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### **Canada Pallet Policy**

In order to effectively distribute products to our mutual customers, Gordon Food Service distribution centers accept only rental pallets from CHEP or PECO. Vendors not complying with our requirements will be charged \$50.00 per pallet. This charge is considered compensation for the time and effort spent tipping or re-palletizing and disposing of a damaged or non-acceptable pallet.

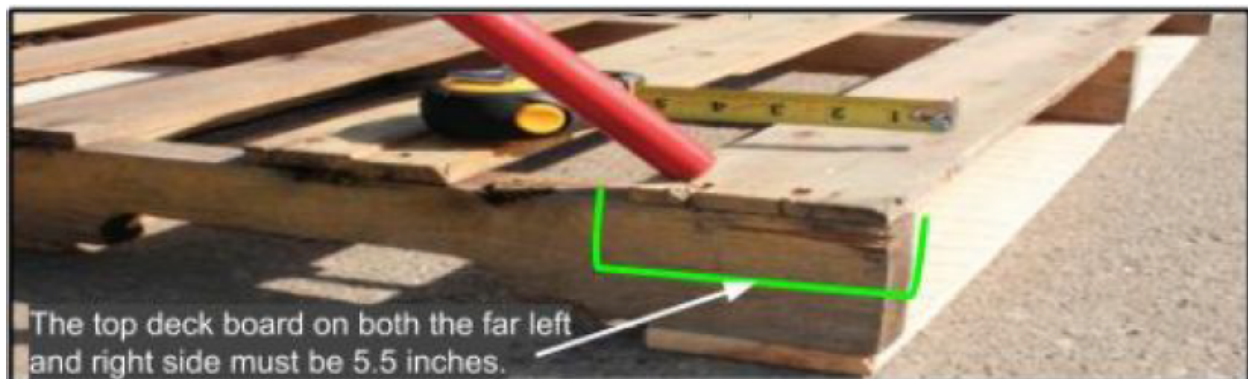
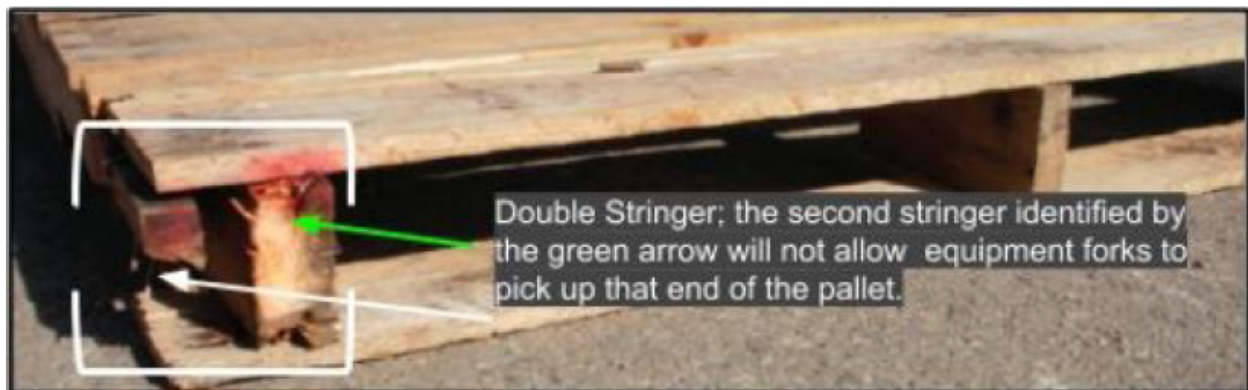
Pallets will be inspected for compliance at the Gordon Food Service receiving dock upon delivery of goods. Pallets not conforming (ex: Non-CHEP or Peco, protruding nails or contamination) will be tipped or re-palletized and disposed of at the point of receiving. Vendors have the option of hiring the Gordon Food Service approved service provider to accommodate the re-palletization of product due to unacceptable pallets or damaged product.

#### **Minimum Pallet Specifications:**

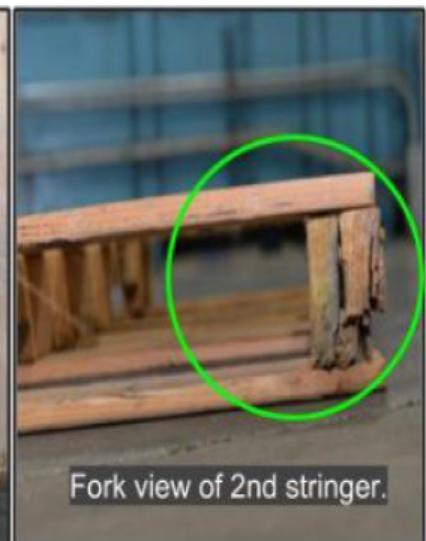
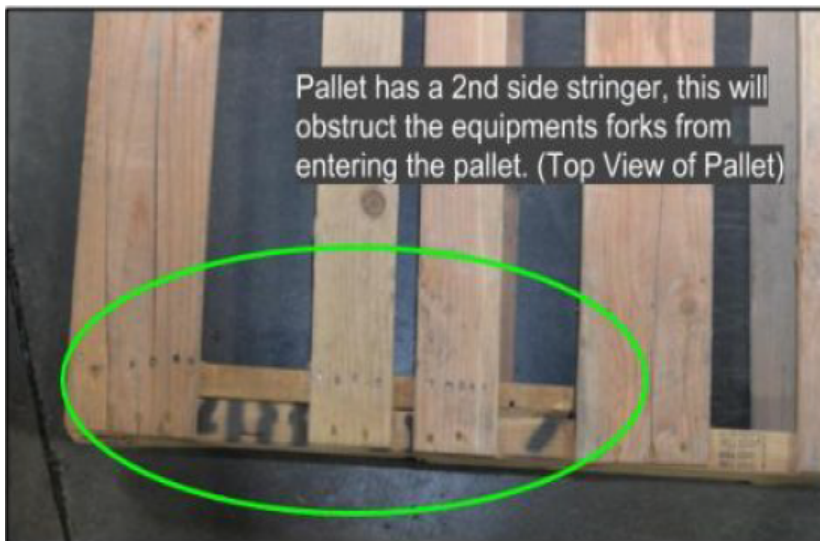
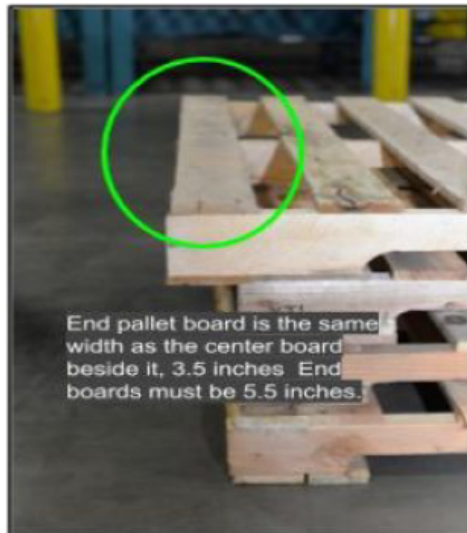
- **Measurements:** 48 x 40, 4-way entry, load-bearing capability 2,500 pounds construction
- **Top and bottom** deck boards are 9/16" thick
- **Top of pallet** has a 5 1/2" x 40" board on each end, and five 3 1/2" x 40" boards in the center
- **Bottom of pallet** has a 5 1/2" x 40" board on each end, and three 3 1/2" x 40" boards positioned between the notches
- **Alternate** acceptable construction for GMA pallet is six 5/8" x 5 1/2" x 40" board on top, and four 5/8" x 5 1/2" x 40" boards on the bottom
- **Stringers**
  - Should be 1 3/8" x 3 1/2" x 48"
  - Should have two notches in the side to allow for forklift entry which makes it a 4-way pallet
  - Should not be split through more than 2" unplated, no double stringers or block-patched stringers
- **Protruding Nails:** Not acceptable
- **Contamination:** No grease, chemicals, or any other material that would soil or damage the product or its container

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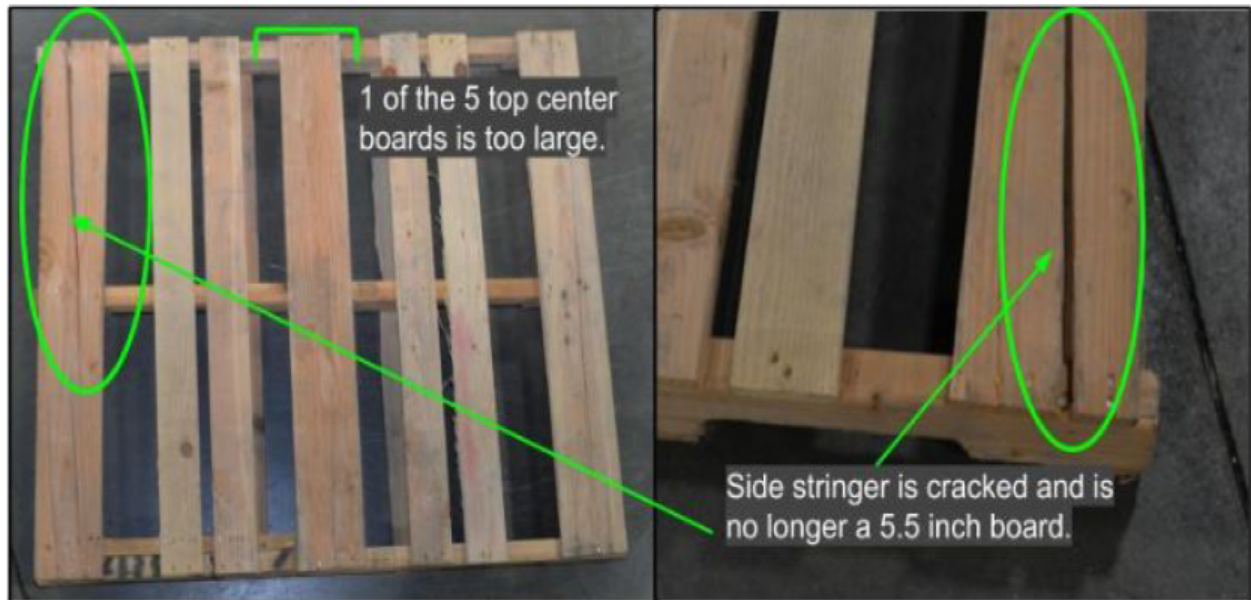
**Example Pictures of Bad Pallets:**



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