



# Pallet Jack Safety



## OPERATOR INSTRUCTIONS

- To raise the forks, push the actuating lever down to the RAISE position and pump the handle up and down until full height is reached. The Hydraulic Unit's "top-of-stroke" hydraulic fluid bypass minimizes stress on system when load is raised to maximum lift height. Therefore, excessive pumping will not damage the truck.
- Before maneuvering the truck, move the actuating lever to the NEUTRAL position thereby releasing the handle from additional pumping effort.
- To lower the forks, pull the actuating lever to the LOWER position.

## SAFETY HINTS FOR HAND PALLET TRUCK OPERATORS

Safe operation pays off in these three ways:

- Prevents injury and loss of time to yourself.
- Prevents accidents involving fellow employees.
- Prevents damage to the equipment as well as the material you're handling.



***To prevent serious risk of injury to yourself and others, observe the following safety instructions.***

- Do not operate this truck unless you are trained and authorized to do so.
- Read and obey all warnings and instructions in the operator's section of your Manual and on the truck.
- Make sure the truck is in good working order - No Damage to forks or any moving part.
- Don't use your pallet truck as a scooter or permit riders.
- Keep your arms, hands, legs and feet away from the load, lift linkage and forks. You or anyone else should never pass or place any body part under the elevated portion of truck or load it is carrying while you are operating the pallet jack.
- Use neutral position when maneuvering loads. Always be aware of your surroundings (This reduces operator fatigue).
- Maintain a safe distance from edges of ramps, dockboards and dock.
- A dockboard can move or drop while you are on it. Or you could drive off a dock. Falls from docks or dockboards can cause serious injury or even death. Make sure you are safe.
- Handle only stable loads with your pallet jack.
- Don't overload your truck (know its capacity) in the long run, you may save time and avoid injury by making more than one trip.
- Position the forks evenly under the load to permit safer movement and easier positioning.
- Don't pick up a load with one fork.
- Avoid moving loads up or down grades, ramps or inclines. Should you have to make an emergency stop, the truck can be stopped by rapidly lowering the load.
- When moving loads up or down grades, ramps or inclines, always work from the high side of the grade. Don't turn. Always travel straight up or down.
- Make sure that ramps, elevators and dockboards have sufficient capacity to handle your load and you.
- Pull, rather than push loads on long distance moves. (It's easier to see where you're going and it's easier to steer your truck!)
- Watch for overhead obstructions when handling tall loads.
- Park your pallet truck in a safe, level place with the handle up and the forks lowered.

