

We cringe when a carburetor arrives packed in foam peanuts or, worse yet, bubble wrap.

Peanuts are annoying both because they blow all over the place and get lodged in small crevices.

However, where it comes to bubble wrap, sharp edges go through it like an ice-pick and provide zero in the way of protection.

PLEASE, for your carbs' safety and our sanity, don't use either.

These guidelines will help ensure that your carbs get here in the same condition as you shipped them.

Most communities these days have a packaging/shipping store where they have boxes, newsprint, tape dispensers, and a large table. The minimal investment it takes to make use of this resource can pay off in saved aggravation or in worst case scenarios a lot of money. They even have a tool that resembles a spur mounted on a rod that you can use to resize a box to minimize empty space.

We want about an inch or so of space all around but it's better to have too much than too little.

First, completely tape the box shut on the bottom.

Start by crumpling sheets of newsprint into fist-sized balls and make a bed one layer thick.



Gently but firmly press the carbs down into it. Make sure that the flaps fold over with a little extra room at the top.



Next, build up around the edges.



Finally set a layer over them so that folding the flaps over compresses the paper to near-level. Hold the flap edges together as you tack them down with short pieces of tape, then go over all of the seams to reinforce them.



We want the box to bulge but only slightly. Don't be shy with tape!



Your carbs are now cradled in a supportive cushion that will protect them from anything but the most extreme mishandling.