

Display and Storage of the Home

Weather Protection

If the installation is not started immediately upon delivery of the home, the retailer and/or installer has the responsibility to ensure the exterior weather protection covering of marriage walls and the roof of homes has not been damaged during shipment. Inspect the home immediately upon the delivery and frequently during storage. Promptly repair tears in the home closure materials to prevent damage from the elements. Inspect and repair nail homes in roof shingles with asphalt cement or replace damaged shingles. Inspect and repair siding as needed.

Supporting a Home for Display

When a new home is to be displayed at a retail location, temporarily block and support the home. Set up homes with single block piers (maximum height per Table 9), metal piers or jack stands spaced no further apart than 12 feet o.c. beneath each I-beam. The tire and axle system may be used as one of these required supports, and the hitch jack may be used as another. Locate the first support not further than two feet from the rear end of the home (Figure 1). Place additional supports along the perimeter on either side of openings greater than four feet (i.e. sliding glass doors, bay windows, etc.). For 18" wide homes, perimeter supports must also be spaced no further than 12 feet o.c.

For multi section homes, locate additional supports along the marriage line under support columns. These locations will be marked by the manufacturer.

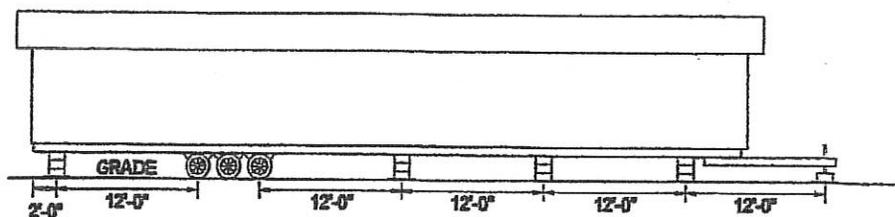


Figure 1. Supporting a home for display

For all homes, place footings below each support. Footings may be placed directly on the surface grade without excavation and may be ABS pads, 2 X 10 by 16 inch long pressure treated lumber or 16" X 16" by 4 inch thick concrete pads.

Supporting a Home for Storage

To prevent damage to homes being stored at the manufacturer's facility, model home center or the home site, but not in display (i.e. people shall not be permitted inside the home) for a period exceeding 30 days, locate supports below each I-beam no further than two feet from each end of the home and at the approximate center of the home length. For 18" wide homes, perimeter supports must also be spaced not further than 12 feet o.c.

Whether the home is being supported for display or storage the height of the home should be no higher than 48 inches as measured from the top of the ground to the bottom of the I-beam. In addition, it is extremely important that the roof/ridge vents are installed while the home is on display. Failure to install the roof/ridge vents may lead to significant damage to the roof and home.