



PLACING YOUR NEW CONCRETE PRODUCT: INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE

Removing Plastic & Metal Strapping

1. **DO NOT leave plastic and metal strapping on palletized units** for an extended time. Plastic and strapping can permanently damage the surface of your concrete product, especially if left out in full sun and varying weather conditions.

Transport and Installation

1. Due to size and weight of concrete products, great care should be taken in moving, transporting, and installation.

2. Planters and/or Box Benches should be kept in an **upright position** and are best transported using wood pallets with pallet trucks or a forklift for greater distances.

3. **NEVER TRY TO PLACE PLANTERS & BENCHES USING BARE METAL FORKS ON FORKLIFT.** Forks that are not wrapped to protect metal from contact with concrete planters and/or bench units will damage the surface finish, scratch, or even chip the edges of the product.

Clean/debris free tow straps (rated for weight of product being lifted), can be secured around product and should be used in conjunction with a forklift for lifting product off of shipping pallet and placing with guidance on the ground. Straps can be secured to internal lift points (if present), or cradle strapped around the product. Padding such as a moving blanket, foam, or similar padding should be placed between strap and concrete product so that contact of straps do not fracture concrete edges or mar surface finish.

4. **CAUTION:** Forklift operators should take extreme care in lifting and locating planters and/or benches, especially during installation. Excessive force in placing units, including dropping and bouncing will cause damage to the unit, including fracturing, cracking, or chipping. **DO NOT USE** pry bars, boards, or similar items to adjust placement of units on the ground as direct contact will cause damage to units. Form and Fiber Inc. is not responsible, nor liable for damage to planter pots and/or box benches from installation on-site.

5. Extreme care should be taken to protect concrete bases, edges and rims from chipping with use of protective cushioning or moving blankets.

Installation and/or Moving After Initial Placement

1. Form and Fiber Inc. is not responsible, nor liable for accidents resulting from the installation, nor the attempted relocation of planter pots and/or box benches.

2. Owner assumes all risk, including safety, liability, and damages that may result from installation and/or relocation.

3. Form and Fiber Inc. does not recommend relocation, nor warranties condition of concrete products in doing so.

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Construction and Finish

1. Planters are 3 to 3.5 inch thick cast concrete that are manufactured with standard drain holes or no drain holes. Drainage holes CANNOT be added in the field. Box Benches are cast 3 inches thick.
2. Planters and Benches have an average strength tested at 28-30 days of 5,810 psi.
3. Planters and Benches are lightly sanded and sealed, inside and outside, to enhance color and protect surfaces from moisture, dirt, and stains.

Cleaning and Maintenance

1. Planters and/or Box Benches should be cleaned on a biannual or annual basis. Use warm, mild soap and water with soft cloth. Do not use wire brushes or high-pressure washers.

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