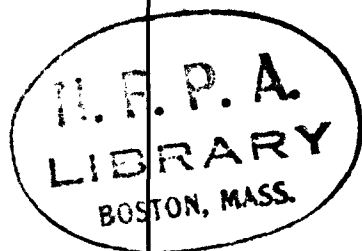


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PART A

USE OF INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS

100. GENERAL

101. This standard applies to fork trucks, tractors, platform lift trucks, motorized hand trucks and other specialized industrial trucks powered by electric motors or internal combustion engines. This standard does not apply to compressed air or nonflammable compressed gas-operated industrial trucks, nor to farm vehicles, nor automotive vehicles for highway use.

NOTE: Reference is made to the American Standard Safety Code for Powered Industrial Trucks (ASA B56.1) for further information. (Copies available from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 345 East 47th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017 and the American Standards Association, 10 East 40th Street, New York, N.Y. 10016.)

102. Approved industrial trucks are those trucks that are listed for the use intended by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. Trucks shall bear a label or some other identifying mark to that effect authorized by such laboratory. The word "listed" herein shall mean compliance with the above.

NOTE: In order to prevent confusion it is intended that all testing laboratories should use the same designations to identify the various types of industrial trucks.

103. For the purpose of this standard there are eleven different designations of industrial trucks or tractors as follows: D, DS, DY, E, ES, EE, EX, G, GS, LP and LPS.

a. The D designated units are units similar to the G units except that they are diesel engine powered instead of gasoline engine powered.

b. The DS designated units are diesel powered units that are provided with additional safeguards to the exhaust, fuel and electrical systems. They may be used in some locations where a D unit may not be considered suitable.

c. The DY designated units are diesel powered units that have all the safeguards of the DS units and in addition

do not have any electrical equipment including the ignition and are equipped with temperature limitation features.

d. The E designated units are electrically powered units that have minimum acceptable safeguards against inherent fire hazards.

e. The ES designated units are electrically powered units that, in addition to all of the requirements for the E units, are provided with additional safeguards to the electrical system to prevent emission of hazardous sparks and to limit surface temperatures. They may be used in some locations where the use of an E unit may not be considered suitable.

f. The EE designated units are electrically powered units that have, in addition to all of the requirements for the E and ES units, the electric motors and all other electrical equipment completely enclosed. In certain locations the EE unit may be used where the use of an E and ES unit may not be considered suitable.

g. The EX designated units are electrically powered units that differ from the E, ES, or EE units in that the electrical fittings and equipment are so designed, constructed and assembled that the units may be used in certain atmospheres containing flammable vapors or dusts.

h. The G designated units are gasoline powered units having minimum acceptable safeguards against inherent fire hazards.

i. The GS designated units are gasoline powered units that are provided with additional safeguards to the exhaust, fuel and electrical systems. They may be used in some locations where the use of a G unit may not be considered suitable.

j. The LP designated unit is similar to the G unit except that liquefied petroleum gas is used for fuel instead of gasoline.

k. The LPS designated units are liquefied petroleum gas powered units that are provided with additional safeguards to the exhaust, fuel and electrical systems. They may be used in some locations where the use of an LP unit may not be considered suitable.

104. The authority having jurisdiction shall determine the hazard classification of any particular atmosphere or location. The atmosphere or location shall have been classified as to whether it is hazardous or nonhazardous prior to

the consideration of industrial trucks being used therein and the type of industrial truck required shall be as provided in Article 200 of this standard for such location.

105. Any one plant or building may have several areas of different hazard classification. The authority having jurisdiction may limit the use of industrial trucks in certain hazardous areas in a plant or building in accordance with the hazard classification of such areas. The responsibility for enforcement of restricted use in such areas will rest on management.

NOTE: Attention is called to the recommendations for marking trucks and areas for hazard classification. Details may be found in Paragraph 802.

106. The industrial trucks specified under Article 200 are the minimum types required but industrial trucks having greater safeguards may be used if desired.

200. Specific Areas of Use

NOTE 1: Table I tabulates the information contained in this Section.

NOTE 2: References in parentheses are to the corresponding classification as used in the National Electrical Code (NFPA No. 70)* for the convenience of people familiar with those classifications.

201. Areas Containing Certain Flammable Gases or Vapors Where Power-Operated Industrial Trucks Shall Not Be Used (Class I, Groups A, B and C, Division 1).

a. Power-operated industrial trucks shall not be used in atmospheres containing hazardous concentrations of acetylene gas; hydrogen gas or gases or vapors of similar hazard such as manufactured gas; or ethyl ether vapors, ethylene gas and cyclopropane gas.

202. Atmospheres Containing Metal Dusts, Carbon Black, Coke or Coal Dust (Class II, Groups E and F, Division 1).

a. Power-operated industrial trucks shall not be used in atmospheres containing hazardous concentrations of metal dust including aluminum, magnesium or their alloys or in atmospheres containing carbon black, coal or coke dust except approved power-operated industrial trucks des-

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ignated as EX may be used in such atmospheres subject to special investigation by the authority having jurisdiction. In atmospheres where dust of magnesium, aluminum or aluminum bronze may be present, fuses, switches, motor controllers and circuit breakers of trucks shall have enclosures specifically approved for such locations.

203. Atmospheres Where Vapors of Flammable Liquids and Some Gases Exist Under Normal Operating Conditions (Class I, Group D, Division 1 — See Note).

a. Only approved power-operated industrial trucks designated as EX may be used in atmospheres containing acetone, ethyl and methyl alcohol, benzine, benzol, butane, gasoline, hexane, lacquer solvents, naphtha, natural gas or propane in quantities sufficient to produce explosive or ignitable mixtures and where such concentrations of these gases or vapors exist continuously, intermittently or periodically under normal operating conditions or may exist frequently because of repair, maintenance operations, leakage, breakdown or faulty operation of equipment.

NOTE: This category includes locations where flammable volatile liquids or liquefied flammable gases are transferred from one open container to another; areas in the vicinity of spraying and painting operations where volatile flammable solvents are used; locations containing open tanks or vats of volatile flammable liquids; drying rooms or compartments for the evaporation of flammable solvents; locations containing fat and oil extraction equipment using volatile flammable solvents; portions of cleaning and dyeing plants where flammable liquids are used; gas generator rooms and other portions of gas manufacturing plants where flammable gas may escape; pump rooms for flammable gas or for volatile flammable liquids; and all other locations where hazardous concentrations of flammable vapors or gases are likely to occur in the course of normal operations.

204. Atmospheres Where Volatile Flammable Liquids and Their Vapors or Flammable Gases Are Normally Confined (Class I, Group D, Division 2 — See Note).

a. When permitted by the authority having jurisdiction, only approved power-operated industrial trucks designated as DY, EE or EX may be used in locations where flammable volatile liquids or flammable gases are handled, processed or used, but where the hazardous liquids, vapors or gases will normally be confined within closed systems or

TABLE I
SUMMARY TABLE ON USE OF INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS
IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS
(For full details see PART A of this Standard)

Classes		Unclassified	Class I Locations			
Description of Classes		Locations not possessing atmospheres as described in other columns	Locations in which flammable gases or vapors are, or may be, present in the air in quantities sufficient to produce explosive or ignitable mixtures.			
Groups in Classes		NONE	A	B	C	D
Examples of locations or atmospheres in classes and groups		Piers & Wharves Inside and Outside General Storage General Industrial or Commercial Properties	Acetylene	Hydrogen	Ethyl ether	Gasoline Naphtha Alcohols Acetone Lacquer solvent Benzene
Divisions (Nature of Hazardous Conditions)	NONE		1		2	
			Above condition exists continuously, intermittently, or periodically under normal operating conditions.		Above condition may occur accidentally as due to a puncture of a storage drum.	

AUTHORIZED USES OF TRUCKS BY TYPES

Groups in Classes	NONE	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
Types of Trucks Authorized									
Diesel									
Type D	D								
Type DS						†	†	†	DS*
Type DY						†	†	†	DY*
Electric									
Type E	E								
Type ES						†	†	†	ES*
Type EE						†	†	†	EE*
Type EX					EX	†	†	†	EX*
Gasoline									
Type G	G								
Type GS						†	†	†	GS*
LP-Gas									
Type LP	LP								
Type LPS						†	†	†	LPS*
Paragraph Ref. in No. 505	210, 211	201 (a)			203 (a)	209 (a)			204* (a), (b)

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IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS
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Class II Locations			Class III Locations
Locations which are hazardous because of the presence of combustible dust.			Locations where easily ignitable fibers or flyings are present but not likely to be in suspension in quantities sufficient to produce ignitable mixtures.
E	F	G	NONE
Metal dust	Carbon black Coal dust Coke dust	Grain dust Flour dust Starch dust Organic dust	Baled waste, cocoa fiber, cotton, excelsior, hemp,istle, jute, kapok, oakum, sisal, Spanish moss, synthetic fibers, tow.

1	2	1	2
Explosive mixture may be present under normal operating conditions, or where failure of equipment may cause the condition to exist simultaneously with arcing or sparking of electrical equipment, or where dusts of an electrically conducting nature may be present.	Explosive mixture not normally present, but where deposits of dust may cause heat rise in electrical equipment, or where such deposits may be ignited by arcs or sparks from electrical equipment.	Locations in which easily ignitable fibers or materials producing combustible flyings are handled, manufactured, or used.	Locations in which easily ignitable fibers are stored or handled (except in the process of manufacture).

IN GROUPS OF CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

E	F	G	E	F	G	NONE	NONE
			†	†	DS*		DS
			†	†	DY	DY	DY
							E*
			†	†	ES*		ES
			†	†	EE	EE	EE
	EX*	EX* EX	†	†	EX	EX	EX
			†	†	GS*		GS
			†	†	LPS*		LPS
202(a)	205 (a)		209(a)	206 (a),(b)		207(a)	208 *208(a)

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containers from which they can escape only in the event of accidental rupture or breakdown of such containers or systems or in cases of possible abnormal operation of equipment; also in locations in which hazardous concentrations of gases or vapors are prevented by positive mechanical ventilation provided with effective safeguards against ventilation failure.

b. In locations used for the storage of hazardous liquids in sealed containers or liquefied or compressed gases in containers, approved power-operated industrial trucks designated as DS, ES, GS or LPS may be used if permitted for such location by the authority having jurisdiction.

NOTE: This category includes locations where flammable volatile liquids or flammable gases or vapors are used, but which in the judgment of the authority having jurisdiction would become hazardous only in case of accident or of some unusual operating condition. The quantity of hazardous material that may escape in the event of accident, the adequacy of ventilating equipment, the total area involved and the experience of the industry or business with respect to explosions or fires are all factors that should receive consideration in determining whether or not the DS or DY, ES, EE, GS, LPS designated truck possesses sufficient safeguards for the location. Piping without valves, checks, meters and similar devices would not ordinarily be deemed to introduce a hazardous condition even though used for hazardous liquids or gases. Locations used for the storage of hazardous liquids or of liquefied or compressed gases in sealed containers would not normally be considered hazardous unless subject to other hazardous conditions also.

205. Atmospheres Containing Combustible Dusts in Suspension Other Than Those Specified in Paragraph 202 (Class II, Group G, Division 1 — See Note).

a. Only approved power-operated industrial trucks designated as EX may be used in atmospheres in which combustible dust is or may be in suspension continuously, intermittently or periodically under normal operating conditions, in quantities sufficient to produce explosive or ignitable mixtures, or where mechanical failure or abnormal operation of machinery or equipment may cause such mixtures to be produced.

NOTE: This category includes the working areas of grain handling and storage plants, rooms containing grinders or pulverizers, cleaners, graders, scalpers, open conveyors or spouts, open bins or hoppers, mixers or blenders, automatic or hopper scales, packing machinery, elevator heads and boots, stock distributors, dust and stock collectors and all similar dust producing ma-

chinery and equipment in grain processing plants, starch plants, sugar pulverizing plants, malting plants, hay grinding plants, pulverized spice and cocoa plants and other occupancies of similar nature where combustible dust may, under normal operating conditions, be present in the air in quantities sufficient to produce explosive or ignitable mixtures.

206. Locations Where Combustible Dusts Are Present But Not Normally in Suspension in the Atmosphere (Class II, Group G, Division 2 — See Note).

a. Only approved power-operated industrial trucks designated as DY, EE or EX may be used in atmospheres in which combustible dust will not normally be in suspension in the air or will not be likely to be thrown into suspension in the air by the normal operation of equipment or apparatus in quantities sufficient to produce explosive or ignitable mixtures but where deposits or accumulations of such dust may be ignited by arcs or sparks originating in the truck.

b. Approved power-operated industrial trucks designated as DS, ES, GS or LPS may be used in locations as indicated in the above paragraph if permitted by the authority having jurisdiction.

NOTE: Locations where dangerous concentrations of suspended dust would not be likely, but where dust accumulations might form on, in, or in the vicinity of electrical equipment would include rooms and areas containing only closed spouts and conveyors, closed bins or hoppers, or machines and equipment from which appreciable quantities of dust would escape only under abnormal operating conditions; rooms or areas into which explosive or ignitable concentrations of suspended dust might be communicated only under abnormal operating conditions; rooms or areas where the formation of explosive or ignitable concentrations of suspended dust is prevented by the operation of effective dust control equipment; warehouses and shipping rooms where dust producing materials are stored or handled only in bags or containers; and other similar locations.

207. Locations Where Ignitable Fibers Are Processed (Class III, Division 1 — See Note).

a. Only approved power-operated industrial trucks designated as DY, EE or EX may be used in locations which are hazardous because of the presence of easily ignitable fibers or flyings but in which such fibers or flyings are not likely to be in suspension in the air in quantities sufficient to produce ignitable mixtures.

NOTE: Locations where easily ignitable fibers or materials producing combustible flyings are handled, manufactured or used would include some sections of cotton, rayon and other textile mills, combustible fiber manufacturing and processing plants, cotton gins and cotton-seed mills, flax processing plants, clothing manufacturing plants and establishments and industries processing similar hazardous materials. Woodworking plants (except wood flour mills) shall not be considered as being in the type of locations defined in paragraph 207.

208. Locations Where Ignitable Fibers Are Stored (Class III, Division 2 — See Note).

a. Only approved power-operated industrial trucks designated as DS, DY, ES, EE, EX, GS or LPS may be used in locations where easily ignitable fibers are stored or handled, including outside storage, but are not being processed or manufactured. Industrial trucks designated as E, which have been previously used in these locations may be continued in use with the approval of the authority having jurisdiction.

NOTE: Easily ignitable fibers and flyings include baled waste, cocoa fiber, cotton, cotton linters, cotton waste, hemp, istle, jute, kapok, oakum, rayon, sisal or henequen, Spanish moss, tow, excelsior and other materials of similar nature.

209. Hazardous Locations Not Otherwise Classified

a. The authority having jurisdiction shall determine what types of power-operated industrial truck, if any, may be used based on an engineering survey of the property and an evaluation of the fire and explosion hazards.

210. Piers and Wharves

a. On piers and wharves handling general cargo, any approved power-operated industrial fork truck designated as Type D, E, G or LP may be used. Where the authority having jurisdiction determines an area of a pier or wharf as hazardous, only approved power-operated industrial trucks specified for such locations in the preceding paragraphs may be used.

211. General Inside and Outside Storage

a. The authority having jurisdiction shall determine the classification of hazard for storage warehouses and outside storage locations. If classified as hazardous only the

approved power-operated industrial truck specified for such locations in the preceding paragraphs may be used. If not classified, Types D, E, G or LP industrial fork trucks may be used.

212. Converted Industrial Trucks

a. Power-operated industrial trucks that have been originally approved for the use of gasoline for fuel, when converted to the use of liquefied petroleum gas fuel in accordance with Part B, may be used in those locations where G, GS or LP and LPS designated trucks have been specified in the preceding paragraphs (See Paragraph 311 and Appendix).

PART B

Recommendations for Maintenance of Industrial Trucks

300. Maintenance Recommendations:

301. It is essential that the safety built into power-operated industrial trucks be maintained. Maintenance to compensate for wear should be performed properly and as frequently as may be necessary.

302. Any power-operated industrial truck not in safe operating condition shall be removed from service. All repairs shall be made by authorized personnel.

303. Repairs:

a. No repairs shall be made in Class I, II and III locations.

b. Those repairs to the fuel and ignition systems of industrial trucks which involve fire hazards shall be conducted only in locations designated for such repairs.

c. Trucks in need of repairs to the electrical system shall have the battery disconnected prior to such repairs.

d. Designated areas should preferably be a separate garage constructed and protected in accordance with the NFPA Standard on Garages (No. 88) or be cut off by fire division walls or partitions from operational areas where the truck may be in use.

304. All parts of any such industrial truck requiring replacement shall be replaced only by parts equivalent as to safety with those used in the original design.

305. Except as approved by the authority having jurisdiction, industrial trucks shall not be altered so that the relative positions of the various parts are different from what they were when originally received from the manufacturer, nor shall they be altered either by the addition of extra parts not provided by the manufacturer or by the elimination of any parts, except as provided in Paragraph 311. Additional counterweighting of fork trucks shall not be done unless approved by the truck manufacturer.

306. Industrial trucks shall be examined before being placed in service, and shall not be placed in service if the examination shows any condition adversely affecting the

safety of the vehicle. Such examination shall be made at least daily and preferably before the day's work has started. Where industrial trucks are used on a round-the-clock basis, they shall be examined after each shift. Defects when found shall be immediately reported and corrected.

307. Water mufflers shall be filled daily or as frequently as is necessary to prevent depletion of the supply of water below 75 per cent of the filled capacity. Vehicles with mufflers having screens or other parts that may become clogged shall not be operated while such screens or parts are clogged. Any vehicle that emits hazardous sparks or flames from the exhaust system shall immediately be removed from service, and not returned to service until the cause for the emission of such sparks and flames has been eliminated.

308. When the temperature of any part of any truck is found to be in excess of its normal operating temperature and which creates a hazardous condition, the vehicle shall be removed from service and not returned to service until the cause for such overheating has been eliminated.

309. Industrial trucks shall be kept in a clean condition, free of lint, excess oil and grease. Flammable liquids shall not be used for cleaning.

310. Where it is necessary to use anti-freeze in the engine cooling system, only those products having a glycol base shall be used.

311. Industrial trucks originally approved for the use of gasoline for fuel may be converted to liquefied petroleum gas fuel provided the complete conversion results in a truck which in the judgment of the authority having jurisdiction embodies the features specified for LP or LPS designated trucks. The authority having jurisdiction shall require that the conversion equipment is "Listed by Report" by a recognized testing laboratory. The description of the component parts of this conversion system and the recommended method of installation on specific trucks are contained in the "Listing by Report" available for the use of the authority having jurisdiction. (See Paragraph 212 and Appendix.)

312. The truck designations (see Section 103) as shown on the nameplate and the Type markers (see Paragraph 802) should not be painted over so as to obscure their content.

PART C

Recommendations for Operation of Industrial Trucks

400. General:

401. Industrial trucks are designed for safe operation. Carelessness or improper use or application can nullify much of the care that has been exercised in their design. For these reasons, proper equipment selection and plant layout, lighting, the establishment of plant traffic rules, and the use of operator aids in the form of floor markings, bumper guards or curbs, and warning signs are essential to minimize fire hazard, property damage and injury to personnel.

500. Operator Qualifications and Training:

501. Operator Qualifications.

a. Operator should be physically and mentally fit and capable of reading and understanding posted instructions. In general, the qualifications should be the same as those necessary to obtain a license to operate an automotive type vehicle.

502. Operator Training.

a. Operators should be trained before operating trucks. The training program should include safe operating practices, actual supervised experience in driving over a training course, and emphasis on safety as a habit.

b. Trained and authorized operators should be equipped with badges or other visual indication of authorization, and this should be displayed at all times.

c. Operator records should be kept and accidents recorded by the responsible authority as "preventable" and "non-preventable."

600. Fuel Handling and Storage Safety:

601. Liquid Fuels (Such as Gasoline and Diesel Fuel).

a. The storage and handling of liquid fuels shall be in accordance with the NFPA Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code (NFPA No. 30).

b. Trucks using liquid fuels should be refueled only at locations designated for that purpose. Safe outdoor locations are preferable to those indoors. The NFPA Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code (NFPA No. 30), Paragraph 6211, outlines recommendations for arranging safe indoor fueling facilities.

c. Engines shall be stopped and operator off the truck during refueling.

d. Liquid fuels not handled in approved dispensing pumps shall be transported in safety cans. Safety cans should be inspected regularly for damage to closures and for leaks; faulty cans repaired or replaced. Care should be exercised in handling of safety cans to avoid damage.

e. Reasonable care shall be exercised to prevent the spillage of fuel or overfilling either the vehicle fuel tanks or safety cans. Filler cap shall be replaced and any spilled fuel disposed of by using a noncombustible absorbent before the engine is restarted.

f. Smoking shall be prohibited in the refueling area.

602. Liquefied Petroleum Gas Fuel.

a. The storage and handling of liquefied petroleum gas (LP-Gas) shall be in accordance with the Standard for Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases (NFPA No. 58, ASA Z106.1).

b. Trucks using LP-Gas should be refueled only at locations designated for that purpose (see Paragraphs 602.k. and 602.l.). Safe outdoor locations are preferable to indoor. Trucks shall be refueled as provided in the Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases (NFPA No. 58, ASA Z106.1).

c. Reasonable care shall be exercised in handling of LP-Gas containers to avoid damage. *Do not drop, throw, roll, or drag LP-Gas containers.* Do not strike LP-Gas containers or any associated parts of the containers or fuel systems.

d. Do not over-fill LP-Gas containers.

e. Engine shall be stopped and operator off the truck during refueling.

f. Trained and designated personnel shall recharge or exchange LP-Gas containers.

g. Personnel engaged in recharging of LP-Gas containers should wear protective clothing such as face shield, long sleeves, and gauntlet gloves.

h. Never use a match or flame to check for leaks, use a soap solution.

i. LP-Gas powered trucks should not be refueled nor stored near underground entrances, elevator shafts nor any other place where LP-Gas could collect in a pocket causing a potentially dangerous condition.

j. Trucks equipped with permanently mounted LP-Gas containers shall be refueled outdoors.

k. Exchange of removable LP-Gas containers preferably should be done outdoors, but may be done indoors. Means shall be provided in the fuel system to minimize the escape of fuel when the containers are exchanged. This shall be accomplished by either of the following methods:

(1). Using an automatic quick closing coupling (a type closing in both directions when uncoupled) in the fuel line, or

(2). Closing the valve at the LP-Gas container and allowing the engine to run until the fuel in the line is consumed.

l. When installing removable LP-Gas containers they shall be so located on the truck that the safety pressure relief valve opening is always in contact with the vapor space (top) of the cylinder. This is accomplished by an indexing pin which, when the tank is properly installed, positions the container.

m. All reserve LP-Gas containers should be stored and transported with the service valve closed. Safety relief valves shall have direct communication with the vapor space of the container at all times.

n. The careless handling of LP-Gas containers can result in a serious accident. Extreme care should be exercised when transporting containers so that they are not accidentally dropped or physically damaged. When it is necessary to move more than one container at one time, a proper carrying device should be provided.

o. Physical damage such as dents, scrapes, or gouges, may materially weaken the structure of the LP-Gas container and render it unsafe for use. All LP-Gas containers should be examined before recharging and again before

reuse, for the following defects or damage:

- (1). Dents, scrapes, and gouges of the pressure vessel.
- (2). Damage to the various valves and liquid level gage.
- (3). Debris in the relief valve.
- (4). Indications of leakage at valves or threaded connections.
- (5). Deterioration damage or loss of flexible seals in the fill or servicing connections.

All defective or damaged LP-Gas containers shall be removed from service.

p. Smoking shall be prohibited in the refueling area.

700. Charging and Changing Storage Batteries:

NOTE: Additional material on this subject under preparation by the Committee.

800. Use of Trucks in Hazardous Areas:

801. Industrial trucks shall not be used in hazardous areas except as specified in Part A of this Standard.

802. Markings of Types DS, DY, ES, EE, EX, GS and LPS Industrial Trucks and Areas of Use.

a. The use of proper equipment in hazardous areas is essential for the safety and protection of employees and property. For this reason, it is recommended that approved trucks, listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory for use in such areas, be clearly identified. To facilitate identification by both operators and supervisory personnel, a uniform system of marking has been developed as described herein.

- (1). Durable markers indicating the designation of type of truck should be applied to each side of the vehicle in a visible but protected location. These markers are distinctive in shape as indicated in Figure 1.
- (2). Entrances to hazardous areas should be posted with large durable markers of corresponding shape as shown in Figure 2.

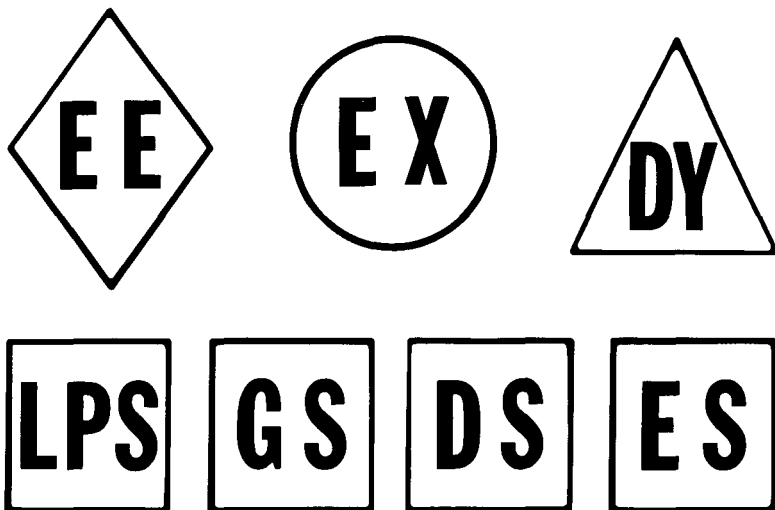


Figure 1. Markers to identify type of industrial truck. These are pressure sensitive adhesive markers available from the NFPA at nominal prices. The markers for LPS, GS, DS, and ES are 4 inches square. The width of the others is 5 inches.

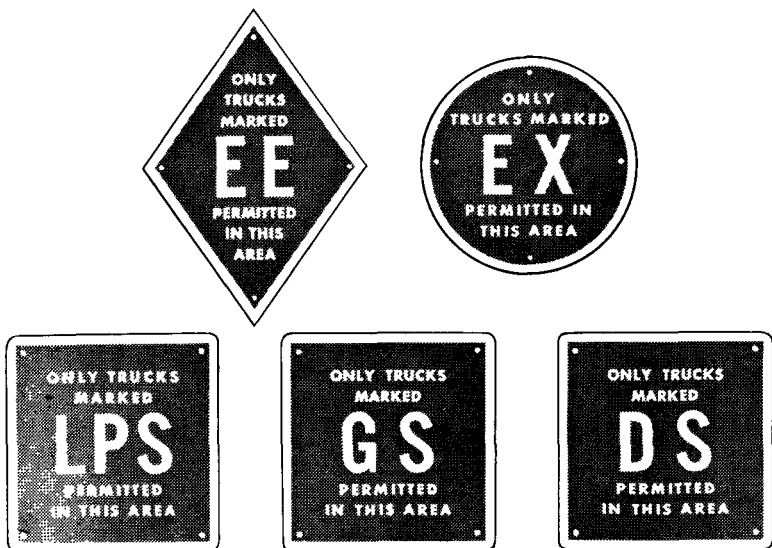


Figure 2. Building signs for posting at entrances to hazardous areas. These are etched aluminum signs available from the NFPA at nominal prices. The width of each is 11 inches. Building signs for Type DY and ES may be produced on demand.

b. The use of this system is recommended but is not a mandatory part of this Standard. Suitable markers may be obtained from NFPA, 60 Batterymarch Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, at nominal prices.

900. Safety Operating Rules:

NOTE: These Rules are not all directly related to fire hazard but are offered as general guidance. See also the American Standard Safety Code for Powered Industrial Trucks (ASA B56.1) for further information.

OPERATORS RULES

901. Operators or authorized personnel shall return trucks for refueling to locations designated for that purpose. Vehicles that run out of fuel elsewhere shall be towed to a designated safe area for refueling.

902. Engines shall be stopped before refueling.

903. Operators shall avoid striking sprinkler heads, pipes, fire doors, elevator gates, walls, columns and other obstructions. Accidents shall be reported to a foreman or supervisor.

904. Operators shall exercise particular care while high tiering loads in storage to avoid breaking sprinkler piping or fittings. Fire aisles and access space to fire equipment and exit doors shall be kept clear.

905. Operators shall report leaky containers or broken packages to a foreman or supervisor.

906. Operators shall not make any truck repairs or adjustments unless specifically authorized to do so.

907. When leaving an industrial truck unattended, controls shall be neutralized, power shut off, brake set, key or battery connector removed, and the forks of a fork truck left flat on the floor.

908. Fork trucks shall be driven at all times with the fork as low as local conditions permit.

909. The authorized speed limit shall not be exceeded and dangerous intersections or slippery floors shall be negotiated at a safely lower speed. Operators shall also slow down at cross aisles and when vision is obstructed by doors, corners, elevators or loads.