



Packaging Information – Mixed Load Policy

MIXED LOAD POLICY

1. PURPOSE

- a. Performance Pipe employees and distributors must have a firm knowledge of configurations that build balanced, safe, and efficient mixed loads of pipe. This especially holds true for persons in contact with customers, loading staffs, or other shipping concerns.
- b. Adherence to this Mixed Loading Policy will promote the transport of safe and reasonable Mixed Loads. Customers and Channel-Partners can minimize freight expense by utilizing this guide when determining order quantities.
- c. This policy allows a multitude of mixed load patterns to be shipped from Performance Pipe facilities. The policy focuses on building even layers of pipe and lowering the load center of gravity as much as possible. While loading, always place the wider layer on the bottom, pyramiding the load upward. This Mixed Load Policy is a combined effort between Performance pipe employees, customers and distributors who exult Safety as their #1 Priority.
- d. A nominal fee will be charged for mixed loads requiring additional dunnage, bracing, extensive preparation and/or loading time.

2. LOADING COILS ON TOP OF BUNDLES OR BULK PACKS:

- a. Bundles or bulk packs must be in even quantities
- b. No more than eight bundles or bulk packs.
- c. All joints or bundles on one layer must have no more than ½" variance in overall height unless on top layer.
- d. No 30", 36", 44", 45" or 50" pallets placed on bundles or bulk packs.
- e. Coils will always be on top of bundles or bulk packs.
- f. In addition to minimum number of straps for a bundled or bulk pack load, each coil (or silo) must be separately strapped.
- g. Protectors (protective padding) shall be used between pallets and bundles or bulk packs.

3. MIXING COILS WITH STRIP LOADS WITH CHOCKS:

- a. Strip loads with chocks must be on a flat surface.
- b. All joints or bundles on one layer must have no more than ½" variance in overall height unless on top layer.
- c. No 30", 36", 44", 45" or 50" pallets should be placed on strip load joints.
- d. Coils will always be on top of strip load joints.
- e. In addition to minimum number of straps for strip loads, each coil (or silo) must be separately strapped.
- f. Protectors (protective padding) shall be used between pallets and strip loads with chocks.

4. MIXING BUNDLES OR BULK PACKS WITH STRIP LOADS WITH CHOCKS:

- a. The joints with the longest length will be placed on the bottom of the load.
- b. When possible, heavier product is to be placed on the bottom of the load.
- c. It is acceptable to place 50' product on top of 40' product, providing the trailer is a step deck trailer and the layers are level with top deck. The 50' product must have dunnage utilized and resting on top deck.
- d. If strip loads with chocks are on bottom, flat layers are required.



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- e. All joints or bundles on one layer must have no more than 1/2" variance in overall height unless top layer.
- f. If bundles or bulk packs are on the bottom, loose joints will be strip loaded.
- g. Less-than-full bundle quantities need to be full layer width, if not it should be placed on top of the load.

5. MIXING BUNDLES WITH BULK PACKS:

- a. Joints with the longest length will be placed on the bottom of the load.
- b. Heavier product will be placed on the bottom of the load when possible.
- c. Bundles or bulk packs must be in even quantities.
- d. All joints on one layer must have no more than 1/2" variance in overall height unless top layer.
- e. Less-than-full bundle quantities need to be full layer width, if not it should be placed on top of the load.

6. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- a. Loads must not exceed 13' – 6" in height (14' for western states) from the ground or 45,000 pounds.
- b. 48 hour advance notice required to prepare mixed loads.
- c. Performance Pipe is often asked to load DriscoPlex™ onto other companies' product or equipment. This request often accompanies the utilization of a carrier arranged by customers or distributors. Performance Pipe will attempt to work with its customers' by evaluating such requests. The following principles will be used to evaluate each request:
 - Performance Pipe will not move any material previously loaded on a trailer to make pipe or fittings safe for loading. The trucking firm is responsible for rearranging the load if necessary.
 - Performance Pipe will reject any load that in the opinion of the shipping supervisor or plant manager cannot be loaded safely for transit and unloading.
 - Performance Pipe will not load any plastic pipe or fittings on other product if doing so would result in damage to the plastic pipe.
- d. Flat surfaces are required in order to load any Performance Pipe product.
- e. Performance Pipe will not build up, or load onto, false flooring (pallets, timbers, load levelers, etc.) that provides a flat surface for step-deck trailers. For coiled pipe on pallets the sideboard cannot extend anymore than 5" off the back or front of the trailer and must be strapped securely to the bed of the truck. Pallets must be inspected closely to ensure no loose or broken boards are present that could come off during transit. No loose single boards on pipe straight lengths on any layer of pipe shall be allowed to overhang the front, back or side of a 102" wide trailer. When using a 96" trailer to load straight lengths of pipe, the dunnage and pipe may exceed the width of the trailer providing neither exceeds the 102" overall width requirement. Performance Pipe will not build up, or load onto, false flooring (pallets, timbers, load levelers, etc.) that provide a flat surface for step-deck trailers.