



Handling & Storage of Poles

For Steel / Aluminum Poles

Handling:

The purchaser / installer must ensure the proper handling of the product at the construction site to ensure a damage-free product when installation is complete. Care needs to be taken to ensure the integrity of the product finish. Damage to the finish such as scratches, gouges and marred areas will reduce or eliminate the corrosive resistance of protective coatings. Direct metal to metal contact, such as choking a galvanized or painted pole with metal chains, will cause damage to the finish. Protective materials such as nylon slings or cloth sleeves for chains should be utilized during handling to prevent damage to the finish. Do not utilize any bolt hole opening in either a base plate or simplex plate for lifting or handling any products, as this will cause damage to the finish. The proper repair of any damage or deterioration to the product finish during handling and installation at the construction site shall be the installer's responsibility.

Storage:

The product should be stored in a clean, dry and well ventilated area. Wrapping material should be removed, particularly if poles are to be stored for extended periods of time prior to installation. The product must be stacked in an orderly manner on spacers that raise the product off the ground and above any vegetation. Spacers should also be used while stacking the product to keep individual pieces separated from each other so that air can freely access all surfaces of the product. Stacked product should be inclined so that moisture can drain out. See figure 1 for an illustration of incorrect and correct stacking of product. Resinous wood must NOT be used for spacers or packing, since the resin itself can damage any finish. Use wood material that is dry and untreated (NO CHEMICALS) when transporting and storing all products.

Incorrect & Correct Stacking of Product

