When your shipment could literally be a matter of life and death, make sure it arrives in perfect working order. Follow the guidelines below to ensure you have packaged for maximum protection.

**Protect**
- Whenever possible, use the original manufacturer’s packaging.
- If original packaging is unavailable, place a plastic bag around the product to protect it from moisture and dust and to prevent abrasion damage.
- Surround the product on all sides with a minimum of 3” of cushioning material; explore the use of protective foams such as antistatic, polypropylene, polyethylene, and polyurethane for maximum protection.

**Pack the Right Box**
- Obtain a corrugated box that will allow for a minimum of 3” of cushioning material around all sides of the product.
- Always use a new corrugated box with no damage or torn corners and with flaps intact.
- Ensure the box is rated at a minimum edge crush test (ECT) value of 32 lbs/inch or bursting test of 200 lbs/sq. inch.
- Ensure that the weight of the contents do not exceed 50% of the gross weight limit indicated on the Class Stamp of the box.
- Ensure there is no product movement within the box.

**Seal boxes securely**
- Apply tape to a clean dry surface only.
- Use a minimum of 2” (approx. 5 cm.) pressure-sensitive adhesive tape (packing tape). Do not use masking, scotch, duct or water activated tape, string, plastic strapping, elastic bands, wrapping paper or gift boxes.
  1. Apply first strip to seal the centre seam.
  2. Overlap a minimum of 4” on either side of the box.
  3. Seal the edge seam on both ends with two strips of tape.
  4. Repeat the process for the bottom of the box.