

Fork Extensions

It is critical that fork extensions are utilized on freight that requires the use of extensions: Long pallets containing light bulbs, long crates, long pallets containing sheet metal or plastic, etc. If fork extensions are not utilized when they should be, pallets break apart, banding breaks, product is damaged – shipment package integrity is lost. Damage and Freight Claims is the result.



Proper Use of Fork Extensions:

1. Fork Extensions should be stored in a place on dock where accessible to all freight handlers.
2. Use proper techniques for handling long pallets, long crates, etc. When unloading and loading, insure that you have a solid grip on the freight you are handling with extensions to avoid breaking pallets, banding, etc. Broken pallets, runners, banding and damage to product will result if extensions are not used properly.
3. Know your surroundings when traveling with fork extensions on or freight being handled with fork extensions. You will need more room to take corners or turn out of or into a trailer.
4. When un-stacking or stacking freight being handled with extensions – be sure not to drag pallets or pallet runners across the top of freight being stacked on or when unstacking. Prevent damage to product, packaging and the banding holding the shipment together by fully lifting the freight you are handling with extensions and then stack or un-stack. If any banding is broken – **REPLACE / RECOUP** – re-use corner board/protectors if available.
5. Secure / block & brace all loaded freight to prevent any movement while in transit to another terminal (outbound trailer) or consignee (P&D trailer).

PREVENT CLAIMS – Use **EXTRA CAUTION** along with the **CORRECT TOOLS** to provide damage & claim free transit.