

Proper Loading of Assembled Reels on a Truck

The following examples show how to properly load empty reels so you can fit more on a truck and maximize your refund after freight deductions.

When Dura-Line secures a truck for reel pickup, we only hire 48-ft. or 53-ft. trucks that are 102-in. wide. If a truck does not meet these requirements, we will not hire it—and nor should you. Smaller trucks will not hold the number of reels shown in this guide.

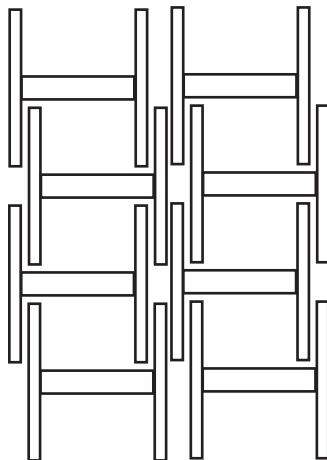
If the truck we send tells you they cannot load that many reels, stop loading immediately and please call us at 800-847-7661. We will contact the dispatcher to ensure they understand that the freight rate is based on hauling a specific number of reels. If you allow a truck to leave underloaded without calling us, we cannot adjust the freight rate afterward.

Below is a chart that shows you how many reels can fit on a truck.

Reel Size	Number of Assembled Reels to Fill a Truck	Weight per Reel
50"	26-30 per flatbed truck	151 lbs.
66"	22-26 per flatbed truck	189 lbs.
72"	20-24 per flatbed truck	204 lbs.
78"	20-24 per flatbed truck	214 lbs.
83"	18-22 per flatbed truck	223 lbs.
90"	16-18 per flatbed truck	239 lbs.
96"	16-18 per flatbed truck	250 lbs.
102"	12-14 per flatbed truck	320 lbs.
114"	10-12 per drop deck truck	322 lbs.
120"	8-10 per drop deck truck	481 lbs.

All assembled reels should be loaded in two rows down the truck bed.

To maximize space, stagger the flanges (wheels) and slide each reel into the empty space where the pipe used to be. This allows more reels to fit on the truck.



When we ship full reels, a truck may only fit 12 reels of 96", since they contain pipe. But once the reels are empty, you can typically load 16–18 reels using the method shown above. See additional examples below.

Below are examples of correctly loaded trucks.

Assembled Reels on a Flatbed Truck



Assembled Reels on a Drop Deck (Step Deck)



Incorrect Method for Loading Empty Reels



If reels still contain unwanted pipe, don't worry about damaging the pipe while sliding the flanges into the open spaces. We will scrap the pipe when it arrives at our plant.



We hope this guide helps you load empty reels efficiently so you get the most value out of your freight and keep more of your refund. Using all available space is always better than paying for empty space. If you have any questions about loading, call us anytime at 800-847-7661.