

TABLE 11.1: Ranking the Five Basic Modes of Transportation in Terms of Key Supply Chain Performance Metrics

	KEY SUPPLY CHAIN PERFORMANCE METRICS					
MODE	COST	SPEED	RELIABILITY	CAPABILITY	FLEXIBILITY	CAPACITY
Air	1	5	2	2	3	1
Truck	2	4	4	3	5	2
Rail	3	2	3	4	4	4
Water	5	1	1	5	2	3
Pipeline	4	3	5	1	1	5

Legend: 5 = Best; 1 = Worst.