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Fork Mounted Load Stabiliser - AFFA Series

Specification –

Designed for mounting directly onto the forks of an industrial fork lift truck to enable wide loads to be handled in a stable manner.

Fitting -

Slide the forks of the truck fully into the forkpockets until the backrest fits tightly against the upright face of the forks. Fasten securely to the truck by wrapping the securing chain around the carriage plate and hooking it back onto itself.

This attachment is designed so that the trucks forks take the main weight of the product and the outer sleeves stabilise the load, preventing it sagging or bouncing.

Operation –

To pick up a load, approach it so that the trucks forks are positioned centrally to the load. Unscrew the clamps on the adjustable outer forks and slide each inwards or outwards to a position suitable for the stabilising of the load to be handled. When correctly positioned, screw clamps down firmly. Move the truck forwards until the forks are fully under the load and the load touches the attachment backrest. Raise the forks so that the load clears the ground and ensure the load is stable and well balanced before proceeding. If the load is not balanced about the centre line of the truck forks lower the load to the ground and re-position the forks accordingly. Repeat this until the load is balanced.

Ensure that the `spread' of the outer sleeves is sufficient to support the load adequately. Do not handle a load whose width causes excessive sag at each end and particularly where the load 'sag' lifts it clear of the truck forks.

In travelling mode, the bottom of the load should not be higher than 300mm from ground level and the mast should be vertical or tilted backwards.

Never use this attachment unless the load backrest fits securely against the upright face of the fork.

Avoid shock loads and operation on excessively rough ground.

Do not lift loads above people's heads.

Never attempt to pick a load up unless it is against the load back rest.

Always pick up the load using all four forks.

Check the attachment prior to each period of use. Ensure that all welds are intact and that the attachment shows no signs of severe wear or damage. Keep the screw clamps well greased at all times.

Thorough examination of the attachment, hook, shackle and eyebolt should be carried out and recorded every six months. ('Refer to the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998' & 'The Provision of Work Equipment Regulations 1998' for further information)

Capacity –

The maximum capacity differs from model to model, and can be found on the attachment rating plate affixed to the attachment. The load rating of a truck fitted with a boom shall not exceed the truck's rated capacity with fork arms.

Consult the truck manufacturer if in doubt.

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