Fall PacUser Guide

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Introduction

Fall-Pac units are a means of mitigating the effects of a fall from height, but all possible steps should be taken to prevent that fall occurring in the first instance. Whilst the bags are a relatively simple method of providing a surface that can absorb much of the impact, they must be carefully controlled to avoid misuse or deterioration. They should be handled with care at all times, and only used for safety purposes. The installation example shown is typical of a housing construction project to protect workers installing roof trusses. However Fall-Pac units are intended for use in any suitable environment to protect against the effects of falls from height.

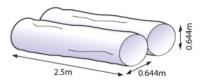


However it is important that there are no obstructions that can be struck in the event of a fall. Fall-Pac units may not be suitable in providing safe solution in these circumstances.

Specification

The Fall-Pac system units are 2.5 metres in length x 644mm diameter.

Outer Material: woven coated polypropylene bags. Inner Material: Directly filled with modified polystyrene packaging medium.



Preparation and Inspection

It is particularly important to inspect the units on a regular basis, specifically before each re-use: Ensure that there are no cuts or rips, or unfastening of the elements and check there is no spillage of the contents of any unit. Any unit, which has lost any part of its contents, should be isolated and not used.



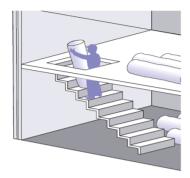
Any unit that is abnormally compressed should be isolated and not used. Check that the height of fall does not exceed a maximum of 2.8 meters. Ensure that the positioning of the units fully fills the enclosure required.

The support to each unit should be sufficient to bear the impact of a fall. The storage of units should not permit the build up of mildew or moisture that could cause deterioration in the product.

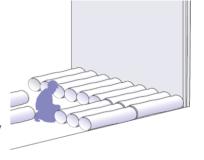


Ground Floor Installation

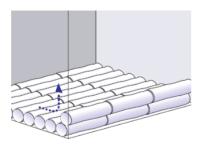
Working from one corner, clip and push units together to form a complete connected unit. All clips should be fastened except those on the perimeter.



Where the area to be covered by the final row of units, allow the unit to curve up the perimeter wall alternatively over lap the units ensuring the area is covered. If it is likely that falling mortar may occur, covering and protecting the clips will reduce the maintenance required.



If any materials should fall from above that could result in injury in the event of a fall, ensure that it is removed as quickly as possible.



Once first floor joists are fixed and brickwork is commenced. The units can be used for protection on the first floor by passing them through the stairwell opening. The stairwell should be covered at all other times.

Installation at First Floor Level

You should always work from a safe working platform. Install scaffold boards or similar (e.g. suitable plywood) directly onto the joists at right angles to the joists. The units can then be deployed in a similar manner to that on ground floor installation.

Consideration should be given to the moving and handling of the units into position, either from the exterior scaffold or internally, to minimize the risk of manual handling risks, or any risk of falls through openings such as stairwells.

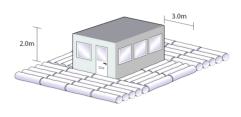
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Elevated work surface Installation

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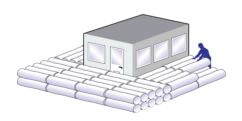
- Any unit that is abnormally compressed should be isolated and not used.
- Check that the height of fall does not exceed a maximum of 2.8 meters.
- Ensure that the positioning of the units is flush with the edge of the elevated surface.
- Ensure there is sufficient coverage to protect the potential fall area.
- The projection distance out from the elevated surface is calculated at height of potential fall plus 1metre.
- The storage of units should not permit the build up of mildew or moisture that could cause deterioration in the product.

Working from one corner, to form a complete row parallel with the side of the elevated surface.

Repeat with the next row ensuring all clips are fastened repeat this until desired coverage is achieved typically five units will suffice for a two metre potential fall hazard.

Repeat along the other sides of the elevated surface and clip and push units together with the units already installed to created a completely interconnected surface.

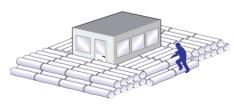




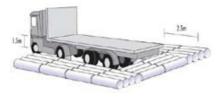
To reduce height of the potential fall multiple layers of units can be installed by repeating the installation method on top of the first layer, each additional layer reduces the potential fall by 644mm.

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Should multiple layers be required it is advisable to add an extra single layer of units around the perimeter of the installation to prevent injury to personnel dismounting the units.



Flat Bed Trailer Installation





Working from one back corner, clip and push units together to form a complete row parallel with the side of the trailer

Repeat with the next row ensuring all clips are fastened repeat this until desired coverage is achieved typically four units will suffice. Repeat along the other side of the trailer.

To install at rear of trailer to give complete protection working from the centre of the trailer clip and push units together to form a complete row parallel with the rear of the trailer.

Repeat with the next row ensuring all clips are fastened repeat this until desired coverage is achieved again typically four units will suffice.





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Should access for Forklift trucks be required the units can be arranged if varying formations to accommodate this.

Safety

The Fall-Pac units have a recommended life of five years. Although depending on use and care of units this can be exceeded. Fall-Pac systems are designed for the purpose of reducing the risk of injury in a fall from height, and should only be used to reduce this risk during accidents.

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