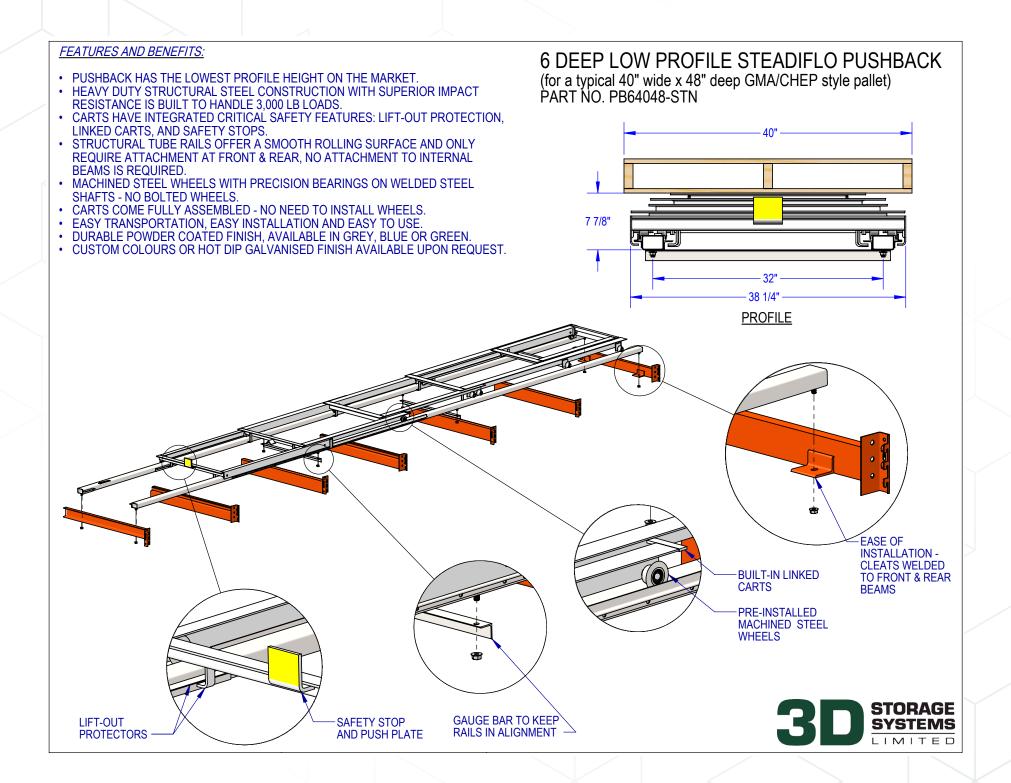
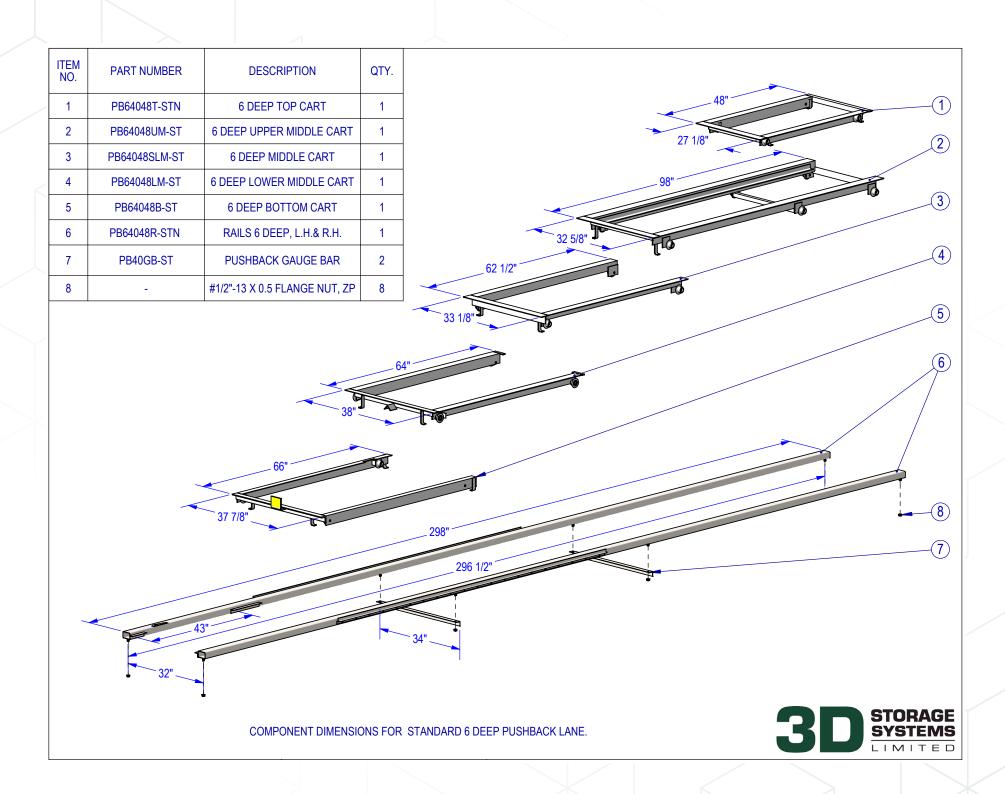
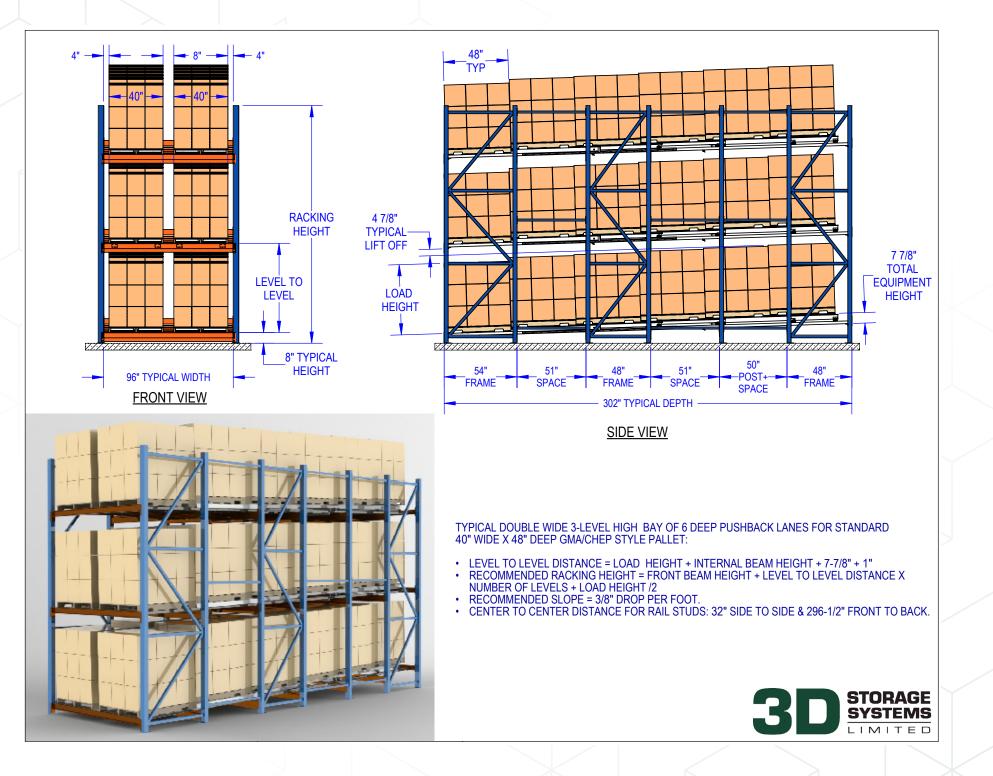
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3D Pushback Systems are designed to be installed quickly,

easily and without field measurement or adjustment. Standard rails have threaded studs welded on the bottom of the rail tube at each end. Front and rear beams, supplied by the rack manufacturer, are normally channel beam construction and include structural angle cleats with slots for mounting the rails. Alternatively, front and rear beams may be of structural angle construction with slots punched to exact spacing to ensure that rails are appropriately spaced and parallel.

Beams in the rack should be installed so that the rail slopes upward from the front beam (at the aisle) to the rear beam. Designers at the rack manufacturer determine the bracket drops on beams to achieve the appropriate slope, which is normally 3/8" per foot.

Typically the rails are fastened only at the front and rear beam positions. 3D has 2 methods of fastening the rails to the beams.

1. STUD MOUNT

This style of rail attaches with $\frac{1}{2}$ " threaded studs welded to the bottom of each end of the rail. Slots in the beam should line up with these studs and a $\frac{1}{2}$ " flange nut should be fastened to the stud once in place. Keep in mind that the rails must be oriented with the lift out angle to the front and facing the inside of the lane.

2. PLATE MOUNT

This style of rail differs only slightly from the rail above. The front and rear of the rail tube should have plates with $\frac{1}{2}$ " holes. These should match up to the holes punched in the front and rear beam. These are then secured with 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{1}{2}$ " bolts and $\frac{1}{2}$ " flanged nuts or nyloc nuts.

Each six deep nested style lane consists of two rails and five carts. The two rails in any lane are different from each other (one left hand, one right hand). Each rail has a lift-out protector, angle 1 ¼" x 1 ¼" x 6" long at the front and 12" long in the middle. Rails should be installed so that the end with the angle is at the load/ unload end. Right-hand and left-hand rails vary in that the lift-out protector angles each face the middle of the lane. There are three sets of studs on the bottom of the rails that require the attachment of gauge bars. These simply fasten with flange nuts and are designed to keep the rails in gauge when under load. When the cart is installed, the lift-out angle brackets on the cart will fit under the angles on the rails.

The hardware required to fasten the rails to the beams is supplied by 3D Storage.

The carts are installed by placing them on the rails just past the lift out angle at the front of the lane. Start with the bottom cart and then place the lower middle inside the bottom cart. The middle cart, upper middle cart, and top cart are shipped together and should be installed next. The bottom cart has a push plate (4" wide, protruding 2 5/8" above the top cart) in the center of the

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front cross member. The carts are always installed with the push plate and or the cross tie closest to the load/unload end. As the carts get deeper they get narrower.

After the carts are installed, they should be checked to ensure that they roll freely up and down the lane. When pushed up a lane, a cart should return to the load/unload end when released. If not, check to ensure that the small lift-out brackets on the cart are running freely below the 1 ¼" x 1 ¼" angle on the inside edge of each of the rails. Be sure to check that the flange portion of the wheel on the 'U' shaped carts is not on the outside of the guide bar.

Carts should have a small amount of side shift allowance to prevent binding of the wheels against the rail. This side shift allowance should be approximately 5/16". If side shift is significantly different from this dimension, then it is advisable that the installer measures the exact distance between the rails and then contacts the rack manufacturer who made the beams or 3D Storage to isolate the cause.

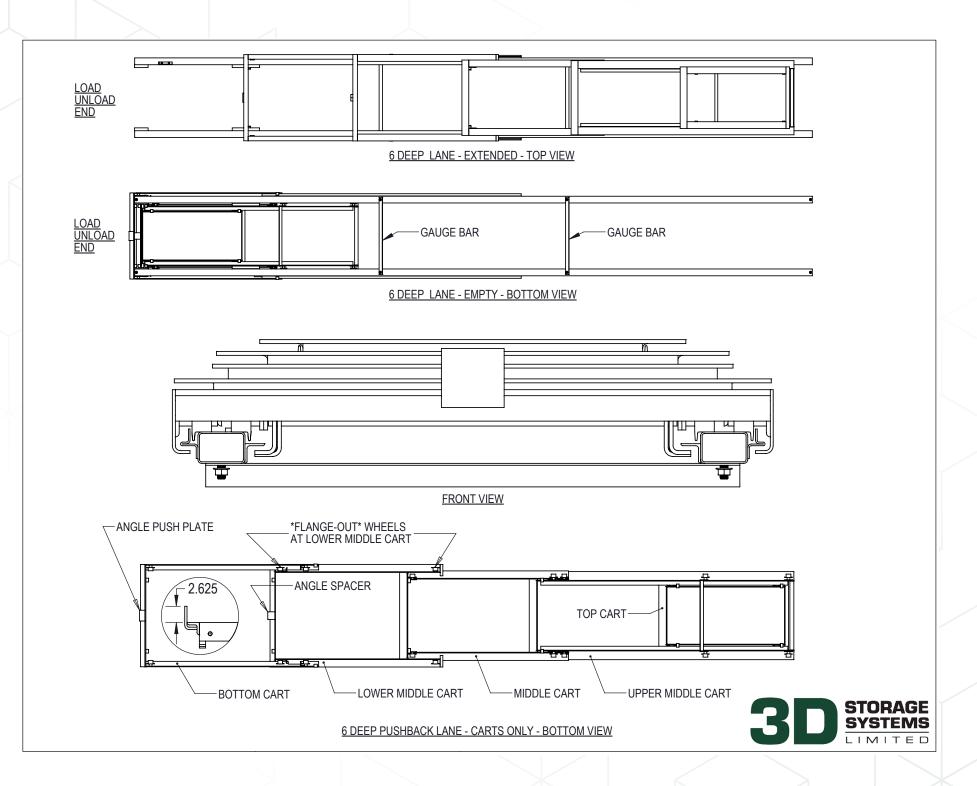
At times it is necessary to floor mount a lane, this is done by replacing beams with risers. The front beam is replaced by a structural angle that is anchored to the floor, the rails attach to it by means of a plate mount. The second position risers are welded to the rails at the time of manufacture. The third position risers are placed on the floor underneath the rails and then slid forward to the front of the system to where the rails are just touching the risers. These risers are then anchored to the floor using the anchors supplied by the rack manufacturer. The subsequent interior and rear beams are rack-mounted beams, the same as on the upper levels.

When installed flanged wheels should always sit inside the Z guide, not outside of it.

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- Pallets must be loaded and unloaded with the forklift squared up to the face of the rack – **Do not approach or** withdraw at an angle.
- 2. When loading the first pallet, make sure the pallet is slightly tilted back towards the truck and 1 to 2 inches above the push plate. If the pallet catches the plate or any cart when loading, lift the pallet a few inches and allow the cart to return to the front before proceeding.
- 3. Put the first pallet down on the cart, ensuring that the pallet is flush with the front of the cart, and not resting on top of the push plate.
- 4. When loading the second pallet, enter while pushing on the first pallet loaded with the back of the pallet being loaded. Push the pallet all the way in and place it on the waiting cart, continue to do this until you are loading the final pallet in the system. Here you are going to catch the Push plate with the pallet being loaded, push the pallet all the way in and place it on the rails behind the front beam. Always push back at a slow and constant speed.

- 5. When removing pallets from the lane, lift the pallet to a level position just high enough to clear the push plate or the front beam. **Withdraw at a slow and constant speed.**
- 6. Make sure that the following pallet comes to the front of the system. If for some reason the pallet is stuck and does not roll forward during unloading, push the pallet back in and back out again. If the pallet is still stuck, reload the lane and do not unload until the cause of the jam has been found and removed. Do not leave stuck pallets in the back of a lane without a loaded pallet in front of it.

