

OPERATOR - POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCK (PIT) TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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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.

While this workshop meets your requirements for certified PIT operators they will also be:

- > **More motivated to keep areas clear of slip, trip, and fall hazards**
- > **Less likely to injure themselves or others**
- > **Less likely to damage to material racking and equipment**
- > **Less likely to spend time cleaning up messes from damaged materials**

While participants will learn to operate power industrial trucks to the level expected by OSHA standards they will also learn techniques for keeping the workplace free of hazards that can be generated from the storage and moving of material. Moreover, there are choices in selecting Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that may not be required but provides a higher level of risk management, thereby preventing injury.

This workshop will focus on the specific class and type of PIT used by the participants. Discussion will be focused on manufactures recommendations and how they mitigate hazards and reduce risk. A safe operator can do more than just move material if they are properly trained. Operating a PIT in the workplace requires the operator to be attentive in observing unsafe conditions that can lead to injury incidents.





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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