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The minimal size box for a vintage machine is 36" x 24" x 12" (Bike boxes usually are about the right size, go to a local Walmart or Target and find who builds the bikes out back and ask them if they have a spare box). The reason to use as small a box as possible is because the shipping companies will charge more for a bigger box and with pachinko machines the box size is usually the determining cost factor not the weight.

I like to use a 275# box, shipping peanuts, tape and ½" bubble wrap perforated every 12".

I like to triple tape ALL seams, box flaps, and the pre glued corner of the box.



Above, the box - taped up on the bottom with reinforcing tape strips.

Partially fill box with shipping peanuts about 2" deep. You can also use sheet Styrofoam (found at most home improvement stores. 1" thick is more than enough, though it will make a mess when cutting.)



Next photo shows some bubble wrap "filler pieces" for the front and back of the machine; the machine is in a black bag to keep some of the shipping peanuts out of the machine.



Next picture shows the machine and filler pieces about to be wrapped in the bubble wrap.



Next wrap machine and fillers with more bubble wrap. About three times around the long side.



Put in box and make more fillers for all four sides...



Add shipping peanuts to overstuff box and fill all voids.



Tape box closed and reinforce seams and box flaps.

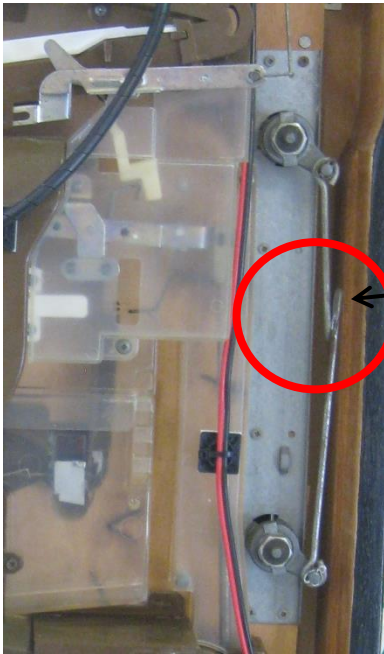


You can see the reinforcing tape is staggered and that the box is slightly bulging. By the

time it gets thrown around the country, it will flatten out.

If your machine has actual glass in the front it will need to be removed. If it is plastic it can stay for shipping.

To remove the glass there is a latch on the back of the machine. It is located about the center on the right side. Just lift up and push it away from you. The front will pop open and you can slide the glass out the top. Then to close it just push it back shut and make sure you hear the latch click.



Latch. Pull loop up and push forward to open frame.

For Model B machines:

To remove stuck balls you'll have to reset the see-saw and manually let them fall out. To reset the see-saw push the pin boxed in red up. Then you will have to probably hold back the white arms circled in red in the previous picture. To allow the arm dictated by the orange arrow to fall down. You will then need to move the other arm circled in green up to allow the balls out.

You might have to move the machine around to dislodge some of the balls. Don't worry too much about getting them out as they won't really be a problem during shipping and we can get them out for you.

