

Will it fit in this pickup bed?

Use actual truck and cargo measurements, not model names alone.

1

Measure two candidate pickups

Measurement / label	TRUCK A	TRUCK B
Make / model / year		
Cab + nominal bed name		
Usable inside floor length (in)		
Clear width between wheel wells (in)		
Usable opening / covered height (in)		
Actual door-label payload (lb)		
Rear GAWR and current axle weight		
Tie-down / tailgate instructions checked?		

2

Measure three loads you actually move

ITEM / PACKED DIMENSIONS	LENGTH	WIDTH	WEIGHT
Cargo:			
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Example: a 4 x 8 ft plywood sheet is 48 in wide x 96 in long.

Published 2026 examples: Ford F-150 6.5-ft bed 78.9 in; Silverado standard 79.44 in; Ram 1500 6-ft-4-in bed 76.3 in (bare-bed floor lengths).
Re-measure if a liner, toolbox, cover or mounting rail is fitted.

BED FIT TEST

☐ Length fits with tailgate closed

☐ Width / opening also clears

If either box is unchecked, the item does not pass the enclosed-fit test.

Make the safe-load decision

Geometric fit is not permission to carry an overloaded or unsecured load.

3 Check real available weight

Use the exact truck tire/loading label and documented accessories.

Door-label payload, vehicle A (lb)

Door-label payload, vehicle B (lb)

Passengers, tools and loose gear (lb)

Permanent accessories not in label basis (lb)

Cargo weight on this trip (lb)

Other loads counted against payload (lb)

Simple screening: label payload - additional accounted-for loads = remainder.

A positive number is NOT a safety approval. Check GVWR, rear GAWR, tires, tie-downs, tailgate and loading position separately.

4 Before leaving the loading area

☐ Measured actual cargo, including packaging

☐ Checked door label and rear axle limits

☐ Confirmed stable load placement

☐ Checked tailgate / extender manual

☐ Confirmed rated tie-down points

☐ Confirmed straps / blocking / edge protection

☐ Checked lights, plate and visibility

☐ Checked local rules for any overhang

5 Write a decision you can defend

☐ PASS: enclosed fit + weight and securement verified

☐ RECHECK: needs scale, dimensions or manufacturer guidance

☐ NO: arrange a rated trailer, delivery or other vehicle

Reason / unverified question:
