

Transportable accommodation units —

**Part 2: Recommendations for
transportation and siting, with
guidance on occupancy**

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Foreword

This Part of BS 6492 has been prepared by Technical Committee B/511. It supersedes BS 6492-2:1985 which is withdrawn.

This edition introduces technical changes but it does not reflect a full review or revision of the standard, which will be undertaken in due course.

The history of transportable accommodation is long and varied and can be traced back to the earliest nomadic tribes who carried, or used the backs of animals to move, their habitation. Today's transportable accommodation units, developed as an alternative to huts and section buildings, are now accepted for a wide variety of uses, for which their specification and structural performance, installation and range of sizes, make them particularly suitable.

Relocatable and transportable accommodation units are delivered ready for immediate use. Units without wheels may either be craned, fork-lifted or winched into position or off-loaded from a flat-bed truck by one man using a telescopic jack-leg system. They may be linked end to end, side by side or end to side, or stacked to form a two or more storey structure.

Since the 1960s, transportable accommodation units have been manufactured in large numbers under factory controlled conditions. The volume and diversity of their manufacture has made it desirable to standardize the basic unit. This Part gives recommendations for installation and use, including use in various types of climate, for transportation, for installation of services and internal fittings and for fire safety.

The extent to which units are required to conform to legislation depends upon their use, some ranking as permanent buildings and therefore needing to comply with building regulations. In drafting this Part of BS 6492, the Technical Committee has been mainly concerned with giving advice on the selection of units for use on sites with differing characteristics and limitations, with giving guidance on the transportation and handling of units and their setting out and with giving recommendations for the installation of services, fixtures and fittings. Attention is drawn to the fact that transportable accommodation units are often located on congested sites and are used together in multiple configurations either adjoining one another horizontally or by being stacked vertically. In the interests of occupant safety, recommendations are given for safety requirements, durability and stability in a variety of uses, configurations and locations.

It has been assumed in the drafting of this standard that the execution of its recommendations and provisions is entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced people. In addition to the building regulations applicable in a particular part of the United Kingdom, attention is drawn to the following:

- Telecommunications Act 1984
- Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1976
- Clean Air Acts 1956 to 1978
- Education Act 1944
- Factories Act 1961
- Fire Precautions Act 1971
- Gas Act 1972
- Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
- Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 1982
- Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963
- Petroleum (Consolidation) Act 1928
- Residential Homes Act 1980
- Road Traffic Act 1972
- Planning (Consequential Provisions) Act 1990
- Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991

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