



Australian
Industrial Truck
Association

Lifting Forklift Safety

Play it safe.

The importance of purchasing forklifts
from AITA accredited members.



The influx of new forklift suppliers in Australia from around the world has raised concerns in terms of safety, quality and adherence to Australian standards.

Purchasing a forklift is a big decision for cost and operational reasons.

Whether it's a new or used forklift it's important that your equipment meets certain regulations and Australian Standards.

Australian Industrial Truck Association (AITA) members implement, maintain and embrace the principles of the AITA Code of Conduct to ensure the highest possible standards of performance, safety and client satisfaction.

Beware of cheap new and used imports

Many imports from China and India in particular that can be purchased on the internet simply don't meet with local safety requirements.

Such things as fittings and load centre capacities may not comply and the forklifts usually don't come with an Australian-compliant Operator Manual.

Purchasers usually don't receive notification of factory upgrades or important safety/product information and engines may not comply with locally accepted emission regulations.

Add to that the lack of local warranty, availability of spare parts and technical advice, and you can see why it pays to purchase from an AITA accredited member.

Beware of Flood Damaged forklifts

There has been an issue of forklift resellers refurbishing flood damaged forklifts (insurance write-offs).

The longevity of components which could be significantly corroded and water affected may impair the safety features of the forklift.

There is a significant risk that these machines wouldn't be in a proper working condition to ensure they are safe in accordance with Australian Standards.

Due to these safety concerns and the forklifts being beyond economical repair, AITA accredited members do not refurbish flood damaged forklifts.



Make sure you look for this label

All AITA compliant forklifts should display this label. If it doesn't have a label, ask why.



Because AITA members operate within the AITA Code of Conduct you can have peace of mind when dealing with them.

The code covers five distinct areas:

Safety

Members comply with all laws and regulations governing health and safety in the workplace and maintain high safety standards.

They make sure equipment complies with the relevant Australian Standards and provide correct machine safety measures. They deal promptly with inquiries related to safety of equipment and take effective action where appropriate.

For your own protection, the AITA strongly recommends that users of forklifts ensure their equipment is well maintained and fully compliant with current Australian Standards. All users should be appropriately trained and licensed.

Equipment

Members ensure that all equipment meets the relevant Australian Standards, and equipment supplied is suitable for its intended purpose and delivered in a safe and serviceable condition with all relevant user information provided.

Members ensure that only competent and suitably trained personnel service and repair the equipment. They offer regular inspection and service programs in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Members make sure that the client is familiar with equipment controls and the contents of the Operator's Manual. They also make the purchaser aware of optional extras, and explain the benefits of these to enhance safer operations and offer relevant training for operator certification.

Customer relations

Members agree to behave with integrity, exercise care in the day to day conduct of business relationships and deal promptly with all queries or complaints from a client.

Integrity

Members accurately present all the facts relating to a contract and respect confidential information supplied to them by the client in the course of their business.

Environment

Members comply with all applicable environmental laws and are proactive in looking for ways to improve the contribution of the industry to a better world environment.



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