# I-Beam Cantilever Rack Installation and Assembly Guide

(Bolted Bases)

#### **ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:**

UNICOR recommends that this product be assembled only by qualified personnel, experienced in assembly of storage racks, and knowledgeable of all safety regulations and practices. These instructions are intended only for use by qualified individuals using all proper safety equipment.

These I-beam cantilever racks are extremely heavy, and if not properly secured during installation and the assembly could fall, possible causing injury or death as well as damage to property. Users of this information agree to indemnify and hold harmless UNICOR from any and all liability.

#### **Step #1: Check the Material**

- **A.** Check to make certain that all materials have been received. Materials should be checked against the packing lists and Bill of Lading.
- **B.** Notify the shipper immediately of any shortages or product damage.

#### **Step #2: Check the Area:**

- **A.** Clear the area where the rack system is to be located.
- **B.** Check the area for all obstructions, such as lights, heating ducts, pipes, building columns, etc., to insure a clear area for the installation of the storage rack.

#### **Step #3: Lay Out Floor:**

#### Recommended tools: Tape Measure, Chalk Line

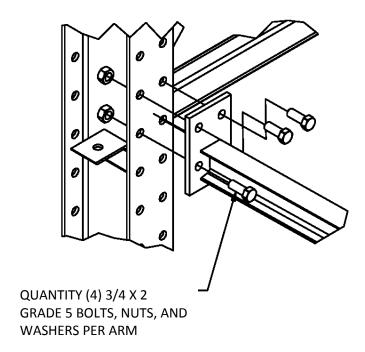
- **A.** Establish the rack lay out by determining the aisle dimensions and the rack position.
- **B.** Snap a chalk line establishing the front edge of the upright bases. The chalk line should run the entire length of the row of rack.

#### **Step #4: Assemble I-beam Cantilever Rack:**

#### Recommended tools: Air compressor, Torque wrench, 1 1/8" drive impacts or equivalent

**A.** Distribute the uprights, bases, arms and bracing for assembly near their final installed position. Use dunnage to protect the floor during this operation.

**B.** Attach I-beam bases to uprights using six (4)  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 2" Grade 5 bolts, nuts and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " lock washers. See diagram below.



**C.** Mark the arm elevations on the uprights. The marks should be below the top of the arm end plate so as not to show after the arm is bolted in place.

#### Mark Arm Locations on upright

**D.** Bolt the arms to the uprights using four (4)  $\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter x 2" long grade 5 bolts, nuts, and washers. Torque the bolt to 200 ft-lbs.

## **Step #5: Erect Upright Columns:**

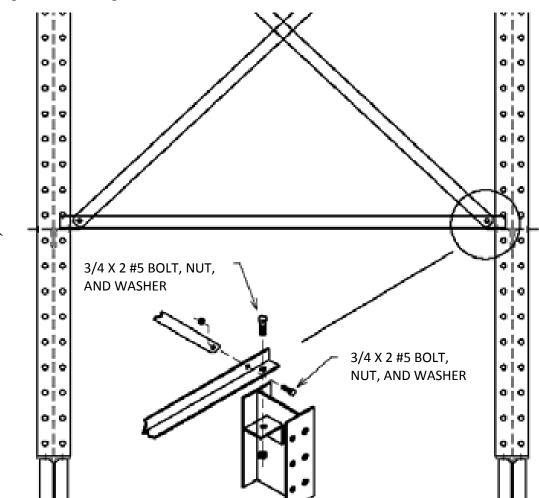
Recommended tools: Fork truck or other mechanical lifting device, Air compressor, Torque wrench, 1 1/8" drive impacts or equivalent

**A.** Using a fork truck, carefully stand the pre-assembled uprights with arms attached. Please be careful here to protect the floor.

**B.** Assemble a starter bay. A starter bay includes two preassembled uprights with attached bases and arms and all support bracing, both diagonal and horizontal.

# **Starter Bay Configuration**

**C.** Tighten all bracing.



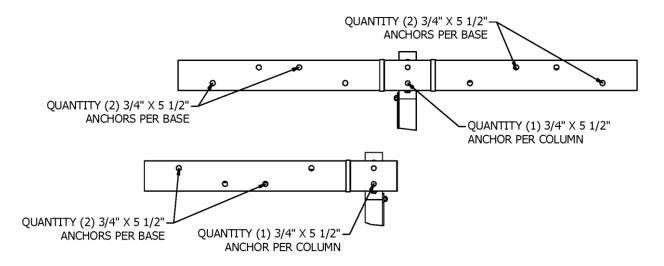
**D.** Now the balance of the uprights can be erected to complete the run. The uprights can be stood either one at a time or in groups of 2. If 2 uprights are to be erected, this should be the bay with the X-bracing tightened in place.

#### **Step #6: Square, Plum, Shim, and Anchor:**

- **A.** Square and plumb the uprights on the chalk lines.
- **B.** Shim the uprights and bases to maintain a vertical tolerance of 1/2" or less. Note: Proper shimming is important because it affects the alignment of the arms.
- **C.** Anchor the uprights and bases (Anchor type and sizes are to be determined by the type of uprights purchased).

# Proper Anchor Configurations for Single and Double Sided I-Beam Cantilever Racks

#### Double-sided and Single-sided I-Beam Cantilever Anchor Configuration - Top View



## **Step #7: Cleanup:**

- **A.** Vacuum all dust and debris associated with setting anchors.
- **B.** Dispose of all dunnage, strapping and debris. Sweep the floor with a broom if necessary.

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