

**INSTRUCTION MANUAL
AND
PARTS CATALOGUE
FOR**

**THE ALBUTT RANGE OF
MAN PLATFORMS**

**THIS MUST BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALBUTT'S
GENERAL OPERATOR'S MANUAL**

Specification

Designed to fit on the forks or headstock of an industrial forklift fork truck, tractor loader, telehandler or wheeled loader, to give a stable and safe base from which to carry out occasional inspection, maintenance or stocktaking.

Truck Specification

It is essential that the truck manufacturer's information be consulted to confirm that the work platform is compatible with the truck on which it is to be used under all operating conditions. If the truck is fitted with a tilting mechanism, devices should be fitted to ensure that the platform floor remains substantially horizontal during the time that the truck is used with the platform. Similarly, if the truck is fitted with side shifts etc. devices should be fitted to ensure they remain in the mid-position. Suitable mechanical methods could be the fitting of a locking device to the cylinders or locking the controls so that they cannot be inadvertently operated.

Operation

Check that the truck capacity is at least equal to the minimum required for each type of platform before fitting to the truck. Slide the forks into the fork pockets until the platform rests up against the upright 'shank' of the fork. Fasten the platform in place by placing the retaining pin through the bracket provided behind the heel of the left fork. Ensure the pin goes through the bracket fully. Fork headstock mounted models, hook the headstock into the brackets of the platform before hydraulically or manually (depending on machine type) locking the platform onto the machine. Ensure the machines locking pins are fully engaged. 'Lock out' the machine's hydraulics so they cannot inadvertently be unlocked.



Operational Requirements

Warning cones, lights or signs must be placed around the truck working area where there is any possibility of other vehicles coming into close proximity or of objects falling from the platform. Where necessary other adjacent operations or activities may have to be suspended. Special precautions may be necessary to ensure that personnel in the platform are not endangered by overhead hazards such as live electrical cables, travelling cranes etc. As far as reasonably practicable any work carried 'out from a platform should be within the area bounded by the guard rails and it is not advisable for persons to lean out. Truck operators and persons working on platforms must be properly trained and given instructions on a safe system of working. The truck operator must remain at the controls of the truck while the platform is in an elevated position. It is essential that the truck should only be used on a well maintained and firm surface that facilitates lifting operations in a substantially vertical plane. Users must bear in mind that gradients can adversely affect the stability of the truck. Communications between the truck driver and the person on the platform must be possible at all times. In noisy areas a device such as a whistle or klaxon may be necessary. The truck must not be moved when personnel are on the work platform. When lifting personnel the handbrake must be applied. See HSE Guidance Note PM28 for full details of the Safe Use of Working Platforms on Fork Lift trucks.

Maintenance

Any moving parts such as gate hinges and gate locks (where a gate is 'fitted) should be lubricated regularly. The platform must always be examined thoroughly before using, for damage which will be detrimental to safe use; safety chains, mesh guards and gate locks must be intact and in correct working condition.

Consult the truck manufacturer if in doubt.



General

This equipment is safe and without risks to health, provided that it is used in accordance with the instructions below.

1. When first received, check thoroughly to ensure that no transit damage is evident.
2. Never exceed the safe working load indicated on the equipment.
3. Never use the equipment for anything other than the purpose for which it was designed, as described in the brochure or specification sheet.
4. Under no circumstances should loads be carried over the heads of other people.
5. When calculating the total load to be lifted by an attachment fitted to a forklift truck or overhead crane, remember that the Net weight of the attachment must be included.
6. Always obtain the advice of the truck manufacturer before fitting the attachment to your forklift truck. Ensure that the truck/attachment combination is suitable for the weight to be lifted.
7. Always ensure that the attachment is firmly fixed to the truck before attempting to use it.
8. Check the equipment periodically for wear or damage. If in doubt seek advice from the manufacturer.
9. Ensure that the equipment is properly maintained. All moving parts must be lubricated regularly.
10. Ensure that fork clamps, where fitted, are kept greased and oiled. When the attachment is off the truck the clamps should be unscrewed to prevent the threads being damaged when forks enter the pockets. The attachment must be examined at the required intervals by a person who is competent in such a task. The results of the examination to be recorded in a register.

Every attachment is tested before leaving our factory and a certificate issued accordingly. If the article is modified or repaired in any way, it must be subjected to a further proof load test and a new certificate issued. Failure to do so renders the article unusable.

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