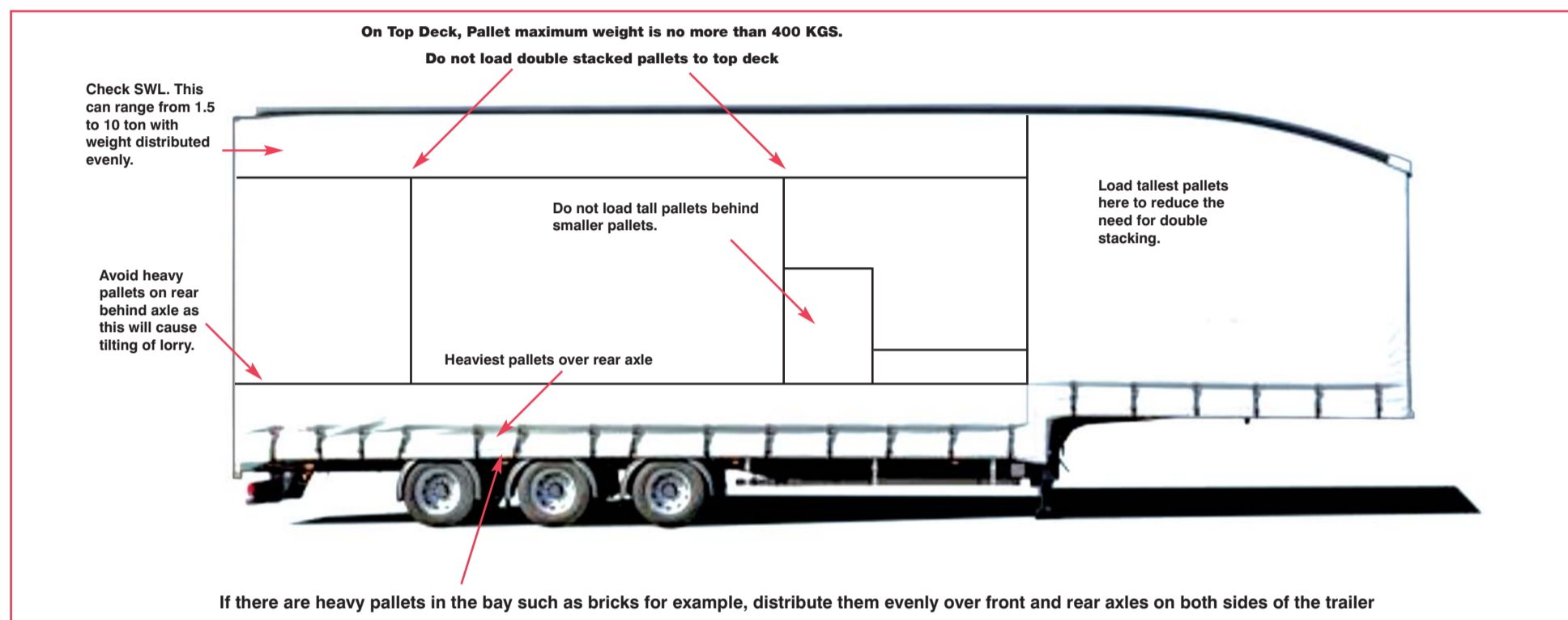


LOADING A DOUBLE DECK TRAILER SAFELY



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Anyone involved in vehicle loading is legally responsible for ensuring its safety, from the moment a pallet is loaded to the moment the vehicle is emptied. That includes **forklift drivers, HGV drivers, fleet operators** and anyone else involved. Safe loading protects drivers, road users, the public and whoever unloads.



DO's

- ✓ Put heavier items and stacks on the main deck or swan neck. Secure them as if on a single-decker.
- ✓ Always load lightweight pallets between the front axle and the back axle of the trailer.
- ✓ Load heavier pallets over the front and rear trailer axles.
- ✓ Make sure all pallets are suitably secured.
- ✓ If forklift truck drivers have any doubt about weight or suitability of a pallet TELL YOUR SUPERVISOR.
- ✓ Weight must always be evenly distributed across the trailer, so the vehicle remains stable.
- ✓ Loading straps or curtains must always be accessible when loading.
- ✓ THINK PYRAMID - heaviest/biggest on the bottom, smallest/lightest on top.
- ✓ Only load pallets no more than 400 kgs on top deck.

And DON'Ts

- ✗ Never double stack pallets on the top deck.
- ✗ Don't rely on internal nets or roof-mounted buckle straps to secure items or stacks weighing more than 400kg.
- ✗ Don't load anything you think is unsafe or unsuitable.
- ✗ Never try to remove a collapsed pallet from the top deck - TELL YOUR SUPERVISOR.
- ✗ Never put hazardous materials on the top deck including: Pallets with poorly wrapped or unsecured freight on them | Batteries | Gas cylinders | Pallets weighing more than 400 kgs | Pallets with uneven distribution of weight | Live loads ie IBCs/liquid tanks.
- ✗ Do not load pallets with poorly wrapped or unsecured freight on them at any time

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