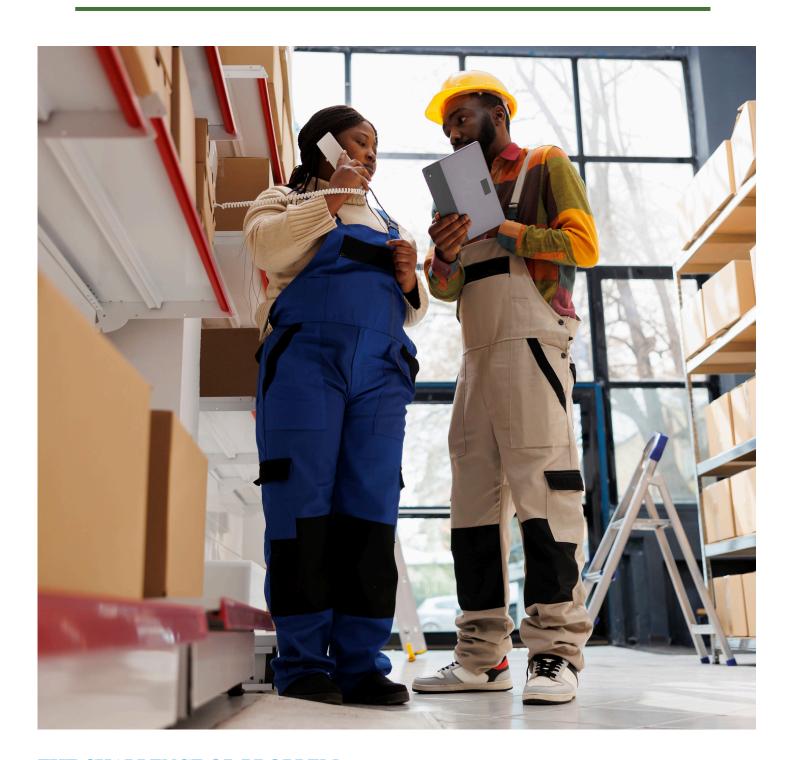




PREVENTING PALLET BREAKDOWNS

BEST PRACTICES FOR APPLYING CONES AND DOCUMENTING WITH PHOTOS IN THE WAREHOUSE AND SUPPLY CHAIN OPERATIONS



THE CHALLENGE OR PROBLEM

Pallet breakdowns pose significant challenges in the logistics and supply chain industry, leading to various operational and financial issues:

1.Product Damage

When pallets are double stacked despite instructions not to, the added weight can cause the lower pallets to collapse or become unstable. This often results in damaged products, leading to financial losses, customer dissatisfaction, and potential returns or claims.

2. Operational Delays

Resolving issues caused by double stacking disrupts the workflow, causing delays in order fulfillment and shipping schedules. This impacts overall supply chain efficiency.

3. Increased Costs

Costs associated with double stacking include not only replacing damaged goods but also additional labor and resources needed to correct the stacking errors and reorganize the warehouse.

4. Inefficiency

Time and resources spent dealing with double stacking issues divert attention from other critical tasks, leading to reduced productivity and efficiency in warehouse operations.







THE SOLUTION

To address the challenges posed by double stacking, a comprehensive approach is essential. This involves using clear visual indicators, ensuring proper communication and training, and leveraging technology for monitoring and documentation. Implementing these strategies can mitigate risks, enhance safety, and improve overall operational efficiency.

BEST PRACTICES FOR PREVENTING DOUBLE STACKING OF PALLETS

1. Visual Indicators and Communication

Apply Double Stack Cones

Place "Do Not Double Stack" cones on the top of pallets to clearly indicate they should not be stacked. Ensure these cones are securely placed and easily visible.

Wrap the Cones

Wrap the entire pallet, including the cone, with stretch wrap. This not only secures the load but also makes it evident if someone attempts to remove the cone or double stack the pallets. Additionally, wrapping the cone ensures it stays in place and does not fall off during handling or transit.

2. Proper Handling and Storage

Training

Train staff on proper pallet handling techniques to avoid errors during loading and unloading processes. Emphasize the importance of not double stacking pallets that are marked with cones.

Designated Storage

Storepallets with "Do Not Double Stack" cones in designated areas to prevent accidental stacking. Ensure these areas are clearly marked and accessible.

3.Documentation with LoadProof

Photo Documentation

Use LoadProof to document the condition and placement of pallets. Capture images of pallets with "Do Not Double Stack" cones to verify proper storage and handling.

Organized Records

Upload images to LoadProof's secure digital repository, categorizing and tagging them with relevant metadata. This ensures a clear record of pallet conditions and handling practices.



HOW LOADPROOF HELPS PREVENT DOUBLE STACKING OF PALLETS

LoadProof provides an effective solution to monitor and document the condition and handling of pallets, ensuring proactive management and prevention of double stacking

Effortless Image Capture and Upload

With LoadProof, users can easily capture high-quality images of pallets using mobile devices and upload them directly to a secure digital repository. This facilitates real-time documentation of pallet conditions, including the application of "Do Not Double Stack" cones and wrapping

Systematic Documentation

LoadProof allows users to categorize and tag images with relevant metadata, making it straightforward to track and review the condition and handling of pallets. This ensures a comprehensive record of pallets, highlighting those marked to prevent double stacking.

Increased Accountability

By maintaining a digital record of pallet conditions and handling practices, LoadProof enhances accountability and compliance with safety standards. It ensures that pallets marked with visual indicators are handled correctly, and any deviation is promptly addressed and documented.

Streamlined Workflow

LoadProof streamlines the process of pallet inspection and management, reducing downtime and enhancing overall operational efficiency. By using LoadProof, the workflow for ensuring proper handling and preventing double stacking becomes more organized and reliable, minimizing errors and inefficiencies. This tailored approach with LoadProof ensures that pallets are managed effectively, preventing double stacking and maintaining the safety and integrity of goods throughout the supply chain.

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE ON PREVENTING DOUBLE STACKING OF PALLETS USING LOADPROOF

Ensuring pallet stability and safety is crucial in warehouse and supply chain operations. This procedure outlines the steps to effectively prevent double stacking of pallets using visual indicators and the LoadProof application.

- Set up and configure your LoadProof account to prepare for documenting pallet conditions.
- Pack your products and stack them onto a high-quality pallet.
- Ensure the pallet is stacked evenly and not overloaded to prevent instability.



- Place a "Do Not Double Stack" cone on top of the pallet.
- Use high-quality stretch wrap to cover the entire load, including the base and the cone, ensuring the cone stays securely in place.
- Use proprietary tape with your company logo to secure the pallet load.
- Apply the tape in a crisscross pattern or multiple layers to reinforce the load.
- Take photos of all four corners of the wrapped pallet using the LoadProof application, ensuring the "Do Not Double Stack" cone is clearly visible.
- Capture additional images of any labels, ensuring they are visible and clear.
- Upload the images to LoadProof's secure digital repository, tagging them with relevant metadata for easy tracking and review.
- Regularly review and monitor the LoadProof documentation to ensure compliance and address any issues promptly.

READY TO TRANSFORM YOUR PALLET MANAGEMENT PROCESS?

<u>Schedule a demo</u> with LoadProof today to see how our platform can help you prevent double stacking and enhance your warehouse operations.

By integrating these best practices and utilizing LoadProof, warehouses can successfully prevent the double stacking of pallets. This approach not only secures the safety and integrity of goods but also boosts operational efficiency and lowers costs. Implementing these strategies fosters a more reliable, streamlined, and productive warehouse environment, ultimately contributing to smoother supply chain operations and increased overall performance.

