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Shipping Facts



Ship Engine Power

A container ship's engine is 1,000 times more powerful than a family car.



Containers when Lined Up

If lined up all the ship containers would be 108,000 km long, which is 10 times the length of The Great Wall of China.





Containers of One Ship

Containers from just one ship, if stacked up, will reach the height of 7,500 Eiffel Towers.



A large refrigerated ship can store up to 745 million bananas, i.e. one for every person in Europe and North America.



Number of Sailors Employed

Around 1.5 million sailors are employed by the global shipping industry.



Number of Merchant Ships

Approximately 55,000 merchant ships carry cargo around the world.





Shipping is a very green form of transportation in comparison to trucks and planes.



90% of the World's Trade

Shipping constitutes roughly 90% of the world's trade.





First Metal Container

The 1st metal container was invented in 1956 by Malcolm McLean.



Largest Container Ship

The largest container ship in the world (400 x 58.6 x 30.5 m), is equivalent to four football fields.

