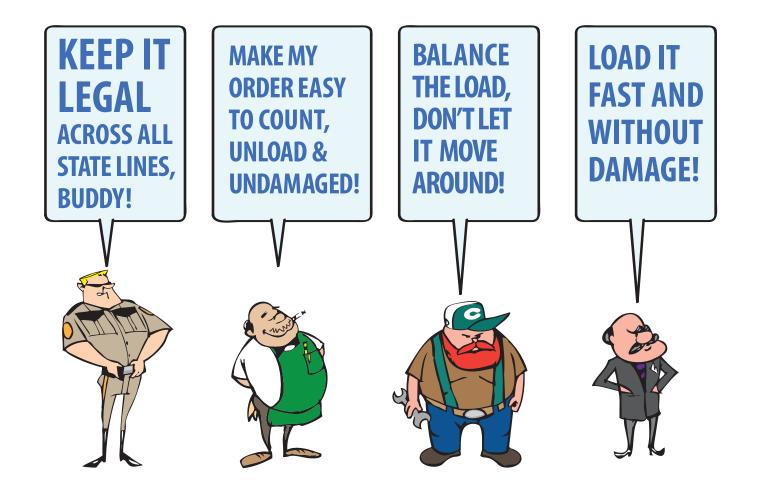


TRUCK LOADING & UNLOADING

A Comprehensive Guide & Reference

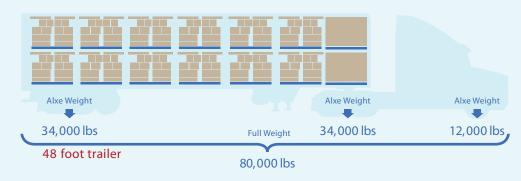
Loading a truck requires skill and praise from these characters.



The Highway Patrol wants trucks to be legal.



1. KEEP AXELS BELOW 34,000 POUNDS!



2. THE LAWS ARE DIFFERENT IN SOME STATES AND HAVE UNIQUE TRAILER SET-UP RULES. FOR EXAMPLE, CALIFORNIA LIMITS HOW FAR APART THE AXLES CAN BE, SO YOU WILL NEED TO LOAD DIFFERENTLY.

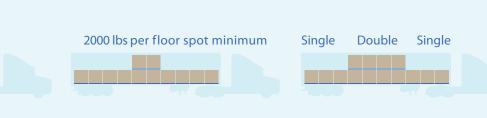


Light

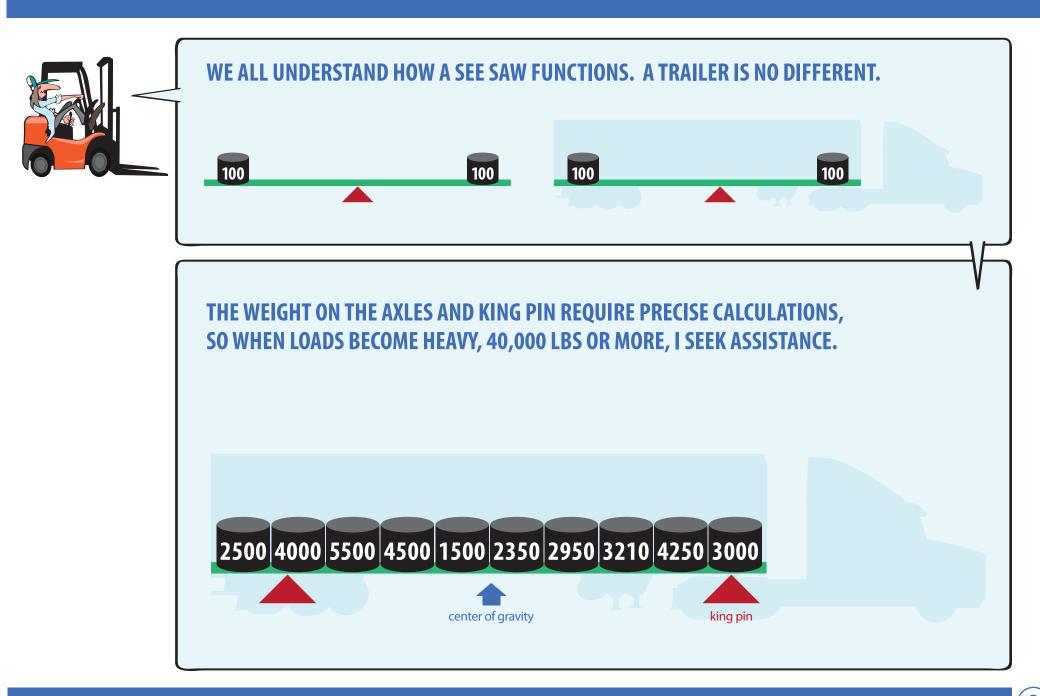
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GETTING THE AXLE WEIGHTS CORRECT IS A CHALLENGE.

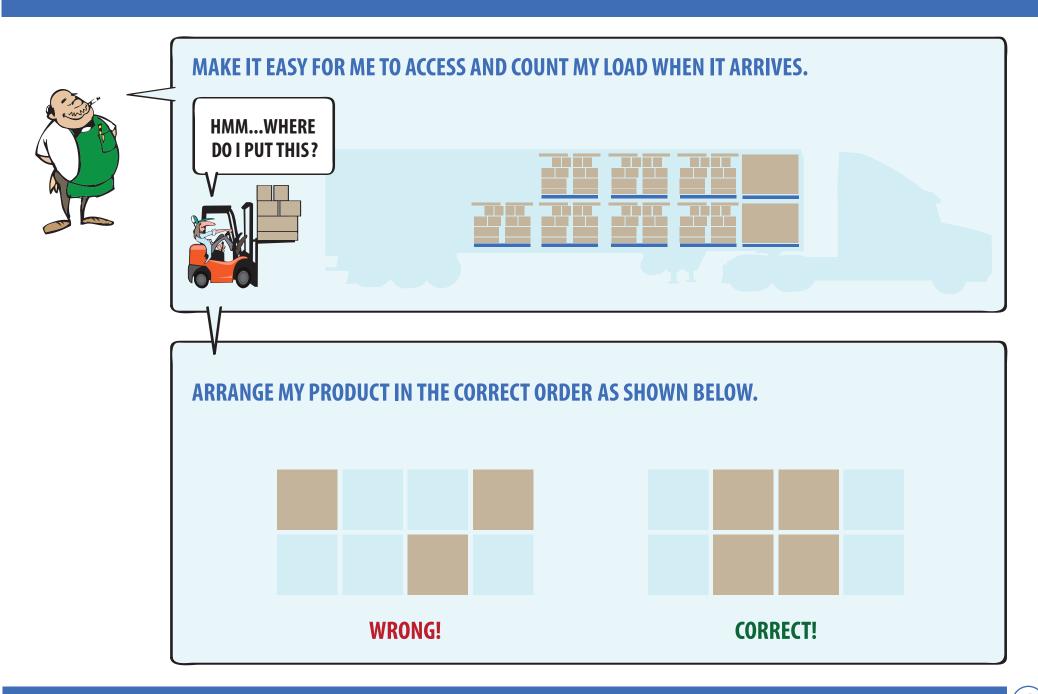
- 1. ALXE WEIGHTS MUST BE CALCULATED ACCURATELY.
- 2. KEEP AXELS SPACED FAR APART & EACH LOAD STABLE.



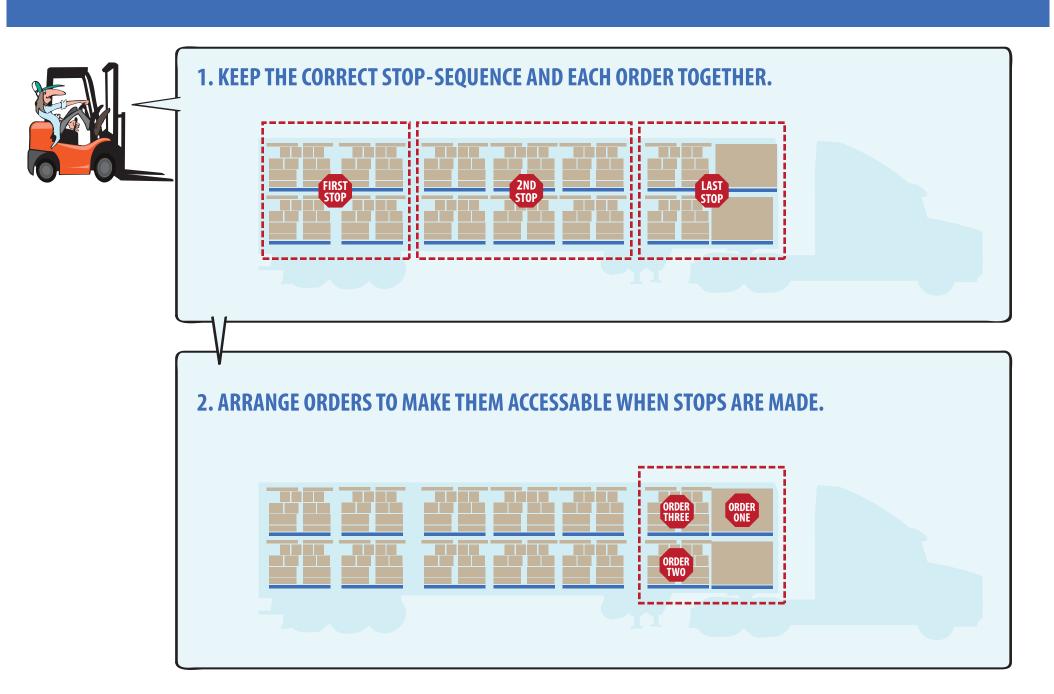
Loading a trailer is similar to a see saw.



I need my order delivered immediately!

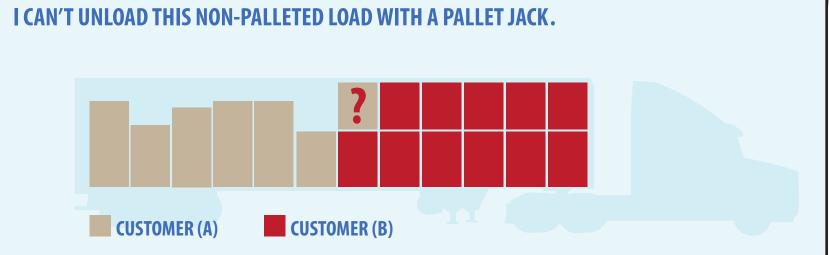


Load orders to match scheduled stops.

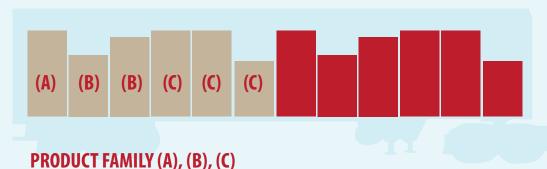


How to load and unload easily.

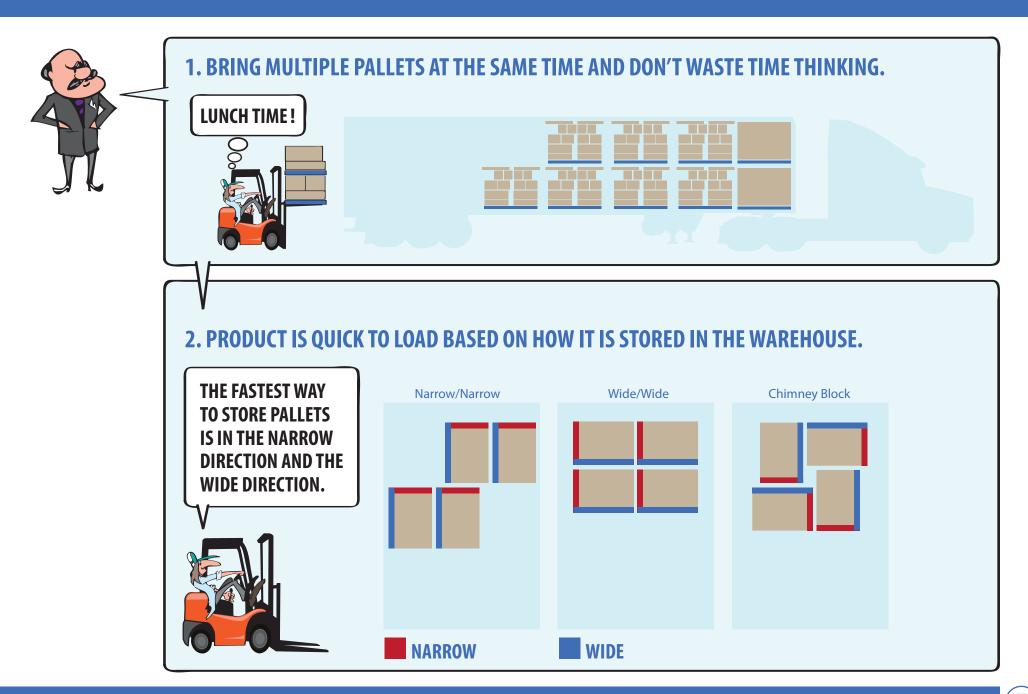




- 1. KEEP PRODUCT FAMILIES TOGETHER.
- 2. LOAD LAST PALLETS IN THE NARROW DIRECTION TO FIT THROUGH SMALL DOCK DOORS IF REQUESTED BY CUSTOMERS.



The BOSS wants HIGH PRODUCTIVITY and NO damage!



Minimize warehoouse travel.



1. SELECT THE PALLET NEAREST THE TRUCK AND CONTINUE DOWN THE ROW.

Same items on top of one another and same families in each grab.





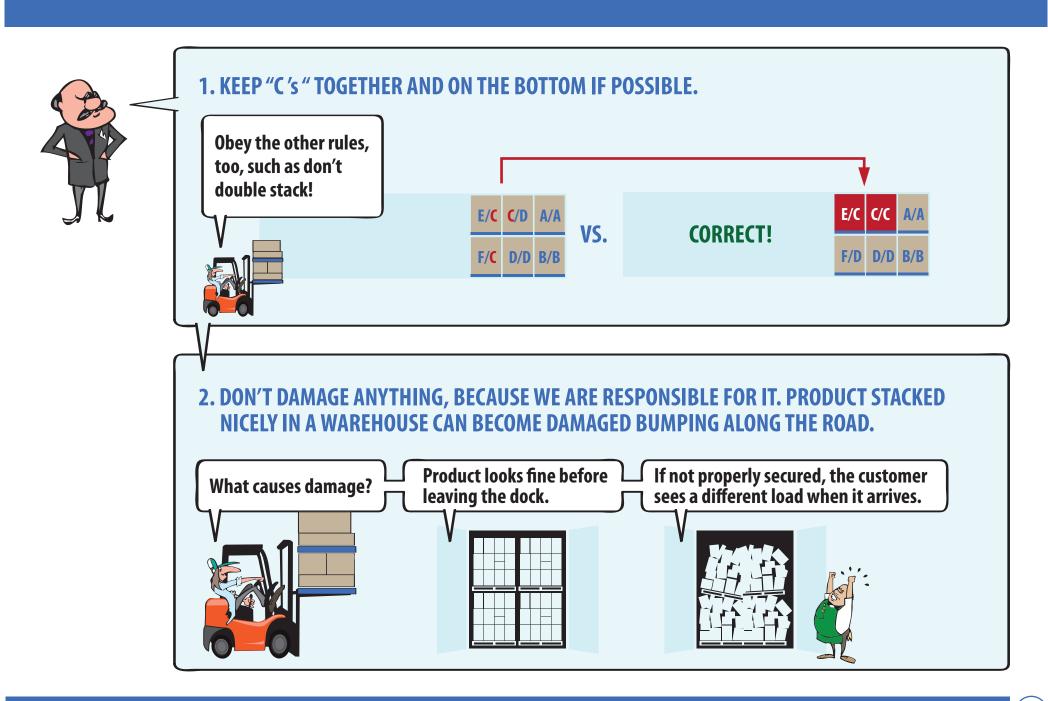
2. MAKE PRODUCTS EASY TO RETRIEVE AND HANDLE IN THE TRAILER.

The Goal: Support picking up product in double-wide fork trucks

trailer top view	B/B	A/A	A/A
	B/B	A/A	A/A
trailer top view	B/B	B/B	A/A
	B/B	A/B	A/A
trailer top view	B/B	A/A	A/A
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Make products easy to retrieve.



How to stack a palette correctly.



ALWAYS PUT STRONGER ITEMS ON THE BOTTOM OF STACKS.



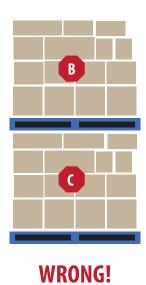


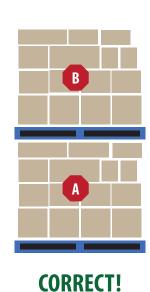
CORRECT!



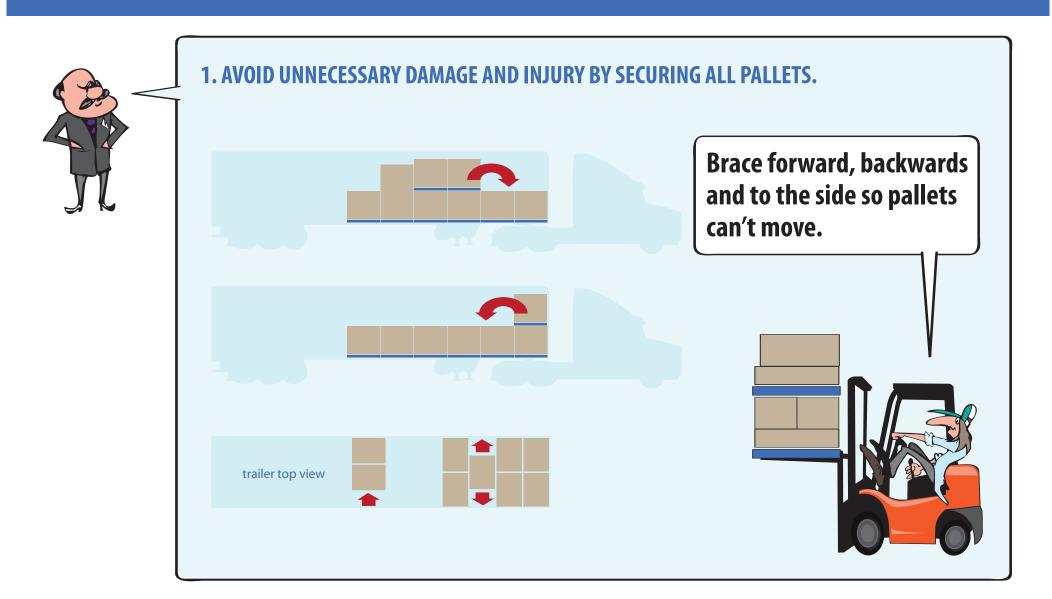
Check product is:

- Kept apart from others
- **✓** Always on top or bottom
- ✓ Strong enough to support other loads

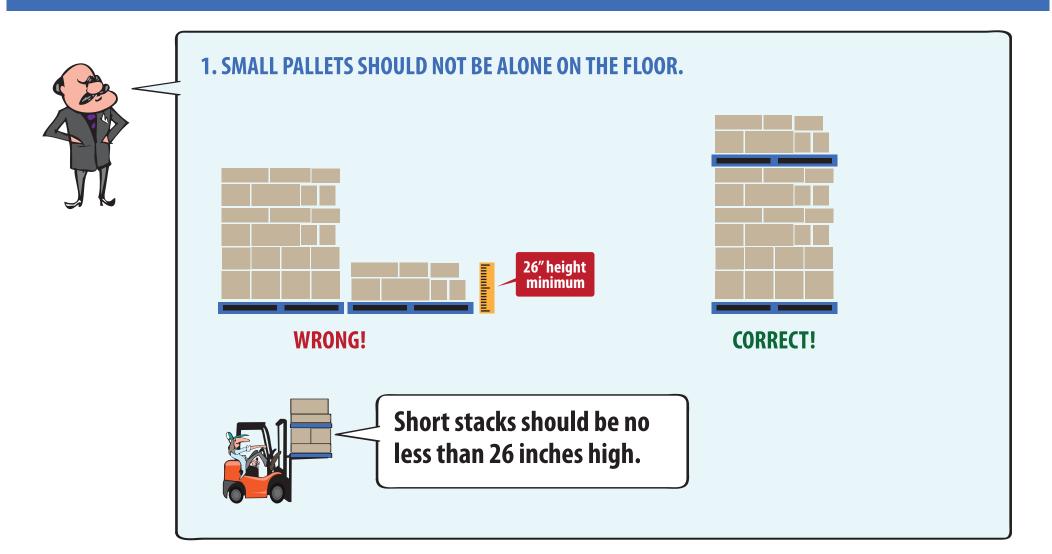




Damage is also caused by moving or falling pallets.



Making pallet sizes.



Special loading for TOFC/intermodal/containers.



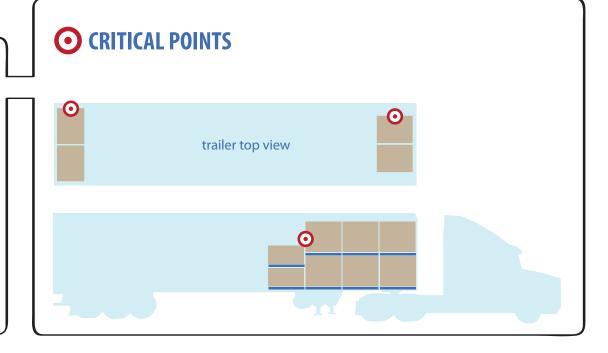
Bracing Loads!



1. WHEN BRACING KEEP SINGLES OR UNIT LOADS WITH PRODUCT SEVERELY UNDER-HANGING THE PALLET IN A NON-CRITICAL POSITION.

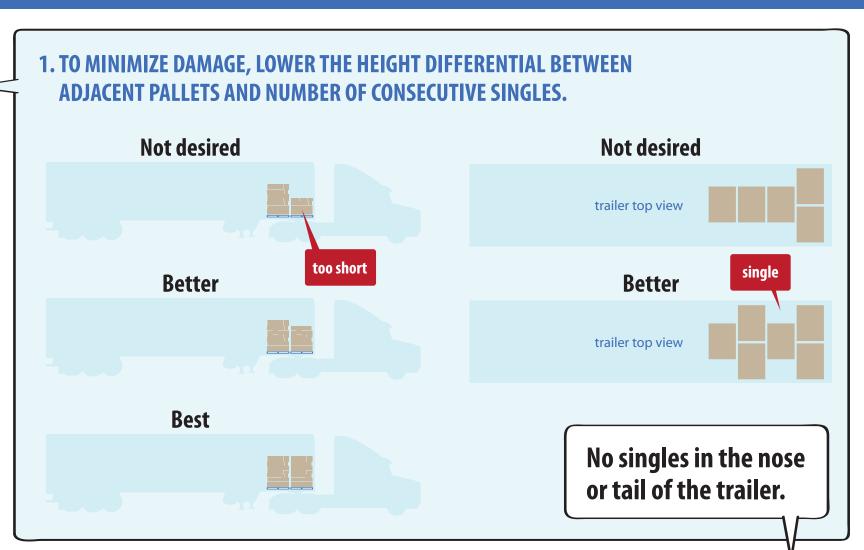
Turn pallets at critical points wide so the airbag fits tighter. You can't do that when the customer has a small dock.

Try not to have singles in a load and definitely not consecutive singles.













1. TURN PALLETS TO "MAX-OUT" THE TRAILER TOWARDS THE BACK DOOR.



A big gap here will generate damage. If the product is light (as paper is) turn some pallets to minimize the gap in the back.

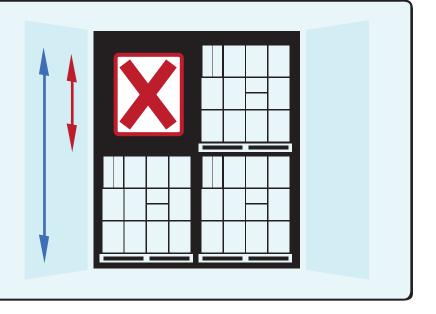




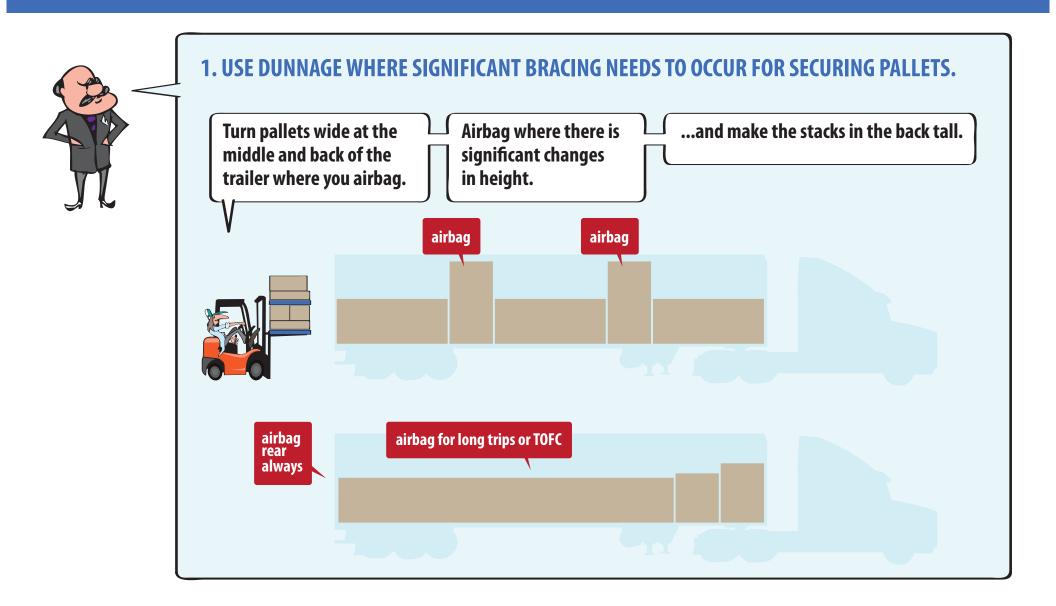
- 1. MINIMIZE SIDE MOVEMENT.
- 2. MINIMIZE STACK HEIGHT DIFFERENTIAL AS SEEN HERE IN THIS DIAGRAM.

Minimize how often empty spots occur and don't let it happen in the last spot of the trailer.

Double stretch wrap and turn pallets near a similar stack.









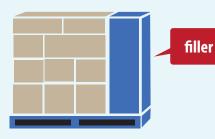
1. USE FILLERS WHEN PRODUCT SEVERELY UNDER-HANGS A PALLET.

OSETTLEENS WITCH PRODUCT SEVERELL UNDER-HANGS A PALLET



WRONG!







Filler always goes against the wall.

Use cardboard fillers

where 2" or more of pallet shows.

2. CERTAIN PRODUCTS NEED SPECIAL RULES.

LEARN WHICH PRODUCTS MUST:

- **✓** RIDE ON TOP
- **✓ SHOULD ALWAYS BE ON THE BOTTOM**
- **✓** NOT BE TURNED WIDE IF THEY OVERHANG THE PALLET
- **✓** MUST BE KEPT SEPARATE





What is important?



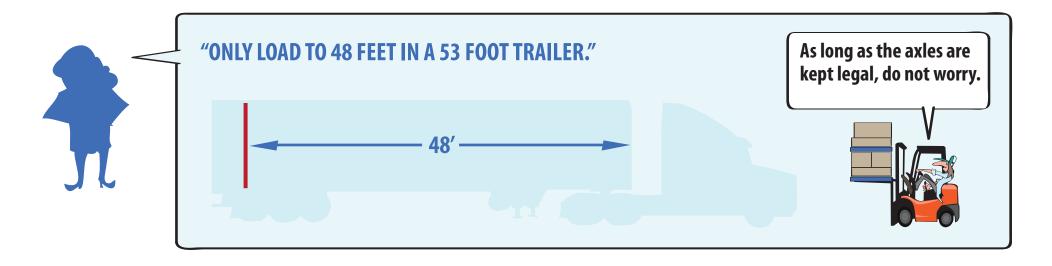
IT'S DIFFICULT TO KEEP ALL OF THE RULES ALL OF THE TIME, BUT THESE 10 ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT.

- 1. MAKE AXLES LEGAL.
- 2. KEEP STOPS SEPARATE.
- 3. BRACE FORWARD.
- 4. BRACE SIDEWAYS, ESPECIALLY ON THE SECOND LEVEL.
- **5. KEEP ORDERS SEPARATE IF POSSIBLE.**
- 6. TURN THE LAST 2 PALLETS IF POSSIBLE.
- 7. MEET THE DESIRED CUSTOMER LOAD PATTERN.
- **8. KEEP SIMILAR ITEMS TOGETHER.**
- 9. BRACE BACKWARDS.
- 10. KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER.

Rumored in the industry, but not true.



Rumored in the industry, but not true... continued





When loading a truck there are many decisions to be made. Some companies employ sophisticated software from Warehouse Optimization to assist in streamlining loads faster. This is done to efficiently load more product on the trailer.

REMEMBER, IT'S NOT EASY TO LOAD A TRAILER PROPERLY. FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE RULES, HOWEVER, AND ELIMINATE A CATASTROPHY FROM OCCURING.

Good luck loading and unloading!

