



Powered Industrial Truck Operator's Test

This test can be used as is or as a "template." It is not intended to address all the issues related to licensing forklift operators. The test will be most effective if you customize it for your workplace; remove questions that do not apply or add questions that reflect the hazards when operating a powered industrial truck in your workplace. In addition to a written test, ensure that operators have been given a performance test to assess their skills.

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| T | F | 1. An operator of a powered industrial lift truck shall not drive up to employees that are standing in front of a bench or fixed object. |
| T | F | 2. Before moving or stacking a lift truck operator shall survey the path of travel in order to avoid obstacles. |
| T | F | 3. A powered industrial truck operator shall report all accidents involving injury to an employee or damage to buildings and equipment to the employer. |
| T | F | 4. A powered industrial truck operator shall maintain clear access of the fire aisles, to stairways and fire equipment when depositing loads. |
| T | F | 5. An operator of a rider-type powered industrial truck may pass another truck traveling in the same direction at intersections, blind spots, or other dangerous locations if moving at a slow speed. |
| T | F | 6. In level areas an operator shall travel with the load engaging means elevated only sufficiently to clear obstacles on floor or roadway. |
| T | F | 7. Starts, stops and turns shall be made in a manner that will prevent a load from shifting or overturning the truck. |
| T | F | 8. A powered industrial truck operator shall drive at a slow speed over wet or slippery floors |
| T | F | 9. An employee needs to be protected from airborne contaminants created in exhaust gases of fossil fueled powered industrial trucks. |
| T | F | 10. Because the sulfuric acid electrolyte solution in batteries is corrosive, there must be an eyewash facility within 25 feet of the battery charging area. |
| T | F | 11. A powered industrial truck operator must promptly report any defects on the powered industrial truck to the employer. |
| T | F | 12. You must not fuel your truck while the engine is running. |

- T F 13. A powered industrial truck shall not be used to open freight car doors unless it is equipped with attachments designed for that purpose.
- T F 14. Semi-Trucks and trailers shall have two (2) wheels blocked or restrained by other mechanical means when being boarded by a powered industrial truck.
- T F 15. When following another truck, you shall maintain approximately one (1) truck length from the vehicle ahead.
- T F 16. When the powered industrial truck load blocks your forward visibility, stand up and drive slowly.
- T F 17. Your lift trucks should never be left unattended with motor running.
- T F 18. When loading a powered industrial truck, place the load engaging means under the load as far as possible and tilt the load mast backwards to cradle the load.
- T F 19. Refresher training is not required for an operator involved in an accident.
- T F 20. Smoking or other sources of ignition must be prohibited in powered industrial truck battery charging areas.
- T F 21. An operator of the truck shall avoid running over loose objects.
- T F 22. Stunt driving and horseplay is permitted.

SELECT THE ANSWER WHICH IS MOST CORRECT

23. An employee shall not be lifted or transported on a powered industrial truck except when an approved safety platform is attached to the forks by:
- a) Secured to the forks by an enclosed sleeve
 - b) A safety chain
 - c) Or a mechanical device in such a manner that the platform cannot tip or slip
 - d) All of the above

24. Employees operating a powered industrial truck shall not place their arms or legs in either of the following positions:
- a) Between the uprights of the mast
 - b) Outside the running lines of a moving truck
 - c) Both a and b
25. A semi-trailer less than 30 feet in length, when not coupled to a tractor and being loaded or unloaded with a powered industrial truck shall:
- a) Be provided a support capable of sustaining the load at the front
 - b) Be provided a support capable of sustaining the load on either side of the trailer
 - c) Be provided with a support capable of sustaining the load at the rear
26. It is acceptable to lift or transport:
- a) Only a load that cannot fall out of a basket or container
 - b) Only a load that cannot fall off the load engaging means during the normal movements of the truck
 - c) a and b
27. If mechanical trouble develops with a powered industrial truck, you should:
- a) Fix it yourself, if minor in nature
 - b) Drive until repairs can be made
 - c) Report the trouble to your employer
28. Forks on empty parked powered industrial trucks must always be:
- a) Two inches from the floor
 - b) Four inches from the floor
 - c) On the floor
29. When operating your powered industrial truck on a public road you should:
- a) Assume traffic will avoid you
 - b) Obey the rules of the road as though you were in a car
 - c) Sound horn and steer clear of him
30. Your powered industrial truck permit must be:
- a) Filed with the State of Michigan
 - b) Secured to the back of your truck
 - c) Be carried or made available for inspection during working hours

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Powered Industrial Truck Answer Sheet

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| 1. | True | Rule 2172(2) |
| 2. | True | Rule 2177 |
| 3. | True | Rule 2179 |
| 4. | True | Rule 2180 |
| 5. | False | Rule 2183(4) |
| 6. | True | Rule 2187 |
| 7. | True | Rule 2188 |
| 8. | True | Rule 2190(1) |
| 9. | True | Rule 2163(7) |
| 10. | True | Rule 2164 (9 a and b) |
| 11. | True | Rule 2171 |
| 12. | True | Rule 2182 |
| 13. | True | Rule 2175 |
| 14. | True | Rule 2176(1) |
| 15. | False | Rule 2183(2) |
| 16. | False | Rule 2185 |
| 17. | True | Rule 2174(1) |
| 18. | True | Rule 2193(b) |
| 19. | False | Rule 2152 (3)(b) |
| 20. | True | Rule 2164(3) |
| 21. | True | Rule 2192 |
| 22. | False | Rule 2189 |
| 23. | D | all of the above Rule 2167 (1) |
| 24. | C | Rule 2173 |
| 25. | A | Rule 2176(5) |
| 26. | C | Rule 2193(e) |
| 27. | C | Rule 2171(3) |
| 28. | C | Rule 2174(1) |
| 29. | B | Rule 2183(1) |
| 30. | C | Rule 2154(3) |



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