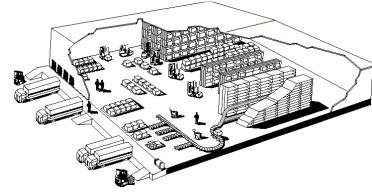


Forklift Chain Maintenance & Safety

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Forklift Chain Use & Wear



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OSHA 1910.178 (q)(7) states that industrial trucks shall be examined before being placed in service, and shall not be placed in service if the examination shows any condition adversely affecting the safety on the vehicle. Such examination shall be done at least daily.

Chains are just one part of that examination, but one that should be addressed in more detail. Chains are what hold your loads in the air, so extra attention should be given to them. Besides checking for obvious damages, such as a loose or broken chain or cracked plates, additional inspections should be performed.

If an operator notices a slack or broken chain while doing the inspection of the forklift, or when using the forklift, they should tag the truck out of service and notify a supervisor immediately. Never attempt repairs on your own; only trained forklift mechanics should work on your forklifts. If you don't know what you are doing you could lose a finger, hand, arm or foot. Do NOT repair forklift chains— they should be replaced! Never cut out worn sections and splice in new pieces. If the chains are a matched set, then both chains should be replaced.

Many times we see operators traveling down aisles dragging forks on the floor as they go along. On some makes and models of forklifts, this could be a sign that your chains might need adjusting; others have no adjustment.

Forklift operators should watch their chains as they leave a pallet to insure the chains are taut and not slack. If an operator pulls out of a pallet when the chains are slack, the forks can drop with such force that the chains will break.

After detailed examination of your Lift Chains, replacement is recommended for the s/n(s) listed to the right:



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Chain Replacement Special Offer

3-6k lb Capacity, All Makes

*Free Lift Cylinder, installed \$ 450.00

**Add for Secondary Cylinder \$ 650.00

Offer ends 4-30-10

**	Truck Make, Model & Serial Number

X mark above if Secondary Cylinder Chain Replacement is recommended in addition to free lift.

Date: _____

PO#: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Hours of Operation: _____

Road Job # _____

if applicable _____

Company Name: _____

"Install" Address: _____

City, ST Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____

Technician #: _____

BBF Employee: _____