

HOW LONG SHOULD IT TAKE



**Pacific Safety
Training**

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Aerial Equipment Training.

Scissor and Boomlift

Proper operator training, with hands-on practical training, cannot be performed in less than three hours, at a minimum. Often longer is needed for operators to feel comfortable and confident with the MEWP. According to the industries best practice document, it states that General Training should take 3-6 hours or more, depending upon the class size and number of equipment classifications to be covered.



Then we have machine familiarization (not to be confused with general training) this should take 15 to 60 minutes or more, depending upon the model. If you have a 19' electric scissor-lift then ok, 15 minutes but if you have a 120' rough terrain boomlift then 60 minutes isn't unreasonable.

So why is it that we keep seeing 30 minute "operator training" sessions in the field. Recently we have taken many calls for equipment training for an annual show that happens in our area every year and every year it's the same thing I hear from these enquiries, "*I just need a card the employer said, shouldn't take but 20 minutes, they want me to start tomorrow*". I had another contractor recently call saying they had shown up at a jobsite, at a new facility being built. The job superintendent refused them because they didn't have certification to use a scissor lift. I arrange to conduct their training in 2 days' time but received an email the same day I spoke with them telling me not to worry they got a guy who took care of them that day. Only 4 hours had passed from me talking with them. Now these guys had zero prior knowledge and training yet managed to get theory trained and practical training with an evaluation by a supposed competent trainer.....

I don't think so.

Obviously, this gets operators out on their respective jobsites and working as quickly as possible. However, this isn't "training" and in the end could lead to disastrous situations

If you want a return on your investment, which any self-respecting company does, companies shouldn't fall for that 30-minute training. That 30-minute training can come back and bite you, *if you get my meaning*. It's every employer's responsibility to make sure your employees are trained to the highest standards and are safe. This goes for subs, contractors, employees and anyone working on any jobsite.

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Pacific Safety Training meets applicable ANSI, CSA and OSHA requirements and includes, **Theory training, Practical training** and a **Practical evaluation**. With over 20 years training aerial equipment operator and trainers, Pacific Safety Training offers:

- **Trainer Training**

- Our 2-day MEWP equipment program, or
- Combine MEWP with Forklift training to meet your needs, 2 to 5 days depending on equipment needed.
- Once trainer passes training program, all materials available at no additional cost to train your operators.
- Access to online training.
- Training performed at your location or our Las Vegas location.

- **Operator Training**

- Theory training using the best training materials in the industry.
- Practical training to get your operators safe and competent.
- Practical evaluation by one of our certified trainers & evaluators.
- Certification card with photo for the operator.
- Documentation for the company.
- Training at your location with your equipment.

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