

SUPERVISOR – POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCK (PIT) CERTIFIED OPERATORS - MAINTAINING STANDARDS

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OVERVIEW

This course contains safety requirements relating to the use of fork trucks, tractors, platform lift trucks, motorized hand trucks, and other specialized industrial trucks powered by electric motors or internal combustion engines. These requirements are set forth by OSHA Standards – 29 CFR §1910.178.

Supervisors assign tasks to Power Industrial Truck (PIT) Certified operators who are expected to perform the tasks safely, effectively, and efficiently. Supervisors are responsible for ensuring correct and safe operations of the vehicles while moving about. Such overseers, who are trained in retaining qualified operators, know what to look for and how to coach an unsafe operator back into qualified status.



Participants successfully completing this workshop can:

- > **Recognize unsafe, ineffective, and inefficient performance**
- > **Coach operators to maintain certification**
- > **Prevent injuries from unsafe PIT operation**
- > **Reduce the risk of injury and damage to materials, racking, and equipment**

The course materials [OSHA Standards] presented in this workshop will provide the level of understanding necessary for supervisors to properly document and coach at-risk or poor performance operators. For operators whose certification has been revoked due to serious near-misses or violations of the Standards, supervisors will be better equipped with successful coaching techniques, reducing the number of issues or incidents.

This workshop will focus on the specific class and type of PIT used by the operator. Discussion will be centered on equipment manufacture recommendations that can mitigate hazards and reduce risk for injuries. Operating a PIT in the workplace requires attentive and defensive driving techniques and hazard recognition. A properly trained supervisor can help a PIT Certified Operator attain and maintain the expected level of performance.



ABOUT BRUCE RICHARDSON



Bruce Richardson is experienced in (but not limited to) retail warehouse and storage, manufacturing, and fabrication shops maintaining compliance within the OSHA standards for operating powered industrial trucks. Since 1973 Bruce has worked for several international companies, providing equipment training and safety coaching to employees, vendors, and customers. In 2003 he was certified by OSHA standards on Class I, II, III, IV, and V Powered Industrial Truck equipment in a retail environment. In 2009 he was selected to train and certify in-house PIT operators. Bruce was also responsible to train supervisors and managers on “what they needed to know” to successfully coach and observe company certified PIT operators.

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