

Receiving SIPs

SIPs are often delivered via tractor and full-length trailer. Because of the size and weight of the truck, an improved roadway surface with sufficient overhead clearance (approx. 13') is required. A turn-around area may also be required under certain circumstances.

The off-loading of the panels is the responsibility of the owner/contractor.

Panels are stacked and bundled according to size and optimum panel nesting. These bundles can be wide and unwieldy. Because of their length, height, weight, and width, the common forklift truck or tractor with a forklift option is sometimes not adequate for unloading a truck. For many shipments, a large capacity forklift with 5' or longer forks or fork extensions will be necessary to safely unload. When notified of the shipment of the panel package, the SIP installer should be available and prepared for the arrival of the truck. Most trucking companies will charge an additional hourly fee if unloading exceeds two hours.

The Bill-of-Materials and Bill-of-Lading are part of the shipment documentation. As material is unloaded, check to confirm the delivery of all items on the itemized Bill-of-Materials. If panels or other material on the Bill-of-Materials are not included in the shipment, or have been damaged during shipment, note those items on the Bill-of-Lading and notify your PorterCorp sales representative immediately. Signing the Bill-of-Lading without notes indicates that all materials listed have been received in full and in good condition.

Important note: Due to the high cost of freight, and the necessary manufacturing sequence, PorterCorp typically does not delivery panels in numerical order. We do our best to manufacture SIPs with as little waste as possible. Our drive to eliminate waste leads us to optimize our cutting process in a way that best "nests" the panels in the 8'x24' pieces we laminate. Please contact us if your project requires a certain delivery order. We will do our best to accommodate this requirement, but it may lead to an additional charge.