

# Handling / Loading Pallets of Bags

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Extra Caution & Attention is necessary when handling Pallets of Bags. Any lack of extra caution or attention results in torn bags.

## Proper “Handling Skids of Bags” Procedure:

- Know where the forklift blades are.
  - Bags are punctured when going in to pick up skids and blades are too high
  - When unloading other shipments loaded behind shipments containing bags or bulk bags on pallets or any other freight, be sure that fork blades are not protruding through other side where they can cause damage
- DO NOT rub down the side of trailer
  - Rough trailer walls can cause a lot of damage
- Place dunnage ahead and to the trailer wall side of pallet of bags or bulk bags on pallets being loaded. This will protect from damage to bags due to rubbing on freight ahead and rubbing on trailer walls in transit.
- Once skid of bags or bulk bag on pallet is loaded in place, surround/shroud with dunnage. This **MUST** be done to prevent damage when other freight is loaded around it.
- Use “Bags Ahead” sign after loading other freight behind the skid of bags to alert next handler to use caution when unloading.

Again, **ALWAYS** pay extra attention to the Proper Handling Techniques when loading or unloading a pallet of bags and/or bulk bags on pallets.