

These guidelines outline best practices for loading, unloading, stacking, and handling Willki architectural stone panels to ensure they arrive and are stored in optimal condition.

LOADING AND SHIPPING

Willki Stone panels can be shipped using various trailer types, including enclosed vans, flatbeds, and curtain-side trailers. To ensure that the package and product arrives without damage from transportation, we recommend the following:

Pallets must be loaded with their long side parallel to the trailer's length. This orientation ensures maximum stability and safety for both the packaging and the product during transportation.



Double-stacking is allowed only when each pallet is placed directly on top of another, ensuring perfect alignment - preventing shifting and ensuring secure transport.



When strapping the pallets:

- Edge guards must be installed on the top perimeter of the upper pallet before applying strapping.



When possible, straps should be positioned near the edges of the pallet.



Centered straps **without protective edge guards** can damage the product and compromise stability during transport.



STACKING AND INVENTORYING

To ensure safe and efficient inventory storage of Willki panels:

- Always stack on a flat, stable surface—whether indoor or outdoor—accounting for weather exposure, floor conditions, and proximity to traffic.
- When stacking:
 - Align the top pallet corners precisely with those of the bottom pallet, resting them on the corner posts for maximum support.
 - Do not stack if any pallet appears unstable or has damaged or missing boards. Replace or repair before proceeding.
 - Keep stacks pushed tightly together to minimize shifting.
- Due to the weight and structure of the panels:
 - We recommend a maximum of two (2) pallets high for stacking.
 - Do not exceed four (4) pallets under any circumstance, to avoid tipping hazards or product damage.



Important: Improper stacking may lead to falling pallets, risking injury or product breakage. Always assess stability before stacking.