# LOAD RESTRAINT **GUIDELINE**



Black Bar: Bundled - Export

Issue 3

## 1. This guideline applies to:

- Bundled Black Bar, with round, hexagonal or square\* cross-section.
- Shotblast, reeled and mill finish.

The lowest friction factor for this product on timber dunnage, determined as per EN 12195-1:2010 Annex B.1.2, is  $\mu$ =0.53. \* Square cross-section product must always be loaded against false headboard or trailer headboard and tailboard to prevent spearing.

#### 2. Essential requirements

- Loads must be built in either a single layer, a pyramid or a rectangular load configuration (see Section 4-1).
- All restraints must be webbing straps with minimum lashing capacity of 2000 daN compliant with EN 12195-2.
- Edge protection must be fitted to all straps in contact with abrasive surfaces and sharp edges incl. steel banding.\*\*
- Dunnage must be a single layer of square section timbers with minimum cross-section of 75 x 75 mm.
- The front ends of the bundles covered by the false headboard must be aligned.
- All vertical gaps between bundles must be either closed or blocked.
- Anti-slip matting applied under base timbers.

\*\* Straps in contact with round cross-section material do not require edge protection providing that there is minimum 300 mm clearance between steel banding and the webbing strap.

#### 3. Overview of road transport restraint systems

#### 3.1 Pyramid load build

✓ 2 pairs of **opposing loops** applied to the bottom layer.



Cross-sectional view of belly-wrap restraint showing ratchet tensioners on both sides. Edge protection omitted for clarity.



This Load Restraint Guideline is designed and tested to meet the forces specified in EN 12195-1:2010 and VDI 2700 for road and sea transport.



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- 3.2 Rectangular and single layer load build
- ✓ 2 belly-wrapped straps applied to the middle bundles, maximum 3 bundles within a belly-wrap (see Section 5).
- $\checkmark$  3 pairs of **opposing loops** applied to the whole load.
- ✓ False headboard secured with 3 straps.
- $\checkmark$  False headboard must cover full height of the product.



Note: See Section 8 for intermodal requirements.

*Cross-sectional view of opposing loop restraint applied to the whole load. Edge protection omitted for clarity.* 

## 4. Load build and false headboard straps positioning

#### 4.1 Load build



## Rectangular load build.



Rectangular load build - top layer with 3 or more bundles. Use high headboard.

- Load split evenly between the top and bottom layers. Maximum difference in width between top layer and edge of the false headboard 200 mm on each side.
- Horizontal packing timbers should be applied at approximately 45° to fill the gaps created by the different bundle heights.
- Vertical packing timbers applied to fill any gaps between bundles.
- To match width of the load half headboards can be used (see Section 6).

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## 4.2 Strap positioning



Shown for rectangular load build - i.e. 2 layers.

- On 2 layer rectangular loads bottom strap must be placed in line with the centre of the bottom packs and remaining straps positioned in line with the top layer.
- On single layer loads and pyramid loads all straps must be placed in line with the bottom layer of the product.
- Headboard straps anchored back a minimum of 500 mm.
- ✓ If using trailer chassis as lashing point always attach hook to the cross member.
- Belly-wrapped strap or opposing loop strap may be applied to the same lashing point as the false headboard strap.

X Do not attach more than one headboard strap to the same lashing point or cross member.

## 5. Rearward restraint options



6. False headboard/tailboard requirements

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Note: If belly wraps cannot be applied false tailboard must be used to prevent rearward movement.



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## 7. Forward blocking options

Instead of using false headboards, the following options can be used to block the load in the forward direction. \*\*\*

\*\*\* Subject to axle weights.



Note: If belly wraps cannot be applied false tailboard must be used to prevent rearward movement.

## 8. Intermodal transport



- $\checkmark$  Anti-slip matting applied to both sides of all timbers.
- $\checkmark$  Tailboard fitted and secured with 3 straps.
- $\checkmark$  Other restraint requirements remain the same.



- $\checkmark$  Minimum of 4 stanchions required.
- Minimum cross-section of 80 x 80 x 4 mm.
- If cross-section is less, a greater number of stanchions is required.
- Timbers between stanchions and material must be adequately secured.
- ✓ Trailers manufactured to EN 12642 Code XL, or approved by Liberty Speciality Steels Load Restraint Engineers, can be loaded with full load against the trailer headboard to provide forward restraint.

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Typical plaque on a trailer with a headboard rated to EN 12642 Code XL

- Trailers manufactured to EN 12642 Code L, can be loaded with product against the trailer headboard to provide forward restraint for first row of short bars.
- Two or more stacks can be separated by a false headboard with 2 straps allowing a minimum gap of 200 mm from the stack in front. Back rows of product can be positioned to achieve correct axle weight distribution.
- ✓ Trailers manufactured to EN 12642 Code XL, can be loaded without false headboard straps provided that there are no gaps between rows of product.

## 9. Winter weather restraint requirements

- $\checkmark$  Anti-slip matting applied to both sides of all timbers.
- ✓ Other restraint requirements remain the same.



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