

Packing Supplies and Configuration for Returning Platelets to Your Blood Center

Platelets may be returned when allowed by the service agreement and the following packing configuration is followed. Packing supplies are available from your blood center.

Packing supplies

- E-38 Shipping Container (17.5x15x15 inches) with foam plug
- Plastic Bag
- (4) Gel Packs (48 oz): Equilibrate to a room temperature of 20-24C for platelets.
- Absorbent Pads
 - (4) 9x9 inches pads or
 - (2) 18x14 inches pads
- Apheresis Platelets

Packing Instructions

1. Place plastic bag inside inner box.
2. Place two gel packs inside the plastic bag.
3. Place 2 (9"x9") or 1 (18"x14") absorbent pads on top of the gel packs, absorbent side up.
4. Place unit(s) on top of the absorbent pads.
 - Shipper typically holds 6-8 apheresis platelets.
5. Place 2 (9"x9") or 1 (18"x14") absorbent pads on top of the unit(s), absorbent side down.
6. Place two gel packs on top of the absorbent pad.
7. Close and secure the plastic bag.
8. Insert foam plug.
9. Close, seal and label container.
10. Ship to your blood center to ensure container is received within 24 hours.

Additional Training Resource

[Shipping Blood Components Course](https://www.vitalanthealth.org/courses/shipping-blood-components) on www.vitalanthealth.org.

