 High / 5 Low	Range 5 High (Max)
Heavy-Bulk	0.0	2.7	16.5	44.0	57.8	120.0
Utility (from Specialty – Other bins)	0.0	20.2	22.9	28.3	31.1	111.0
Mixed (from Other - Heavy-Flatbed-Mixed bins)	0.0	14.7	21.1	33.8	40.1	99.3
Expedited (from Dry Van Single - other bins)	0.0	10.5	14.5	22.4	26.4	83.7

With the exception of the LTL and package categories (see footnote 13), all other logistic carrier payload validations are based on 2011 Logistics Partner data and use simple cutoffs from the cumulative payload distribution shown in Figure 2 below.

Figure 2. Logistics Partner Payload Distribution



As can be seen in the figure, the payload distribution is highly non-normal, so use of validation cutoffs based on standard deviation is not appropriate. However, rough inflection points appear at approximately 10%, 20%, 80%, and 90%. As such, these values were used to specify the following payload validation cutoffs for logistics carriers.

- Range 1 Red: 0 – 12.0 tons
- Range 2 Yellow: 12.0 – 16.7 tons
- Range 3: 16.7 – 21.0 tons
- Range 4 Yellow: 21.0 – 27.2 tons
- Range 5 Red: 27.2 – 150 tons (150 absolute max)

Validation levels for rail and surface multimodal carriers are summarized below. The upper bound cutpoints for surface multimodal payloads are based on a qualitative review of 2011 multimodal carrier tool submittals. The upper bound cutpoints for rail payloads are based on the distribution of average values estimated for Class 1 carriers (see Table 5 above).

- Average surface multimodal payloads less than 9.4 tons (error – red)
- Average surface multimodal payloads greater than 95 tons (error – red)
- Average railcar payloads less than 9.4 tons or greater than 125 tons (error – red)
- Average surface multimodal payloads between 9.4 and 15.5 tons (warning – yellow)
- Average surface multimodal payloads between 60 and 95 tons (warning – yellow)

In addition, the absolute upper bound for rail and surface multimodal carriers have both been set at 200 tons.

Multimodal carriers with an air component have their maximum average payload set to 220,000 lbs., corresponding to the maximum payload capacity for the largest aircraft make/model specified by SmartWay partners in 2017. Payloads above this amount will trigger a "red" out of range error that must be explained by the partner in order to proceed, although no value has been set for a maximum allowable payload at this time. Payloads between 110,000 and 220,000 lbs. will receive a "yellow" warning which may be explained if the partner chooses. Any payload value less than or equal to zero will be flagged as an error and must be changed.

Finally, barge carrier payloads are flagged for verification if their density is greater than 0.6 tons per cubic foot or less than 0.003 tons per cubic foot, consistent with the payload validation used in the Barge Tool.

TON-MILE VALIDATION

2011 Logistics Partner data was evaluated to establish absolute upper bounds for ton-mile inputs. The ton-mile validation applies at the carrier (row) and total fleet (summation of rows) level, with the same values applied to both. The maximum allowable ton-mile value was set to twice the observed maximum value in the 2011 data set: 209,207,446,000 ton-miles.

Appendix A: Background on Industry Average U.S. Rail Factors

Industry average freight rail grams per mile and grams per ton-mile factors were developed using data released in August of 2019 for EPA's 2017 National Emission Inventory (NEI).[25] The factors were developed using emission estimates specifically for Class I (line-haul and yard switching) locomotives. These data were then divided by railcar-mile and ton-mile data for 2017 Class I rail carriers to obtain the corresponding performance metrics. Table A-1 presents the industry average freight rail emissions factors used in the Tool.

Table A-1. U.S. Freight Rail Industry Average Factors (2017)

Performance Metric	CO_2	NO_x	PM_{10}	$PM_{2.5}$
gram/short ton-mile	20.72	0.2897	0.0085	0.0082
gram/railcar mile	980	14.38	0.418	0.405

Note that NO_x and PM emission factors are not available at the carrier level for the rail mode. Accordingly, the industry average emission factors are assumed to apply equally for all rail carriers.

[25] Emissions Modeling Platform Collaborative, Specification Sheet: Rail 2017 National Emissions Inventory, August 2019 – Table 1.

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