



204 (TRANSPORTATION) MOTOR CARRIER LOAD TENDER

BEST PRACTICES AND COMMON ERRORS

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Many of you know why it is important to understand the 204 (Motor Carrier Load Tender). As a recap, the 204 tells you:

- Your SCAC for the load
- The BOL and PO(s)
- If the 204 is a original, change or cancellation
- Date the carrier must respond to the 204 by
- Ship not before date and ship no later than date
- Deliver not before date and deliver no later than date
- *Ship From* location and *Ship To* location

BEST PRACTICES

- ***Use Lowe's 204 specs***- 204 specs and business examples are located on www.loweslink.com under the EDI tab > Lowes EDI Specifications and Business Examples > Transportation Carrier > 204 Motor Carrier Load Tender > Implementation Guide or Business Examples.
- ***204 only for a collect PO***- Lowes will only send an EDI 204 for a collect PO.
- ***A cross dock 204***- will contain the L5, G61 and L11 loop. The L11-02 will contain the ultimate consignee.
- ***New store loads may contain a P in front of the store number in the 204***- please do not include the P in front of the store number on the 214 and 210 coming back for this load.
- ***We do not send mileage in the EDI 204***- mileage is calculated by the Ship From and Ship To zip codes.
- ***A pool shipment 204***- will show the Ship To location as another carrier.
- ***Send a 990 for each 204***- it is important that you send an EDI 990 (response to a load tender) for each 204 that you receive within 2 hours from the time dated on the 204.
- ***We treat EDI 204 as "fast batch"***- meaning we process them every 15 minutes. We would like carriers to pull this data as often as possible.
- ***As a backup when EDI is down***- you can get access to JDA website (Networks Carrier) to receive and send information. Lowes prefers all EDI data, but you can use JDA website as a backup if needed. If you don't have access to JDA website, you can contact your Lowes carrier relations representative for instructions on how to get setup. A list of Lowes carrier relations representatives are located on www.loweslink.com under Partner Information > Transportation Information > Lowes Load Planning Map
- ***Contact your Load Planner***- if you have questions regarding the contents of the load. A map of the Lowes Load Planners is located on www.loweslink.com under Partner Information > Transportation Information > Lowes Load Planning Map.