

Private Empty Car Storage (PECS)

Frequently Asked Questions

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How are the charges calculated?

Private Empty Storage Charges are calculated as total debits less total credits multiplied by the storage fee.

Storage Charges:

- Receiver of the empty rail car will be assessed the charges for all Net Chargeable Storage Days for all empty private equipment.
- Charges will be assessed to all Industrial Products, Agricultural and Chemicals customers.
- Net Chargeable Storage Days equals total debits less credits earned.
- The storage fee is \$145 per Net Chargeable Storage Day.

Debits:

- One (1) debit will be assessed for every full or partial day that a private empty rail car is in hold status on the Union Pacific network, commencing on the first 12:00 a.m. after the equipment has been placed in hold status.
- Debits will be assessed at any origin, destination, or intermediate holding location.
- Debits will be issued to the Receiver of the empty rail car.
- Debits will not be assessed for private empty equipment on private track.
- On the first 12:00 a.m. after equipment has been released from hold status, debits will cease to accrue.
- Debits will not accrue if cars remain in released hold status.

Credits:

- Credits are issued to the Receiver of the empty rail car.
- There are three methods of earning credits:
 - 1. Actually Placed (AP) Credits:**
 - One (1) credit will be issued for each private empty rail car on the day it is actually placed at destination industry.
 - 2. Placement Credits:**
 - If an Order-in customer orders a specific private empty rail car via the Web or Interactive Voice Recognition (IVR), which has arrived in the customer's serving area, but UP does not deliver the car, or delivers an alternative car, two (2) credits per rail car will be issued for each rail car requested but not actually placed.
 - Placement Credits will only be given if the private empty rail car released returns to a hold status instead of being placed at the customer's facility (actually placed). Once the car returns to hold status, the credits will be applied. Cars which are not delivered and remain in a release from hold status will not receive placement credits nor will they receive debits.
 - 3. Capacity Credits:**
 - When a Spot-on Arrival customer has available capacity and UP does not bring in a car(s) to fill that capacity, two (2) credits will be issued for each private empty rail car in the serving area up to the customer's maximum available capacity.

Who will receive a bill?

- The Receiver will accumulate the storage fees.
- The Receiver will receive a bill if that location has empty storage days.
- If credits exceed debits, no storage bill is generated.



How is chargeable empty car storage defined?

Empty time will be counted if a car is in General Hold status (CP or NS) and will begin on the first 12:00 a.m. after the equipment has been placed in hold status.

If cars are in multiple locations in chargeable storage status, they will be counted together as chargeable time. For example, if empty cars destined to Lake Charles, LA are moved to Dequincy, LA for short-term storage, the time the cars are in Dequincy and the time they are in Lake Charles will both be assessed as valid storage time. Charges for the intermediate hold location (Dequincy) would be billed to the Receiver destination location (Lake Charles).

How often will I receive an empty car storage bill?

Storage fee bills are issued monthly for the prior calendar month's inventory.

What about holidays?

Debits and credits (Placement and Capacity) will be \$0 rated for railroad holidays. Actually Placed credits will still be given and rated. Non-chargeable holidays are defined in UP 6004 Item 9655.

What is the difference between "Order-in" or "Spot-on Arrival"?

Order-in Customer

A customer facility at which UP does not place cars until the customer has made an order for placement of cars. (Customer has released the car from hold via the Web or IVR.) Until such an order is received, UP holds the cars in the serving area.

Spot-on Arrival Customer

Customers that have notified UP that rail cars may be placed without placement instructions. As rail cars return to the serving area, cars will be automatically placed on a workorder for placement at the facility, if there is available capacity at the facility.

What are the acceptable methods for ordering in an empty car for Actual Placement?

Acceptable methods include Equipment Placement and Release application (www.myuprr.com) and IVR (800-272-8777, option 3). Both require a valid MyUPRR User ID and password.

Can credits be carried from month to month?

Credits are valid within a calendar month only and do not carryover from month to month.

What if my car is moving as an empty, but is showing up as a load in the Union Pacific system (revenue empty)?

These cars are subject to the Private Empty Car Storage rules if they are held at destination prior to delivery.

What if a car is empty outside one plant and mid-month this car is diverted to another plant location?

All debits accumulated for a car holding for the first plant location (Receiver 1) will accrue for this plant to Receiver 1. Once the car is diverted, the car is no longer in hold status for this plant. Upon arrival at the second plant location (Receiver 2), any new hold time would be assessed for this plant location to Receiver 2.

What should I do if I think there is a discrepancy in my PECS charges?

If you think you have found a discrepancy in your PECS charges, you can dispute them through the Accessorial Management Application (AMA) or Account on the Web (AOW). You can also contact the NCSC Demurrage team via email at upacc@up.com, by fax at 402-233-2908 or by phone at 800-925-6396.

Can different people within my organization view the PECS activity and bills online?

Yes, as long as they have a MyUPRR User ID and password and have access to that location.

Where can I send payment for my invoice?

Please submit payment to the Remit To Address listed on the front page of the invoice or pay online through AOW.

