

Safely Parking a Manual Pallet Jack

Manual pallet jacks are an easy way to move heavy palletized loads throughout the workplace. While they take much less training to operate than a powered industrial truck, there are hazards to consider when operating them.

In particular, parking a manual jack incorrectly can present hazards to pedestrians and other machinery in the area.



Following these guidelines when parking will go a long way towards ensuring that these jacks stay where you left them and do not pose a hazard.

First, learn it's parts.

While the configuration may vary between manufacturers and types, below are the basic parts of most any manual pallet jack.



Jacks must always be parked inside of a pallet with its turning wheels fully turned to one side as shown.

Leaving a jack in an open pedestrian lane or where other machines are operating presents tripping and other hazards. Turning the steering wheels lessens the likelihood that the jack will roll away from where it is parked.

Be careful to ensure that the ends of the forks do not extend past the end of the pallet the jack is to be parking in.

Forks that extend beyond may also present a tripping hazards and hazards to other loads and equipment.

