# STORAGE & HANDLING GUIDELINES

SILVERMINE®
The First Brand of Mortarless Stone Veneer

**The document contains recommendations for general storage, loading, and transporting of Silvermine Stone® products. Care should always be taken to inspect and assess each specific situation, as a variety of factors can influence the actual actions that need to be taken to ensure a safe condition when handling Silvermine Stone®.**

## STORAGE

Silvermine Stone® products are packaged in wax coated corrugated boxes that are designed to withstand moisture and support the weight of the Silvermine Stone® product. It is best to store Silvermine Stone® inside or undercover where the boxes are protected from UV, rain, and snow. As with most packaging materials, excessive exposure to UV rays and precipitation can cause the wax coated boxes to break down over time.

From the factory Silvermine Stone® products are packaged in pallet quantities. Pallets are able to be stored on the ground as well as in industrial racking that is designed to support pallets. Care should be taken not to put more weight on a set of racking than it is designed to hold.

Pallets of Flats, Corners, Pillar Stones, and Sills may all be stacked two (2) pallets tall on the ground. Please take proper care to ensure the ground should be level and flat, failure to do so can create an unsafe storage environment, and can cause product damage.

**Pallets of Pillar Caps and other accessories are not recommended for stacking.**

When storing pallets in industrial racking, pallets should NOT be stacked directly on top of each other. Figure 1 shows pallets of Silvermine Stone® properly stacked and stored both on the ground and in industrial racking.

Note: for airflow and product curing it may be best to cut holes in the shrinkwrap.



*Figure 1*



Pallets of:
Flats | Corners | Pillar Stones | Sills
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tall on the ground.

## TRANSPORTING PALLETS

Silvermine Stone® pallets are designed to be transported by a forklift or a truck. Only transport pallets in a single layer. Pallets should NOT be stacked when being transported by a forklift or a truck. Only single layers of pallets should be transported, double stacked pallets should NOT be transported.

Silvermine Stone® pallets are able to be transported on flatbed or "van" style trucks. If transporting on a flatbed, tarping is recommended to help protect the pallets from elements.

Silvermine Stone® pallets may be loaded onto a truck in any orientation and may be loaded from the side of a flatbed or from the end of a van style truck.

When loading pallets onto trucks, pallets should be properly secured. As shown in Figure 2, it is recommended that corner protectors are used when securing the pallets with straps. Straps should be tight enough to secure the load, but not so tight that the straps deform or damage the boxes.



*Figure 2*

## HANDLING AND PACKAGING OF BOXES

Silvermine Stone® is a manufactured stone veneer material that is largely made from concrete. Some boxes do weigh in excess of 100 lbs. Properly packaged and unopened boxes are designed to safely support the weight of the Silvermine Stone® product. Care should be taken to inspect boxes to ensure they are properly stapled and in good condition before lifting or moving individual boxes to avoid injury or product damage.

When shipping less than full pallet quantities, it is recommended that boxes are loaded on to a pallet and then securely fastened to the pallet with shrink wrap or strapping, as shown in Figure 3. Boxes should be oriented "up right" and not laid on the side.



*Figure 3*