

THINK BRICK - INDUSTRY CODE OF CONDUCT

- LOAD RESTRAINT

GENERAL

Packs requiring restraint must utilise 50mm webbing straps (2.5T capacity) of the ratchet style, made to Australian standards. This applies to all packs stacked two high on the truck or trailer and to any packs that are loaded onto the deck of a truck or trailer that does not have either the swing or drop-in style of brick gates.

FLAT TOP CHASSIS - WITH GATES

For a truck with gates secured to the flat top chassis, the following is to apply:-

1. The gates must be adequate for the intended load and must restrain the brick load in a manner such that any movement of the load will not destabilise the truck. Owners are encouraged to seek independent engineering advice as to the construction adequacy of the gates on their vehicle.
2. Bricks or paving carried on the deck of a vehicle or trailer is to be restrained by the headboard and must have adequate side gates or rear gates. If there is no rear gate, a suitable mesh screen should be employed. In some cases dunnage may be required to stabilise the load against the headboard.
3. The deck must be clear of debris so that the packs or pallets are directly in contact with the truck decking.

FLAT TOP CHASSIS - WITHOUT GATES

Trucks without gates, with a suitable headboard to secure the load in the forward direction the following is to apply:-

1. must have mesh covering the entire load on both sides and at the rear, plus one strap for every two packs across the vehicle.
2. in the situation where the bricks are not secured in the forward direction by a headboard, the requirement is for two webbing straps on the first two packs across the vehicle and thereafter one webbing strap for every two packs across the vehicle. This process also applies to 'taught-liner' trucks.

DOUBLE STACKING

When stacking product two high above the gates the following rules are to apply:-

1. Only cored bricks or blocks shall be placed up top in the second row.
2. Packs shall be in a unitised form with two polyester straps per leaf plus a 'belly' (90 degree) strap.
3. Mesh is to be secured to the sides of all packs.
4. Every two packs across the vehicle shall be secured with two 2.5 tonne webbing straps. i.e. for six packs in the double stack row you will need six webbing straps.