

# Instructions for Flying a Cake in the Cakesafe.



- Make sure the size box you have will fit thru the baggage compartment door. The small and the small/tall Cakesafes will fit on almost any of the planes, even the small commuter planes. Beyond that, you should check first with your particular airline about what size plane you're booked on, and the dimensions of the baggage compartment door opening. We have several customers who regularly fly with their Medium and Medium/Tall Cakesafes so it is "doable", it's just good to make sure in advance. **Do Not** ask them if you can check the CakeSafe with a cake. I've had customers do this, and because the Airlines don't have any idea of what a CakeSafe is, sometimes they just say NO, we can't do that. *Not once have I or a customer flying a cake in a CakeSafe been turned away at the airport!*
- Set your cake up the way you normally would for a regular delivery by car.
- When you turn the corner rod tabs towards the middle of the box to secure the top, put clear packing tape over the tabs to keep them from moving or vibrating loose.
- **Do Not cover up the CakeSafe or put it in a cardboard box.** You want the flight people and baggage handlers to SEE the cake inside. They have always been amazingly careful and respectful of the fact that "this is somebody's special cake for an important occasion!"
- We tape signs on 2 sides of the Cakesafe saying "This Side Up  Wedding Cake Inside". We also include some directions and say "Yes, this is a REAL CAKE! Thank you for taking care of it for us!" or something like that.
- When you check in, the flight attendant will usually offer to have the CakeSafe delivered to the gate on a cart. We think this is a good idea. They will most likely ask you to sign something that says they are not liable for any damage. Just sign it and know that everyone will do their very best to keep your cake in one piece!
- When you get to your destination it should definitely be brought to the baggage claim area **on a cart\***, and it will most likely be delivered to the airlines office near the baggage area. The exception to this is if their conveyor belts are all completely flat and don't rise up or slope down in any places.  
\*(To insure that it's being delivered on a cart, I usually talk to the airline person working at the counter as you exit the plane. They can radio down to the baggage handlers directly to request this. )
- Finally, be prepared for a lot of attention! It's always fun to see the reactions of everyone who notices what you're doing. Don't be scared when they say things like, "You must be Crazy!" and "In 30 years of working for the airlines, I've Never seen anyone flying a cake!" and "Are you *REALLY* going to just check that?" The answer to all that is yes, we are kinda crazy, and, as long as the baggage handlers don't *drop* the CakeSafe, it will all work out just fine.
- Bon Voyage and Good Luck! Call or email if you have any questions. Scott and Juli Chapin