



## Advices for the use of forks

Forks are safety items. Observe our advice for your own safety!

## **I. GENERAL**

- 1. Always lift loads using the two forks. Never lift a load using just one fork (neither partial nor full loads)!
- 2. Always carry out visual inspections. Damaged forks must be replaced immediately!
- 3. Observe the rated capacity and load center. Loads which tend to make the lift-truck tilt are not permissible and dangerous!
- 4. Forks are not designed for lateral loads. Do not raise the load diagonally and prevent lateral pushing!
- 5. Never use forks on rotators. Forks for rotators are special designs.
- 6. Never use forks as upside-down forks, with the blade to the upper side. Risk of fracture! Upside-down forks are special designs.
- 7. Prevent loads from falling onto forks!
- 8. Do not transport hot molten material!
- 9. Do not transport persons on the forks!
- 10. The locking devices must be locked while the lift-truck is being used. Otherwise, the forks may slip off!
- 11. Do not take up loads using the fork tip of the inclination cylinder. Risk of overload!
- 12. Be sure, that the fork inspection (e.g. crack detection) is carried out by experts on a regular basis!
- 13. Basically, forks with longer blades should have a bigger cross-section. Otherwise, there is a risk of overloading them. Please ask us for our advice!

## II. REPAIRS / MODIFICATIONS

- 1. Never carry out your own modifications to the fork.
- 2. Welding or other heat treatments may change the material structure and hence cause the fork to break.
- 3. Worn forks must not be welded (ISO 5057)!