

Safe Work Procedure – Engine Crane

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DO NOT use this equipment unless you are authorised to use it and, have been instructed in its safe use and operation



Safety glasses must be worn at all times in work areas



Sturdy non slip footwear must be worn at all times



Long and loose hair must be contained



Close fitting / protective clothing must be worn



Hand Protection must be worn



Rings & jewellery of a loose nature must not be worn

POTENTIAL HAZARDS:

Includes pedestrians in the work zone, uncontrolled movement of crane or vehicle, hydraulic
failure of crane, falling objects, moving machine parts, hazardous manual tasks - awkward,
twisting, bending positions, lifting, carrying, or putting down objects, pushing, pulling
objects, Being run over/ struck by vehicle / mobile plant causing serious injury/ death, Falling
over on same level causing bruises, sprains, strains, fractures

PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- Ensure the engine crane has no cracks, damage to parts and there are no signs of hydraulic fluid leaks
- Ensure the Safe Work Load (SWL) is prominently displayed on the engine crane
- Checks the pins and bolts are in place as well as ensuring the controls give proper responses
- Ensure work area (including access and egress areas) are free from obstructions above or in the surrounding areas that could interfere with or obstruct the lifting procedure
- Ensure the lighting is appropriate

OPERATIONAL SAFETY

- Ensure the parking or emergency brake is on and the gear shift is in park
- Manual transmissions should be in their lowest gear setting
- The vehicle ignition should be off with the steering wheel lock on
- Ensure all wheels on the crane are chocked
- Ensure the engine anchor points are in good condition
- Ensure the engine crane lifting arm is lowered to clear the engine bay, wheel crane into a position at the front of the vehicle
- Ensure the bleed valve on ram, is closed before pumping the handle to set ram into the required height for positioning the hook over the engine
- Ensure the hook to engine sling with the appropriate chain as per the manufacturer guidelines
- Ensure the load is balanced before undoing the engine mounts from the vehicle
- Ensure the engine clears the vehicle body when pumping the ram to avoid damage
- Ensure the engine crane is lowered slowly before wheeling the crane away
- Reverse the process to ensure engine is placed back in the vehicle

POST-Operation:

- Check the crane condition and report any damage or defects
- Before storage, twist the release valve 1-1/2 turns counter clockwise to release the pressure in hydraulic cylinder
- Leave the machine in a safe, clean and tidy state



ALWAYS

- ✓ Be aware of "pinch points" and keep fingers and feet away.
- ✓ Check there is sufficient height for ram and boom
- ✓ Be sure load is secured and cannot move from the vertical line
- ✓ Use correctly rated SWL slings or chains to secure engine
- ✓ The approved lifting weight for each crane is stamped on the identification plate and must not be exceeded

NEVER

- Modify or overload the crane
- X Twist or pull crane sideways
- ✗ Use rope to secure the engine
- Work under a loaded crane
- Leave load suspended and unattended
- Lean a ladder against the crane

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