

# Guidance for the safe handling of Versalift Bulk Bags

This brochure serves as guidance to all customers of the differences associated with handling the new Versalift tonne bags being introduced into the market.

This guidance note should be read in conjunction with the previous note issued by Incitec Pivot: 'Guidance for the safe handling of fertiliser Bulk Bags on the farm'. (refer to <http://www.incitecpivot.com.au> > Agronomy Services > FertFacts > Farm Safety)



Versalift fertiliser bags are made to specifications that allow for lifting by single loop or the conventional four-strap method.

It is customary to handle tonne bags on pallets or suspended by the four lifting straps to ensure a certain level of stability when handling bulk bags with forklifts.

The lifting process for the single loop requires a certified single lifting device or attachment to lift the bags which complies with the Australian standards (and identified by the compliance plate).

It is important that, when handling these bags, guidelines are adhered to at all times to ensure safety. In particular, it is important that you are familiar with safety requirements for lifting a Versalift bag with a forklift, including but not limited to:

- The limitations from maximum load to speed and manoeuvrability of the forklift.
- The impact of fitting attachments such as side shift devices, jibs and extension forks on the operating capacity and stability of the forklift.
- Dangers associated with a raised load, which will be exacerbated by factors such as speed, braking and driving on uneven surfaces and/or inclines and around corners.

**It is strongly recommended that you contact your local forklift supplier to assess your forklift and to provide detailed information on all stability limitations and capacities at different lift heights and positions.**

For more information on Versalift bags, contact your local Incitec Pivot Business Partner. Free Call 1800 009 832

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# The revolutionary Versalift Bulk Bag. Now on show.



**The new Versalift™ bulk bag. Leading the revolution in flexible and easy handling.**



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# New Versalift™ Bulk Bags. Safer, faster, easier.

Introducing the new Versalift™ bulk bag. We looked at the best features of other tonne bags and added improvements of our own, to create a much more versatile bag.

## Flexible and easy handling

The Versalift bag has both the traditional four loop lifting straps as well as a single free standing loop, offering users the flexibility of lifting by either option making handling easier, faster and safer.

When lifting using the single loop you don't need to get off the tractor or require additional labour, which is required to put the four loop straps on the lifting device.

## Versalift is a returnable bag

This feature makes the bag more cost effective and more environmentally sustainable than the single trip, non returnable tonne bags.

## Improved weather resistance

The bag fabric on the Versalift bag is heavier than the traditional bags offering improved weather resistance.

A plastic liner is an optional extra that is available for further weatherproofing, particularly if the bag is to be stored without pallets or in the field.



## Pallets are not required

Due to heavier bag fabric used and convenience of the single loop lifting point, Versalift bags can be supplied with or without pallets.

This results in the following benefits:

- Less hassles handling and storing pallets.
- Cost saving.
- Extra fertiliser can be loaded on trucks because the weight of the pallets is no longer part of the load.
- More space available for extra bags on the load.

## The changeover is simple

Changing over to handling Versalift bags is simple and easy to reverse if equipment is needed for other purposes.

Users have the option to lift the Versalift bag with either a fork lift or a bag lifter.

- For a bag lifter, remove the four loop plate and then bolt on the single point hook to the bag lifter.
- For the forklift device, simply slide the single strap over the dedicated lifting hook.

