

Pallet and Packaging Transport



Trailers are an indispensable tool for transporting pallets and packaging, a critical part of the supply chain process that has important considerations for customers using this equipment.

Over the years, you have found that whether you operate your own trucks or trailers or use external carriers, it pays to have a good vehicle inspection program for both outbound and inbound trailers are handled at your facilities.

In this article we will discuss about [Wooden Pallets](#) how to prevent mishaps in the transport of pallets and packaging.

If you use a third-party carrier, it's a good idea to review the carrier's vehicle and trailer inspection and maintenance records as part of your annual contract renewal. If you operate your own fleet then you need to follow the regulations

when it comes to vehicle inspections.

There are two types of trailers most commonly used in the pallet transportation industry: pole-mounted flatbed trailers and composite bodywork trailers.

Tractor truck with platform

Pole deck trailers that are constructed of plywood or similar material. The posts approximately 2 meters high, separated by each meter of distance per section.

Logistic slots can be installed to keep cargo in place during transportation, which is especially convenient for pallet shipping. The flatbed tractor is usually lighter, so more weight can be loaded onto the trailer.

Tractor truck with bodywork

Trucks with smooth interior bodywork are designed to reduce the chances of snagging or damaging the cargo inside the trailer during loading and unloading. Smooth walls are widely used by forklift drivers to fit stacks of pallets or containers when trying to cube trailers properly.

Someone who runs a fleet of 30 trailers doing extensive dock sweeping work for a major retailer told me how happy he was to have purchased a series of used 53 " -102 " sheet metal trailers with reinforced bulkheads and sidewalls. From the automotive industry that proved ideal for handling the mix of pallets you have to process every day.

Handling of Forklifts for Transporting Pallets and Packaging

Many forklift drivers and supervisors report that performing a trailer pre-start inspection reduces forklift

productivity. From a safety standpoint, forklift drivers must ensure that access to trailers is safe and that any risk of trailer failure is eliminated. Forklift drivers should keep the following safety checklist in mind:

- Check that the trailer is secured on the dock or in the yard.
- Check the condition of the trailer cover to make sure it can support the weight of the load.
- Inspect to make sure the trailer is safe to operate while removing loads from the trailer.
- Check for damage inside the trailer to avoid receiving damage claims
- Check the location of the driver away from the trailer to avoid accidents with the driver during the loading and / or unloading process.
- Make sure the forklift driver is comfortable working on that trailer.

From a quality standpoint, there is no use putting new or repaired [Wooden Pallet Johor Bahru](#) on trailers that could contaminate your product load. Trailers can handle all types of products and the previous shipment may have left residue on the trailer floor. These residues can contaminate your cargo with a smell or foreign objects like chemicals or rodent droppings.

- Check the cleanliness of the trailer, especially if there are strong odors and debris on the trailer cover.
- Implement a trailer sweep process to make sure the trailer deck is clean.
- Identify how the trailer has been loaded and how much product is being shipped or received.

Conclusions

Remind your forklift drivers that you are responsible for both inspecting the condition of the trailer for transporting

pallets and packaging. Every time they get on it like the way the trailer is loaded.