Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators

What They Do
Operate industrial trucks or tractors (such as forklifts) equipped to move materials around a warehouse, storage yard, factory, construction site or similar location.

Is This For You?
Work Interests are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland’s Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

Realistic (Doers) — Prefer to work with objects, things, machines, tools, plants or animals. They have mechanical ability, enjoy being outdoors and working with their hands.

Conventional (Organizers) — Detail oriented and organized. They like to analyze data, keep financial records and do research. They can be counted on to be accurate and enjoy structure and closure.

Work Values are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career.

Support — Offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

Relationships — Allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment.

Independence — Allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

Abilities reflect a person’s aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career.

- Control Precision
- Multilimb Coordination
- Response Orientation
- Far Vision
- Manual Dexterity
Basic Skills You Need

- Operation and Control
- Operation Monitoring
- Coordination
- Equipment Maintenance
- Time Management

Education & Training

Industrial truck and tractor operator positions generally require a high school diploma or an equivalent.

Recommended Levels* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

- Applied Math 3
- Workplace Documents 3
- Graphic Literacy 3

*Using the median skill level.

Where They Work

The South Dakota industries which employ the largest number of industrial truck and tractor operators are:

- Food Manufacturing
- Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods
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- Warehousing and Storage
- Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers
- Machinery Manufacturing
- Miscellaneous Manufacturing
- Truck Transportation
- Chemical Manufacturing
- Wood Product Manufacturing
- Paper Manufacturing
- Transportation Equipment Manufacturing

South Dakota Employment & Wages

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