

Handling / Loading Drums



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It is the freight handlers responsibility to use Extra Caution when handling drums. It is very important that drums be loaded and secured properly to prevent any damage, potential hazards and insure a safe ride to destination.

Use the correct tools when handling drums: Barrel clamp (forklift attachment) or Two wheel Barrel cart.

DO NOT PICK UP DRUMS WITH FORKLIFT BLADES.

Proper Loading Procedure

- Gather up cardboard dunnage to be used
- Place cardboard on floor where drum(s) is to be placed. This will help cushion the ride. *Insure no nails, etc are protruding from floor or trailer walls.*
- Place cardboard ahead of drum to protect from rubbing against a pallet loaded ahead or other freight loaded ahead.
- Place cardboard to the sides when necessary to prevent any damage from rubbing or bumping into anything.
- After drum is in loaded position, place another piece of cardboard behind it
- Then an empty pallet is to be stood on end to protect drum(s) from damage caused by any freight being loaded behind the drums you have just loaded. **DO NOT use a pallet with nails sticking out.**
- Insure that the drum or drums loaded are secure from any shifting forward, backward or side to side in the trailer. Use straps to secure to wall of trailer if possible. Secure Loaded Freight (Block & Brace)
- Finally, place a "Caution – Drums Ahead" sticker or sign on freight loaded behind the drums. This will alert the unloader to use caution.
- NOTE: If placing loose drums on pallet to transport, you MUST insure that drums are secured TO THE PALLET with shrink wrap or banding or both.

These steps MUST be followed to provide damage free service when handling drums through the system.