

Pipe Handling and Storage



1. When handling pipe, use a clear communication system.
2. When handling threaded pipe three or more inches in diameter, use a hardwood hand stick.
3. When two or more people are carrying pipe, carry pipe on shoulders and walk out of step of each other and carry the pipe on the same shoulder.
NOTE: For large diameter pipe, use a pipe caliper.
4. Pick up and lay down the pipe in unison.
5. When handling pipe by mechanical means; personnel will stay clear of the load.
6. When handling pipe by mechanical means do not put fingers or hands into the ends of the pipe.
7. Keep feet away from pipe when pipe is lowered or picked up.
8. Keep the pipe racks in an orderly and safe condition.
9. The space around pipe racks shall be kept clear of obstruction.
10. Rack the pipes evenly and joint above a joint and in a vertical direction.
11. Rack the pipe so the joint ends overlap the pipe racks evenly on both sides.
12. Pipe racked on ground racks shall not be racked higher than 10 (ten) feet above rack sills.
13. Use supports or strips between the layers of stacked pipe.
14. Pipe racks will be pinned or blocked.
15. Do not park vehicles near the loading or unloading areas.