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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The system of slipsheet unit-load handling involves the use of a thin sheet of material, the slipsheet, as a base on which items are assembled as a unit load for handling, transport and storage. Slipsheets provide an alternative to the use of pallets for assembling, handling, transporting and sorting goods in unit-load form.

To use slipsheets, a conventional lift truck is equipped with a special attachment for gripping, pulling and pushing the slip-sheeted unit loads. The attachment may be permanent or removable depending on the application and circumstances. If all lift trucks in the distribution cycle are equipped with the proper attachment, a slipsheet is the only material-handling base required. Unit loads on slipsheet, may be lifted, stacked and then retrieved and handled as a single unit. The stacking height may be as high as five unit loads, depending on the strength of the packing. However, the slipsheet may also be used in conjunction with a pallet, if desired, at certain stages in the distribution cycle.

Originally developed in the United States, the slipsheet provides an inexpensive and lightweight unit-load base that occupies little shipping cube and is more easily disposed of than conventional pallets. If both the shipper and receiver have the appropriate equipment and other basic requirements are met, the full benefits of unitized load handling can be met using slipsheets.