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Agenda

- **Horizontal Cylinder Delivery—High Risks**
- **Advantage of Vertical Cylinder Delivery**
- **Cylinders Handling Techniques**
 - **Manual**
 - **Mechanical**
- **Secure of individual and pallets/bundles**
- **Load Distribution**

Why safe cylinders handling is important?



Risks with Horizontal Cylinder Delivery



- Full cylinder may be propelled out of the vehicle and possible to hurt the third party
- Cylinders roll on their own
- High Probability of hand and foot injuries
- Difficult to secure cylinders, high possibility of valve damaged and gas release



Risks with Horizontal Cylinder Delivery



- Valves are used to bring cylinders to upright or down position
- Personnel usually bend on their back—possible back injury
- Personnel stand on the cylinders to roll them, easy to be injured



Advantages of Vertical Cylinder Delivery



- Cylinders are used in the vertical position
- Cylinders are stored both at the customer and the supplier in the vertical position
- Cylinder is handled vertically at filling station

Advantages of Vertical Cylinder Delivery



- Easier to put cylinders together in a pallet/basket for mass loading and unloading
- Heavier cylinders with high pressure gas make it more difficult to move cylinders between vertical to horizontal positions



Horizontal Cylinder Transportation is not Recommended



Manual cylinder handling techniques

1. Rotate on its base



Manual cylinder handling techniques

2. Dock Edge Roller



Manual cylinder handling techniques

3. Loading/unloading pallet



Bump mat



Manual cylinder handling techniques

1. Trolley



Cylinder Handling Technique - Mechanical

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Cylinder Handling Technique - Mechanical

2. Hand truck



Cylinder Handling Technique - Mechanical

3. Forklift Truck for Pallets/Bundles



Cylinder Handling Technique - Mechanical

4. Truck with Crane



Cylinder Handling Technique - Mechanical

5. Truck with Lift Gate



Rear Lift Gate



Side Lift Gate

Cylinder Handling Technique - Mechanical

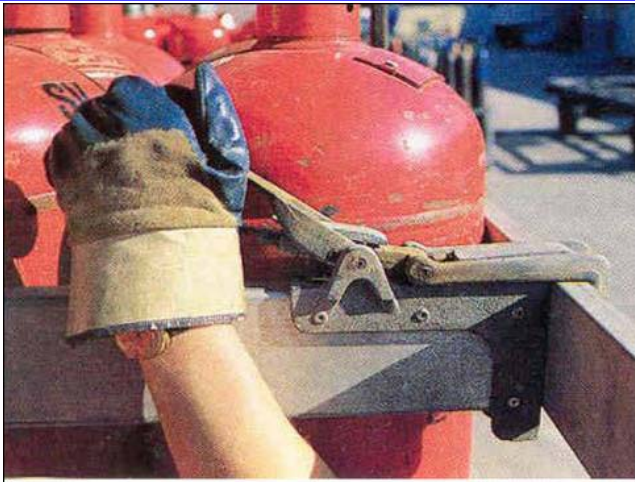
5. Truck with Lift Gate



Unsafe Area

Don't place yourself in harms way

Secure of individual cylinders



- Cylinders must always have caps on during handling and transport
- Cylinders should be properly secured
 - Securing straps/chains
 - Ratchet type binders
- If cylinders are to be unloaded individually
 - Truck must have a center aisle
 - Equipped with lift gates

Secure of pallets and Bundles



- Cylinders must be properly strapped to the pallets
- Pallets must be properly designed for the full load
- Truck must have specially designed pallet locating system to hold the pallets in place during transportation
- When using cranes, bundles/pallets must have properly designed lifting spots

Securing Liquid Cylinder



**Securing to the Side
Panel with Straps**



Liquid Cylinder Pallet

Secure of Pallet/Bundle on Truck



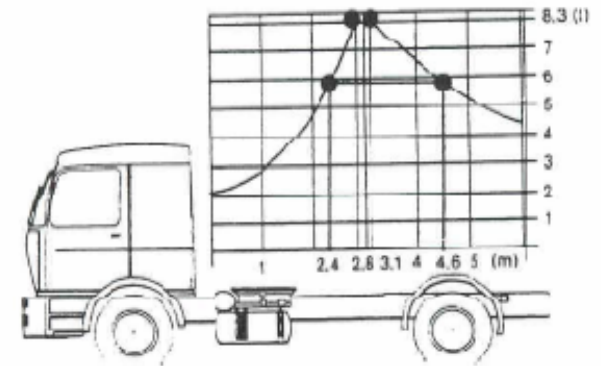
**Truck with Locating Pins &
Pallets with Locating Pockets**



**Truck with Hooks at the
Middle of the Platform**

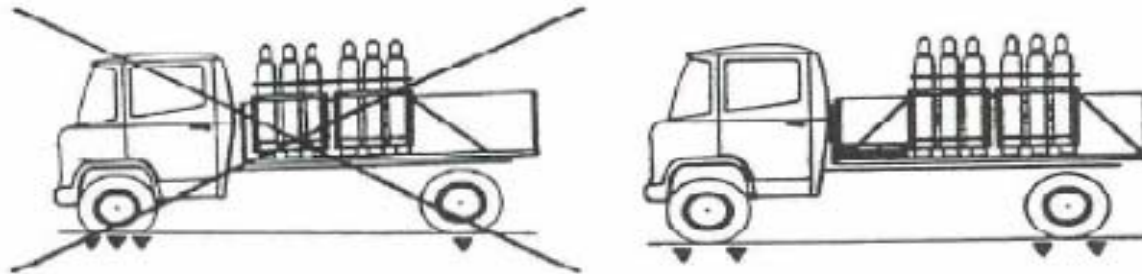
Load Distribution

- Load distribution diagrams are a valuable aid in determining the most favourable or the permissible distribution of the load.



- The vehicle manufacturer's technical data should be checked for the effect of load distribution on the maximum permissible loads.
- Do not exceed the permissive loading

Load Distribution

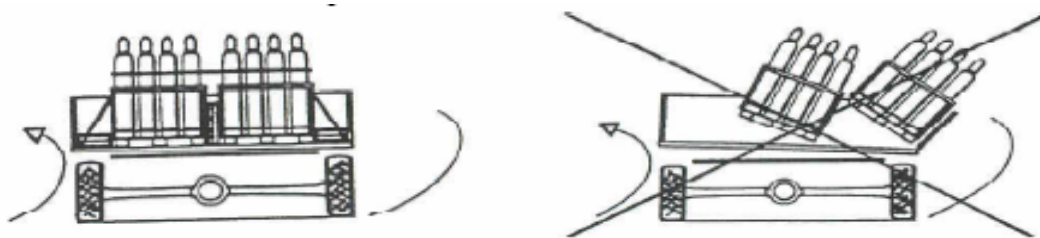


Distribute load correctly



Do not exceed load capacity of the cargo area

Load Distribution



Maintain transverse load security