

Forklift Safety & Prestart Checklist



To ensure a safer workplace, perform these checks before operating a forklift. If you find anything wrong with the equipment, tag it out and alert your supervisor. Happy lifting!

Before starting the forklift, please check:

- Tyres (check for wear, splitting and tyre pressure)
- Condition of the lights and lenses
- Condition of the gauges
- Obvious signs of damage to the body and overhead guards
- Obvious signs of damage to the mast, lifting assembly and attachments
- Forklift tynes and backrest for cracks and fractures
- Hydraulic hose, unions, cylinders for leaks or damage
- Underneath the forklift for fuel or oil leaks
- LPG bottle for leaks and security (LPG forklift)
- Battery connections (battery electric forklift)
- Attachments have been fitted properly and securely
- Check fluid levels:
 - Hydraulic fluid
 - Brake fluid
 - Engine oil coolant
 - Battery water levels
 - Fuel

After starting the forklift, please check:

- Hand brake is working
- Transmission – forward and reverse positive movement
- Brakes and inching pedal
- Full range of steering movement
- Lift control, tilt control and side shift (if fitted)
- Any additional attachments fitted
- Horn, flashing lights, headlamps, indicator, reversing lights and beeper
- Instruments are working correctly