

MEZZANINE SAFETI-GATES, INC. PROVIDES NEW & CUSTOMIZED GATES TO MEET OSHA CODES AND ANSI STANDARDS

October 17, 2012 Essex, MA – Safety in distribution centers and multi-level facilities is not just a good idea but is also mandated by OSHA. In order to meet OSHA codes, all pallet drop areas on mezzanine and pick modules must be secured by an appropriate barrier whenever material is not in the process of being delivered. A staged pallet holding a gate open, like a self-closing swing gate, is an OSHA violation. New ANSI standards take the OSHA code a step further specifying that a pallet drop area must be secured at all times - even while pallets are being delivered or removed. A single-barrier system like a swing or sliding gate does not meet ANSI standards. To help companies comply with these requirements, Mezzanine Safeti-Gates has created a new Rack-Supported Pivot Model.

OSHA codes refer not only to pallet drop areas on structural platforms but also to rack-supported pick modules. The Rack-Supported Pivot Gate from Mezzanine Safeti-Gates, Inc., ensures OSHA and ANSI compliance by using dual, interconnected gates to maintain a safe environment at all times. The gates are manually operated and counterbalanced for an easy, ergonomic operation. When the gate on the ledge/loading side is open, allowing pallets to be loaded into the module, the gate on the rear/picking side is closed, maintaining a safe, controlled-access area. To access the pallets, the operator on the platform raises the rear-side gate to gain access to the pallets while the ledge-side gate closes to maintain a safe area. When the area is ready to be replenished, the operator simply closes the rear-side gate.

This unique design attaches directly to existing rack components to maximize space in the bay and reduce cost. Installation is quick and easy. Special design features allow the ledge-side gate to close flush with the edge of the pick module so the gate does not extend into the lift-truck aisle. The rear-side gate extends only a few inches into the pick aisle to capture the pallet but retracts into the confines of the rack when open, maintaining a clear working aisle. The Rack-Supported Pivot Model can fit any brand of pallet rack in any configuration and is available in multiple pallet widths and depths. The design can also be used to secure the ledges of multiple deep pallet flow lanes. Securing a pallet flow lane is necessary, as often the lanes are decked over allowing access to the ledge and pickers often walk between lanes to work pallets, providing an unsecure working area.

All picking positions on a rack-supported pick module should be secured with a dual-gate system to ensure OSHA and ANSI compliance. The Rack-Supported Pivot Model is a proactive, ergonomic design that will ensure compliance while not impeding on production.

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