

# THE RIGHT VEHICLE SIZE FOR YOUR WHOLESALE FIREWORKS PICKUP

Are you planning to pick up your **wholesale fireworks** order at a local freight terminal or from our warehouse in Grandview, Missouri? If so, be sure to consider your order size in relation to your vehicle size. Wholesale fireworks cases can be large, and you could quickly run out of space if you don't do a little upfront planning. Properly sizing your vehicle for your wholesale fireworks pickup will help ensure a smooth and successful trip!

With that in mind, here's a quick reference chart to help you plan:

## FIREWORKS PICKUP QUICK REFERENCE CHART

Vehicle/Trailer	# of Cases
4-Door Sedan/Small SUV	8-10
Large SUV/Minivan	15-20
Full-Size Pickup Trucks	25-30
4×8 Enclosed Trailer	40-50
Full-Size Cargo Van	50-60
5×10 Enclosed Trailer	60-75
10' Box Truck	90-120
6×12 Enclosed Trailer	110-130
15' Box Truck	170-190
20' Box Truck	230-250

## WHAT ABOUT MY VEHICLE?

To determine how many cases your specific vehicle holds, divide your vehicle's cargo capacity in cubic feet by 3. You can find your vehicle's cargo capacity either in your

vehicle's manual, sales brochure, or through an online search. Of course, you will never be able to use 100% of your vehicle's capacity, so we recommend giving yourself at least a 10% buffer.

Also, many products such as assortments, finale racks, and artillery shell kits are larger than the average case. To compensate for this, we recommend you count these types of products as two or three cases instead of just one.

## **CARS AND SMALL SUVS**

You should think carefully before trying to pick up your order in a car or small SUV. Only the smallest wholesale orders of approximately 8-10 cases will fit in these types of vehicles. Even at that, you may not have room for larger items. If this is your only option, try getting a friend or family member to go with you to split the order between two vehicles.

## **LARGE SUVS AND MINIVANS**

Stepping up to a large SUV or minivan will allow you to easily pick up most wholesale orders between \$1,000 and \$1,500. And if your seats fold flat or can be removed altogether, you may even squeeze in more than 20 cases!

## **PICKUP TRUCKS**

Believe it or not, pickup trucks do not hold as many cases as you might think. Even an 8-foot bed can only hold a single pallet of fireworks and still close the tailgate. And unless you have a topper or weatherproof cover of some kind, your order will be exposed to the elements.

If you are picking your order up from our warehouse in Grandview, we can wrap your items on a pallet and load them into your bed with a forklift. For additional rain protection, you can also bring an 8' x 8' or 10' x 10' tarp we can wrap onto the top of the pallet for you. Just mention you would like for us to do this when placing your order with your salesperson.

## **TRAILERS**

A great way to boost your cargo capacity for your fireworks pickup is to use a trailer. You can even tow some of the smaller trailers with cars and small SUVs. We recommend using an enclosed trailer if you can in case of inclement weather. If your

only option is an open trailer, try to pay attention to the weather and avoid the rain if you can. The shrink wrap on the shipping pallet(s) may not keep the shipment dry in heavy rain. If you are picking up at our warehouse in Grandview, we suggest making sure to have a 8' x 8' or 10' x 10' tarp available.

## **CARGO VANS AND BOX TRUCKS**

If your order is extremely large, you may consider picking up your order in a cargo van or even box truck. The cargo capacity of these vehicles is large enough to hold just about any fireworks pickup, including large reseller pickups. If your order is larger than one of these vehicles can hold, we recommend having your order delivered instead.

If renting a box truck, we suggest Ryder, Budget or locally – City Rental Truck. Other truck leasing companies box trucks have wheel wells which makes it more difficult to load and stack product.

## **VEHICLE WEIGHT RATINGS**

One final thing to consider for your fireworks pickup is your vehicle's weight rating. Just because it will fit does not mean it is safe to drive. There are many factors to consider including Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR), Payload and Towing Capacity if you are towing a trailer. This is a complex system of numbers which must be properly balanced to ensure your safety. A detailed explanation of all this is beyond the scope of this article, but you can find lots of articles online to help you figure it all out. Our advice is to error on using too big of a vehicle for the job!

If you would like to know how much your order weighs to help you figure all this out, your salesperson can provide you with an estimated weight upon entering your order in our system. We are always happy to help!