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Recommended method of manually unloading Trusses less than 95g (where they can be reached from the ground)



Do not access the bed of the vehicle unless absolutely necessary and only when using agreed method of working at height safety equipment.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Required							
	Head Protection		Hi Vis wear		Safety footwear		Hand protection

Main Hazards									
	Weather		Manual Handling		Slip, Trip, Falls		Falling items		Falling items from above

Method		
<p>1. The customer is responsible for providing an appropriate number of able bodied Personnel for the unloading of all materials.</p> 	<p>2. The customer is responsible for the provision of sufficient labour to lift the product in accordance with the Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992. The manual lifters MUST NOT lift and load beyond their lifting capacity. If the unload is deemed to be unsafe, the driver will contact his manager for instruction of which may result in the load being returned back to the manufacturer.</p>	<p>3. The driver will position the vehicle where possible to ensure that truss packs are leaning towards the centre bars and are secured in position.</p> 
<p>4. The manufacturer will supply truss packs secured to the trailer with blue 3 core rope . You shall familiarise yourself with which rope attaches which pack to the centre bars.</p> 	<p>5. The driver will cut the banding securing the truss pack to allow separation of the individual trusses. This must be carried out using a closed blade pruning staff from ground level.</p> 	<p>6. Once the load stability has been checked the driver will loosen the transportation straps on the side being unloaded.</p> 

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7. The driver will then separate each truss at the heel by placing a wedge between the first and second truss. If the driver has to mount vehicle, must do so under the authority and supervision of site manager/contractor using **agreed method of working at height safety equipment.**



8. Once this wedge is in place the driver will then strap if possible, the remaining bundle to the centre bars leaving the separated truss to be off loaded.



9. The customer team will then take hold of the truss while the driver cuts the blue rope. Once the blue rope has been cut the team will then off load the truss in a safe manner. Proceed with this recommended method for the remaining trusses.



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