

BRINGING NEW LOGIC
TO FINE ART LOGISTICS



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Nils de Chevigny. Head of Operations, Embelco

The team at Embelco, fine art shippers in Belgium, has asked themselves a question for a while now.

How can they provide better protection for paintings whilst being more sustainable?

“We need to offer the best quality of transport and have always been convinced that standard wooden crates are not the most adequate solution.” Nils de Chevigny, Head of Operations told us.

As adored as wooden crates are by many in the art world, they simply don't protect well enough against water, shock and the occasional wayward forklift truck!

And sadly, though we all wish it weren't the case, many wooden crates only get an outing or two before disposal or being chipped.



Embelco came to ROKBOX because they'd heard about the superior [safety performance](#) and [environmental savings](#).

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Nils and his team bought a small fleet of ROKBOXs a month or so ago, so we checked in to find out how they were doing.

How has your experience of using ROKBOX been so far?
ROKBOX has lived up to our expectations on every level. It is easy to use so our art handlers could hit the ground running with the boxes. It is modular and can adapt to every size of painting. It offers great protection to the works that are being transported.

How have you used your ROKBOXs?

“The first assignment where we used ROKBOXs was an exhibition of a famous Belgian painter. We had many pick-ups for public institutions that required top-notch packing and transport. We collected paintings from several countries and delivered everything to the museum using ROKBOXs.”

What inspired you to try ROKBOX?

“Working with museums, we need to offer the best quality of transport and have always been convinced that standard wooden crates are not the most adequate solution. We were looking for a solution that we could reuse over time and that would give us the flexibility to work with different sizes of paintings.”

What other steps are you taking to improve other environmental impacts?

“As a logistics company we know our environmental impact is high. We are constantly on the lookout for solutions to mitigate it. We invested in machines that allow more precise packing, to limit waste. We focused on waste management to utilize all the scraps of packaging materials. We have been working with several clients to promote sea freight when possible in order to reduce the environmental cost of shipments.”

How do ROKBOX crates compare to wooden crates or other packaging you use?

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An Embelco ROKBOX crate in use

⚠️ 90% of art packaging is single use; there's no other business in the world that creates packaging on this scale and throws it away within a week or two.

⚠️ 90% of art damage/loss insurance claims are made when the artwork is in transit; something inherent in the system is broken.

ROKBOX crates are designed to be reused hundreds of times and can be fully recycled at the end of their life, removing the need for single-use packaging.

ROKBOX crates have been rigorously and independently tested and verified to protect art significantly better than wooden crates.

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About Embelco

Embelco is a renowned specialist in art transport and installations. Since 1948, Embelco offers solutions for museums, galleries, decorators and private collectors for every logistics challenge.

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ROKBOX is redefining art shipping by eradicating packaging waste, whilst lowering carbon emissions and costs with innovative, reusable sustainable art crates. Safer, cheaper, greener.

ROKBOX has been featured among others in The Art Newspaper, FT and Forbes, and has been awarded the prestigious Red Dot 'Best of the Best' Award 2019 & UK Enterprise Awards Best Sustainable Art Shipping & Storage Solution 2022.

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