Forklift Operator Training

Student Booklet FN000014

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Powered Industrial Trucks:

-The importance of Safety-

- NIOSH calculates that approximately 100 Deaths and 20,000 injuries occur annually in the U.S. due to forklifts.
- The costs incurred by forklift related accidents are estimated to be over $100,000,000
- 20% of forklift incidents involve a forklift striking a pedestrian.

Powered Industrial Trucks:

A POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCK – PIT is any vehicle, such as lift truck, fork truck, motorized hand truck or any other specialized industrial truck, that is powered by electric motors or internal combustion engines.

(29 CFR 1910.178 does not apply to compressed air or nonflammable compressed gas operated trucks.)

POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS

- OSHA 1910.178 General Industry
- OSHA 1926.602 (c) Construction
- States;
- all PIT’s must meet the building requirements of
- American National Standards
- ANSI B56.1-1969 as of 1999
**TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

- Formal instruction
- Practical operating evaluation

*Your company may require a written comprehensive test*

*Site Specific – Equipment Specific*

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**POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS**

VI All Industrial trucks in use shall meet the applicable requirements and design, construction, stability, inspection, testing, maintenance and operation, as defined by ANSI B56.1-1969, Safety Standards for PIT’s

Therefore;

*by incorporating by reference the same ANSI standard that was the source document for CFR 1910.178, this provision imposes the identical truck operator training requirements on the construction industry as they apply to general industry.*

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**Powered Industrial Trucks:**

*Types and Characteristics of Forklifts*

Powered industrial trucks are divided into seven classes:

- **Class I** – Electric motor rider trucks
- **Class II** – Electric motor narrow aisle trucks
- **Class III** – Electric motor hand trucks or hand/rider trucks
- **Class IV** – Internal combustion engine trucks (Solid/Cushion Tires)
- **Class V** – Internal combustion engine trucks (Pneumatic tires)
- **Class VI** – Electric and internal combustion engine tractors
- **Class VII** – Rough terrain forklift trucks
Training shall occur

- Every three years from initial date -
  or
- When the pit class changes
- When work environments change
  when an attachment or modification has been made to the vehicle

Transfer of training can occur when the classification is the same, and the operator is now witnessed in the safe demonstration of use and understanding of work site hazards associated with the new employment.

Powered Industrial Trucks:

- Refresher training -

Refresher training must be provided when:

- The operator has been observed to operate the vehicle in an unsafe manner,
- The operator has been involved in an accident or near-miss incident,
- The operator is assigned to drive a different truck, or
- A condition in the workplace changes in a manner that could affect safe operation of the truck.

Powered Industrial Trucks:

- Types and Characteristics of Forklifts -
  Class I – Electric motor rider trucks

The weight of these trucks usually counterbalance the weight that is carried on the forks with the front axle as the fulcrum. This type of truck is often used indoors because it does not emit exhaust.
Powered Industrial Trucks:
- Types and Characteristics of Forklifts -

Class II – Electric motor narrow aisle trucks

The weight of the load is often more spread out and does not use an axle as a fulcrum. The operator must wear a harness for fall protection if the platform must be elevated with the forks such as the order picker or turret trucks.

Powered Industrial Trucks:
- Types and Characteristics of Forklifts -

Class III – Electric motor hand or hand/rider trucks

These trucks are used for transporting pallets. They generally do not lift the load very high off the ground. Some can be ridden while others must be walked beside.
Class IV – Internal combustion engine trucks  
(Solid/Cushion Tires)

Class IV trucks use a tank of combustible gas such as LPG to power the truck. The tires on the Class IV trucks are solid rubber or are filled with foam to prevent punctures.

Class V – Internal combustion engine trucks  
(Pneumatic Tires)

Class V trucks use a tank of combustible gas such as LPG to power the truck. The tires on the Class V trucks are reinforced and filled with air.
These tractors are commonly seen in salvage yards or to tow large planes. They are designed to push, pull or carry very large loads.

Powered Industrial Trucks:
- Types and Characteristics of Forklifts -

Class VI – Electric and Internal combustion engine Tractors

Rough terrain trucks are most useful in construction to lift and transport loads on the job site. Each has its advantages.

The Straight-mast forklift has more stability while transporting materials.

The Extended-mast forklift can raise loads to elevated areas or across trenches.

READ AND REVIEW ALL MANUFACTURERS OPERATION MANUALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EQUIPMENT YOU ARE USING KNOW ALL YOUR WORKSITE HAZARDS PRIOR TO OPERATION
Powered Industrial Trucks:

OSHA requires all potential forklift operators to attend forklift training before operating equipment. The training must cover:

- Truck related topics
- Workplace related topics
- The requirements of the 29 CFR 1910.178 Standard

Powered Industrial Trucks:

- Training -

Truck related topics include, but are not limited to:

- Operating Instructions, Warnings and Precautions
- Differences between the Truck and the Automobile
- Truck Controls and Instrumentation
- Engine or Motor Operation
- Steering and maneuvering
- Stability Triangle
- Classification and Purpose
- Visibility (including restrictions)
- Fork and Attachments
- Adaptation, Operation, and Use Limitations
- Operating Limitations
- Vehicle Capacity
- Vehicle Inspections and Maintenance
- Refueling or Recharging of Batteries

Powered Industrial Trucks:

- Training -

Workplace related topics include, but are not limited to:

- Surface Conditions
- Composition of loads being carried
- Load manipulation, stacking and unstacking
- Pedestrian traffic in areas to be operated
- Narrow aisles and other restricted areas
- Hazardous locations
- Ramps and other sloped surfaces
- Closed environments and other areas of insufficient ventilation
- Other Unique or potentially hazardous environmental conditions in the workplace.
**Powered Industrial Trucks:**

- **Pre-Operation Inspections** -

  Inspections should be performed at the beginning of each shift. Follow an inspection check list that is provided by Fermilab. The list should contain:
  - lights - carriage
  - horns - fluid levels
  - back up alarms - steering
  - seat belts - overhead guard
  - mast - back rest
  - chains

  Always inspect the items that do not require the engine to be running first then check all other components. Check the forklift by maneuvering it through normal positions and ensure that it does not hesitate or delay.

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**Powered Industrial Trucks:**

- **Stability** -

  **Stability Triangle - Figure 1**

  1. When the vehicle is loaded, the combined center of gravity (CG) shifts toward line B-C. Theoretically the maximum load will result in the CG at the line B-C. In actual practice, the combined CG should never be at line B-C.
  2. The addition of additional counterweight will cause the truck CG to shift toward point A and result in a truck that is less stable laterally.

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**Powered Industrial Trucks:**

- **Stability** -

  **Stability Triangle - Figure 2**

  This vehicle is unstable and will continue to tip over.
**Powered Industrial Trucks:**

**- Parking -**

If the operator leaves the vehicle out of sight or is farther than 25 feet, the lift should be shut off.

- Place transmission in NEUTRAL
- Apply the parking BRAKE
- Lower the fork TIPS to the ground
- Do not block paths or fire fighting equipment
- NEVER park on a slope

**Powered Industrial Trucks:**

**- Transporting Loads -**

- Inspect loads to ensure that they are properly secure, won’t shift during travel, and that the load is not too heavy for the lift.
- When approaching the load, adjust forks as wide as possible and position them at the correct level before picking up the load.
- Drive forward till the load rests against the mast and level the forks.

**Powered Industrial Trucks:**

**- Attachments -**

Some forklifts can use platforms to raise and lower personnel. These platforms are the only approved method for raising anyone standing or sitting on the forks. Fall protection devices must be used.

There are many other attachments that can be used. Each attachment must have a plate stating the weight capacity. Remember that these attachments can change the load center of gravity and then diminish the load capacity.
Booms come in in all variations of size and shape

ATTACHMENTS

Safely pick up uneven loads and keep them level. Spread can range from 8” to 72” in 4” increments. Total loading capacity is 5000 lbs. Each clevis can be adjusted in 4” increments. Each side slides between two 5” channels.

ADJUSTABLE SPREADER BEAMS

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<th>Cap. (lbs.)</th>
<th>Spread Width (in.)</th>
<th>Max. Upper Bail W x L / Lower Bail W x L</th>
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Additional upper and lower balls available.
Modifications: approved by manufacturer? Is this in your shop!!
Approximate Weights

Concrete 150 #
Crushed Stone 92 #
Sheetrock 50 #
Lumber 25 #
Sand 92 #
Plywood 38 #
Brick 84 #
Powered Industrial Trucks

Subpart CC
Cranes and Derricks in Construction

CFR 1926.1401 ~ 1926.1404 ~ 1926.1425
Effective November 8, 2010

How does a Crane Standard Effect the lifting of your material on a job-site

OSHA 1926.1400 covers all equipment with a manufactured maximum capacity of over 2000 pounds used in construction work.

Subpart CC

Tele-handlers with winch attachments
Tele-handlers with forks EXEMPT

Powered Industrial Trucks

- Powered industrial trucks (forklifts) are exempt if being used with forks and other attachments.
- Exception: When the forklift is equipped with a winch that can hoist and lower a load and move the load horizontally, it is not exempt.

These machines are exempt

This machine is not exempt

EXEMPT
Subpart CC

Come-a-long or Chain falls

- Any machine or equipment that uses a come-a-long or chain fall to do lifting is EXEMPT.

Subpart CC

Jib Crane Attachment

Jib Hoist Attachment

Subpart CC

§ 1926.1400 Scope.

(a) This standard applies to power-operated equipment, when used in construction, that can hoist, lower and horizontally move a suspended load.

Such equipment includes, but is not limited to:

- Articulating cranes (such as knuckle-boom cranes);
- Crawler cranes;
- Floating cranes;
- Cranes on barges;
- Locomotive cranes;
- Multi-purpose machines when configured to hoist and lower (by means of a winch or hook) and horizontally move a suspended load;
- Industrial cranes (such as carry-deck cranes);
- Dedicated pile drivers, similar marine tractors; trucks with a hoisting device;
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• A crane on a monorail;
• Tower cranes (such as a fixed jib, i.e., "hammock boom"), luffing boom, and self-erecting);
• Pedestal cranes;
• Portal cranes;
• Overhead and gantry cranes;
• Straddle cranes;
• Derrick;
• and variations of such equipment.

• Attachments. This standard applies to equipment included in this section when used with attachments. Such attachments, whether crane-attached or suspended include, but are not limited to: hooks, magnets, grapples, clamshell buckets, orange peel buckets, concrete buckets, drag lines, personnel platforms, augers or drills and pile driving equipment.

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• Exclusions. This subpart does not cover:
  - Machinery included in paragraph (a) of this section while it has been converted or adapted for a non-hoisting/lifting use. Such conversions/adaptations include, but are not limited to, power shovels, excavators and concrete pumps.
  - Power shovels, excavators, wheel loaders, backhoes, loader backhoes, track loaders. This machinery is also excluded when used with chains, slings or other rigging to lift suspended loads.
  - Automotive wreckers and tow trucks when used to clear wrecks and haul vehicles.
  - Digger derricks used for augering holes for poles carrying electric and telecommunication lines, placing and removing the poles, and for handling associated materials to be installed on or removed from the poles. Digger derricks used in work subject to 29 CFR part 1926, subpart V, must comply with 29 CFR 1910.269. Digger derricks used in construction work for telecommunication service (as defined at 29 CFR 1910.268(s)(40)) must comply with 29 CFR 1910.268.
  - Machinery originally designed as vehicle-mounted aerial devices (for lifting personnel) and self-propelled elevating work platforms.
  - Telescopic/hydraulic gantry systems.
  - Stacker cranes.
  - Powered Industrial Trucks (forklifts), except when configured to hoist and lower (by means of a winch or hoist) and horizontally move a suspended load.
  - Mechanic’s truck with a hoisting device when used in activities related to equipment maintenance and repair.
  - Machinery that hoists by using a come-a-long or chainfall.
  - Dedicated drilling rigs.
  - Gin poles when used for the erection of communication towers.
  - Tree trimming and tree removal work.
  - Anchor handling or dredge-related operations with a vessel or barge using an attached A-frame.
  - Helicopter cranes.
OSHA 1926.1408 & ASME B30.5 Minimum Clearances during Operation – "TABLE A"

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OSHA 1926.1411 & ASME B30.5 Minimum Clearances in Transit – "TABLE T"

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No load, boom lowered. Specifically when a crane is traveling under or near a power line on a construction site with the load of any equipment and not operating, and when the crane operator shall follow the "in operation" minimum clearances in Table A.

Subpart CC

OSHA 1926.1412 - Defining the Work Zone

- The work zone must be defined by either:
  - Option 1:
    - Erecting boundary markings such as flags or,
    - Setting and using a range limiting device on the crane,
    - and prohibiting the operator from operating the crane past those boundaries.
  - Option 2:
    - Defining the work zone as the area 360 degrees around the crane, up to the crane's maximum working radius.

DESIGNATED SPOTTER MUST BE A QUALIFIED SIGNAL PERSON

MSAD REQUIRES
Subpart CC

CRANE SIGNAL PERSON TRAINING
GOOD FOR 5 YEARS
HAND – VOICE – AUDIBLE - NEW SIGNALS

WHEN:
NOT IN VIEW OF THE OPERATOR
TRAVELING
TRAVELING OBSTRUCTED
THE OPERATOR DETERMINES IT’S NECESSARY
EXTENDING OUTRIGGERS/STABILIZERS AND CAN NOT
SEE THEM (NOT IN VIEW)
REQUIRED TO HAVE A CRANE SIGNAL PERSON

DE-ENERGIZE  20" MIN CLEARANCE FIND VOLTS

Subpart CC

ELECTROCUTION

THE FOLLOWING SLIDES ARE OF A GRAPHIC NATURE
OF AN ELECTROCUTION

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO LEAVE THE ROOM
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2. Powered industrial trucks (forklifts), except when configured to hoist and lower (by means of a winch or hook) and horizontally move a suspended load.
**Powered Industrial Trucks:**

- **Transporting Loads** -

Lift the load high enough to clear the floor or rack and then tilt the mast back slightly.

Once clear from obstruction, lower the mast to a few inches off the ground to clear any obstacles while traveling.

If the load is too tall and obstructs your view, drive backwards or have a spotter.

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**Powered Industrial Trucks:**

- **Basic Driving Safety** -

  - Seat belts must be worn at all times while driving a powered industrial truck if available
  - Keep all body parts in the operator's cabin at all times
  - Only operate trucks in designated safe areas. Make sure the surface is clean and free of spills or debris

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**Powered Industrial Trucks:**

- **Basic Driving Safety** -

  - Be alert to the surroundings. Watch for obstructions, low hanging items, lights, sprinkler heads or pedestrians.
  - Never go too fast. Forklifts should never be driven faster than allows for a safe stopping distance.
  - Slow down and sound horn at all intersections
**Powered Industrial Trucks:**

- **- Basic Driving Safety -**

  - Never follow another truck closer than 3 truck lengths.
  - Never allow riders anywhere on the vehicle.
  - Always travel with the load as close as safely possible to the ground.
  - Always cross tracks or other bumps in the path at an angle to maintain two wheels on the ground.

**Powered Industrial Trucks:**

- **- Ramps -**

  - Always inspect the surfaces the lift will be travelling on. Make sure that any ramps or trailer floor surfaces can support the weight.
  - Never drive across a slope at an angle because the lift could tip over.
  - Before entering a trailer, rail car or truck, make sure the brakes are set on the trailer, the wheels are blocked and are properly supported so that they don’t tip while you are driving in them.
  - Always approach ramps with the load facing up hill. If the load is facing downward, there is a good chance that it will be lost.

  Heavy on the High Side (when possible)
**Powered Industrial Trucks:**
- Fuel and Batteries -

- Combustion fuel trucks
- Check the emissions annually on all combustible fuel trucks
- Only refuel in designated "No Smoking" areas
- Remove propane tanks prior to refilling. When replacing the tank, ensure the tank location pin is properly aligned before securing the tank.

**Powered Industrial Trucks:**
- Fuel and Batteries -

Battery powered trucks

- Make sure battery connections are tight before operating
- Test the battery’s electrolyte level (remember to use Personal Protective Equipment)
- Battery charging should only be done in designated No smoking areas. The charging produces flammable hydrogen gas.
Powered Industrial Trucks:
- Fuel and Batteries -

Battery powered trucks

- Don't turn the charger ON till the battery is connected
- Make sure the battery is secured in the compartment. Batteries that move may cause the lift to overturn
- Clean spills immediately

Powered Industrial Trucks:
- Conclusion -

Operators must complete a training course before operating any powered industrial truck.

Always wear a seat belt while operating a powered industrial truck (Mandatory at Fermilab if so equipped).

Approach tracks or any bumps in the road at an angle to maintain at least 2 wheels on the ground.

Turn off trucks anytime that you are more than 25 feet away or out of sight of the truck.

Attachments can change the center of gravity and cause a truck to tip over more easily.
THE FOLLOWING HOISTING ENGINEER CLASSIFICATION CODES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- **HA=** Hoisting Apprentice (Note: Must be Registered with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development) 617-629-5409
- **1A=** All hoisting equipment (except electric and air powered hoisting equipment) including clutch machines, demises, guy stands, stilts bags.

Chicago booms, gin poles, lattice booms:
- **1B=** Equipment with telescoping booms with or without wire ropes.
- **1C=** Equipment hydraulic telescoping boom without wire ropes and forklifts.
- **2A=** Crawler and rubber-tired excavators, backhoes and loaders.
- **2B=** Backhoes and front-end loaders.
- **2C=** Front-end loaders.
- **3A=** Electric and air powered hoisting equipment.
- **4A=** Unrestricted, **4B=** Drill Rigs, **4C=** Pipeline Side booms, **4D=** Concrete Pumps, **4E=** Catch Basin Cleaners, **4F=** Sign-Hangers, **4G=** Mowers.

All applicants must provide:
- 2 photo 2"x2.25",
- A legible copy of a valid driver’s license,
- Copy of O.O.T. Medical certificate, or medical examiner’s cert. in accordance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR 391.41-391.49)
- Application processing fee is a Non-Refundable $75.00.
- Applicants: You must be at least 18 years of age.
- The Department will not return any of your

OTHER RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR STUDY MAY BE FOUND AT:
- Construction Safety Regulations: 29 CFR 1926 OSHA (website: www.osha.gov) or 1-800-321-OSHA (6742)
- Dig Safe (website: www.digsafe.com) or Tel: 1-888-dig-safe (344-7233)
- Owner’s Manuals and/or Safety Manuals (website: http://www.aem.org or www.jjkeller.com )
- Bob’s Rigging and Crane Handbook: Pellow Engineering Services, Inc. Owner: Don Pellow 406 West 50th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64112-2310 (Website) www.donpellow.com Phone/Fax: 816-931-4113 / Printed Fax: 1-877-473-5569 Toll free
- The Mobile Crane Manual: Construction Safety Association of Ontario, 21 Voyage Court South, Etobicoke, Ontario M9W 5M7 Canada (www.csao.org) or Tel: (800) 781-2726
- Equipment Training Resources, 9245 Reseda Blvd. #740, Northridge, CA 91324 Tel: 818-360-6431 Fax: 818-360-6478
OPERATOR TRAINING GUIDE

INDUSTRIAL FORK LIFTS

Safety First Aerial Lift Safety Training, Inc.
708 - 977 - 9106
MORE THAN 100 DEATHS PER YEAR

95,000 INJURIES EACH YEAR

OSHA

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Has revised regulations to create a safer work environment thereby eliminating accidents and deaths. It is the trainee's responsibility to fully understand all responsibilities associated with the safe operation of the Powered Industrial Truck (PIT) and equipment for which they are being instructed.

Each trainee must show and achieve proficiency in the PIT's 'hands-on' operation of the equipment and achieve 100% on the classroom written examination. Anything less than 100% would imply that it is okay to compromise jobsite safety, which is never acceptable.

Each trainee should participate in the training seminar, including classroom activities, classroom discussion and 'hands-on' equipment operation. By successfully completing this course, the trainee will also be expected to identify and correct unsafe operation or potential accidents and hazards associated with their work environment and observed of other operators.

1. Why are you here?

2. Who is responsible and the key ingredient for your safety? circle one
   a) your employer  b) your union  c) workman's comp  d) yourself only  e) superintendent  f) your family

3. There are 7 classifications of Powered Industrial Trucks or more commonly called forklifts. Each individual is required to be trained on the classification of forklift being used in their work environment.

Classifications

| Class 1 | Electric Motor Rider Types | Solid Rubber Tires |
| Class 2 | Electric Motor Narrow Aisle | Solid Rubber Tires |
| Class 3 | Electric Motor Hand Truck |
| Class 4 | Combustible Engine | Solid and Pneumatic Tires |
| Class 5 | Combustible Engine | Pneumatic Tires Only |
| Class 6 | Electric and Combustible Engine |
| Class 7 | Rough Terrain and Telescopic |

4. Which classification of PIT - forklift are you being trained on today? ____________________________________________

5. Operators must be trained every three years as stated by OSHA Regulations and Requirements.

If there has been a modification, equipment change or accident within the three years of training, the operator of the forklift must first be trained on the changes and modification prior to operation.

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Lift Truck Components

- **Counterweight**: Provides stability for carrying loads; built into the rear of the lift truck.
- **Drive Axle**: Powers the direction of the lift truck travel.
- **Lift Cylinders**: Provides power to raise and lower loads.
- **Mast Upright**: The portion of the lift truck frame on which loads are carried, raised, and lowered.
- **Operator's Compartment**: Fit over a person comfortably; contains all the controls.
- **Overhead Guard**: Protects operator from falling loads, and in the event of a lift truck tip over.
- **Steer Axle**: Controls the direction of the lift truck travel.
- **Tilt Cylinders**: Control tilting the mast forward and backward.
Forklift Vs Car

9. Note some differences between a car and forklift, material hoist.

Forklift is different from a passenger vehicle. The forklift does not carry passengers, and steers differently which make it more difficult to steer, stop and see when loaded.

10. All controls differ from manufacturer to purpose and design, but all brakes and gas pedals are the same. TRUE FALSE

11. Seat belts are to be worn when available. TRUE FALSE
   When a seat is removed from damage,
   The new seat must have a seat belt.

PRE-USE INSPECTION

The pre-use inspection is meant to reveal potential hazards prior to use of the forklift. It should be accomplished each and every time the operator uses the forklift whether at the beginning of the shift, or after another has used the forklift, no matter what the length of time was.

Although you may not be a mechanic, you are looking for damage to anything that appears to be missing, cracked or worn.

Liquid Propane, Gas and Combustible Engines require special care and observance for leaks, loose valves and nozzles.

Do not start a forklift if you smell or detect the presence of gas.

12. Circle all that apply when checking the power source.

   Cables Battery Connections Corrosion of Parts Fuel Tank Damage Loose Valves Hand Protection
   Frayed Wiring Loose Connections No Lit Cigarette Damage Eye Protection Odor of Gas

✓ Gages and electrical component must be check along with the functions, lights and horns for proper operation.
✓ Put the forklift through its normal maneuvers and check lift, tilt brakes, steering, lights, warning lights and horns.
✓ Fluid levels - Coolants, oil levels and hydraulic oil must also be up to specified requirements prior to use.

See the example inspection sheet attached or refer to your company inspection sheet
WHY TRUCKS TIP OVER

Rated load capacity, leverage, and center of gravity are three principles you need to understand.

The center, or fulcrum of any forklift is at the front wheels.

The load should always be located as close to the front wheels for stability.

Where the load sits is just as important as how much it weighs.

The rated load capacity is severely reduced when the load center moves from the fulcrum or center. Keeping the downward force of the load (CG) within the stability triangle keeps the load from shifting or tumbling off your forks.

“The Stability Triangle”

The design of the forklift is based on a stability triangle. The front axle, with its drive wheels, acts as the base of the triangle and supports the weight of the load. The sides of the stability triangle meet at the point where the forklift steers, either at a single wheel or in the middle of the steering axle on 4-wheel models.

Allowing the load to move outside the stability triangle makes both the truck and the load less stable and subject to tipping, rolling, or dropping the load.

When the vehicle is loaded, the combined center of gravity (CG) shifts towards line B–C. Theoretically, the maximum load will result in the CG at the line B–C. In actual practice, the combined CG should never be at line B–C. The addition of counterweight will cause the truck CG to shift toward point A and result in less stability laterally.

Notice how the CG changes in each application and review your work environment and potential hazards associated with your application.

Normal  Capacity Load  Mast Tilted Back  Mast Tilted Forward  Unbalanced Load  Vehicle Cornering
TIRES play an important role in the safety and use of your material handler. Each type of tire has a specific use as required by the manufacturer.

13. Beware of __________ and __________ that may cause the load to shift while operating on uneven surfaces.


15. Water filled holes should be ________________.

Get the right axle and wheel type for the application / task. You should only operate equipment on a firm level surface.

READ THE MANUFACTURERS MANUAL.

16. The professional operator knows that each and every situation is different and that every lift must be ________________.

17. The load becomes less stable when: Circle all that apply

When the load is raised On slopes (front-to-back or side-to-side) When tilting loads On uneven terrain

18. Rated capacity effects stability. The ________________ of each load should be noted and made available to the operator prior to each lift.

19. Know your lift trucks ________________, and do not exceed its limit as stated in the operators manual.

ELECTROCUTION

20. Forklifts are not ________________ insulated and do not provide protection from or contact to ________________.

21. Beware of mast ________________ and material that may connect to electrical currents.

Be aware of your surroundings and overhead obstructions that may cause the load to shift, or energize your machine. Do not touch or operate a forklift if it or it's load contacts energized power lines.

LOADING AND UNLOADING

22. The pallet should be inspected for damage prior to lift. Some items to look for are ________________.

Approach the load squarely and with forks level.
Adjustable forks should be placed at the outer edges of the load.
The forks should be placed under the load as far as possible.
The load should be against the back of the fork carriage.
After the load has been picked up, the mast should be tilted backwards, enough to stabilize the load.
LOADING AND UNLOADING ...

If there is a load in front of the load you are lifting, lift without tilting the carriage and enough to clear the other load.

Travel with the load as close to the ground as possible (1–3 # at the heal – 4–7” from the tips)
Stay out of pedestrians way.

22. Pedestrians have the right of way because:
   a) They can’t move as fast as the truck
   b) They need to get to their jobs fast
   c) The forklift operator should always be in control of his vehicle at all times
   d) The pedestrian should know the rules of the ‘right-away’

The operator will always come to a stop at the stack area before elevating the load.
Stop at the front of the stack, place controls in neutral
   - apply parking brake, or inch brake and raise the load to stack
   height, with mast tilted backwards.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ENOUGH CLEARANCE

Square up, level the forks and drive the rest of the way in.
Lower the load to the stack or seated position.
Set the top load squarely on the stack

When the load is seated, lower the forks to
   clear the load and not hook the load on the removal.

NEVER RAISE OR LOWER THE LOAD UNLESS AT A FULL STOP.

Back out slowly ensuring a clear path of travel.
Pedestrians have the right of way at all times.
All lifting, elevating and lowering motions will be done
   Slowly.

The higher the load – the less stable your forklift becomes.

Driving Tips
Stay in your lane
Drive at a pace no faster than a quick walk
Never stand under the fork while raised
Never lift personnel
Keep load close to the floor with mast tilted
Never leave a forklift running unattended
Do not drive up to someone in an enclosed area
Drive in reverse when your vision is impaired
Slow down for turns – Stay in Control

How does this apply to your operation?
STACKS

When working with high stacks, approach and travel are the same. One difference is the higher you lift, the less stable your forklift and your load become.

To remove a load from a high stack:

Stop straight on and approximately a foot away from the stack. Raise the mast until the forks are at the right height – Move forward slowly until the load is flush with the back of the forks.

Lift the load high enough to clear the items below, ensure there are no obstructions and look over both shoulders before backing up. Back straight out to clear the edge of the stack.

The load should be level and the truck should be at a stop. Then lower the load to the traveling position.

Tilt the load back and move slowly.

Never raise or lower you’re a load unless you are at a full stop. Never attempt to turn with your mast raised. Always approach the load straight on and remove it by backing straight back.

Make sure you have enough overhead clearance.

SPECIAL HAZARDS

Hazardous locations, environments and activities surround all jobsites and you may have your own special hazards.

List as many as you can think of

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SPECIAL HAZARDS ....

All forklift truck use is hazardous some more severe than others, as environments that may not allow use of a forklift. Food products, pharmaceuticals, or any combustible or chemical environment; vapors, grains, particles and chemical exposure can have a reaction with your forklift, and create a highly flammable or explosive situation. You are to know your environment company rules and restrictions as well as state, federal and local laws associated with your job and environment.

Activities such as slopes, floor grates, docks and ramps are also hazardous.

When operating on slopes;

Stay back from the edge.

Never turn around on the slope.

Drive with your load on the uphill side.

Drive forward – up slopes loaded

Drive down slopes in reverse – Loaded

When forks are empty and unloaded,

Drive in reverse, up a slope unloaded

Drive forward down the slope – unloaded

Delivery Truck Drivers are your responsibility.

You – the Fork Truck Operator, need to know at all times
Where the delivery truck driver is, and, if they have
Chocked the wheels, inside tires
Set the delivery truck parking brake(s)
Check the delivery truck floor for support
Locked the docking plate, if available
Clear the area of slippery surfaces

Working with Rail Cars, or Side Load Trailers, the same applies.
All work surfaces should be checked for soundness and support of your vehicle. Ice, oil, water or snow can be considered hazardous to your work environment.

What other surfaces can effect the stability and control of your forklift?
Forklift Safety Awareness Quiz

1. Because a forklift weighs more than a car, it is easier to brake to stop. TRUE  FALSE

2. A forklift driver must always look...  a) Forward when driving loaded
     b) Around the load
     c) In the mirrors
     d) In the direction of travel

3. When driving on ramps with a load, you must always keep the load uphill, even if it means driving in reverse down the ramp? TRUE  FALSE

4. Who is responsible for your safety at your worksite, doing your job?
   a) Your supervisor
   b) Your team leader or foreman
   c) Your company safety director
   d) Yourself

5. A forklift operator’s first concern should be  a) Making sure the vehicle is in good working order
     b) Checking shift changes for the load/unload schedule
     c) Stabilizing the forks used on all trucks

6. When driving on a ramp, it is OK to turn your forklift around. TRUE  FALSE

7. To lift people with a forklift, the operator must  a) Use a pallet to provide a platform
     b) Move near a wall for fall protection
     c) Ensure the people don’t weigh too much
     d) None of the above

8. Pedestrians always have the right–away, no matter how much of a load you are carrying? TRUE  FALSE

9. When the surface moves, this affects driving conditions and braking ability. TRUE  FALSE

10. The forklift operator should always drive over railroad tracks on an angle. TRUE  FALSE

11. The forklift operator is responsible to know  a) The weight of the load, by the bill of lading
     b) If the load will fit on the forks, or if it needs to be divided
     c) The work surface to be driven on, level – unlevel
     d) The rated capacity of the forklift

12. Which of these, center of gravity positions will create the forklift to turn over?

   ![Diagram of forklift center of gravity positions]

   1  2  3  4
POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS (PIT’s)

INTRODUCTION

Forklifts, tow-motors and other powered material handling equipment are used throughout Fermilab to perform a variety of functions. Equipment of this type is often grouped together under the title “powered industrial trucks.” The use of powered industrial trucks creates a potential for serious injury and property loss. This chapter contains procedures to ensure that the operation, inspection, and maintenance of powered industrial trucks are conducted in a safe manner and that operators are qualified to operate the truck safely.

APPLICABILITY

This chapter applies to any powered industrial trucks (commonly referred to as fork trucks) used at Fermilab. Examples include:

- Sit Down Rider, Counter-Balanced Truck (Solid and Pneumatic Tires)
- Narrow Aisle Trucks (Solid Tires)
- Hand Trucks or Hand/Rider Trucks (Solid Tires)
- Internal Combustion Engine Trucks (Solid or pneumatic tires)
- Electric and Internal Combustion Engines Tractors (Solid and pneumatic Tires)
- Rough Terrain Forklift Trucks (Pneumatic Tires)
- Magnet Movers
- Walk-Behinds with Elevating Mechanisms

Excluded from the scope of this chapter are construction, grounds keeping, and farm equipment such as wheel loaders, mobile cranes, bulldozers, crawler loaders, snow plows, hay bale loaders and tree removal equipment.

DEFINITIONS

Attachments – A device added to the PIT, either designed and built by the user, purchased from a commercial supplier, or provided by the manufacturer of the PIT, other than the conventional forks, and intended to carry the load. Examples include non-conventional forks, fork extensions, extension booms, non-conventional or special or unique load handlers, rotating devices, side shifters, load stabilizers and jib crane booms. A removable attachment is an attachment that can be mounted on the forks, or in place of the forks on the carriage, by means of such conventional fasteners as bolts, pins, etc., and does not require the disassembly of any other portion of the lifting system to install or remove.
**Bulldozing** - The action that results when an operator would have one pallet on the forks, then use the load to push other pallets ahead of the truck. Bulldozing may also involve having two pallets arranged vertically on the forks plus pushing up to six pallets (single or double stacked) out in front of the truck.

**Electric pallet truck** - An electrically-powered pallet truck.

**Employee** - For the purpose of this chapter includes Fermilab direct hired personnel, term and temporary employees and contract technicians.

**Forklift truck** - A self-loading truck equipped with load carriage and forks for transporting and tiering loads. There are eleven truck designations that are applicable: D, DS, DY, E, ES, EE, EX, G, GS, LP and LPS.

**Free Rigging** – The direct attachment to or placement of rigging equipment (slings, shackles, rings, etc) onto the tines of a P.I.T. for a below-the-tines lift. This type of lift does not use an approved lifting attachment.

**Lead Evaluator** – An individual whose purpose is to evaluate the Operator Evaluators among divisions/sections. This evaluation is aimed at ensuring evaluation maneuvers and protocols are standard and objective.

**Magnet Movers** - A vehicle or tractor-trailer combination, which is equipped for the purpose of lifting, moving and setting beam line magnets or other such large heavy objects in the beam line enclosures. The trailer may be pulled or pushed by the tractor. Lift tables on wheels are excluded from this definition unless they are towed by a tractor while carrying a load.

**Non-employee** - This category defines subcontractors and their employees, users, experimenters, graduate students, experimental collaborators, visiting or guest scientists and engineers, and DOE employees.

**Operator Evaluator** – Individual assigned by the division and section to evaluate the performance phase of an operator’s training.

**Pallet truck** - A self-loading, low lift truck equipped with wheeled forks of dimensions to go between the top and bottom boards of a double-faced pallet and having wheels capable of lowering into spaces between the bottom boards so as to raise the pallet off the floor for transporting.

**Powered Industrial Trucks (PIT)** - Equipment designed to move, lift, carry, stack, push, and pull a load. This includes forklifts, electric pallet movers, walk-behinds with elevating mechanisms, and magnet movers. PIT’s may be electrically-powered, gasoline-powered, LP-gas-powered, or diesel. See ASME B56.1 for information on all the types of truck configurations.
Qualified Operator - An individual deemed competent by management after successfully completing the Training and Qualification requirements of this chapter.

Qualified Person - A person who, by possession of a recognized degree in an applicable field or a certificate of professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training, and experience, has successfully demonstrated the ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter and work.

Split-forking - The action that results when the operator moves two palletized loads by inserting one fork in each pallet.

Tractors - An industrial tractor, tugger or locomotive designed exclusively for towing a trailer or other load on wheels at speeds of 5 mph or less. Generically used brand names jeep, towmotor and donkey are often used to describe these vehicles. The tractor may be hitched to a load at either end, if two appropriate hitches are provided by the manufacturer or user. A locomotive may have rail cars hitched at both ends at once. Farm tractors in agricultural service, lawn mowing tractors, and licensed road-going tractors are excluded from this definition.

POLICY

The operation, inspection, maintenance, and testing of powered industrial trucks and associated equipment shall be in accordance with mandatory standards. For powered industrial trucks, these standards are:

- 29 CFR 1910, Subpart N, OSHA General Industry Standards, Materials Handling and Storage
- 29 CFR 1926.602 (c), (d) – Material Handling Equipment
- ASME B56.1 - Safety Standard for Low Lift and High Lift Trucks

Requirements applicable to all powered industrial trucks are highlighted in this Chapter. Other requirements may exist that are specific to a certain style, size, or use of a particular piece or type of equipment. The appropriate standards are to be consulted by those assigned responsibility for powered industrial truck operations to identify specific requirements, recommendations, and guidance for the safe operation and use of this equipment. Assistance with the implementation of these standards can be obtained from division/section ES&H personnel and the ES&H Section, if requested.

Another source of information is the DOE Hoisting and Rigging Manual available for review in the ES&H Section or in division/section ES&H offices. This manual is not part of the Work Smart Standards but it is available as a reference.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Division/Section Heads shall:
- Implement the requirements associated with the use of powered industrial trucks.
- Ensure that powered industrial truck operators are trained and qualified to perform their assigned duties.
- Appointing Operator Evaluators.
- Ensure that inspections are performed.
- Arrange for the review of attachment Engineering Notes by qualified persons or committee.
- Keep an open file of all Engineering Notes for attachments used in their division/section.

Business Services Section shall:
- Be responsible for the maintenance and maintenance records of all powered industrial trucks owned and operated by Fermilab.
- Distribute of inspection, testing and maintenance reports to the division/section head upon request.

ES&H Section shall:
- Coordinate with training providers to obtain qualified trainers.
- Maintain the lesson plan and training materials.
- Maintain documentation of all classroom training, on-the-job training and evaluations.
- Review and keep a file of Lead Evaluator’s annual report of Operator Evaluators.
- Appoint Lead Evaluator

**TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS**

**Employee** - Operator training and qualification shall include those requirements identified in regulatory standards (29CFR1910.178). In addition, the prospective powered industrial truck operator must hold a valid drivers license from any of the fifty states.

**Non-employee** - Qualification of non-employees requesting to operate powered industrial trucks owned by Fermilab shall be made by a qualified Operator Evaluator of the division/section responsible for the equipment to be operated. In all cases, where previous training and experience is used as the basis for accepting qualification, such training and experience shall be certified in writing by the employer as meeting the requirements of 29CFR1910.178. When there are special hazards/features associated with a particular piece of equipment, e.g., unfamiliar controls or modifications to the original design, a qualified division/section Operator Evaluator will determine whether the operator(s) (including professional contract operators and contract riggers) shall receive documented job instructional training from Fermilab supervisory personnel. In addition, the prospective powered industrial truck operator must hold a valid drivers license from any of the fifty states.

In the case of subcontractor personnel follow the procedures under the section “Loaning of Powered Industrial Trucks.”

**Qualification Training** - Qualification training shall include both a classroom and a performance phase. At a minimum, the training shall meet the learning objectives specified in Fermilab Training Course No. FN000014/Forklift Operator Training. Demonstration of the operator’s
abilities to perform all activities expected or anticipated for the job will be part of the qualification process during the performance phase.

The performance evaluation must be conducted in the environment similar to where the employee is expected to operate the PIT. Employees who operate powered industrial trucks in several locations throughout the Laboratory are required to be evaluated on one representative PIT that the employee is expected to operate.

Magnet Mover operators are to be evaluated in the tunnels and enclosures.

A designated division/section Operator Evaluator shall observe such demonstrations and document the performance results on the “Fermilab – Forklift Operator Evaluation Form” (see attached). Documents reflecting successful demonstration of operator abilities shall be maintained in the TRAIN database. Operator qualification is for a period of three (3) years unless withdrawn within that period by the operator’s supervisor. Re-qualification training will include both a classroom phase and a performance phase.

Certification records - Training records certifying operator qualification shall include the name of the trainee, date of training, and the signature of the trainer or evaluator.

Remedial training - Remedial training will be provided to individuals who do not successfully pass the qualification course. The course instructor or Operator Evaluator will determine the level of remedial training required. Remedial training will be provided also to operators involved in an accident, a near-miss incident, or who are observed operating a forklift in an unsafe manner. The employee’s supervisor in consultation with the division/section senior safety officer will determine the level of remedial training needed under these circumstances.

INSPECTIONS

Daily Pre-use Inspections - A safety inspection shall be completed for each powered industrial truck and any attachment prior to the start of each shift, or prior to the first use of the day for equipment not in continuous service. A qualified operator shall conduct the inspection, and preferably one that is familiar with the specific equipment. The inspector shall review the elements listed on the checklist provided for guidance at the end of this chapter. Daily pre-use inspections are not required to be documented.

Daily inspections are not required for equipment that is not in service. Prior to being placed back into service, the daily inspection shall be completed by a qualified operator.

Preventative Maintenance Inspection – A documented inspection shall occur at least every six months as part of the Preventative Maintenance and Repair program described in this chapter.

Attachment Periodic Inspection – A documented, annual inspection. Inspection frequency may be modified if so specified in the engineering note.
EVALUATOR PROGRAM

The ES&H Section will designate a Fermilab Lead Evaluator in writing. This Lead Evaluator will in turn conduct evaluations every three years of the designated division/section Operator Evaluators. The intent of this program is to standardize the manner and rigor in which evaluations are administered. The lead evaluator will submit a yearly report to the ES&H Section by October 1 listing all the division/section Operator Evaluators who have completed their checks during the prior fiscal year. This report will list the name, employee number, div/sec, the type of trucks the evaluator can conduct evaluations for and a facsimile of the signature of the person evaluated.

ATTACHMENTS

Scope

All PIT attachments owned by Fermilab or by collaborating institutions and used at Fermilab shall meet all requirements of this FESHM chapter.

PIT attachments provided and used by outside contractors in execution of their contract work are outside the scope of the following engineering note procedure but must adhere to the balance of this FESHM Chapter.

Engineering Note Procedure

1. Engineering Notes: An Engineering Note shall be prepared by a qualified person for all PIT attachments owned by Fermilab or by collaborating institutions and used at Fermilab whether purchased or fabricated at Fermilab or a collaborating institution. The minimum format for the Engineering Note is shown in the appendix of this chapter.

   a. Engineering Notes for all attachments shall include:
      - Attachment unique identifier.
      - Identification of PIT(s) or class of PIT(s) for which it is designed.
      - Allowable operating parameters: load rating, operation envelope, etc.
      - Operating instructions, if required for safe operation.
      - Inspection frequency and criteria.

   b. Engineering Notes for attachments designed at Fermilab or other non-commercial institutions (such as Universities or other Laboratories) shall include design compliance calculations to verify that the attachment meets, as a minimum, the requirements of ASME B56.1 and 29 CFR 1910, as well as demonstrating a safety factor greater than or equal to 3 on yield strength for all load bearing components.

   c. Engineering Notes for attachments purchased from a commercial source engaged in the manufacturing of PIT attachments shall include any manufacturer’s documentation.
(Certificate of Test, copies of the Operator’s Manual, Inspections and Maintenance Instructions, etc.)

d. Engineering Notes for all attachments that affect the capacity and safe operation of the PIT(s) for which they are designed shall include written approval from the PIT(s) manufacturer(s) or record of the PIT(s) manufacturer’s negative or non-response to request for approval. A negative or non-response from the manufacturer does not necessarily disqualify the engineering note from approval.

e. Engineering Notes for all attachments must specifically address the stability of the PIT/attachment/load combination as required by ASME B56.1 unless written approval from the PIT(s) manufacturer(s) has been obtained (see (d) above).

f. Engineering Notes for all attachments must specifically address the strength of load bearing PIT components unless written approval from the PIT(s) manufacturer(s) has been obtained (see (d) above).

g. Modifications to PIT attachments (whether designed at Fermilab or other non-commercial institutions such as Universities or other Laboratories or purchased from a commercial source engaged in the manufacturing of lifting fixtures) shall be documented in the Engineering Notes.

h. Load tests shall be documented in the Engineering Note.

2. Review of Engineering Notes: All PIT attachment Engineering Notes shall be reviewed by a qualified person for compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

3. Amendment of Engineering Notes: All subsequent changes in usage that could affect the safety of personnel or the capability of performance of the attachment shall require an amendment to the original Engineering Note. This amendment shall be reviewed in the same manner as the original note.

4. Similar Attachments: Attachments that are manufactured or fabricated to meet previously engineered, fabricated and reviewed attachments need not have the full engineering analysis repeated. Documentation shall be provided by reference to an existing approved Engineering Note and the detailing of all differences. A load test shall still be required.
Attachment/Pit Identification

1. All attachments will be assigned a unique identifying ID by the responsible division/section to facilitate periodic inspections.

2. All attachments shall display the ID, maximum elevation with the load laterally centered, the attachment weight, and where applicable, the attachment load rating.

3. Removable attachments shall be labeled to list the PIT or class of PIT(s) for which the attachment has been designed.

4. For attachments that affect the capacity or safe operation of the PIT(s) for which they are designed, capacity, operation, and maintenance instruction plates, tags, or decals on the PIT(s) shall be modified accordingly.

5. Attachments shall be removed from service if the required markings are not legible.

Attachment Load Test

1. All PIT attachments shall be acceptance load tested prior to initial use. The load rating should not be more than 80% of the maximum load utilized during the test. The test shall be documented in the Engineering Note including signature of the qualified person overseeing the test.

2. Specialized commercially manufactured PIT attachments which have certificates of test or existing devices which have documented evidence of having successfully passed a load test do not need to be re-load tested. Supporting documentation shall be included in the Engineering Note. The only deviation to this occurs when the attachment has been altered, repaired, or modified. In this case a qualified person must be consulted; they may require further testing.

Attachment Inspections

All attachments used in the course of operating a powered industrial truck must be inspected periodically and used in accordance with ASME B56.1 and the manufacturer’s requirements and recommendations. Inspection frequency shall be determined by the engineer and/or user-based on the service. Minimum inspection criteria shall incorporate the items as noted in this chapter and ASME B56.1. At a minimum, each attachment will be inspected visually before each use. Each division/section shall document the periodic inspections using the forms provided at the end of this chapter as an example.

OPERATIONS

Powered Industrial trucks shall only be used in the environment, atmospheres and surfaces for which they are designated by the manufacturer for use. Note: See 29 CFR 1910.178(c).
Installation of Operator Restraint Systems (Seat Belts) - All powered industrial trucks with seats shall be fitted with seatbelts. Those PIT’s for which retrofit kits are not available are exempt from this requirement. Division/Section Heads shall notify the ESH Section of any powered industrial truck that cannot be retrofitted.

Use of Seat Belts - Seat belt use is mandatory at all times when the operator is seated on the truck and the truck is equipped with seat belts. Notify the building manager if seatbelts were installed but are missing and tag the truck “Out of Service” until seat belts can be installed. 

Exception: Magnet movers and towmotors when used in tunnels and enclosures.

Prohibited and Restricted Work Practices:
- The practice of split-forking is prohibited.
- The practice of bulldozing is prohibited unless specifically authorized in writing by the line manager. Only stable or safely arranged loads shall be handled. Caution shall be exercised when handling off-center loads which cannot be centered.
- The use of a spinner knob on the steering wheel is not allowed except on stand-up rider trucks where steering is designed to be accomplished with one hand and a steering wheel is used or, if the powered industrial truck is equipped with an anti-kickback device on the steering mechanism. The operator must exercise caution when using a spinner knob to avoid over-controlling the vehicle that would cause the vehicle to tip over.
- Free rigging is prohibited unless specifically authorized in writing by the line manager and after a Job Hazard Analysis has been performed per FESHM 2060 Work Planning and Hazard Analysis.

Procurement or Significant Modification - Divisions/Sections wishing to purchase or modify existing PIT’s shall prepare the technical specifications in consultation with BSS- Transportation Services to ensure the standardization of equipment and that provisions are in place to address maintenance requirements.

PIT Nameplate(s) and Marking - Every truck shall have a durable, corrosion-resistant nameplate, legibly inscribed with the following information: truck model, serial number, truck weight and designation of compliance with the mandatory requirements of ASME B56.1, Safety Standard for Low and High Lift Trucks, applicable to the manufacturer and rated capacity.

Repair - Repairs on all powered industrial trucks will be conducted by the Transportation Services Department of the Business Services Section, or, as their agent, a qualified vendor working under the direction of the Transportation Services Department.

Acceptance Testing - The Business Services Section shall arrange for documented inspection and testing of a new powered industrial truck before placing in service or after extensive repairs to a damaged one are made. The owner shall be provided with copies of acceptance testing documentation.
Control of Access to Powered Industrial Trucks - Means shall be provided to prevent forklifts, tow-motors, and other powered industrial trucks from use by unqualified personnel (e.g., restricting access, locking operating controls, removing ignition keys, posting each truck with a sign that states: “Trained Personnel Only” or other appropriate measures). This is the responsibility of the division/section who owns the equipment.

Damage to Powered Industrial Trucks - When a powered industrial truck is damaged in an accident, it will be tagged and locked “out of service” by the division/section responsible for the truck. Owners will investigate and document incidents resulting in damage to a powered industrial truck. Do not return to service until repaired and, if applicable, until acceptance testing has been completed (See Acceptance Testing paragraph above).

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PROGRAM

The Business Services Section (BSS) will administer a maintenance and repair program for all powered industrial trucks owned by Fermilab divisions and sections. This program will provide for semi-annual preventive inspections and maintenance for all equipment; and for any unforeseen maintenance and repair work necessary to keep the equipment in safe operating condition.

Frequency of preventive maintenance inspections, other than semi-annual, will be determined by the owner based on use.

These services shall be conducted by the Transportation Services Department of the Business Services Section or, as their agent, a qualified maintenance contractor determined by a "Request for Proposal (RFP) with Qualifications" to assure professional services. The program will be carried out in conjunction with the division/section head responsible for the equipment. The division/section head is responsible for ensuring that all powered industrial trucks within their areas of responsibility are included in the program and shall establish and inform BSS of times of availability. All costs for inspection, testing, and maintenance shall be the responsibility of the division/section that owns the equipment.

Note: Maintenance and repair of rental powered industrial trucks and associated equipment is the responsibility of the vendor as per contract documents unless the division/section administering the contract specifies otherwise.

LOANING OF POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS

Loaning of a powered industrial truck to sub-contractor personnel must follow the requirements found in FESHM 7010. The owner of the PIT must fill out the Sub-Contractor Acceptance And Use Of Fermilab Tools/Equipment form #20 found in FESHM 7010 and verify that the operator meets the training requirements established in this chapter or the training requirements published in the Code of Federal Regulations.

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DRIVING POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS ON FERMILAB MAIN ROADS

At times it may be necessary to drive a powered industrial truck on Fermilab roads. These are slow moving vehicles that may introduce a collision hazard because of their slow speeds. The owner of the truck shall request an escort from the security services to follow the truck to its destination. The security vehicle needs to have all security emergency lights and strobes ON. Another vehicle may provide escort if Security is not able to provide the service. The escort vehicle must have the emergency flashers ON. A powered industrial truck equipped with a rotating yellow light or yellow strobe light and an operating horn does not need an escort as long as the rotating yellow light or yellow strobe and the horn are in working condition and the lights turned ON. A powered industrial truck without a yellow strobe or rotating beacon requires an escort when transiting.

Escort duties are only required when transiting:

- Wilson Road
- Pine Street
- Batavia Road
- Eola Road
- Road A
- Road B
- Road D
### Fermilab Forklift Operator Evaluation Form

#### Operator Behaviors

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<td>3. Clear personnel from the area of the load</td>
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<td>4. Level the forks; then slowly drive forward until the load contacts the carriage.</td>
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<td>5. Lift the load carefully and smoothly until it is clear</td>
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<td>6. Tilt the mast back slightly to stabilize the load</td>
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<td>8. Back strait out until the forks have cleared</td>
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<td>5. If parked on an incline, block the wheels.</td>
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### Fueling and Battery Recharging (Comments Only)

1. Engine off.
2. Fire extinguisher nearby.
3. Use required personal protective equipment as required by the Div/Sec instructions
4. Safe fueling and battery recharging procedures followed.
5. Spills cleaned up immediately

Based on my evaluation, the operator has **successfully** completed the evaluation and is qualified to operate the following equipment.

Based on my evaluation, the operator **has not demonstrated** competence in operating the equipment.

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**Equipment Type**

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