



Pool of Pools: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q1. What is the Pool of Pools?

A. Pool of Pools is the interoperability of chassis between three chassis pools operating in the Los Angeles and Long Beach Region.

Q2. Which chassis pools are participating in the Pool of Pools?

A. Currently, the Grand Alliance Chassis Pool (GACP), Los Angeles Basin Pool (LABP) & Direct ChassisLink Pool (DCLP) are participating in the Pool of Pools. Additional pools may participate in the future.

Q3. How do I know if the chassis is contributed to the Pool of Pools?

A. Currently, all chassis in any of the participating pools are stenciled to identify them as a part of that pool, which also makes them a part of the Pool of Pools. DCLP chassis are stenciled with a “DCLI” marking, LABP chassis are stenciled with a “LABP” marking, and GACP chassis are stenciled with either a “GACP” or “TNWA” marking (reflecting the combination of the GACP and the TNWA in mid-2014).

Q4. How do I know what start/stops exist for the Pool of Pools?

A. To facilitate chassis interoperability, all of the participating pools have adjusted their start/stop networks to cover each of the participating terminals and rail ramps in the Pool of Pools footprint. DCLI has published the current start/stop networks for the DCLP and GACP on its website.

Q5. Which liners are participating in the Pool of Pools?

A. DCLI’s Ocean Carrier customers for Pool of Pools purposes currently include Hapag-Lloyd, Hyundai, MOL, and OOCL, which continue to be supported by chassis contributed to the GACP. Horizon Lines, Maersk and MSC are also DCLI Ocean Carrier customers, supported by chassis contributed to the DCLP. While Pool of Pools chassis may be used interchangeably to service these customers, the existing pool designations also continue to apply.

Q6. From whom should a Motor Carrier expect to receive a chassis leasing invoice?

A. Chassis billing for merchant haulage moves in the Pool of Pools is currently driven off of Ocean Carrier designations of chassis providers for their chassis moves originating within the Pool of Pools. If a Motor Carrier is unsure if an Ocean Carrier has designated a Pool of Pools chassis provider, the Motor Carrier should reach out to the Ocean Carrier for clarification. In the event a Motor Carrier utilizes a Pool of Pools chassis for an Ocean Carrier that has not designated a chassis provider, that usage would be billed by the provider of the specific chassis used (e.g., if a DCLI-contributed chassis, whether contributed to the DCLP or GACP, is used by a Motor Carrier for an Ocean Carrier who has made no designation of provider within the Pool of Pools, DCLI would bill the Motor Carrier for its chassis usage).

Q7. Are any other types of specialty chassis (e.g., gensets, super-chassis) included in the Pool of Pools?

A. No specialty chassis are contributed into any of the participating pools; therefore there are no specialty chassis included in the Pool of Pools. However, certain Ocean Carriers may elect to utilize belly-mount generator sets that are mounted and dismounted upon entry and exit from ocean terminals within the Pool of Pools start/stop network. Pool of Pools chassis may be used for this purpose, but no Pool of Pools chassis will be permanently affixed with a generator set.

Q8. Which Road Side policy is applicable during the use of Pool of Pools chassis?

A. Responsibility for roadside assistance is driven by the “using pool” of the chassis (i.e., the customer for whom the Pool of Pools chassis is being used). For example, if a Pool of Pools chassis is utilized for a GACP customer (regardless of the chassis provider within the GACP), the GACP roadside assistance policy will apply, even if the chassis used is technically contributed to the DCLP or LABP.

Q9. Does Pool of Pools allow migration of Pool of Pools chassis to other regions?

A. The Pool of Pools does not specifically allow migration to other regions (nor was migration permitted by the DCLP or GACP prior to the institution of the Pool of Pools), although the participating pools have procedures to address situations where migration of Pool of Pools chassis outside the region occurs. Please contact your Ocean Carrier customer or their Pool of Pools chassis provider for specific issues related to use of Pool of Pools chassis outside the LA/Long Beach area.

Q10. Does the Pool of Pools allow street turns?

A. Please contact your Ocean Carrier customer or their Pool of Pools chassis provider for specifics related to use street turn policies.

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