



DISTRIBUTION SUPPORT

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Distribution support provides all actions needed to transport and deliver personnel, equipment, and commodities, as well as blood and medical supplies to users in mission support operations within the confines of an operating location.

- ✦ **Package and containerize:** Involves visibility of packages and the time it takes to achieve operational readiness from capabilities contained within those packages. The [Air Force forces \(AFFOR\) staff A4](#) usually conducts operational planning for the [air component commander](#) in this area.
 - ✦ **Plan and manifest:** Revolves around determining the appropriate shipment method based on the time-phased force deployment document and the required delivery date. The AFFOR A4 usually conducts operational planning for the air component commander in this area.
 - ✦ **Load, control, offload, and deliver:** Involves tracking systems that are linked to a support operation center to provide real-time information concerning materiel awaiting shipment, in-transit tracking, and materiel arrival at the final destination. The AFFOR A4 usually conducts operational planning for the air component commander in this area.
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