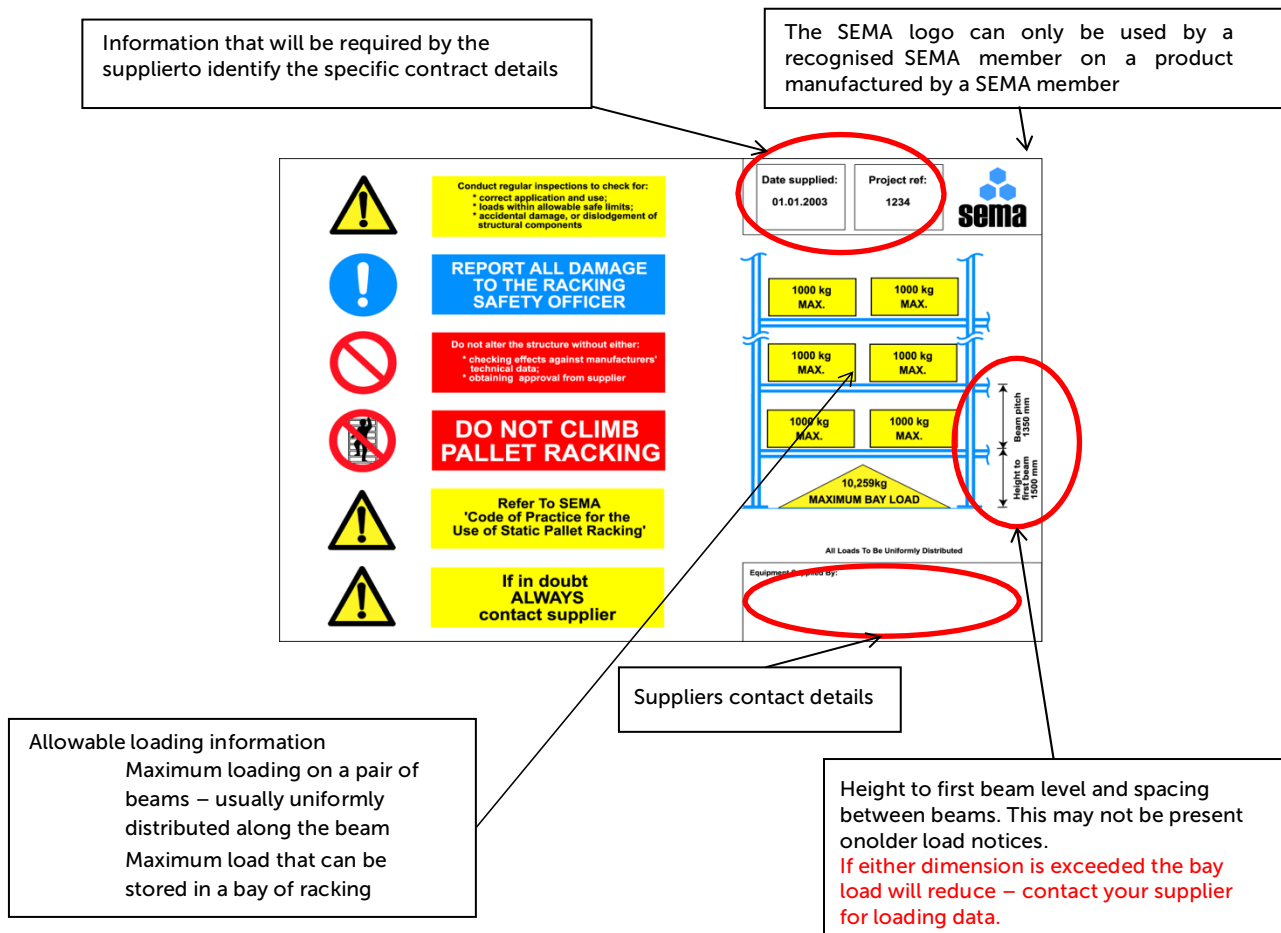




Load Notices

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This bulletin explains the purpose of a load notice and gives the responsibilities of the various parties.

Load notices provide essential information for the safe use of a storage system and an explanation of the SEMA load notice is available on the SEMA website

<http://www.sema.org.uk/load-notices>

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Responsibilities.

Employer

"The Workplace, Health, Safety and Welfare Regulations 1992, and "The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998" (PUWER) require Employers to provide their employees with storage equipment that is safe to use and impose an obligation to train their employees in how to use the equipment.

Employers must also ensure that the racking system is regularly inspected, repaired, and maintained.

If the user of a racking system requires a modification to the rack the effect of the change must be verified by the original supplier or a competent designer. The load notices must be replaced or updated to show the new limitations of the system.

Employees

Employees must adhere to safety information, not exceed the limits stated and follow the guidance provided.

Supplier

The supplier of the storage system is responsible for the data on the load notice. Load notices should be of sufficient quantity and position to enable the system to be used safely.

Inspectors

SEMA Approved Rack Inspectors (SARI's) should establish as an integral part of an annual rack inspection, that load notices are fitted and that they are clearly visible.

My racking system does not have a load notice, what should I do?

1. Contact the supplier of the system; it is unlikely that reliable data for a load notice can be provided without a physical inspection to verify the configuration and condition of the system.
2. SEMA Approved Rack Inspectors are trained to identify rack damage and incorrect installation and a small number, who are employed by companies which design racking systems, may also have the skills and knowledge to check the loading capabilities of the structure.

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