



Pool of Pools - Frequently Asked Questions

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1. Q: What is the Pool of Pools (PoP)?

A: The Pool of Pools concept is about the interoperability of chassis between chassis pools operating in the Los Angeles and Long Beach Region. Currently, the Grand Alliance Chassis Pool (GACP), Los Angeles Basin Pool (LABP) & Direct ChassisLink Pool (DCLP) are participating in the Pool of Pools. TRAC Intermodal is currently contributing chassis to the LABP and GACP Pools. Effective May 1, TRAC will transition its chassis from LABP and GACP into the TPSP which will be participating in the Pool of Pools.

2. Q: Who operates the pool?

A: The GACP, LABP, DCLP and, effective May 1, the TPSP, operate their respective pools independently within the Pool of Pools. Although the chassis are interoperable, commercially each chassis provider will continue to have individual relationships with their customers and will set their own rates independently.

A Repositioning Operation Group is being established to handle day to day logistics, such as chassis repositioning to rebalance chassis availability between the different marine locations. A third-party company will handle the inter-pool accounting.

3. Q: How do I get chassis from the pool?

A: Pool of Pools chassis can be picked up with a container ID number at any Start/Stop locations listed below (for more information, see question number 5).

4. Q: Do I need an account with an intermodal chassis provider (like for example TRAC) to use a PoP chassis?

A: Yes, a valid TRAC Connect interchange agreement is required to use chassis in the PoP for any of our UPC's. In order to register and create a TRAC Connect account, see the Motor Carrier Requirements section of the Term and Conditions document (Section 4, page 8) at www.TRACConnect.com, and follow the instructions of the "Getting Started" document:

<https://www.tracconnect.com/Documents/Getting%20Started%20with%20TRAC%20Connect.pdf>

5. Q: How does PoP help reduce port congestion?

A: On terminal, the multiple chassis sorts will be eliminated. It should also improve efficiency by reducing empty legs and split drays.

The interoperability of the chassis fleet should better balance equipment throughout the harbor, resulting in better asset utilization.

6. Q: Where are the PoP start/stop locations?

A: Twelve of the marine terminals and all rail ramps in the Los Angeles and Long Beach region are start/stops.

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.

MARINE TERMINALS

APMT Pier 400
CALIFORNIA UNITED TERMINAL (CUT)
EAGLE MARINE SERVICES (GGS)
LONG BEACH CONTAINER TERMINALS (LBCT)
TRAPAC
YUSEN TERMINAL (YTI)
SEASIDE TERMINAL (STS) Evergreen
HANJIN (TTI)
ITS
SSA PIER A
SSA PIER J (PCT)
WEST BASIN CONTAINER TERMINAL (WBCT)

RAIL

BNSF CITY OF COMMERCE
BNSF-HOBART
UP-ICTF
UP-LATC

7. Q: Which Lines does TRAC support in the Pool of Pools?

A: TRAC's Ocean Carrier customers for Pool of Pools purposes currently include APL, Hanjin, NYK, and Evergreen from YTI in the GACP and Hanjin, NYK, Hamburg Süd , YML, Zim and Evergreen from PCT and TTI in the LABP, which continue to be supported by chassis contributed to each of the respective pools by TRAC Intermodal. On May 1, TRAC's chassis will be transitioning from the LABP and GACP into to the TPSP.

8. Q: Where do I drop off bare chassis after I've used one?

A: The locations listed above are valid start/stop locations. A chassis picked up from any one of these locations can be returned to any of these locations.

9. Q: How are PoP chassis maintained?

A: Each pool is responsible for maintenance, repair and provision of their respective chassis fleet.

10. Q: What types of chassis does the PoP have?

A: Standard Marine Chassis: 20's, 40's & 45's.

11. Q: Are all the chassis in the PoP of comparable quality?

A: Yes, they should be. As California has the BIT program, the chassis are inspected every 90 days.

12. Q: What do I do if I want a specialized chassis, such as a triaxle or a chassis with radial tires?

A: Some of the SSL offer specialized chassis, however, these are not part of the pool of pools.

The TRAC Private Chassis Pool TPCP offers off dock "service centers" where it maintains an additional inventory of chassis and specialized chassis equipment. TRAC Private Chassis Pool locations offer a range of chassis with differentiated specifications, such as the durable 40' TRAC TITAN, and 20' TriAxles with radial tires. These Chassis are reserved on TRAC [EZBook](#) and prepared for final inspection and pick up. TPCP Chassis must be returned to the same location it was picked up.

Pool	Market	Location	Address	City	EZBook
TPCP	LA/LB	ConGlobal Industries	1711 Alameda Street	Los Angeles, CA	Mandatory
TPCP	LA/LB	TRAC Service Center	400 E. Redondo Beach Boulevard	Los Angeles, CA	Mandatory

13. Q: Who do I contact when I need customer service for a PoP chassis?

A: Each Chassis Provider will provide their own Customer Service.

14. Q: What kind of Road service is provided with PoP chassis?

A: Road Service is handled based on the existing pools policy and is user or container driven. 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 another pool.

15. Q: How often will I be invoiced?

A: Invoicing will be on a monthly basis.

16. Q: Who will send me invoices? What are the terms?

A: Invoices will be sent by the respective UPC providers, decided upon the container usage. 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 TRAC-contributed chassis is used by a Motor Carrier for an Ocean Carrier who has made no designation of provider within the Pool of Pools, TRAC would bill the Motor Carrier for its chassis usage).

17. Q: How do I pay my PoP invoice? (Where, how, credit cards?)

A: Same payment terms as today, as invoice will be issued by TRAC.

1. Credit Card
2. Check
3. ACH

18. Q: How is a PoP different from a Market Pool?

A: The primary difference is in a Market Pool, all chassis are contributed to one single pool with one Pool Manager. In the POP, the independent pools and contributions are maintained.