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Aluminum Yard Ramps VS Steel Yard Ramps

Dear potential yard ramp user;

Thanks for your interest in our Yard Ramps. We have been making them for over 30 years and believe we build the best Ramps money can buy. A little background information is in order so you can make an intelligent decision as to what to purchase.

Yard Ramps, **if they are meant to be portable**, are primarily made from aluminum and use serrated steel grating for the deck surface. This keeps the weight of the ramp down and makes the ramp much more maneuverable. This easy of movement enables one person to move and position the ramp where it is needed. In the last 3 years there has been a manufacturer who has been producing a less expensive ramp made from all steel. This ramp is only really practical if it is not moved. The steel ramps also require a setup where space is not a problem and the semi-trailers can back up perfectly in line with the ramp (a possibility but not very likely). Ramps made from Aluminum can pivot and turn short distances easily and therefore can be positioned exactly where they are needed. It is our experience that trucks back up to the ramp and then the front of the ramp needs to be moved 18" left or right. This is very easy with an Aluminum ramp but nearly impossible with the steel ramp. This is why we have been making yard ramps out of Aluminum for over 30 years.

Important items that yard ramps should have.

Serrated Grating – Allows leaves, debris, and water to fall through, gives excellent traction
Level off at top of ramp – Allows forklift and load to be somewhat level when entering trailer
Tapered side Curbs – Allow good tire protection our 25,000 lbs. ramp has 8" high curbs
Easy to use safety chains – Our chains are bolted to ramp – anti theft - keeps chains from walking

Double acting hand pump – For easy raising and lowering of ramp – For push button operation optional battery operated pump can be purchased

Ramps come standard with solid rubber tires – fine for short movement under concrete and asphalt surfaces – Dual pneumatic tires with leaf springs for faster and longer trips Also makes moving ramp easier

Ramp to be evenly balanced – important when moving front of ramp left or right

Ramps have three-year warranty on side frame. Grating and hydraulic parts 1 year.

Enclosed please find more pictures showing these features. Thanks for your interest and I look forward to working with you on this.

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