

Handling Uncrated/Unpackaged Freight

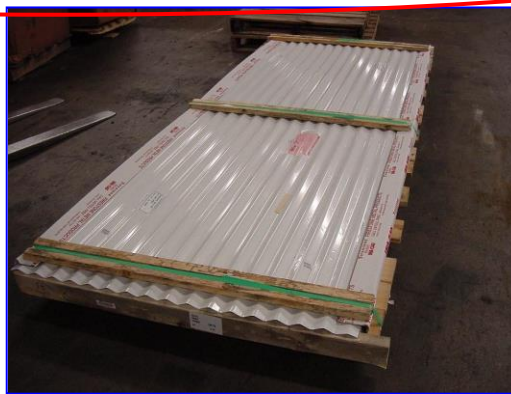
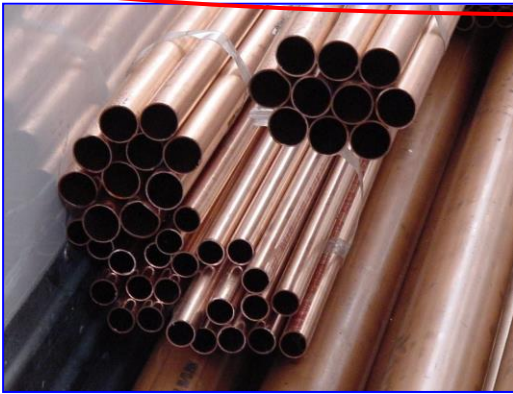
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Extra attention is necessary when handling shipments where the product is not fully packaged. These shipments **MUST** be protected when loading onto an Outbound or P&D trailer. There is a wide variety of freight that we see and handle that are not fully packaged. These products are usually “finished” items where they are painted / coated and ready for installation or assembly. Some examples:

- ❖ John Deere ~ Finished parts / goods
- ❖ Sheet Metal or Plastic
- ❖ Tubing ~ bundles of copper / steel / plastic
- ❖ Misc. uncrated product banded or bolted to pallets or runners.



#1: At the Point of Pickup ~ Driver MUST sign the Bill of Lading as “Unpackaged / Uncrated”.



Proper Handling & Protecting Uncrated/Unpackaged Shipments:

- Utilize special handling forklift attachments such as fork extensions, forklift booms & slings/straps, barrel clamps, etc when unloading or loading.
- Use extra caution when moving across the dock to avoid bumping into anything. If handling bundles of tubing – avoid rubbing against forklift tires when traveling across the dock. Do Not drag bundles (surfaces and ends get damaged)
- When picking up large pipe / tubing, Do Not fork inside ends (this damages inside lining of pipe and/or damages the ends).
- Utilize sufficient amount of cardboard dunnage to protect exposed product. Avoid damage claims caused from paint being rubbed off or product being scuffed from being stacked on. The majority of this type of freight has a finished surface (painted or coated) and cannot be damaged.
- When loading other freight next to or around uncrated/unpackaged shipments, insure that the uncrated/unpackaged freight is shrouded with dunnage and protected from other freight being loaded against it or on top of it.

Again, **ALWAYS** pay extra attention to the Proper Handling Techniques as well as Proper Load Securing & Protecting Techniques when loading or unloading a shipment that is uncrated or unpackaged and unloading or loading other freight next to or around these unprotected shipments.

AVOID PREVENTABLE DAMAGE ~ PREVENT CLAIMS

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