

Why is a building permit required for racking?

The structural integrity of racking systems directly impacts the safety of building occupants. The building permit process verifies that the racking system (as well as the building's foundation) is designed to support the weight of its contents and is safe for its intended use. The permitting process ensures the racking installation meets the standards of the National Building Code and Fire Code.

What type of racking requires a building permit?

A building permit is required for both pallet racking and storage platform systems.

When is a building permit required for racking?

A building permit is required for racking when:

- Installing new racking system(s) in a commercial/industrial building
- Making significant modifications to existing racking in a commercial/industrial building
- Changing the use or occupancy of a commercial/industrial building that contains racking
- Relocating racking to another commercial/industrial building

What are the submission requirements for a racking building permit?

- Commercial – Permit Information Form
- Commercial – Plan Review Checklist
- Floor Layout
- Engineered Designs (including details on structure as well as anchorage and foundation support)
- Commitment of Field Review
- Manufacturer Specifications
- Building Code Analysis
- Sprinkler Layout (or review if sprinklers exist or are required)

