

The difference between pallets vs skids

The pallets vs skids question comes up often with clients. The terms pallets and skids are often used interchangeably, but there is a distinct difference between the two. So, what is the difference between **pallets vs skids**?

Skids

Skids have no bottom boards. They are comprised of top deck boards and stringers. A wooden skid is often used as a permanent foundation for heavy equipment. Also, a skid can be dragged more easily than a pallet.

IMPORTANT: Skids can be used with both InnoLIFT Open Bottom Loader (OBL) AND Straddle models.



This wooden skid has 4 top deck boards and 3 stringers. Some skids have the stringers notched out to allow the skid to be picked up from the sides with forks. **There are no bottom deck boards.**

Pallets

Pallets are comprised of top deck boards, stringers, and **bottom deck boards**. They are more stable than skids because of the bottom boards and are much more commonly used. A pallet can have 4-way access or 2-way access.

IMPORTANT: Pallets (40" wide or under) can be used with InnoLIFT Straddle models ONLY.



This wooden pallet has 7 top boards, 3 stringers, and 4 bottom boards (2 on each end and 1 in the middle). The stringers are notched to allow the pallet to be picked up from the sides with forks.

InnoLIFT Models Description:

***Straddle** models have a “**forks inside support legs**” system - meaning the support legs go on the outside of the pallet or skid.

***Open Bottom Loader (OBL)** models have a “**forks over support legs**” system - meaning the forks rest on top of the support legs; raising the forks will cause the bottom deck boards to break.