



Delivery of Trusses to a Development (Information for Suppliers)

The correct type of delivery vehicle should be selected by the supplier dependent upon the size and type of roof or attic trusses to be transported. The driver must have a current driving licence appropriate to the vehicle being driven and be competent in truss delivery.

If the vehicle is fitted with a proprietary lifting appliance such as a HIAB, the driver must have received appropriate accredited training and a copy of the thorough examination certificate for the lifting equipment available for review.

The maximum weight of any pack of trusses must be **1000kg**.

There should be no reason for anyone to access the rear of a vehicle, to remove securing straps to enable roof trusses to be removed. The supplier must consider how trusses are removed from delivery vehicles and ensure that a safe system of work is in place which prevents persons accessing the rear of vehicles to remove straps etc. Where access is required, the supplier must provide appropriate fall prevention measures appropriate to the vehicle being used. Where trusses are secured to vehicles the following must be applied;

- Trusses should be secured in tight packs using **blue** polypropylene banding. **Blue** bands must be used to secure the trusses in bundles and **white** bands to secure the trussed rafters to the vehicle. This is to enable a clear indication of which banding is used to either secure bundles together or the trusses to the vehicle.
- Trusses should be positioned on the vehicle bed, against the central pole and secured to the pole, using **white** bands. The next pack of trusses must be positioned against the previous pack, and secured using **white** bands to either the previous pack, or the central pole. The vehicle should be loaded progressively from the central pole out to the edge of the vehicle bed, with each pack secured either to the previous pack, or the central pole.
- Each pack of trusses should be secured to the delivery vehicle, or to the previously loaded trusses to prevent any packs becoming unstable whilst unloading.
- The driver should have a set of telescopic cutters to cut the **white** bands securing the bundles to the vehicle from ground level to enable a forklift to unload the trusses safely. The securing and cutting method is to prevent the need to gain access to the rear of the vehicle and enable a forklift or crane to unload them safely.
- Any smaller items that complete an order should be positioned on the vehicle bed between the packs and secured.
- All inverted roof trusses will have 2no. 2 metre slings (with relevant certification) of 1000kg capacity attached to the bottom chord which is uppermost and the slings will be hanging down towards the delivery vehicle bed prior to loading onto the delivery trailer. This is to prevent damage to trusses when being positioned into apex up position.



- When trusses are being lifted directly on to the wall plate it may be required that the trusses are fitted with lifting slings prior to transportation to site. Where this is asked for, all roof trusses will have slings as previously stated, attached to the top chords prior to loading onto the delivery vehicle.
- The slings will remain the property of the truss manufacturer and will be given back to the driver when lifting has ceased. It will be the responsibility of the truss manufacturer to ensure that the slings are tested and certificated as required by statute.