

# STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES PVpallet Series X.L



## **Overview & User Instructions**

PVpallet Series X.L (PVP000031.XL) extends the base of our Series X model to accommodate for larger solar modules. Third party testing on this design ensures the same quality standards as our other product lines. This stackable, collapsable pallet includes walls on the 48" side for increased load protection and is made from post-industrial HDPE.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

- Exterior Dimensions (L x W x H): 96.5" x 48" x 50.1", collapsed height: 10.5"
- ▶ Interior Dimensions (L x W x H): 90" x 44.8" x 42.2"\*, walls must be set to max width only
- Side Wall Dimensions (L x W x H): 44.9" x 3.25" x 42.2"
- > Total Pallet Weight: 320 lb total (Wall: 53 lb, Base: 214 lb)
- Module Capacity: 32 (35 mm), 27 (40 mm)
- Max Load Capacity: 2,000 lb\*\* (see Figure 1 below)
- Max Total Cargo Weight Stacked Above Base Pallet: 2,000 lb, max 2-high stack\*\*

## **SHIPPING**

- > 53' Trailer Quantity: 24 erect (12 stacks of 2 pallets), 120 collapsed (12 stacks of 10 pallets)
- Always follow banding guidelines for loads in transit. When transporting pallets on open trailers or truck bodies, always securely fasten the load to the bed with straps of sufficient strength.



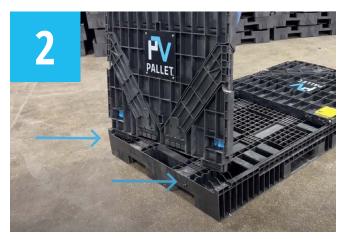
\*Standard extension maximum interior length is 90"; custom lengths available upon request. Dimensions may vary in extreme temperatures.

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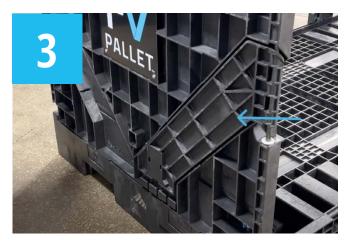
## **Erecting PVpallet Series X.L**



Release the sidewall from the base by compressing either latch and sliding the wall toward you.



Lift the sidewall and place it into the *first* base post pockets; extended base does not allow for adjusted lengths—set at max width only.



 Remove the cross brace from the sidewall and lower it into position.



- Slam the slam latch to secure the cross brace to the base. Engage all brace arms before moving or stacking.
- Zip ties may be used for added security.

**IMPORTANT: Inspect entire unit before and after each use.** Look for missing/damaged/disengaged latches or any fractures in the pallet itself. If any damage is noted, the pallet **SHOULD NOT BE USED**. All features are involved in the proper function of the pallet, so any damage compromises its use. Make sure post pockets, sidewall posts. and cross brace latches are free of debris to ensure the sidewalls are fully secured into the base. Never open cross braces while PVpallet Series X.L Units are stacked. Serious injury or death could result.

## **Collapsing PVpallet Series X.L**

Series X.L pallets collapse down to 1/5 of their original height. Collapsed pallets with nested walls can be stacked 20+ high.



Ensure all slider handles are securely nested in the wall prior to collapsing the unit.



- Disengage the cross braces by releasing the blue slam latch.
- Rotate cross brace arm around 180 degrees, then lift slightly before rotating the remaining 90 degrees.



Lift wall until the posts clear the base wall pockets.



- Gently lay the side walls on the base.
- Move the wall until it nests securely in the base and the wall latch locks the wall in place.

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# **Using the Load Management System "Slider Handles"**



Four slider handles are located in each wall to aid with load management.



Remove the handle from its stowed position by lifting the front lever, then pulling slightly toward you.



- Slide the handle along the rod to desire position.
- TIP: Use the vertical lines in the wall to align top and bottom handles.



• Lock the handle in place by squeezing the front lever back towards the handle.

**IMPORTANT: Slider handles are NOT designed to be the primary means of load securement.** The load management system is meant to aid in handling solar panels during loading and unloading. Always follow banding recommendations for load securement. In the event that the slider handles become loose, use 7/16" socket wrench to tighten.

# **Loading Solar Modules**



 Before loading your Series X.L, lock the two cross braces firmly in place on one side of the pallet.



Lay out two bands used for vertical banding that your modules will rest on.



- Move the slider handles to the desired position.
- > TIP: Slider handles are not needed for full loads.



- Load modules.
- Use remaining slider handles to position modules prior to banding.

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## **Banding Loads for Transit**

#### Following banding recommendations is essential to protecting your solar modules during transit.

The modules must first be cubed using two horizontal and two vertical bands, then secured to the pallet base with two vertical bands—one in each fork pocket.

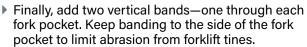


First unitize the load with the vertical bands laid out prior to loading the modules.



> Then add two horizontal bands.

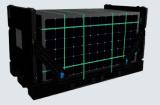






 Once banding is complete, secure the other two cross braces.

FINAL BANDING: Cube modules with two horizontal and two vertical bands, then secure modules to base with two bands—one through each fork pocket.



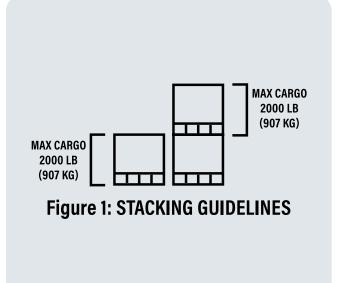
BANDING A 2-HIGH STACK: X banding across upper Series X.L sidewalls and through lower Series X.L fork pockets.



# **Stacking Pallets**

- Series X.L pallets should not be stacked more than two (2) high. The bottom pallet sidewalls can hold a maximum cargo load of 2,000 lb (see illustration below for clarity).\*
- Cross braces must be engaged at all times when stacking and moving erected pallets.
- Ensure pallets are stacked on a level surface and are properly aligned.
- Do not move more than one PVpallet Series X.L unit at a time.
- Always follow the guidelines outlined below. Incorrectly stacking pallets increases the risk of damage to your solar modules and compromises the safety of personnel.

**PROPERLY ALIGN PALLETS** 





When stacking, ensure the fingers at the top of the wall are securely nested into the bottom of the top pallet.

#### **INCORRECT VS CORRECT ALIGNMENT**



- Improperly stacked pallets will have a visible gap between the top pallet and the bottom pallet.
- When stacked correctly, the top pallet will be flush against the sidewalls of the bottom pallet.

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# **Forklift Driver Tips for Stacking Series X.L Pallets**

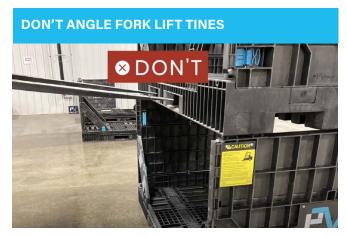
Series X.L pallets are designed to stack on one another relatively easily with practice. Follow the guidelines below to prevent damage to your pallet and ensure personnel safety.



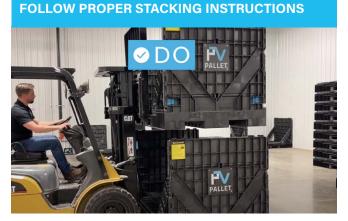
- Don't use standard 42" fork tines on the 48" side.
- To ensure proper support, always use fork extensions (72" minimum) when lifting from the 48" side.



- Don't push, rotate, or "ram" pallets with forklift tines; this could result in structural damage.
- Instead, move pallets by properly inserting forks into the fork pockets.



- Never enter at an angle that is too high or too low. Avoid angles and lifting under pocket bridges.
- Fully insert forks before lifting and stacking pallets
- Always keep tines level with the pallet base.



- > Make sure pallets are properly nested when stacking.
- Always follow stacking weight and height limitations outlined in Stacking Pallets section.

# **Additional Tips**

#### LOCKING CROSS BRACES



- For added safety or security purposes, the cross braces can be locked with a zip tie.
- Simply insert zip tie into the hole on the cross brace located just above the slam latch.

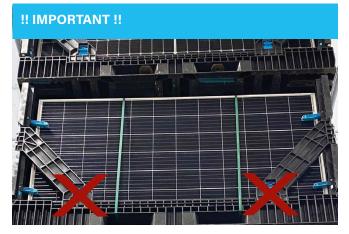
#### **REPLACING SLAM LATCHES**



- The blue slam latches on the cross braces may need to be replaced on occasion.
- Simply insert the spring portion of the latch first, push up to compress the spring, then push it in until it clicks.



- If slider handle becomes loose, tighten the bolt on the handle with a 7/16" socket wrench until the slider handle can firmly lock in place
- Slider handles should **NOT** be used as the primary means of load securement; always follow banding recommendations to secure load.



- Never open cross braces while Series X.L pallets are stacked. Serious injury or death could result.
- Cross braces are essential to the structural integrity of the unit.

## **Final Product Notes & Reminders**

- Series X.L pallets should not be stacked more than 2 high.
- As all products can have unique loading patterns and shifting characteristics, PVpallet recommends that customers perform their own load capacity testing. PVpallet's standard is to target and test to the maximum weight limits as shown in the specifications. PVpallet does not warrant that all loads will perform the same as lab testing.
- Always follow banding requirements for transit.
- Series X.L pallets are not affected by water exposure.
- If exposed to U.V., the color will degrade well before the plastic starts losing its properties; discoloration does not mean lessened performance.
- If stored outside, make sure Series X.L pallets are clean and free of any debris/dirt that would impede the movement and proper engagement of the moving parts.

## DAMAGE STATEMENT

If any damage is visible, the pallet should not be used. Using a damaged product can pose serious risks, including potential injury or harm. Inspect each unit carefully before use and discontinue using the product immediately if you observe any of the following:

- Cracks, dents, or visible structural damage.
- Malfunctioning or warped components or parts.
- Loose brace arms or walls.
- Faded or illegible safety labels and instructions (when applicable).

## **Questions?**

If you have questions or further need assistance, we're here to help. Below are some resources to ensure you get the most out of your product.

## **CONTACT US**

- Phone: (877) 787-2553

#### **Email:** support@pvpallet.com .....

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### **USER VIDEOS**

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