

Great Western Painting

Mobile Equipment

MOBILE EQUIPMENT

Our mobile equipment operators must be aware of the hazards associated with their use. In addition to powered industrial trucks, which are addressed in our powered industrial truck program, mobile equipment would include items such as tractors, haulage vehicles, and earthmoving equipment.

Only authorized persons will be allowed to operate our mobile equipment and this authorization will be issued after employees have completed appropriate training for the specific item of mobile equipment, obtained required licenses and/or certification, and demonstrated through proficiency testing that they are capable of safely operating the equipment.

Prior to use [**at the beginning of each shift**] the mobile equipment operator will inspect the item of equipment to which assigned following the guidelines of the owner/operator manual which must be kept with the vehicle. Emphasis will be placed on clutch, braking systems, steering, lighting, and control systems. Defects in these items will be reported immediately to the supervisor. If the piece of mobile equipment can not be safely operated, it will be locked out of service using our standard lockout/tagout procedures.

Because of their power; weight; size; restricted visibility; and, often, high center of gravity, operation of mobile equipment takes skill and attention to detail. One moment of inattention can lead to a major mishap in an instant.

As a general rule passengers are not to ride on our mobile equipment unless:

1. riding is a function of a job task and is authorized by a supervisor, and,
2. the piece of mobile equipment is equipped to accommodate riders safely, i.e., has a seat and seat belt for a second (or more) person(s).

Operators and other persons will access and exit the mobile equipment using steps, grab bars, attached ladders, or systems designed into the vehicle. No person is allowed to jump on or off this type of equipment.

All mobile equipment will be fitted with a working back-up alarm which will be checked by the operator as part of the safety inspection.

If the mobile equipment does not have an enclosed cab, at a minimum, approve eye protection must be worn. Additionally, depending on the need, the following PPE will be used if needed: steel toed work boots; hard hats, hearing protection, gloves, and skin protection (long sleeve shirts).

Mobile equipment rules of use:

1. Before starting the engine, seat belts will be fastened and adjusted for proper fit.
2. The equipment will **only be used** in the manner for which it was designed and intended for.
3. Loads will be secured, centered, and within the vehicle's established load limits.
4. Because of the equipment's size and configuration, if the operator does not have a clear view of where he/she is heading, flags, markers, or a ground guide will be used using standard hand signals for directions.
5. During fueling operations, the following procedures will be implemented:
 - a. The engine will be turned off.
 - b. The operator and any riders will exit the vehicle.
 - c. No smoking or open flames will be within the immediate area.
 - d. The operator will ensure that the gasoline or diesel fuel nozzle makes contact with the filling neck of the tank before filling.
 - e. All vehicle fluids will be checked before restarting the engine.

