Lift truck safety tips



Ready

SAFETY CLOTHING AND TRAINING

Only operators who have completed the lift truck operation skill training may operate the lift truck. Wear designated work clothes and protective devices.

PRE-OPERATIONAL INSPECTION

Inspect the lift truck before starting work and inform the supervisor immediately if there are problems. Contact your dealer for repairs or modifications.

FASTEN SEAT BELT

Where applicable, fasten your seat belt before operating the lift truck.

NO PASSENGERS

A lift truck is built for only one person. It is dangerous for anyone to ride anywhere on the lift truck except in designated seating areas.

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KEEP WITHIN SPEED LIMIT

Always operate the lift truck at a speed that is appropriate for the environment. Observe the work site rules and operate the lift truck safely.

USE SUITABLE PALLETS

Use pallets and skids that can withstand the weight of the load. Do not use damaged, deformed or decayed pallets and skids.

AVOID HAZARDS

Do not drive over objects such as pieces of wood scattered on the ground. Doing so could cause the load to shift or the operator to lose control.

UNSTABLE LOAD

Stack the load on the pallets and skids safely and properly. Use prevention measures such as ropes or binders if required. Do not carry unstable loads.

NO HANDS ON MAST

Do not place hands or feet on the cross members of the mast. Your hand may be injured if the mast is lowered while your hand is on it.

TOO HEAVY

Do not operate with a load that exceeds the lifting capacity.

KEEP FORKS LOW

Do not travel with the forks higher than a foot from the floor, and never travel or turn with the forks in an elevated position or tilted forward.

SPECIAL CARE FOR SPECIAL LOADS

Take special care when carrying a long or wide load. Turn and work slowly to prevent the load from shifting. Make sure the load is balanced.

Go

USE HELPER IN NARROW SPACES

Operator should predetermine signals with helper. The lift truck operator must maintain sight of and follow signals given by the helper at all times.

CLEAR VISIBILITY

If visibility is obstructed, a lookout helper may be required. Drive carefully when backing. Always look in the direction of travel.

LOOK LEFT AND RIGHT AND SOUND HORN

If the view is obstructed, always stop, sound horn and look left and right before proceeding.

DON'T USE FORK TIPS

Do not use the tip of the forks as a lever to raise a heavy load. Do not push a load with the top of the forks, and do not use the tilt cylinder to pull a load.

PEDESTRIAN ONLY

Operators shall not operate any lift truck or other mobile equipment in a designated "Pedestrian Only" aisle or dedicated pedestrian walkway.

STOP TO SPEAK

Operators that stop a lift truck or other mobile equipment to speak to a pedestrian must abide by the "2-Foot Rule." This rule requires an operator to maintain a minimum distance of 2 feet (or outstretched arm's length) between the lift truck or other mobile equipment and the pedestrian they are speaking to.

SLOW DOWN WHEN TURNING

Travel slowly when turning. Lift trucks can tip over even at very slow speeds. The combination of speed and the sharpness of a turn can cause a tip over.

WATCH HEIGHT

Be careful of the height of the upper part of the lift truck when entering or exiting buildings.

EYE CONTACT

Operators shall make eye contact with a pedestrian(s) whenever the pedestrian has to walk past, in front, or behind the lift truck or other mobile equipment being operated.

HAND SIGNALS

Operators shall allow safe clearance and use "STOP" and "GO AHEAD" hand signals to communicate who will proceed first and will stop at all intersections where a pedestrian is present. "Wait for a Wave" from the pedestrian before proceeding.

MAINTAIN BRAKE CONTACT

Operators shall maintain contact with the brake pedal of the lift truck or other mobile equipment being operated when approaching a pedestrian, intersection or blind corner.

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