

# Direct Delivery

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## Characteristics of direct deliveries from a single point

- Leaves out the need for too many storage facilities.
- All deliveries to individual EDP's are managed from a single point. This can be ideal if the numbers of EDP's are not too many. However, in the case of large numbers of EDP's, the amount of work on the single point may be overwhelming.
- Only one transport contract needs to be raised, from the single main warehousing point.
- There is a higher possibility of trucks going half empty when using this method, especially when delivering to isolated areas.
- There is a high possibility of errors when unloading, for instance, items ending up in the wrong place.
- Bulk goods need to be broken down into distribution-ready packages at the main warehouse. Breaking bulk earlier means that overall transport costs will increase exponentially with the number of EDP's directly served. This might be offset by the saving in warehouse structure. It will depend on the country, transport market, rents for warehouses etc.
- This model is recommended for smaller distribution operations, where the number of EDP's is easy to handle, and where the geographical area is not large.