

# PALLETS

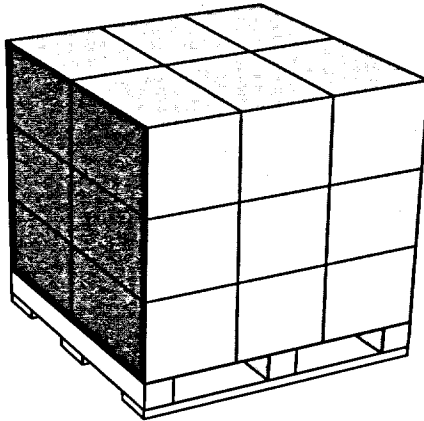
A pallet can be made of wood, corrugated paper, plastic, or metal. The choice of which to use is based on such criteria as weight of load, climatic environment, durability requirement, local availability, cost, and acceptability in the destination country.

See **Safe Stowage** for details of pallet specifications, sizes, materials, stowing patterns etc.

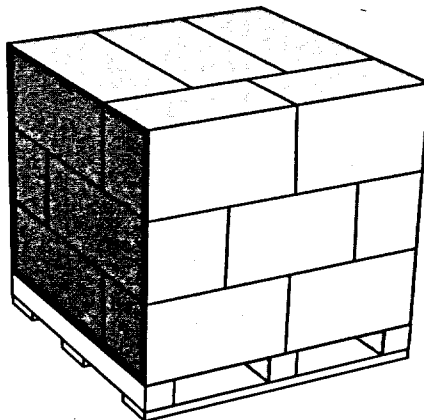
Proper loading of pallets is essential for safe shipment of goods. If pallets are to be stacked, and they usually are, then precautions must be taken to ensure that the carton or cartons on the pallet do not collapse under the weight of superimposed pallets.

## *Carton Patterns on a Pallet*

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*Vertical (columnar)*



*Interlocked*