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Style Letters

1st Letter

Lxx - Light-duty - Skids are Front-to-Aft with or without Rub Strips
Mxx - Medium-duty - Skids are Left-to-Right with segmented Rub Strips
Hxx - Heavy-duty - Skids are Left-to-Right with Front-to-Aft Rub Strips

2nd Letter

xPx - Plywood Sheathed
xLx - Lumber Sheathed
xMx - Mixed Sheathing (The base is not considered.)

3rd Letter

xxI - All or mostly Inside framing cleats
xxO - All or mostly Outside framing cleats
xxN - No framing cleats (end panels are often an exception)

A Lumber Sheathed crate can have the lumber sheathing spaced to appear 'open', however this does not result in an Open Frame style.

* The terms "Light-duty", "Medium-duty" and "Heavy-duty" reflect general construction methodology and not the actual capacity or strength of the container.

Style Numbers

101-199 - Interlocking Cleats and Base Out
201-299 - Interlocking Cleats and Base In
301-399 - Load Bearing Cleats and Base Out
401-499 - Load Bearing Cleats and Base In

Interlocking Cleats on Plywood Styles and on Medium-Duty and Light-Duty Lumber Styles is predominantly determined by the cleating intersection across the top of the End and Side Panels.

Interlocking Cleats on Light-Duty Lumber Styles is determined by the association between Side Panel Top-to-Base Cleats and Top Panel Front-to-Aft Cleats.

A Base Out style is one in which either the lumber or plywood sheathing is or would be visible from outside a closed container. In most instances, a Base Out style is clearly contrasted by a similar Base In style. Note that a Style may be a Base Out Style because a plywood sheathed base would be visible, however, the crate may be constructed with only a lumber sheathed base. In this instance, a Base Out design would appear to be a Base In design.