



SHRINK WRAPPING

Here is a very interesting way to shrink-wrap a loaded pallet. It requires the creation of a simple tool, which is basically a broom handle, or similar long round shaft with a stop fixed on it about six inches from one end. A stop can be constructed in many different ways but basically acts to hold a roll of shrink-wrap and prevent it from sliding off of the shaft. When using this tool it is always advisable to wear gloves as your hand can be used on the shrink wrap roll to act as a break and create the tension on the roll for wrapping.

As seen in the top left illustration, to wrap the bottom of the pallet, hold the handle so that the roll of shrink-wrap is towards the bottom. The roll should rotate freely around the handle. Walk backwards around the pallet and at the corners, hold on to the top of the roll and pull, in order to get a good and tight wrap. The length of the handle will give you leverage and will make wrapping the bottom of the pallet quite easy.

As seen in the illustration above on the right, once the bottom is wrapped, pull out about three feet of shrink wrap and flip the handle so that the shrink wrap now is riding on your hand. For the bottom of a pallet you walked backwards but for the top it is easier to walk forward until the entire top of the pallet load has been wrapped.