
29 C.F.R. § 1917.43

Powered industrial trucks.

- (a) *Applicability.* This section applies to every type of powered industrial truck used for material or equipment handling within a marine terminal. It does not apply to over-the-road vehicles.
- (b) *General.* (1) After October 3, 1983, modifications, such as adding counterweights, that might affect the vehicle's capacity or safety shall not be performed without either the manufacturer's prior written approval or the written approval of a professional engineer experienced with the equipment who has consulted with the manufacturer, if available. Capacity, operation and maintenance instruction plates, tags or decals shall be changed to conform to the equipment as modified.
- (2) Unauthorized personnel shall not ride on powered industrial trucks. A safe place to ride shall be provided when riding is authorized.
- (3) When a powered industrial truck is left unattended, load-engaging means shall be fully lowered, controls neutralized and brakes set. Unless the truck is in view and within 25 feet (7.62 m) of the operator, power shall be shut off. Wheels shall be blocked or curbed if the truck is on an incline.
- (4) Powered industrial trucks shall not be operated inside highway vehicles or railcars having damage which could affect operational safety.
- (5) Powered industrial trucks shall be marked with their rated capacities, which shall be visible to the operator.
- (6) Only stable and safely arranged loads within the rated capacity of the truck shall be handled.
- (7) The employer shall direct drivers to ascend and descend grades slowly.
- (8) The employer shall direct drivers to slow down and sound the horn at crossaisles and other locations where visibility is obstructed.
- (9) If the load obstructs the forward view, the employer shall direct drivers to travel with the load trailing.

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