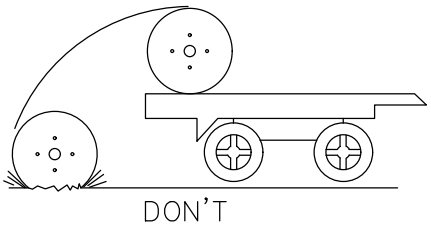
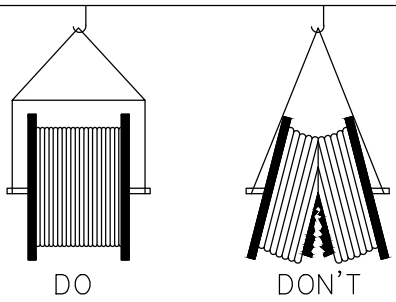
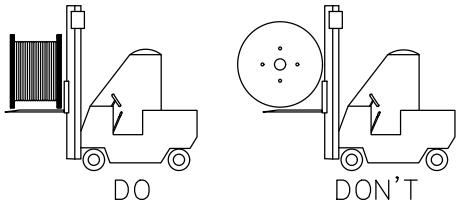


When off loading reels from a truck, lower reels carefully using a hydraulic gate, hoist or fork lift truck. Never drop reels. If reels must be rolled, roll in opposite direction of the cable wraps to prevent cable from loosening or unraveling on the reel

When using a hoist, install a mandrel through the reel arbor holes and attach a sling. Use a spreader bar approximately 6 inches longer than the overall reel width placed between the sling ends just above the reel flanges. This will prevent bending the reel flanges and mashing the cable.

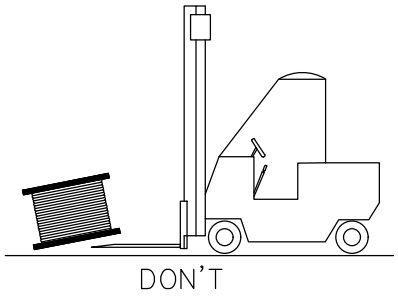




If a fork lift is used, approach the reel from the flange side. Position the forks such that the reel is lifted by both reel flanges. Do not allow the forks to contact the cable. Care must be taken by the Fork lift operator not to make sudden turns or stops.

Cable shipped on wooden or metal reels may be stored outdoors.
When selecting a storage site, consideration should be given to:

* Traffic patterns during off-loading
* Grade and condition of the soil or pavement
* Protection from vehicle damage during the time in storage.
* Environmental conditions such as exposure to heat, corrosive chemicals, etc.



Cable reels should be stored on hard surfaces resting on the flanges edge (flanges vertical). Align reels flange to flange and, if possible, arrange so that first in is first out. Multiple reels stacked on top of each other (Pancake storage), or storing reels flat (flanges horizontal) is not acceptable. The weight of the stack can total thousands of pounds creating an enormous load on the bottom reel. Also, damage to the reel and/or cable will likely occur when the reel is flipped for transit. A concentration of stress on the reel flange may cause it to break and subsequently damage the cable.

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