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## If your forklift's nameplate legible?

YOUR FORKLIFT, PALLET JACK OR STACKER NEEDS TO HAVE A LEGIBLE NAMEPLATE ON IT. THIS NAMEPLATE GOES BY OTHER NAMES LIKE DATA TAG, CAPACITY TAG, OR "HOW MUCH CAN MY TRUCK LIFT" TAG. NO MATTER WHAT YOU CALL IT, IT NEEDS TO BE ON YOUR LIFT AND IN LEGIBLE CONDITION! IF YOUR FORKLIFT HAS AN ATTACHMENT ON THE FRONT LIKE A SIDESHIFTER, PAPER ROLL CLAMP, FORK EXTENSIONS, OR OTHER ATTACHMENTS, IT STILL NEEDS TO BE LISTED ON THAT TAG. IF IT ISN'T, YOUR FORKLIFTS CAPACITY IS GREATLY REDUCED WHILE USING ATTACHMENTS WITH THE TAG ADJUSTED WITH A NEW LIFTING CAPACITY ACCORDINGLY.

THE THINGS I MENTIONED ABOUT THE PLATE BEING ON YOUR LIFT AND HAVING IT REFLECT THE ATTACHMENT ON THE FRONT, ARE ALL OSHA VIOLATIONS IF THEY ARE NOT CORRECT. THE TAG SHOULD BE PART OF YOUR PRE-SHIFT INSPECTION EVERY DAY OR THE SHIFT THAT TRUCK IS USED, THEN THERE SHOULD BE A LINE ON YOUR CHECK SHEET TO HAVE YOUR OPERATOR MAKE SURE IT IS THERE.

THIS TAG IS VERY IMPORTANT! IT'S TELLING YOU HOW MUCH THIS TRUCK CAN LIFT A CERTAIN SIZE LOAD, FULLY IN THE AIR, WITH THE MAST IN A STRAIGHT UP AND DOWN POSITION. I WOULD THINK YOU WOULD WANT TO KNOW THAT SO THE TRUCK DOESN'T TIP OVER WHEN RAISING A LOAD. YOU SHOULD NEVER DRIVE A FORKLIFT WITHOUT THIS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

IF YOU NEED A NEW TAG, THEN CONTACT US AT THOMPSON & JOHNSON AND WE CAN GET YOU ONE FROM THE FACTORY, ONLY THE FACTORY CAN MAKE CHANGES TO THE TAG. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, GIVE OUR RESIDENT EXPERT DAVE BENNETT A CALL OR FILL OUT A REQUEST FORM BY CLICKING [HERE](#).