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Rough-terrain trucks — Operator training — Content and methods

1 Scope

This document provides information to prepare training materials and to administer training for operators of rough-terrain trucks (herein referred to as trucks).

It is applicable to trucks, as defined in ISO 10896-1, ISO 10896-2 and ISO 20297-1.

It is applicable to the handling of suspended loads covered in ISO 10896-4 and the use of non-integrated personnel work platforms covered in ISO 18479-1.

This document does not cover authorization or training requirements related to a specific worksite (for example, site rules, emergency procedures, safety systems of work).

NOTE National or local requirements can apply.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 10896-1, *Rough-terrain trucks — Safety requirements and verification — Part 1: Variable-reach trucks*

ISO 10896-2, *Rough-terrain trucks — Safety requirements and verification — Part 2: Slewing trucks*

ISO 10896-4, *Rough-terrain trucks — Safety requirements and verification — Part 4: Additional requirements for variable-reach trucks handling freely suspended loads*

ISO 11525-1, *Rough-terrain trucks — Safe use requirements — Part 1: Variable-reach trucks (under revision)*

ISO 11525-2, *Rough-terrain trucks — Safe use requirements — Part 2: Slewing trucks (under revision)*

ISO 11525-4, *Rough-terrain trucks — User requirements — Part 4: Additional requirements for variable-reach trucks handling freely suspended loads*

ISO 18479-1, *Rough-terrain trucks — Non-integrated personnel work platforms — Part 1: Design, safety requirements and verification*

ISO 20297-1, *Industrial trucks — Lorry-mounted trucks — Part 1: Safety requirements and verification*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 10896-1, ISO 10896-2, ISO 10896-4, ISO 18479-1 and ISO 20297-1 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

**3.1
trainer**

competent person (3.8) who conducts the training of the truck operator (3.4)

**3.2
trainee**

person who is being trained to become a truck operator (3.4)

**3.3
user**

person or entity responsible for assigning an operator (3.4) to operate a truck and specify the tasks to be performed

[SOURCE: ISO 11525-1:2020, 3.2]

**3.4
operator**

person who controls the operation of the truck

[SOURCE: ISO 11525-1:2020, 3.3]

**3.5
examiner**

competent person (3.8) who tests the competency of the trainee (3.2)

Note 1 to entry: Note to entry: The trainer (3.1) and the examiner (3.5) can be the same person.

**3.6
familiarization**

necessary information provided to the operator (3.4) for the specific truck to be used, as equipped, regarding the features, functions, devices, limitations, and operating characteristics as defined by the manufacturer in the operator's manual including the location of the manufacturer's operator's manual

**3.7
examination
re-examination**

testing of the operator's (3.4) proficiency in, and retention of, the subject matter covered in both the theory and operational portions of the training or retraining of the operator (3.4)

**3.8
competent person**

person who has acquired, through training, qualification, experience or a combination of these, the knowledge and skill enabling that person to correctly perform the required tasks

[SOURCE: ISO 11525-1:2020, 3.4]

4 Safe use of the truck

The requirements on safe use of trucks in ISO 11525-1, ISO 11525-2, ISO 11525-4, as applicable, shall apply.

5 Requirements for training and familiarization of operators

5.1 General

5.1.1 A trainee shall operate the truck only as part of the operator training programme. This training shall be conducted under the direct supervision of a trainer who meets the requirements of 5.2.

5.1.2 Training shall be given on all types of trucks and attachments that the operator is required to operate.

NOTE Operators with some experience in operating trucks or relevant experience in operating similar equipment can need less extensive training than operators with no experience.

5.1.3 The operator training programme shall include the contents of training (see [Clause 6](#)) and shall be based on user policies, industry standards policies, operating conditions and the manufacturer's instructions.

NOTE Information on operator training is available from sources including users, truck manufacturers, government agencies dealing with employee safety, trade organizations of truck users, public and private organizations and safety consultants.

5.2 Selection of trainer

5.2.1 The competency of the trainer shall include instructional techniques and skills' assessment relevant to trucks.

5.2.2 The trainer shall only give instruction on types of trucks and attachments for which they are competent. The trainer shall have experience to enable them to put their instruction in context and knowledge of the working environment in which the trainee is expected to operate.

5.3 Practical (hands-on) training environment

5.3.1 Training shall be given at a venue with an appropriate surface and obstacles representative of the anticipated conditions in which the truck will be used.

5.3.2 Training shall be given with loads (for example, loaded and unloaded pallets, bags, sacks, bales, drums, bulk materials) representative of anticipated loads the operator will be handling.

5.3.3 There shall be appropriate facilities for simulating loading and unloading at various heights.

5.3.4 The practical (hands-on) training environment shall be free from other moving equipment and personnel traffic. Warnings such as flags, roped off areas, barricades, or flashing lights shall be used when appropriate.

5.3.5 The trainer shall verify that a risk assessment has been made for each location where a practical test is to be given.

5.3.6 While training is in progress, access to this area shall be restricted to the trainer and trainees. Trainers and trainees, together with the truck and loads, shall be segregated from normal commercial operations while training is in progress.

5.3.7 Trucks used for training shall be properly maintained per the manufacturer's specifications and suitable for the particular application/environment in which they will be used.

6 Contents of training

6.1 General training requirements

6.1.1 The training shall emphasize safe and proper operation that avoids injury to the operator and others and prevents property damage.

6.1.2 The operator shall be trained in the following:

- a) information about the truck(s):
 - 1) characteristics of this type of truck, including possible variations between these trucks and other equipment (for example mobile elevating work platforms, cranes) in the workplace;
 - 2) selection of an appropriate truck;
 - 3) significance of information plates, load charts, warnings and instructions affixed to the truck;
 - 4) location of the truck's operator's manual(s), and operating and safety instructions in the truck's operator's manual;
 - 5) instructions for inspection and maintenance to be performed by the operator;
 - 6) identification of the basic construction and main components of the truck, including its principles of operation;
 - 7) safety features (for example, seat belt, emergency stop controls, warning devices);
 - 8) engine operation, if equipped;
 - 9) type of drive system and its characteristics;
 - 10) methods of steering and manoeuvring;
 - 11) braking methods and characteristics, with and without loads;
 - 12) direct visibility, indirect visibility (for example, use of mirrors) and areas with restricted visibility, with and without loads;
 - 13) load charts, how to read and comprehend them and the limitations of the load chart due to the mass and load centres;
 - 14) stability characteristics including:
 - a) centre of gravity of the load and the truck;
 - b) combined load centre of gravity;
 - c) counterbalance principle (for example, boom extension);
 - d) stability triangle and trapezoid;
 - e) dynamic effects due to speed, acceleration, braking, raising or lowering loads while travelling, operation/manoeuvring without loads, sharp cornering, and suspended loads;
 - f) pneumatic tyre pressure, if applicable;
 - g) attachments;
 - 15) controls and instrumentation, including their location, function and method of operation, and the identification of symbols;
 - 16) load-handling capabilities and proper use of forks and other load bearing or non-load carrying attachments;
 - 17) refuelling/recharging;
 - 18) guards and protective devices for the specific type of truck, including the role of ROPS/FOPS structure;

- 19) stabilizing devices, chassis levelling and other stability-related functions, if equipped, and examples of improper operation and the risks associated with them;
 - 20) personal protective equipment (PPE);
 - 21) wheel loadings when loaded and unloaded;
 - 22) types of attachments and their applications/limitations;
 - 23) start-up and shut-down procedure, including sequence of operations; and
 - 24) other characteristics, if any, of the particular truck;
- b) operation and worksite-related topics:
- 1) assessment of the risks related to the task to be performed and the worksite where these tasks will be performed, including daily worksite inspections;
 - 2) correct entering and exiting the truck in normal operation and the need to always maintain three points of contact, in other words, one hand and two feet or two hands and one foot;
 - 3) surface conditions on which the truck is to be operated, loaded and unloaded, for example floor and ground conditions, ground pressure, ramps and inclines, trailers;
 - 4) load handling at height and at ground level;
 - 5) levelling of the truck prior to picking and placing loads;
 - 6) traffic hazards (for example, co-workers/bystanders, pedestrians, vehicles, other equipment in areas in which the truck is to be used);
 - 7) confined-area operations;
 - 8) potentially hazardous locations where the truck will be operated;
 - 9) ramps and gradients and how the stability of the truck can be affected by them;
 - 10) enclosed environments and other areas where insufficient ventilation can result in a concentration of carbon monoxide gas from the engine exhaust, if applicable;
 - 11) other unique or potentially hazardous environmental conditions at the worksite that can affect other workers and the safe operation of the truck;
 - 12) load handling in a stationary position;
 - 13) travel of the unladen truck to the appropriate location, stabilization, loading, chassis levelling, slewing, lifting, extending, retracting, lowering;
 - 14) load picking and carrying in accordance with specific manufacturer's instructions;
 - 15) emergency situations (for example, stopping in an emergency, emergency egress);
 - 16) basic steps to be taken in the event of a tip-over (for example, bracing for impact);
 - 17) remote-controlled operations, if applicable;
 - 18) overhead obstacles;
 - 19) parking, shut-down procedures and procedures to prevent unauthorized use; and