

## Step 5 - Placarding

Placards are large diamond-shaped symbols that identify the hazard class of the goods inside the large means of containment. They are normally used for large means of containment, such as vehicles, trailers, freight containers and bulk containers.

### Standards for placards

Placards must:

- Be durable and weather resistant
- Show colours and symbols as specified in the TDG Regulations
- Measure at least 250 mm per side (although they can be reduced to 100 mm per side on small bulk containers such as tote tanks)



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### Displaying placards

If placards are required, they must be displayed:

- On both ends and both sides of the large means of containment;
- In a diamond orientation;
- On a contrasting background;
- Where they will be visible to an observer (that is, not covered by anything else); and
- In such a way that they will not be torn, lost or damaged so that they cannot be read.



Make sure that the placards are affixed before the dangerous goods are loaded, and remove them when there is no longer a placardable amount inside the container.

The shipper must determine if placards are required for a shipment. If required, the shipper must:

- Provide the required placards to the carrier, if the carrier does not have