Introducing

OceanMatch

Optimize for both speed and cost — now the choice is yours.

OceanMatch is a new, first-of-its-kind ocean freight offering from Flexport that optimizes both freight pricing and transit time for your shipment's size. OceanMatch intelligently matches unused space in your container with other Flexport clients' cargo, so you pay for only the space within the container you use.

The OceanMatch difference

Growing businesses are faced with choosing between speed and cost. LCL may be less expensive, but doesn't move fast enough. And FCL may arrive quickly, but there's not always enough cargo to fill the container. In fact, worldwide, more than ⅓ of all containers sailed with empty space in 2018*, driving up port congestion, carbon emissions, and costs for your business.
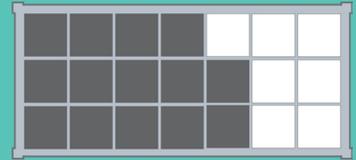
Fortunately, there's another option that gives you the best of both worlds. Available on both LCL and FCL shipments between 15–50 cubic meters in size on qualified lanes, OceanMatch gives you the ability to optimize your cargo's price, while not compromising on speed.

Powered by Flexport's global network of structured supply chain data on its Operating System for Global Trade, OceanMatch finds the perfect cargo match to maximize container utilization – saving you money, while also giving you more choice on every ocean shipment.

How it works

When you provide your shipment data at the time of quoting, Flexport calculates your container utilization and how much weight and volume is remaining in the container. Flexport then intelligently matches cargo from our active database of shipments to your cargo's specific weight and volume, lane, and cargo ready date.

In total, we match your shipment with cargo from 1–3 additional Flexport clients. We then offer you an ocean freight rate that's optimized for your shipment's size, rather than a rate for the full container.
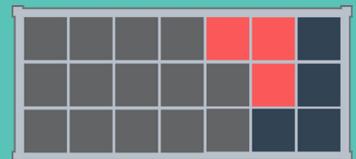

WITH FCL
You get speed but pay for any unused space.

WITH LCL
You save money, but risk delays from inspections and deconsolidation.

WITH OceanMatch
You get speed and only pay for the space you use.

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*Based on Flexport analysis of 2018 global US-bound container data

Prioritized like FCL, more reliable than LCL

Because you're only sailing with Flexport clients – whose cargo and documentation is carefully reviewed to adhere to applicable customs regulations – you have the peace of mind that all shipments loaded in an OceanMatch container are carefully vetted, minimizing the probability of a customs exam delay.

With OceanMatch, your shipment is prioritized just like FCL. Upon arrival to one of Flexport's secured CFS locations, the matched cargo is quickly unloaded from the container. Your shipment is then dispatched just like FCL for final delivery to your warehouse.

And with only 1–3 additional shipments in the container, total deconsolidation time of the matched cargo is drastically reduced. OceanMatch only takes 1–2 days longer at destination, on average, than FCL. Traditional LCL, by comparison, usually takes 5–6 days longer.

Carbon neutral at no cost to you

When containers sail underutilized, the cargo within them disproportionately impacts carbon emissions. With OceanMatch's data-driven matching capabilities, container utilization is maximized, and every container is carbon offset through one of Flexport's certified offset projects, free of charge.

19%
average cost savings on OceanMatch shipments compared to FCL.**

5-6 DAYS
average time saved compared to traditional LCL.**

60+
lanes serviced through the OceanMatch network.

**Based on Flexport analysis of 2018-19 OceanMatch data.

With Flexport, there's a choice that optimizes for both speed and cost.

FCL

If you're leveraging FCL for shipment speed, but aren't utilizing the container fully, you lose money on the unused space.

LCL

With traditional LCL, you get a budget-friendly price, but share the space with 10-12 other shippers, meaning longer consolidation and deconsolidation times.

OceanMatch

With OceanMatch, Flexport intelligently matches the unused space in your container with 1–3 smaller Flexport shipments, giving you pricing optimized to your shipment's size, with minimal impact to overall transit time.

Find out how you can ship smarter with OceanMatch.
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