

Moving palletised freight with UPN is safe, secure, and cost effective. Help us to help you by ensuring that all your freight is prepared correctly before collection.

Follow these simple steps for safe secure delivery of all your palletised freight shipments:

1 Make Sure It's A Suitable Pallet

- Robust and suitable for the type of goods being carried
- No missing boards or chocks
- Four way entry accessible from all sides.



A high quality strong 4 way pallet
(SWL 1500kg)

2 Make Sure That The Load Is Properly Stacked

- Products should be stacked properly and secured onto the base or goods will continue to move around during transit.
- Stability of goods on the pallet is also important and depends on the type of goods being transported.
- Liquids, paint, glass, or ceramics and wines spirits all need careful attention when preparing for transportation.
- Ensure that heavier cartons or boxes are placed on the bottom layer
- Ensure that the weight of subsequent layers does not crush the lower layers.



Pallet wrapping machine

3 Make Sure That The Load Is Properly Wrapped

- Secure each layer with tape or strapping
- If necessary place cardboard sheets between each layer to avoid movement during transit.
- All items safely secured and adequately wrapped and protected prior to despatch
- Wherever possible goods should be strapped, heat shrunk, or shrink wrapped for secure transit.
- Shrink wrapped pallet covers hold the load securely.
- Corner and edge protectors secure and stabilise loads.



Strapping



Heat shrink gun



Stretch wrap

4 Consider Using A "Pallet Pack"

- A cardboard lid, sleeve, and tray attached to a wooden pallet.
- Pallet packs are ideal for protecting small cartons and can be reused many times.
- Pallet trays and lids are perfect for protecting bag traffic and fragile boxes.
- It is vital to ensure that bags are not overhanging the pallet base.



Pallet pack



Pallet tray & lid



Edge protector



Corner protector

5 Make Sure Each Pallet Does Not Exceed The Maximum Weight Limit

- The maximum weight for a tail-lift delivery is 1000 kg per pallet.
- Sometimes a small goods vehicle is required to make the delivery.
- In these cases the maximum weight limit per pallet is 700kg.



Tail-lift

6 Take Special Care With High Value Goods

- High value goods should be black shrink wrapped and security (tape) sealed.
- The shrink wrap around the base of the pallet is important as this anchors the cartons or goods to the pallet.
- Make sure that there are several layers of wraps around the cartons and the base of the pallet.
- Shrink wrap continuously from the base up to the top layer and then corner to corner over the top of the pallet.
- Good quality shrink wrap with a thickness of not less than 20 microns is recommended.
- 50mm polypropylene packaging tape can be used to tie in the layers of cartons on the pallet.
- If the goods are non-stackable or fragile label accordingly and consider the use of a pallet cap.



Brown tape



Bubble wrap



Security tape