

# CHECKLIST FOR RECEIVING YOUR DUCTILE IRON

# WHAT YOU MUST KNOW BEFORE YOU LET THE TRUCK GO

#### **SAFETY FIRST**

- Unload your pipe in a safe location, free from traffic hazards. The truck and trailer require ample room to maneuver.
- Wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Carefully inspect all bands or straps securing the pipe, as they may have come loose during transit.

#### **ESTABLISH UNLOADING AREA**

- Unloading area should be level, free of debris and potholes to maintain the stability of the truck and trailer.
- Look up and look around. The area should be clear of overhead electric lines. Contact with a power line can be dangerous – even deadly.

Area should be clear of all traffic. Vehicles, pedestrians, truck drivers, or other employees not involved in the unloading process should stay away from the area.

Ensure there's enough lighting for early morning or evening loading or unloading.

Ensure proper equipment is on-site to handle the weight of the pipe and to safely unload the pipe.

#### **INSPECT YOUR PIPE SHIPMENT**

- Verify your quantities. Count the sticks of pipe while they are on the truck, making sure they match the quantities on your Bill of Lading (BOL).
- Examine the pipe identification label which indicates the following:
  - Pipe Size (Diameter)
  - Pipe Class
  - Joint Type
  - Linings
  - Coating
  - Cast Date

Create a separate stack for the gauged pipe. The gauged pipe will be used for field cuts.

## WHERE ARE YOUR GASKETS AND PIPE LUBE?

Confirm the quantity of gaskets by checking the bags or crate they arrived in. The driver may have placed gaskets in the truck cab, protecting them from the elements or theft.

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- Once you have your gaskets, protect them by storing them out of the elements.
- Each load of pipe will come with pipe lube. Pipe lube is typically stored in large bags that can often be found in the crates with your gaskets.

## **DID YOU RECEIVE A BILL OF LADING (BOL)?**

The BOL is a required document that serves as a receipt of freight services between the carrier and the freight shipper. The BOL serves as the Proof of Delivery (POD). Ensure all necessary details are listed to process and invoice the shipment correctly such as:

- The date of delivery
- The number of units
- The freight classification
- The weight, etc.

#### WHEN TO SIGN THE BOL

- Are you the person designated to receive the shipment? If so, be sure to confirm the following before signing the proof of delivery:
  - The shipment was intended for you
  - The shipment's entirety arrived
  - The shipment arrived undamaged
- If you find that product is missing, or you've received the wrong product, or the product is damaged, mark your BOL with details. If damage is visible, take a photograph for proof and have the driver sign as a witness. Once you sign the BOL, the product is yours.

For more details, see our informative blog "Receiving Your Ductile Iron Pipe" at McWaneDuctile.com/Blog or contact your local McWane Ductile Sales Representative.



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