



Powered Industrial Truck Operator's Test

This test is a template. It is not intended to address all the issues related to permitting powered industrial truck 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.

1. A powered industrial truck operator must promptly report any defect on the powered industrial truck to the employer.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. An operator shall give the right of way to ambulances, fire trucks, or other emergency vehicles.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. Stunt driving and horseplay are permitted.
 - a. True
 - b. False
4. A powered industrial truck operator shall report all injuries involving injury to an employee or damage to buildings and equipment to the employer.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. An employee being trained is exempt from the permit requirement of the powered industrial truck rule provisions for a period of not more than **60 days**, provided the employee is under the supervision of an individual who is authorized by the employer.
 - a. True
 - b. False
6. Semi-truck and trailers shall have not less than two (2) wheels blocked or restrained by other mechanical means when being boarded by a powered industrial truck.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. A semitrailer less than 30 feet in length, when not coupled to a tractor and being loaded or unloaded with a powered industrial truck, shall be provided a support capable of sustaining the load at the front.
 - a. True
 - b. False
8. When leaving a powered industrial truck unattended, an operator shall fully lower the forks flat to the floor, neutralize the controls, set the brakes and shut the power off.
 - a. True
 - b. False

9. Modifications which affect the capacity and safe operation shall not be made by the employer without the manufacturers' written approval or an engineer knowledgeable on the subject. Capacity, operation, and maintenance instruction plates, tags, or decals shall be changed accordingly.
 - a. True
 - b. False
10. Starts, stops and turns shall be made in a manner that will prevent a load from shifting or overturning a powered industrial truck.
 - a. True
 - b. False
11. A powered industrial truck shall not be used to open freight car doors unless it is equipped with attachments designed for that purpose.
 - a. True
 - b. False
12. Smoking is prohibited while refueling a powered industrial truck.
 - a. True
 - b. False
13. An operator of a powered industrial truck shall safeguard other employees at all times.
 - a. True
 - b. False
14. A powered industrial truck, except a motorized hand truck, shall be equipped with an audible device to warn of approach.
 - a. True
 - b. False
15. An operator of a powered industrial truck shall avoid running over loose objects.
 - a. True
 - b. False

SELECT THE ANSWER WHICH IS MOST CORRECT

16. 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
17. An inspection of the powered industrial truck should be performed:
 - a. At the beginning of the shift
 - b. By the powered industrial truck operator or a qualified person
 - c. Once a week
 - d. A and B
18. An employee shall not be lifted or transported, except when a platform is attached to the forks by either:
 - a. Enclosed sleeves
 - b. Safety chain
 - c. A mechanical device in such a manner that the platform cannot tip or slip
 - d. All the above

19. A powered industrial truck is “unattended” when:
 - a. The operator is within 25 feet from the truck
 - b. The operator is further than 25 feet from the truck
 - c. The operator is not within view of the truck
 - d. B and C

20. 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 periodically while driving

21. An employer shall provide refresher training in relevant topics to an operator under the following conditions:
 - a. An operator is assigned to a different type truck
 - b. Changes occur in the workplace that could affect the safe operation of the truck
 - c. An operator is involved in an accident or a near miss
 - d. An operator observed operating the vehicle in an unsafe manner
 - e. An operator has received an evaluation that reveals that the operator is not operating the truck safely
 - f. All the above

22. An operator of a powered industrial truck shall:
 - a. Always safeguard other employees
 - b. Honk horn before driving up to a person standing in front of a fixed object
 - c. Not allow anyone to stand or pass under the elevated portion of any powered industrial truck, whether loaded or empty.
 - d. A and C

23. When following another truck, a safe distance shall be maintained approximately _____ truck lengths from the vehicle ahead, and the vehicle shall be kept under control at all times.
 - a. Four
 - b. Two
 - c. Three
 - d. One

24. It is acceptable to lift or transport:
 - a. Only a load that cannot fall out of the basket or container
 - b. Only a load that cannot fall off the load engaging means during the normal movements of the truck
 - c. Both A and B

25. A powered industrial truck permit must be:
 - a. Filed with the Secretary of State of Michigan
 - b. Secured to the back of your truck
 - c. Carried by the operator or made available for inspection during working hours

Read each definition carefully, and then print the letter of the correct answer on the line next to the term. Note: Each definition may only be used once.

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| ___ Powered Industrial Truck | A. Designed to be controlled by a walking operator and used to lift, tow, carry, stock and tier materials. |
| ___ Narrow Aisle Truck | B. A mobile, power driven vehicle used to carry, push, pull, lift, stack, or tier material. |
| ___ Tire | C. Controlled by the operator stationed on a platform movable with the load engaging means and intended for manual stock selection. The truck may be capable of self-loading or tiering or both. |
| ___ Reach Truck | D. Primarily intended for right angle stacking in aisles narrower than those normally required by counterbalanced trucks of the same capacity |
| ___ Overhead Guard | E. Support member providing the guide ways permitting vertical movement of the carriage. |
| ___ Mast | F. Framework fitted to a truck over the head of a riding operator. |
| ___ Motorized Hand Truck | G. Generally high-lift, having load engaging means mounted so the means can be extended forwardly under control to permit a load to be picked up and deposited in the extended position and transported in the retracted position. |
| ___ Order picker truck, high-lift | H. Standard solid, cushion solid, pneumatic or solid pneumatic style. |

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