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Subject: Re: FEDEX Trying to Outdo United Parcel Smashers

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While much has been said and shown in the news about the actual handlers at various shippers, most damage occurs in the distribution terminals where automation is the culprit. Moving rails, rollers, sliders, kick arms, slides and shoots abuse your gear endlessly. So you have to pack your gear to be ready for battle. If you won't take your package and drop it from six feet, the odds are not in your favor.

Here is a link to custom packaging I did for shipping a McIntosh MC240. The more valuable in terms of money or personal attachment, the more bomb proof the packaging.

<http://www.audiokarma.org/forums/showthread.php?t=367974>

Here is a page I did for many different things I have shipped over the years. None of these sustained any damage in shipping. Note I didn't use the same technique for all these, just the principle of tight and secure. The item must not move. Remember any of your physics classes? A body in motion tends to remain in motion until acted upon by an equal or opposing force. That and g-force acceleration. Once it starts moving, it's weight multiplies.

<http://wardsweb.org/packandship/>

Packing peanuts suck. Gear shifts to one side or the bottom. It breaks down and the static electricity is killer. Also the foam has to be able to not only protect the outside of the gear, it must absorb shock to protect the inside too. So, housing insulation and any foam you can't compress it more like a board and not shock absorption.

Well this is a very quick and dirty oversight. Packaging is more science than most people know. That and equipment shippers are NOT home furniture movers.

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