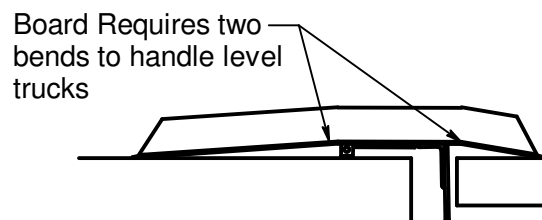
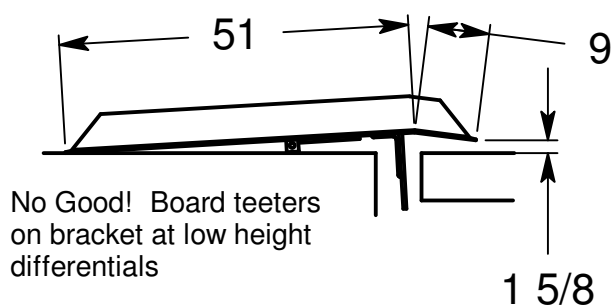


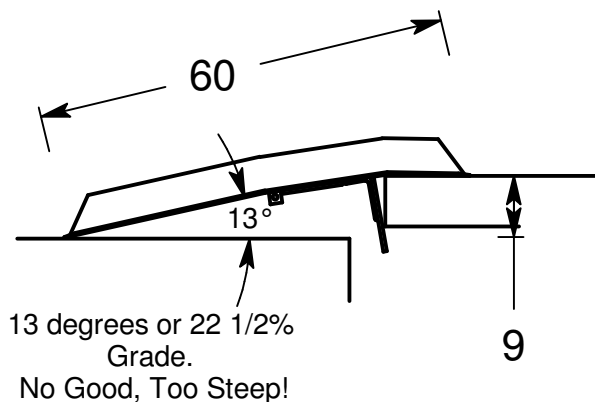
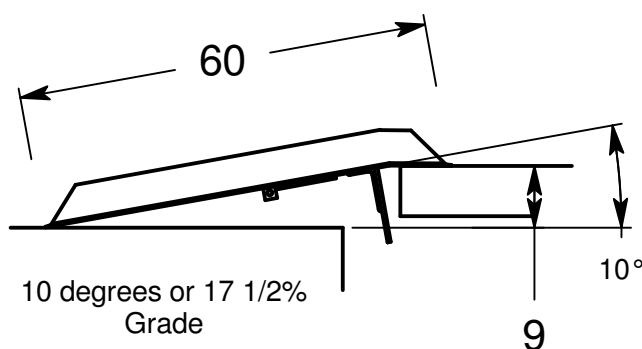
# Pros & Cons of Lifting Loops

Handling Steel Truck Dockboards has always been a greater problem than Aluminum Boards. Because of their greater weight they are totally impractical to handle by hand. Lifting Chains are the main way most boards have been handled, but many people don't like the chains because of the fact that it take two people to use them. One driving the lift truck and a second person holding the chains off the floor of the board so the forks of the truck can get under them. Secondly, when not in use, many people claim the chain are always in the way and they make handling boards longer than 84" extremely difficult. This is why many buyers want lifting loops on truck dockboards. But truck boards with lifting loops have several limitations which we feel you should be aware of.

First the lifting loops are held by brackets which stick down  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " below the bottom of the plate. Because of this, the boards need to have two bends in them to handle trucks which are level with the dock (see below).



Also because of these two bends, the boards, need to be longer to handle the same height differential as a board that only has one bend (see below).



Because of the extra material and labor required to make these changes the price are quite a bit higher than boards with lifting chains. However many people still feel it is worth the additional cost. For these people we have come up with Steel Boards with Lifting Loops (Model No. SAL).