

FACT SHEET 27 PALLETS

Damaged pallets can be a general hazard in the workplace. They are a particularly dangerous hazard for fork lift truck operators and others who work in close vicinity to the trucks. When pallets are being used with a fork lift truck then they form a part of the lifting system and should be regarded with the respect that this requires.

Damaged pallets should be taken out of service as soon as the damage takes place or is seen. Where the pallet is laden there will need to be a system in place for goods to be safely transferred to a serviceable pallet.

Pallets should only be repaired by the pallet manufacturer, his agent or a specialist pallet repairer.

Detailed information is provided in the following publication. This covers the different types of pallet available, pallet management and use, and considerations for the use of pallets with fork lift trucks and other materials handling equipment. This is available from HSE Books (Telephone 01787 881165) or from the FLTA.

HSE Guidance Note PM 15
Safety in the use of Pallets
ISBN: 0-7176-1522-7
Price £6.00

The information in this Fact Sheet has been assembled and interpreted to give truck owners and users basic guidance on frequently asked questions. Further important information will be given in the quoted reference documents. Responsibility for meeting the safety obligations discussed rests with the employer, and the FLTA will not accept liability for any problem arising as a result of the content of this document. **Technical Bulletins, containing more detailed information and updated as appropriate, are made available free to members of the [FLTA SAFE USER GROUP](#).**

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