

**PERFORMANCE TEST FOR
LIFT TRUCK OPERATOR
EXAMINER'S TEST SHEET**

NAME OF TEST _____

ERROR SCORE _____

FINAL RATING _____

NAME _____ DATE _____

Operating Errors

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| ___ 1. Started jerkily, overcautious, unfamiliar with controls | ___ 14 Lowered load too fast |
| ___ 2. Did not give proper signals when turning | ___ 15. Stopped too suddenly |
| ___ 3. Did not slow down at intersections | ___ 16. Load not balanced properly |
| ___ 4. Did not sound horn at intersections | ___ 17 Forks not under load all the way |
| ___ 5. Did not obey signs | ___ 18 Struck pallet or floor with fork while loading |
| ___ 6. Did not look where he was going | ___ 19 Failed to check bridge plates |
| ___ 7. Made too wide a turn on corners | ___ 20 Did not place load within marked area |
| ___ 8. Cut corners too sharply | ___ 21. Did not drive backward when required |
| ___ 9. Drove recklessly | ___ 22 Number of pallets displaced (or lines crossed) |
| ___ 10. Approached load improperly | ___ 23 Number of unnecessary stops made |
| ___ 11 Lifted load improperly | ___ 24 Did not follow instructions |
| ___ 12 Maneuvered unnecessarily | ___ 25. Did not complete problem |
| ___ 13 Traveled with load too high | |

FIG 27-23 —Examiner's checklist and test sheet can be used to evaluate performance of lift truck operators. Similar tests can be given operators of other types of trucks

5 Authorization only upon satisfactory completion of training

In some training courses, the candidate is issued a student badge upon successful completion of the training course and can qualify for an operator's badge only after a specified period of driving on the job under close supervision, followed by an additional final examination. In any case, close supervision is essential, especially immediately following the training period when the newly qualified driver is applying his lessons on the job. In fact, as long as an operator remains on the job, his performance should be periodically checked to stop any tendency to lapse into unsafe practices.

There are a number of Safe Driver Award programs available. These programs have been very effective in achieving extended periods of safe and productive operation.

Inspection and Maintenance

Powered industrial trucks should be inspected on a regular schedule. Operators should make daily inspection of controls, brakes, tires, and other moving parts. Checklists (Fig 27-24) should be used to record conditions requiring correction. In addition, competent maintenance men should be assigned to keep the equipment in safe operating condition. Defective brakes, controls,