



Stacker Operator Safety & Health Program Safety Guide Supplement

Employee Name: _____

Date: _____

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The following is a supplement to company specific training, other training aids, and the applicable provisions of the Division Seven Forest Activities Code that apply to the job title listed above.

- ☐ Only authorized employees will be permitted to operate any company equipment or power tools.
- ☐ As a Stacker Operator you have an important role in the overall production and safety of the Log Yard. In order for your job to be done in a safe manner, one of the things you will need to know is how you as a Stacker Operator will interact with the employees and other machinery on the job site.
- ☐ Log Stackers pose a possible hazard to employees who may be working on the ground. Knowing where other employees position themselves will be vital for the safe operation of the Stacker. No employee working on the ground should ever be allowed to approach your machine while it is operating. Do not store or allow to be stored tools, saws, or items of employee property on the machine where a person attempting to retrieve the item could expose themselves to danger. Good communication between you and these employees is vital for their safety. In order for you to better understand their duties you could read the AOL Safety Guide Supplement for Log Yard Helper, and others if applicable. If supervising or directing the work activities of one or more employees the AOL Supervisors Safety Guide Supplement should be completed.
- ☐ There may be persons on the ground in the area of the Stacker. Have a clear unobstructed view of the direction of travel when moving the Stacker. Keep the windows clean. Report any window in the machine with cracks or defects to your supervisor. Any person on the ground acting as a signal person should be kept in sight. Never move the machine if you are uncertain of a hand signal, or of the location of any person[s] on the ground.
- ☐ Learn the hand signals being used to signal machine operators where you are working. If you have any questions ask your supervisor.
- ☐ Read and become familiar with the manufacturers Operator's Manual before you operate the Stacker. Know where the manual for your machine is kept, and refer to it when making repairs or when performing maintenance. Do not exceed the manufacturers recommended load capacities, or other operating guidelines.
- ☐ Inspect the Stacker each day before starting work. Any repairs or adjustments must be made before any strain or load is placed upon the machine.
- ☐ Do not neglect to properly service and maintain your machine. Check the fluid levels daily and keep them within the manufacturers recommended operating levels. Do not operate a Log Stacker with defective brakes, steering, or other critical parts. Report any problems with the machine to your supervisor immediately.
- ☐ Keep all manufacturers and other safety devices such as side screens, hand holds, steps, seat belts, ladders and etc. in good repair. Report any problems to your supervisor.

- ☐ Your safety and the safety of your fellow employees may be greatly determined by your ability to be alert. Point out any hazards or safety concerns you have to your supervisor as you see them. Be attentive on the job site. Drug and/or alcohol use will not be tolerated, nor will horseplay or any other unsafe activity.
- ☐ Log Yards are a hard hat area. Whenever you leave the cab or canopy on an active log yard you must wear a hard hat. Hard hats provide much needed protection from overhead hazards, and you are required to keep yours in top shape. Do not position yourself under overhead hazards. Being highly visible to others on the job site is important. Your hard hat should be brightly colored, or you can wear a brightly colored upper body cover such as a safety vest.
- ☐ Choose proper approved footwear that will provide firm ankle support and secure footing. Getting onto and off the Stacker will pose a possible tripping and falling hazard so make sure of your footing and hand holds and maintain 3 points of contact when mounting or dismounting. Move cautiously, avoid jumping and running.
- ☐ Keep the Stacker free of flammable material [oily rags, oil spills, dry leaves and twigs, etc.] which may create a fire or other hazard. Make sure there is an adequately charged fire extinguisher on the machine at all times, and check it periodically to make sure it is charged. Report any fire extinguisher that needs charged or is otherwise out of service to your supervisor.
- ☐ You may be called upon to operate a chainsaw. Approved eye and leg protection must be worn whenever a chainsaw is used, Carry hearing protection with you and wear it when operating a chainsaw, or when operating equipment.
- ☐ Do not operate any equipment or chainsaws until management has properly instructed and authorized you to do so.
- ☐ Whenever you leave the operating position, set the parking brake and lower all attachments. Lowering all attachments and setting the brake will help ensure that the machine will not roll while it is unattended. This must be done whenever you leave the operating position, no exceptions.
- ☐ It is important for you to understand the company Lockout/Tagout Program for securing machines. Never remove a Lockout/Tagout device if you have not been authorized to do so. All authorized employees must demonstrate a working knowledge of the specific shut down procedures they are required to use. Do not attempt to start a machine with a Lockout/Tagout device in place. Bring any questions about the company Lockout/Tagout Program to your supervisor.
- ☐ Never allow someone to hitch a ride on any part of the Stacker you are operating. The only person on a Log Stacker should be the operator sitting in the operator's position.
- ☐ No machinery should ever be operated within fifteen [15] feet of a power line. Logs being moved should not be permitted to pass within fifteen [15] feet of a power line. As the operator you will need to halt the operation of the machine whenever the logs being moved, or the Stacker itself is in danger of getting within fifteen [15] feet of a power line. Advise your supervisor whenever either of these two conditions may exist.
- ☐ The Log Yard unloading procedures and rules are clearly posted at the Log Yard entrance. Do not unload any truck if the driver has not obeyed the posted rules. Report any uncooperative Driver to management immediately.
- ☐ Checking System 437-007-0210(2); To check the well being of those workers that (might) work alone. The time intervals for checking must be understood and agreed by all parties. Intervals should reflect the hazardous nature of the work and methods available for checking.

- ☐ Medical services and First Aid. The Emergency Evacuation Information for the job site must be posted at the work site after one-day duration. Also check and make sure this information is available whenever the operation moves to a new location. Emergency Evacuation Information must include both land directions to the job site, and the Township, Range and Section numbers. All employees need to know the emergency evacuation radio/telephone procedure, and verify that they fully understand it.
- ☐ A well stocked first aid kit, blanket, and stretcher must be on the job site at all times. Know the location of these supplies and contact your supervisor if there are any questions.
- ☐ The Hazard Communication Program requires secondary containers of chemicals (paints, saw gas, diesel, motor oil, etc.) to be labeled as to their contents. Maintain the labeling or marking procedures, and encourage the other employees to do the same.

Employee Signature: _____ Date: _____

Trainer Signature: _____ Date: _____