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Pulling Pallets & Forklift Trucks

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A forklift truck shall not be used for any pulling e.g. pulling pallets with pallet pullers or any other method.

In addition, Australian Standards AS2359 part 2 'Model Operating Procedures', 3.32 (General Rules of Operation), clause (I) states: "A truck shall not be used for any purpose for which it is not designed or equipped."

WARNING





The use of pulling attachments attached to the forks, fork carriage or mast, commonly referred to as pallet puller as shown in *illustration 1* **is not allowed** for the following reasons;

- 1. Could result in serious injury or in worst case could cause a fatality, if rope/chain broke or pulling attachment failed or become dislodged.
- 2. Forklifts are not designed for pulling or dragging loads with the front end/mast assembly.
- 3. Use of this type of attachment can cause damage to the carriage or other front end/mast components.
- 4. Use of this type of attachment can cause the forklift to become unstable and tip over.

Illustration 1.

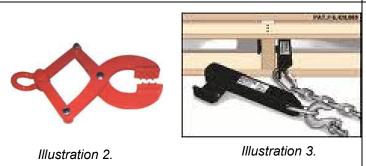
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Examples of different styles of pallet pullers available, <u>also not allowed</u>.

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