

Forklift Side-loader

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Technical Test – Practical

RESOURCES

Required

Machine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Side-loader forklift with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a seatbelt, ROPS and FOPS units standard forks
Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flat surface for travelling on and for placing/stacking loads Clear straight run not less than 10 metres in length
Other equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structure, racking or stacking to allow loads to be placed at high level Items to create restrictions for manoeuvring
Loads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LOAD 1 1 x load at least 50% of the rated capacity of the forklift LOAD 2 3 x same-sized loads (on pallets) for stacking purposes LOAD 3 A wide load at least 4 metres in length
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The machine selected for the test must be of at least 1 tonne lift capacity, in serviceable condition and conform with current legislation The operator's manual must be with the forklift The weight of all loads must be known The high level load-placing must be at least 75% of the forklift's full rated height Items for LOAD 2 must be safe for stacking

ACTIVITY

Instructions

Sequence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity 1 must be undertaken at the start of the test Activities 2–8 can be undertaken in any order Activity 8 may be incorporated during activities 6 or 7 Activity 10 must be undertaken at the end of the test <p>The test must be completed within a given time. The specifications' section gives further information.</p>
Preparing for work	1. Complete all manufacturers' pre-start and running checks and prepare the forklift for travel
Travelling & manoeuvring (refer to specifications)	2. In an unladen state and with LOAD 1, pass through a chicane executing full right- and left-hand turns in a forward and reverse direction 3. With LOAD 3, reverse with a load in a straight line for at least 15 metres and pass through a restriction at the end of the run 4. Reverse up to a structure or object unladen
Setting up for work	5. Prepare and set the forklift for each lift
Working tasks (refer to specifications)	6. Lift and place LOAD 1 at high level on/in the structure/stack. When placed, move the forklift away from the structure/stack. Then retrieve the load, lower to ground level and place at a given point 7. Pick and place Load 2 within 150 mm of a given object or structure. Stack remaining LOAD 2s vertically on top of each other (creating a 3 high load stack). On completion, de-stack all of LOAD 2 and place alongside each other in a straight line 8. Carry out undercutting by both lifting and placing a load
Completing work	9. All loads to be placed at ground level following completion of each activity
Shutting down	10. Park the forklift and carry out shut-down and securing procedures
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The forks must be set to the widest position at the start of the test If the machine is hot, checks unable to be carried out (i.e. coolant) may be assessed by the Tester using verbal questions

Activity measurements

Load placing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 mm of a given position
Load placing (stacking)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum of 75 mm clearance between each load when placed back at ground level (activity 8)
Manoeuvring (chicane and reversing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum clearance less than 300 mm or 10% of the machine's width (the greater applies) between the forklift and chicane/restriction sides when undertaking each turn, or passing through
Reversing clearance (against structure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum clearance less than 200 mm
Test timings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The test must be completed within 1 hour and 15 minutes

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Basic details	Test ref.	Candidate name
	Tester name	Candidate ref.
	Tester ref.	Date of test
	Make and model	Start time of test
		Duration

MANDATORY		Correctly carried out during the test?	Y / N
Preparing	1 All pre-start and running checks (or responses to relevant questions)		
Travelling	2 Forklift set for travel		
	3 Restrictions cleared		
	4 Seat belt worn		
	5 Limbs and body kept within confines of cab/frame (when travelling)		
	6 Straight line kept during reversing activity		
	7 Loads secure and in correct position on forks/bed		
	8 Reversed up to structure within given clearance		
Setting up	9 Encountered hazards cleared		
	10 Allocated area checked and clear of hazards prior to lifting		
	11 Loads assessed for weight and condition prior to lifting		
Working tasks	12 Forks spaced to match loads		
	13 Forklift level prior to lifting or placing loads		
	14 SWL not exceeded at all times		
	15 Machine's stability maintained at all times		
Completing	16 Loads/pallets not damaged during operations		
	17 Parking brake applied and neutral selected before lifting and placing loads		
	18 Undercut loads		
Shutdown	19 Loads left safe and secure		
Other	20 All shut down and securing procedures		
	21 Legislation, manufacturers' and health and safety requirements complied with		
	22 Test completed within the given time		
All of these items must be awarded		Achieved / Not achieved	

FAULTS		Candidate incorrectly carried out the following:	Fault	Mark	Penalty
Travelling	1	Forklift mounting and dismounting		1	
	2	Full observation before moving and reversing		3	
	3	Maintaining full observation whilst travelling		2	
	4	Matching travel speed to ground conditions and type		1	
	5	Placing all loads at the given points within the given tolerance		2	
	6	Forks clear of load when travelling (unless tilted)		1	
	7	Load clear of deck prior to traversing in		2	
Working	8	Keeping forks low but clear of the ground during travel		2	
	9	Positioning and setting the forklift when lifting or placing loads		2	
	10	Entering and exiting loads cleanly		1	
	11	Loads heeled whilst travelling (if applicable)		1	
	12	Sequence of using hydraulic/lifting controls		2	
	13	Smooth use of the steering, braking, transmission and hydraulic controls		1	
Not exceeded 8 penalties			Total penalties		
			Achieved / Not achieved		

