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Carrying Equipment in Mobile Elevated Work Platforms

Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPs) are often used to elevate personnel and equipment for construction tasks. However, there are a few basic points that must be considered.

As a general rule the load should fit inside the confines of the platform AND still facilitate access, emergency egress and not compromise the operation of the controls.

The weight of the equipment, personnel & tools must not exceed the rated capacity or Safe Working Load (SWL).

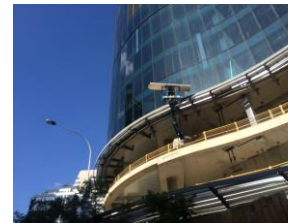
Where will the equipment and tools be placed? Tools must not be stored or placed on or in the vicinity of the controls. Equipment should not result in a hazard to operators and other occupants.

Placing loads directly on the handrails is not permitted. Equipment should not exceed the confines of the platform unless approved by the manufacturer.

Rack attachments are available from some manufacturers and are only compatible with certain models.

When racks are supplied, they should be accompanied with the following safe use information:

- 5.1 Installation instructions - including the MEWP model(s) to which the rack can be fitted.
- 5.2 Specifications regarding: The capacity of the rack and the combined capacity of the rack and MEWP. (Generally, the total rated capacity will be less than that of the MEWP fitted without racks).
- 5.3 The load size and shape - i.e., the maximum size and shape of the load that can be carried.
- 5.4 The maximum wind speed - which should be 0m/s (indoor use only - sheltered from winds) or at least 12.5m/s.
- 5.5 Recommended methods for securing the load.
- 5.6 The tare weight of the rack(s).
- 5.7 Instructions for use - including prohibitions and residual risks.
- 5.8 The rack should also be marked, and decals supplied that reflect the specification.



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