



Figure 1

## Handling

When unloading bundles of steel panels, extreme caution is advised. A forklift can dent or puncture the underside of the sheet. It is recommended that a spreader device be used on the forklift for bundles over 20 feet in length to avoid bending in the middle of the sheets.

Care should also be exercised to protect the finish when lifting individual panels from the stack or bundle. Dragging of individual sheets from the bundle can scratch the surface and reduce the paint performance. The paint finish is tough enough to withstand normal weather conditions but can be scratched and abraded if care is not taken.

The panel edges must be protected at all times during the unloading and handling process to assure good fitting and good looking lap joints on the finished installation.