

HANDLING LEAD COVERED CABLE

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1. GENERAL

1.01 This section outlines work methods and precautions to be observed when handling lead covered junk cable manually. It is intended as a guide for employees of the truck transportation group who are called upon to pick up and deliver quantities of junk cable.

2. PRECAUTIONS

2.01 Leather gloves which are in good condition should be worn at all times when handling lead covered cable.

2.02 The proper lifting methods should be employed. No attempt should be made to lift such quantities as might cause strain.

2.03 All body scratches, sores or open wounds should be covered to prevent contact with lead dust, which is a highly infectious agent.

2.04 Special care should be exercised not to wipe the eyes or other parts of the face with gloves or sleeves on which lead dust may be deposited.

2.05 When sections of cable are being loaded in box cars for shipment, every effort should be made to reduce and confine the amount of lead dust agitated.

### 3. LOADING METHODS

3.01 When lead cable is removed from plant and consigned as junk, the lengths are cut into sections of five to six feet to facilitate handling. When loading these sections, care should be taken to distribute the weight equally over the bed of the truck.

3.02 The various sizes and groups of cable shall be kept properly segregated as indicated by shipping papers or other instructions, and any weight tags attached shall be protected from detachment or loss.

3.03 If the amount of cable to be handled constitutes an appreciable weight, wooden cable trays shall be secured from the Western Electric Company platform in advance of loading from ground to truck. The use of these trays, under which a portable jack is inserted for moving, eliminates an operation in unloading and in reloading, and facilitates the weighing process. Precautions should be taken, however, against overloading the trays, which would endanger their structure and might cause collapse of the strap iron legs.

3.04 The iron legs of the trays rest on the steel deck of the truck so that there is a tendency for the trays to slide about. When the loading has been completed, therefore, the trays shall be encircled and bound with a log chain to prevent movement when the truck is under way. Manila rope for binding is not considered of sufficient strength and shall not be used for this purpose.