

Electric Pallet Jack Safety

Electric pallet jacks can be very useful to our store. If used correctly, they are highly efficient and can increase productivity.

Electric pallet jacks are easy and safe to operate as long as the guidelines below are followed:

- Prior to operating an electric pallet jack, always fill out the pre-operation inspection sheet. This will ensure you are using an electric power jack that is in good mechanical condition. If the electric power jack does not pass the pre-operation inspection, do not use it and report the malfunctioning equipment to your supervisor immediately.
- Always be cautious of the wide swing of the electric power jack. Keep your body, especially your feet and ankles clear of the jack.
- When operating the electric pallet jack always face the direction of travel, do not walk backwards.
- An electric pallet jack should never be operated on a ramp.
- The red button on the operation handle is an emergency reverse. This button will prevent the electric pallet jack from running you over.
- The electric pallet jack, with a full load, can weigh as much as a car. You cannot stop, push, or drag the electric pallet jack. Never use your body to stop the electric pallet jack.
- If a pallet is stuck on the forks of an electric pallet jack, there are only two ways it can be safely removed:
 1. *Using the hydraulics on the control arm move the forks up and down to loosen the pallet.*
 2. *If option #1 does not work, call a forklift driver over and have them place their forks in the side of the pallet and it will slide off of the electric pallet jack.*

