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# Dock Ramps 101

## Streamline Your Shipping & Receiving



Need a dock ramp to streamline your shipping and receiving but not sure where to start? Don't worry, you're not alone! Loading dock ramps are available in a variety of options. If your business requires regular loading and unloading at your warehouse's loading dock, a ramp can make the process a lot quicker and easier.

Here's some information about the more common types of dock ramps and their features to help you decide which ramp is right for you.

### TWO MOST COMMON TYPES OF DOCK RAMPS

#### YARD RAMPS

#### ACCESS RAMPS



## Mobile

- More practical. Features heavy duty wheels, making it easy to move with a fork lift.
- Yard ramps are the preferred choice as a quick loading dock solution, especially if you constantly need a ramp in different locations.

## Stationary

- They are bolted to the ground at installation.
- Preferred choice for a ground to dock solution.

## THINK QUALITY, NOT PRICE!

Consider the following factors before buying your ramp:

### Steel Construction

One of the biggest aspects to consider is its construction. Indoff Material Handling experts can tell you without a shadow of a doubt that STEEL IS KING!

### Support Channel Size

This is critical because this determines the overall weight capacity of the ramp. The thicker these channels are, the more weight the ramp will sustain.

### Steel Supports

It is recommended that the supports under the serrated grating be as close together as possible to help distribute weight evenly on the ramp. Pay close attention to the distance between each support. The more supports there are, the better!

### Thick Serrated Grating

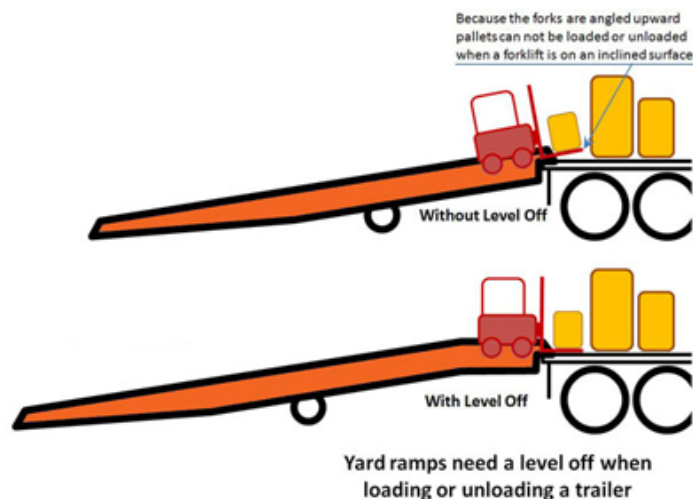
Quality serrated grating is made with high quality steel and is as thick as possible to maximize weight capacity.

### Approach Plates

Having a solid approach from both ends of the ramp allows for smooth transitions from ground to dock and vice-versa.

### Level Off

To have an even level to the floor on the top end of a ramp is important for smoothly connecting to the dock. Make sure that a level off exists on your yard ramp.



There's a lot you need to consider when it comes to dock ramps and levelers, so contact your local Indoff Material Handling Sales Representative to find out more about all the options available as well as the thousands of other products they can supply.