

# PADDED MAILERS VERSUS BOXES: CHOOSING THE BEST OPTION

WHEN DECIDING WHETHER YOU SHOULD USE A PADDED MAILER OR A BOX FOR A SHIPPING VEHICLE, HERE ARE FACTORS TO CONSIDER:



**PADDED MAILERS**



**BOXES**

## ADVANTAGES

- Padding provides built-in protection
- Easy and quick to pack and close
- Takes up minimal warehouse storage space
- Lightweight so doesn't add additional shipping cost

- Strong
- Better for breakable items
- Can be recycled and reused
- Available in many sizes and strengths
- Ideal for shipments with multiple items

## DISADVANTAGES

- Size constraints—doesn't work well for large items
- Can be torn or punctured, or items inside can be crushed
- Not an ideal solution for shipping liquids
- Doesn't work well for multiple items with differing shapes and sizes

- Can take up a lot of warehouse space
- Can require more set-up time and labor
- Cost more than padded envelopes to purchase and ship
- Additional cost of void fill and padding may be required

Many businesses use a combination of boxes and mailers. Knowing the application and your company's flexibility is essential. There are other factors to consider so to determine the best solution for you, talk to the packaging experts at Athens.



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