

Avoid Overturning Your PIT

Safe Travel Rules

Always follow all Safe Travel Rules when operating a PIT.

Surface Conditions

1. Be aware of the travel conditions along your planned route.
2. Slow down for wet and slippery floors.
3. Watch for surface obstructions – even a small bump can cause a load to fall off elevated forks.
4. Cross railroad tracks at a 45-degree angle wherever possible.
5. Avoid running over loose objects.
6. Be especially careful on loading docks – stay away from the edge.
7. Ensure that dockboards or bridgeplates are secure before driving over them; proceed carefully and slowly and never exceed stated capacity.

Turning

1. Slow down when turning and use extra caution, especially when working in confined areas or narrow aisles.
2. Turn the steering wheel in a smooth, sweeping motion.
3. Anticipate the rear-end swing and start the turn as close to the inside corner as possible. When the lift truck turns a corner, the rear of the lift truck swings in the opposite direction of the turn.
4. Use caution when turning with forks elevated.

Grades

1. Travel on grades slowly.
2. Always drive loaded trucks with the load upgrade.
3. Always drive unloaded trucks with the forks downgrade.
4. Never turn on a grade.

