

Handling Tires

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It is critical that proper handling techniques are utilized when handling tires at our docks from the point of unloading and loading to the point of delivery.

Damage to tires that can happen from mis-handling:

- bead damage from handling tires with forklift blades through middle
- damage as a result from being cut or punctured by a forklift blades from pushing, lifting, etc



Proper Handling:

When handling loose, unpackaged tires with a forklift, it is critical to follow proper handling methods. Avoid damage to tire beads and puncturing or cutting tires with forklift blade tips.

- **DO NOT** push tires with fork blade tips. If tire or stack of tires must be pushed (to tighten up in load, etc), utilize a sturdy, empty pallet as a buffer between fork blades and tire.
- **DO NOT** put fork lift blades through center of tire and pick up with fork blades on tire beads. This will cause damage to tire bead.
- In many cases, handler may need to handle tire by rolling it across dock to trailer being loaded to. Get help when needed to avoid injury. Think SAFE.
- Large shipments of tires should be nose loaded to reduce re-handling. Therefore, reducing exposure to possible damage.
- Loading behind tires: Know where your fork lift blades are. Insure that they are not protruding from pallet you are handling. A general rule is to not have fork blades protruding out from any freight that you are handling as it is inevitable that you will cause fork damage to shipments you are loading behind.

NOTE: Delivering Tires: A packing list must be presented at point of delivery along with the Delivery Receipt.

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