



G009 - Are hand pallet trucks within the scope of LOLER?

Simple pallet trucks that only raise the forks less than 300mm from the ground and with forks that are supported at the ends does not fall within the scope of LOLER.

The reason being is that the primary function by way of a low lift height is simply there to reduce friction between the pallet and the ground and failure at this height does not present a serious risk to those using the equipment.

However, the HSAWA & PUWER risk assessment should consider all factors associated with the conditions of use and ensure suitable measures are in place to mitigate them.

High lift pallet trucks that lift the load higher in order to transport the load from one level to another are within the scope of LOLER as the risks of the load falling are higher than with the above.

Please refer to LOLER 1998 Reg 2 Guidance 28(c)

For general use applications(maintenance and interim inspections) PUWER 1998 will apply to both types.

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