

Paracargo Ordering Process

The Alaska Smokejumper Paracargo (PC) program can be utilized to deliver equipment and supplies to incidents throughout Alaska. Paracargo delivery is a fast and efficient way to deliver needed resources to distant and remote areas when other means of delivery are impractical. Primarily used to support remote incidents with standard fire supplies, PC can be utilized to deliver specialty items such as barrel fuel, boats, 4 wheelers, etc. For information about these additional capabilities, contact PC at 907-356-5534; however, all orders must go through established ordering channels.

Zone, Area, and USFS dispatch offices will place supply and /or equipment requests through the ordering chain to AICC requesting Paracargo delivery from Ft Wainwright Ladd Army Airfield (FBK). **The order must be submitted via IROC as it will be filled by the Alaska Incident Support Cache (AK-AKK) which utilizes I-CLIP.** Ultimately, AICC makes the decision to use Paracargo for delivery of your supply order. When requesting order to be delivered via PC, be sure to follow up with dispatch to confirm how your order will be delivered.

After 3-5 days of PC support, consider working on a contingency plan for delivery of your supply orders in the event Paracargo is diverted to higher priority. Often at the height of busy fire seasons, Paracargo gets extremely busy, and AICC must prioritize PC orders. Alternative options to consider: ground transport to nearest Helibase and utilize rotor-wing or watercraft or fixed-wing transport to nearest airstrip and deliver to incident via rotor-wing or watercraft.

The following items must be included in Special Needs:

- Latitude and longitude of drop zone (DZ) (A large fire may have more than one DZ; include DZ name as needed. Supplies will be delivered to DZ specified in Special Needs of request #.)
- ~~Air to Air frequency~~ No longer required - AICC EQ/SU Desk - CMT 5/5/26
- Air to ground frequency and ground contact name
- If order is large, provide a priority of items (i.e. food and water first, etc.)
- Elevation, if utilizing the JPAD (Joint Precision Airdrop System) **see below.**

Some things to consider:

- Typically, 3 pallets will fit on a CASA, possibly 4 if supplies are light. 24 filled cubies = 1 pallet; 48 boxes of MRE= 1 pallet; 24 cans of premix = 1 pallet
- People almost always want fuel delivered in 5-gallon cans even though they might give you the total amount they want. (For example, they will say 50 gallons of pre-mix when what they want is 10 five-gallon cans of premix; always ask if unclear.) However, occasionally we are running short of cans. If that situation arises, it is possible to PC a drum of fuel with a transfer pump and refill cans in the field. The warehouse carries 30-gallon drums of fuel, if that is a better fit for your needs.
- If an order has a lot of hose and no hardware (gated wyes, nozzles, reducers, etc.) make sure they aren't forgetting it. People get tired.
- If hose is ordered in feet, clarify if they want it rolled or in bags. Two types of packaging that can make a big difference in the field. **Hosebags are reserved for the first 72 hours of IA**
- Drip torches are typically rigged for PC with 3 in a single box with one 5 gallon can of fuel. If possible, order in groups of 3 (i.e. 6 drip torches and 10 gallons fuel). May not be possible with small orders.
- Keep in mind that PC aircraft frequently have later start times and that if there is flexibility in your delivery times, you can request a later needed date/time and save having a conflict with tactical aircraft that may be working your fire during the peak burning period. Discuss this option when you are talking to your IC.
- **In bad visibility:** The JPAD (Joint Precision Airdrop system) may be utilized. Usually, the IC will communicate the weather conditions to the Paracargo unit. If this is the case, an order for the JPAD must be placed through established ordering channels. The JPAD is ordered as *Service, Category Not Listed. **When using the JPAD, the elevation of the drop zone must be in the special needs.**
- Please back-haul all PC components (chutes, A-22, grain sacks, JPAD, and any associated hardware) to SMJ Paracargo or AFS Warehouse as soon as possible.

When in doubt about ANYTHING when taking an order, ASK.

It is much easier to get it straight the first time than it is to have to try to get back in touch with IC via radio or satellite phone. For more detailed information refer to PC sections in the Alaska Handy Dandy starting on page 75 and 151.

Some commonly ordered items are listed below. This is not an exhaustive list, just an aid.

Note: It is important to use below AKK catalog numbers as PC orders are filled by AKK not SFW!!!

CAT #	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	LBS	OZ	EST. COST
008225	BAG, BURLAP	EA		6	\$2.17
008226	BAG, LINER GARBAGE , 55 GL	EA		3	\$0.85
000030	BATTERY, SIZE AA ALKALINE 1.5V		1	4	\$6.83
	STD PK: 24 BATTS / PG	PG			
008735	CHAINSAW KIT	KT	65		\$1,412.35
009608	COFFEE, DRIP, APPROX 2 LB CAN	CN	2		\$13.42
007443	CONTAINER, 5 GL., FILLED, DRINKING WATER "QB"	EA	48		\$12.87
008556	FOOD, FRESH FOOD BOX; 2 PERSON/ BOX A	BX	65		\$427.18
	24 HRS. LEAD TIME IS REQUIRED. ORDER BEFORE 0900 FOR DELIVERY THE FOLLOWING DAY				
008557	FOOD, FRESH FOOD BOX; 4 PERSON/ BOX B	BX	30		\$374.18
	24 HRS. LEAD TIME IS REQUIRED. ORDER BEFORE 0900 FOR DELIVERY THE FOLLOWING DAY				
001842	FOOD, MEALS READY TO EAT "MRE"	BX	21		\$150.16
	STD PK: 12 ML/ BX				
007354	FUEL, DRIPTORCH, 5 GL	CN	35		\$41.44
007474	FUEL, DRIPTORCH, 30 GL	DR	195		\$192.00
007356	FUEL, GASOLINE, UNLEADED, 5 GL	CN	34		\$48.44
007472	FUEL, UNLEADED, 30 GL	DR	195		\$228.00
007358	FUEL, PREMIX, 5 GL	CN	35		\$39.40
007473	FUEL, PREMIX. 30 GL	DR	195		\$235.00
008722	HOSE BAG 1 1/2" SYN LINED - 5 LG 1st 72 hrs of I.A.	KT	67		\$994.93
008724	HOSE BAG 1" SYN LINED - 7 LG 1st 72 hrs of I.A.	KT	62		\$1,094.65
008651	HOSE LAY, 1/2 MILE	KT	510		\$9,420.90
000138	NOZZLE, PLASTIC, 35 GPM, 1" NPSH-F	EA		6	\$8.64
000024	NOZZLE, TWIN TIP, COMBO, 1" NPSH-F "FORESTER"	EA	3		\$134.81
008568	PAN, FRYING, APPROX. 12"	EA	4		\$25.32
007444	PAPER, TOILET STD PK: 24 RO/ CS	RO		10	\$0.69
008734	PUMP, LIGHTWEIGHT	KT	85		\$1,604.85
008696	PUMP, MK-3 BOX A	KT	64		\$4,584.07
008697	PUMP, MK-3 BOX B, ACCESSORY	KT	78		\$1,627.07
001841	OIL - BAR & CHAIN, VEG. / BIO OIL; 1 QT STD PK: 12 QT/ CS	QT	1	12	\$7.70
000010	REDUCER, 1 1/2" NH-F TO 1" NPSH-M	EA		6	\$11.50
000733	REDUCER, 1" NPSH-F TO 3/4" NH-M	EA		4	\$9.31
000153	REPELLENT, INSECT, AEROSOL OR PUMP, 6 - 8 OZ	CN		10	\$6.92
000152	REPELLENT, INSECT, LIQUID 2 OZ., 100% DEET	BT		3	\$7.89
000144	SHEETING, PLASTIC, BLACK , 20' X 100'	RO	29		\$82.32
000143	SHEETING, PLASTIC, CLEAR , 16' X 100'	RO	22		\$61.50
008705	UTENSIL KIT w/ SOAP and SCRUBBY	KT	5		\$35.09
001048	SPRINKLER, 3/4" NATIONAL KIT	KT	42		\$814.39
000668	TANK, COLLAPS. ,1800 GL, FREE STANDING "PUMPKIN"	EA	79	13	\$718.56
007700	TANK, FOLDING, SNAP, 1500 GL	EA	50		\$1,292.00
	USUALLY ORDERED FOR PC ONLY IF #000668 IS UNAVAILABLE.				
000222	TAPE, FILAMENT, 1" X 60 YD	RO		10	\$4.57
000241	TORCH, DRIP, 1 1/4 GL CAPACITY	EA	5	2	\$158.46
000259	VALVE, WYE, GATED 1"	EA	2	8	\$103.71
000231	VALVE, WYE, GATED 1 1/2"	EA	3	12	\$109.63
000904	VALVE, WYE, GATED 3/4"	EA		4	\$21.02
002401	RIBBON, FLAGGING, DARK PINK, 1" WIDE STD PK: 12 RO	RO			\$2.12
008702	SHOTGUN - OPERATOR MUST BE ON CURRENT CERT. LIST	KT	24		\$685.47