
29 C.F.R. § 1926.1417

Operation.

- (a) The employer must comply with all manufacturer procedures applicable to the operational functions of equipment, including its use with attachments.
- (b) *Unavailable operation procedures.* (1) Where the manufacturer procedures are unavailable, the employer must develop and ensure compliance with all procedures necessary for the safe operation of the equipment and attachments.
 - (2) Procedures for the operational controls must be developed by a qualified person.
 - (3) Procedures related to the capacity of the equipment must be developed and signed by a registered professional engineer familiar with the equipment.
- (c) *Accessibility of procedures.* (1) The procedures applicable to the operation of the equipment, including rated capacities (load charts), recommended operating speeds, special hazard warnings, instructions, and operator's manual, must be readily available in the cab at all times for use by the operator.
 - (2) Where rated capacities are available in the cab only in electronic form: In the event of a failure which makes the rated capacities inaccessible, the operator must immediately cease operations or follow safe shut-down procedures until the rated capacities (in electronic or other form) are available.
- (d) The operator must not engage in any practice or activity that diverts his/her attention while actually engaged in operating the equipment, such as the use of cellular phones (other than when used for signal communications).
- (e) *Leaving the equipment unattended.* (1) The operator must not leave the controls while the load is suspended, except where all of the following are met:
 - (i) The operator remains adjacent to the equipment and is not engaged in any other duties.
 - (ii) The load is to be held suspended for a period of time exceeding normal lifting operations.

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