

Storage & Stacking of Casings/ Cages

- Casings and cage storage is not only important on site, but when being transported as well.
- Cages and casings must only be slung and lifted under the direction of a competent person.
- Slings and chains must be selected to ensure their SWL is not exceeded.
- Long loads should be stabilised by use of tag lines.
- When lifting trestles of cages always use a dedicated lifting beam.
- Whenever possible cages or casings not contained in a trestle should be stored in a single row.
- They should be stored on a firm, level base using suitable bearers.
- Sufficient space should be left between each piece to allow access for slinging.
- If this is not possible then cages/casings must be chocked and the following points should be considered.
- The items placed at the bottom of the stack must be able to support the items placed at the top.
- The bottom row must be chocked, or secured in some other fashion prior to items being placed on top.
- Only stack above the valley of a fully supported bearer.
- Each bearer must be secured by a wedge or chock.
- When a cage/casing is removed from a stack make sure others in the stack are not disturbed.
- Check the stack has remained stable after removal.
- Stand clear of stacks when removing/placing items on them.



Q: Who can sling cages and casings?

Q: Why should you leave space between items?

Q: What should you do when you have removed an item from a stack?