

TOOL BOX TALKS

Machine Fork Attachments

Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention



Follow safety information rules that the fork and machine manufacturer provides. Review these safety tips with your employees.

Tool Box Tips

1. Machines with fork attachments are to be considered forklifts.
2. Fork attachments on machines such as skid steers and loaders will reduce overall lifting capacity.
3. Know the lifting capacity of the machine you are operating.
4. Follow the manufacturer's instructions when using forklift attachments.
5. Never lift anyone on the forks or a pallet.
6. Never lift with just one fork.
7. Machines are weaker when loads are extended. Keep loads low and close to the machine.
8. Inspect slings and chains before use.
9. Lifting arms and booms create dangerous leverage that could tip the machine over or cause the load to fall.
10. Wear your seatbelt when operating machines with fork attachments.
11. Keep bystanders clear and out from beneath forks or lifted loads.



Read, understand and follow all machine warning labels.

LOADER RATED OPERATING CAPACITY (ROC)		PALLET FORK LOAD RATING AT 610 mm (24 IN)	
Kg	(LBS)	Kg	(LBS)
430	(950)	190	(410)
540	(1200)	300	(660)
590	(1300)	350	(770)
680	(1500)	430	(950)
770	(1700)	510	(1120)
860	(1900)	580	(1270)
950	(2100)	630	(1380)
1040	(2300)	680	(1500)
1130	(2500)	710	(1560)

Know load center and capacity information to avoid machine tipover or failure.



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