

Cost of using collapsible containers in a network at ports





Overview

How foldable containers affect the cost of shipping?

Furthermore the use of foldable containers can have significant impact on the cost of shipping. Shipping companies can save the additional costs of handling and carrying empty containers when they call at a port and the additional capacity in the ship can be used for extra cargo.

Do foldable containers reduce container fleet management costs?

The effect of foldable containers on the costs of container fleet management in liner shipping networks. Maritime Economics & Logistics. 2012. Vol. 14. No. 4. P. 455-479. DOI: 10.1057/mel.2012.16. Shintani, K. & Konings, R. & Imai, A. Combinable containers: A container innovation to save container fleet and empty container repositioning costs.

How much does it cost to reposition an intermodal shipping container?

The intermodal shipping container is 70 years old. Over the years it has been refined but ownership costs have increased. For example, this year, the annual operating prices have ranged between \$25,000 to \$40,000 to reposition an empty container.

Should a port use foldable containers?

Using primary and secondary data sources the pros and cons of using foldable containers as compared to standard containers are identified, and it is shown that a port can gain cost efficiencies by using foldable containers.



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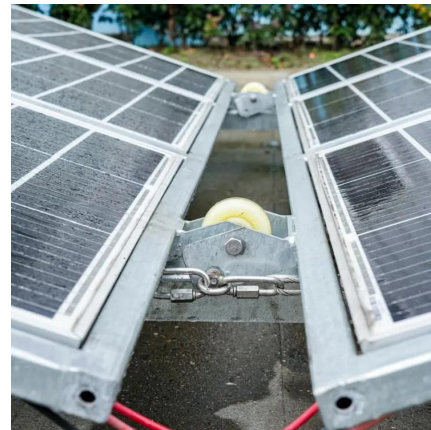


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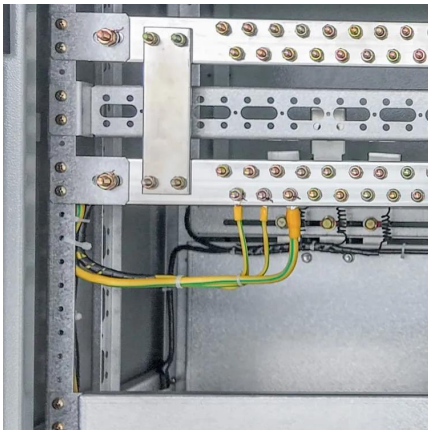
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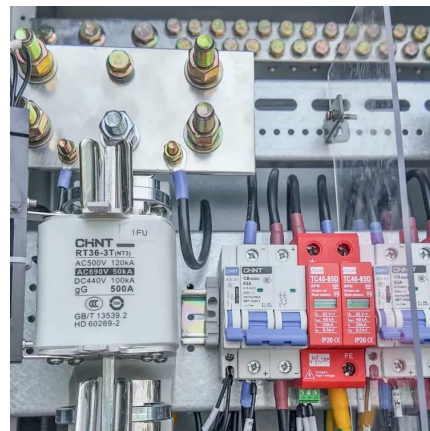


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