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Universal-Fit LIFT HOOK Model 1370 Installation, Use & Safety Precautions



SPECIFICATIONS:

Maximum Rated Load Capacity – 10,000 lbs. Vertical Lift

Overall Dimensions – 42" wide X 12" High X 28½" deep

Fork Pocket Spread - 34" Center to Center

Accepts forks up to 7" wide X 2¾" thick

Equipped with 7/8" Screw Pin Anchor shackle and 5 ton Swivel Hook with Keeper

Empty Weight – 265 lbs.

Universal-Fit Lift Hook:

Star model 1370 Universal-Fit Lift Hook is designed for use on industrial lift trucks and rough terrain straight-mast or extendable-reach forklifts. It has been engineered to a 3 to 1 factor of safety. Star Industries has been manufacturing forklift attachments for approximately 25 years and has earned an excellent safety record. In addition, Star attachments have proven themselves repeatedly on all types of jobs all over the United States as well as in Canada, Mexico and South America.

Please be aware that the information contained in this manual is intended as a guide and does not replace the need for the user to know, understand, and observe all applicable company, local, state, and federal safety codes and/or requirements. In addition, any relevant safety requirements or recommendations contained in the forklift operator's manual must be observed.

Before Use:

Make sure the operator is well qualified to operate the specific forklift model to be used, has read and understands this manual and has reviewed the forklift operator's manual for any additional requirements, limitations, restrictions, or additional safety procedures prescribed by the forklift manufacturer when using this type of attachment. The forklift operator must also be properly certified under OSHA requirements to operate the forklift to be used.

Inspect the Lift Hook to make sure it is in good condition. There must not be any broken welds, deformation of the steel tube or other component, nor any cracks in the steel. Inspect swivel hook and shackle to make sure they are complete, are in good condition, and that shackle anchor screw pins are screwed in tight. Inspect the Safety chain to make sure it is in good condition and that the attachment shackle and grab hook are properly secured. Check that all decals are in place and legible. The following decals are required: "Empty Weight", and "Rated Lift Capacity". Replacement decals are available from a Star dealer. If any defects or damage are found discontinue use until corrections or a safety assessment can be made by qualified personnel.

Make sure personnel involved understand any hand signals that will be required and all involved personnel understand what will be required of them.

Make sure the travel path is clear of obstructions and that adequate clearance will be maintained from all power lines.

Caution:

- 1) Risks are high for serious injury or death when working around suspended loads. The operator must avoid carrying the load over people and it is best to have a 10 foot clear radius. This requires that no one is allowed to be within 10 feet of the area in which the load would fall if a failure occurred.
- 2) Do not allow anyone to ride on the lift hook nor on the load being carried.
- 3) Do not make any repairs or modifications to the lift hook without written authorization from the manufacturer. Replacement of hooks, shackles, decals and hair-pins does not require authorization.

Installation:

The Universal-Fit Lift Hook is installed on the forklift by inserting both forks fully into the fork pockets so that the rear of the Lift Hook is against the back of the fork. The safety chain is then wrapped around a strong part of the forklift

carriage. Be sure and choose an attachment point on the forklift that keeps the chain as level as reasonably possible. Take as many wraps as needed to take up the slack then hook the chain back onto itself making sure the open part of the grab hook is pointing down. Chain angle must not exceed 45°.

Rated Capacities:

The rated capacity as shown in specifications also appears on the Lift Hook decal. Be aware that these capacities are for the Lift Hook itself and do not in any way reflect the capacity of the forklift. Refer to the forklift operator's manual for capacity ratings and any limitations or restrictions when using this type of attachment. Remember the weight of the Lift Hook must be deducted from the lift capacity of the forklift. If there is any question as to the forklift's lifting capacities when using this attachment, contact the forklift manufacturer for clarification.

In addition, never exceed the rated capacities of the Lift Hook except for purpose of a test and then do not exceed 125% of its rated capacity. Never exceed the capacity of the forklift. Make sure also that the load rating for slings, chains, or straps used with the Lift Hook are equal to or exceed the rating of both the forklift and Lift Hook, if not; always limit the load to the lowest rated part of the lifting system.

The swivel hook is located 24" from the back of the Lift Hook frame. This puts the hook at the same location at which most forklifts are rated – 24" load center. This means that the standard forklift load charts are applicable except the empty weight of the lift hook, 265 lbs, must be deducted. For example, when a forklift is rated at 8,000 lbs. in a specific boom configuration, the maximum load that can be lifted with the Lift Hook is 8,000 lbs. minus 265 lbs. which equals 7,735 lbs. Please keep aware that forklift rated load capacities will vary with boom position. When forks are elevated the rated lift capacity will frequently be decreased and likewise on extendable reach forklifts when the boom is extended the rated capacity will be decreased.

Use

When using the Lift Hook the forklift forks must remain level or the tips tilted slightly upward. The Lift Hook is designed for vertical lift only and must not be used to pull a load. When lifting a load, the area below the lift should be clear of personnel. All personnel must maintain a safe distance away from danger area should a failure occur.

Safety Precautions:

1. Before elevating the load, make sure the forklift mast or boom is level (vertical) - not leaning to the right or left. Do not use the Lift Hook when operating on a side slope.
2. Before the load is raised make sure slings, chains, or straps are properly secured and are not twisted around each other or entangled.
3. The load must be picked up so that it is equally balanced and hangs level.
4. When lifting a load, guard against shock loading by taking up the slack in slings or straps slowly. Prevent jerking at the beginning of the lift, and accelerate or decelerate slowly.
5. Do not use the Lift Hook to drag or pull a load.
6. Do not leave suspended loads unattended.
7. Take care that the load does not swing or come in contact with an obstruction.
8. Keep all personnel clear while the load is being raised, moved, or lowered. Forklift operator should be watchful of the load at all times, especially when it is in motion.
9. Never allow more than one person to give signals to the forklift operator except to warn of a hazardous situation.
10. Never raise or carry the load higher than necessary.
11. Never allow anyone to work under a suspended load.
12. Never exceed rated capacity of any part of the lifting system.
13. Never allow anyone to ride on Lift Hook or on the load being carried.
14. Forklift operator must be properly trained and have required certifications.

15. Before using the Lift Hook check to see that it is properly secured to the forklift as described in the installation section and that the shackle and hook are properly secured and screw pins are tight.
16. Determine that the loads to be handled are within the capabilities of the forklift. Keep in mind that rated capacities will likely decrease when the boom is in a raised position, or when the mast is tilted forward, or in the case of telehandlers, when the boom is extended.
17. Forks should be level or tipped upward (never down below level) when using the Lift Hook.
18. Do not pull loads – it is designed for vertical lift only.
19. The load should always be carried low and kept from swinging using tag lines as necessary. Any time a load is raised, extreme caution should be exercised as the forklift is far more vulnerable to tipping with a raised load.
20. Any time the load is raised make sure the forklift is on level, firm footing.
21. Refer to the forklift operator's manual for more information on handling elevated loads as well as information for safe and proper forklift operation.
22. Always comply with all local, state, and federal Safety regulations.