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Data Sheet 2

Handling & Storage

Cast stone should be treated and handled with care at all times to prevent damage and/or staining, especially to finally detailed items and those with a long slender plane. To improve the ease of handling on site, the incorporation of cast-in lifting eyes or other reinforcement may be advised, and further information is available.

Transportation.

As our Product is manufactured and finished to the highest standard, we ensure that all items are packaged so that they arrive at their destination in the same condition as they left the factory. Items are placed on timber pallets, using soft packing between pieces to avoid abrasion marks, and then secured to the pallet with the use of strapping and stretch wrap. Finally, they are shrink-wrapped for added protection.

If haulage has been arranged by us on behalf of the customer, every reasonable step will be taken to ensure that :

- A suitable vehicle is used for transport
- Offloading requirements have been discussed and finalised

Offloading

On arrival at site, palletised deliveries of cast stone should be either unloaded by grab or forklift, using suitable forks.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Under no circumstances should pallets be carried or supported by scaffold poles etc.
- If using grabs, they should grab the pallet, not the Product.
- Slings should not be used without previous discussion.
- Where slings are to be used to lift individual items, the arrises of the item should be protected and the sling positioned in such a way as to provide even support.

On-Site Storage

As, once delivered to site, the continued good condition of the stone is the responsibility of the customer, we recommend adopting the following guidelines.

- After opening pallets to check good condition of stone on delivery, or any other reason, the pallets should be repacked using original packaging material and covered securely with polythene for protection.
- When unpacking the items, the packaging should be cut carefully with a suitably sharp implement, taking care not to damage the face of the stone.
- Items should not be stacked face to face without the appropriate interface packing.
- Re-use original packing where possible
- To prevent damage, store palletised items on flat, dry, level ground at a safe distance from other site personnel, machinery and access points.
- Runners should be used for support on soft ground.
- Store palletised items in an area where they are not likely to be moved before use
- Never stack pallets of Product on top of on another
- Items should be suitably supported by plastic or timber bearers.
- Items should remain packaged as long as possible before use

On-Site Handling

- An assessment for manual handling should be made before moving any items or pallets
- When moving the Product around site, ensure that appropriate plant is used
- Wherever possible, move items to the work area before any obstructions become apparent
- Lifting sockets/eyes must be used where supplied
- To ensure ease of handling, items must be adequately supported and care must be taken not to drop the Product
- During site handling, re-use original packing to protect faces, arrises etc
- Do not slide the items across each other

The information contained within these data sheets are given only as a guide and should not be assumed to meet all requirements.

Please contact Yorkshire Cast Stone Ltd. for further information and guidance.