



OPERATOR WRITTEN TEST

Powered industrial trucks / 20 questions / Select one answer per question

Operator name / employee ID

Employer / facility

Test date / instructor

Equipment types covered in training

Circle A, B, C or D. Follow the scenario given. This test alone does not authorize operation.

1. Before operating a powered industrial truck independently, a new operator must:

- A. Have a driver's license and watch a coworker operate.
- B. Pass a written test and carry a blank operator card.
- C. Complete required training and a workplace evaluation, and be authorized by the employer.
- D. Read the capacity plate and practice alone in an empty aisle.

2. When must a powered industrial truck be examined for defects?

- A. Before service, at least daily; after each shift when used around the clock.
- B. Once a week unless a warning light appears.
- C. Only after an accident or a reported breakdown.
- D. At the first shift of each month and after major repairs.

3. During the pre-use check, the service brake does not stop the truck properly. What should you do?

- A. Use the parking brake for stopping until the shift ends.
- B. Continue with lighter loads and report it at lunch.
- C. Drive slowly and ask a coworker to watch the truck.
- D. Stop, secure the truck, remove it from service and report the defect.

4. A clamp attachment was installed, but the capacity plate does not identify that configuration. What is the safe action?

- A. Use the truck's original capacity for every clamp load.
- B. Do not use it until the approved configuration and correct capacity marking are verified.
- C. Estimate capacity by comparing the clamp with the forks.
- D. Test the load by lifting it high and watching for movement.

5. A load weighs less than the plate rating, but its center of gravity is farther forward than the rated load center. What matters?

- A. Only the load's total weight matters.
- B. Longer forks automatically increase the allowed weight.
- C. The longer load center can reduce capacity; verify the approved limits for that load.
- D. Tilting the mast fully back restores the original rating.

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6. A pedestrian stands between your approaching truck and a fixed rack. What should you do?

- A. Sound the horn and approach slowly until they move.
- B. Stop and keep clear until the pedestrian is safely out of the truck's path.
- C. Raise the forks above their knees before passing.
- D. Ask them to guide you while they remain against the rack.

7. You approach a blind cross aisle with limited visibility. What is the correct response?

- A. Slow down, sound the horn and proceed only when the route is clear.
- B. Maintain speed because cross-aisle traffic must yield.
- C. Sound the horn and assume pedestrians will stop.
- D. Follow another truck closely so it clears the crossing.

8. On a clear, level route, a bulky load blocks your forward view. How should you travel?

- A. Raise the load until you can see under it.
- B. Drive forward slowly and look around the sides only.
- C. Follow a pedestrian directly in front of the forks.
- D. Travel with the load trailing, looking in the direction of travel with a clear view.

9. How should you carry a stable load while traveling and turning on a level floor?

- A. Keep it at eye level so the operator can watch it.
- B. Raise it above nearby pallets before every turn.
- C. Keep it at the manufacturer's safe low travel position and turn slowly.
- D. Turn sharply to minimize the time spent across traffic.

10. A loaded conventional forklift must travel on a grade steeper than 10%. Which load orientation is required?

- A. Keep the load downhill in both directions.
- B. Keep the load uphill when ascending or descending; do not turn on the grade.
- C. Drive forward in both directions, regardless of load position.
- D. Turn sideways on the grade whenever the load blocks the view.

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11. Before entering a highway trailer from a dock, what must be verified?

- A. Trailer securement/support, sound flooring, and a secured dockboard rated for truck plus load.
- B. Trailer securement only; flooring and dockboard condition can be checked inside.
- C. The trailer driver's permission instead of a dock and trailer inspection.
- D. The dockboard rating for the cargo alone, excluding the forklift.

12. You will leave the forklift unattended. What is the correct parking sequence?

- A. Leave the engine running with the transmission in neutral.
- B. Raise the forks to make them visible and set the brake.
- C. Switch off power but leave the forks at travel height.
- D. Lower forks fully, neutralize controls, shut off power and set brakes; block wheels on an incline.

13. A sit-down counterbalance forklift starts to tip sideways while your seat belt is fastened. What should you do?

- A. Unbuckle and jump toward the falling side.
- B. Stay belted in, hold the steering wheel, brace your feet and lean away from the tip.
- C. Stand up and step out over the counterweight.
- D. Reach outside the operator compartment to brace the truck.

14. When may a person walk or stand beneath raised forks or an elevated load?

- A. Never, even when the forks are empty.
- B. When the operator keeps a hand on the lift control.
- C. When the forks are empty and the parking brake is set.
- D. When a spotter watches the person beneath the forks.

15. Which approach is appropriate when servicing or charging a lead-acid traction battery?

- A. Charge near any open outlet and keep the compartment sealed.
- B. Use open flame to check electrolyte level in dim light.
- C. Place metal tools across the terminals while preparing the charger.
- D. Use trained personnel, the designated ventilated area, required PPE and ignition controls.

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16. During an LPG truck check, you notice a gas odor and hissing near the tank connection. What is the safe response?

- A. Start the engine so the gas in the line is consumed.
- B. Use a lighter to find the exact point of leakage.
- C. Stop, keep people and ignition sources clear, report it and follow site emergency procedures.
- D. Tighten unfamiliar fittings while the engine continues running.

17. An operator trained only on a sit-down forklift is assigned an unfamiliar reach truck. What is needed before independent use?

- A. No additional preparation if the capacity is lower.
- B. Appropriate training for the new truck and workplace hazards, with evaluation of competence.
- C. A coworker's verbal assurance that the controls are similar.
- D. A new expiration date on the existing operator card.

18. An elevated order-picker task requires a manufacturer-approved fall-protection system, but it is missing. What should you do?

- A. Proceed if you keep both hands inside the platform.
- B. Attach any available rope to a nearby rack upright.
- C. Work at half the planned height without the required system.
- D. Do not elevate; obtain the required inspected system and use it as trained and instructed.

19. An operator has a near miss while driving a PIT, but the card has two years left. What action is required?

- A. Refresher training on relevant topics and evaluation of its effectiveness.
- B. No training action because no injury occurred.
- C. Wait until the card expires before reviewing performance.
- D. Issue a replacement card with the same expiration only.

20. How often must each PIT operator's performance be evaluated under 29 CFR 1910.178?

- A. Only when first hired by the employer.
- B. Every five years unless the truck is replaced.
- C. At least once every three years, with earlier training/evaluation when required by a trigger.
- D. Only after an injury involving the truck.

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