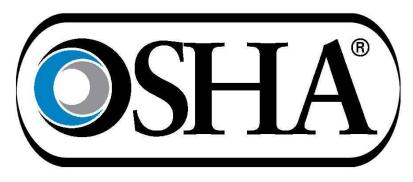
MOBILE CRANE OPERATOR CERTIFICATION UPDATE



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ISSUE

- OSHA Standard 1926.1427
- November 10, 2017 implementation date



• Crane operators must be certified and qualified



QUALIFIED VS. CERTIFIED

Qualified

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- Operator observed working safely & knowledgably
- Keep documentation in files

Certified

years

- Must pass independent exams (written & practical)
- Proctor must be approved by certifying body
- Issued card once certified
- Renewal required every 5





BACKGROUND

- Mobile crane operator certifications have been offered for years
- These organizations are accredited to certify crane operators
 - NCCER
 - CIC
 - NCCCO
- All three require written and practical exams for certification



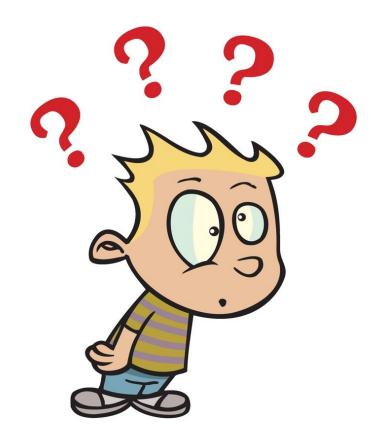
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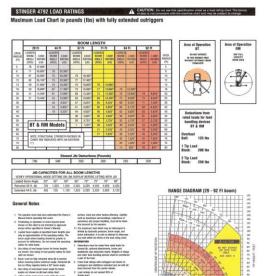


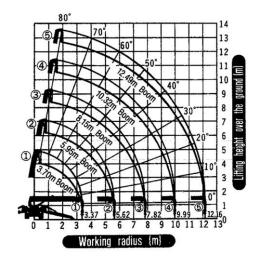


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WHAT NPCA HAS DONE

- Partnered with CIC to create new written certification exam specific to precast industry
- Under 21-ton Precast Delivery Crane Certification Exam
 - Load charts from cranes commonly used in industry
 - QMC
 - USTC
 - It does cover Boom Trucks under 21-tons and A-frame rail trucks
 - Knuckle boom cranes are not covered by this certification
 - These have their own certification exam
 - Precast operators have done very well with the existing exams



WHAT IF I HAVE A CRANE OVER 21 TON?

- If your crane is over 21 tons you have two options:
 - Take the existing certification exams available for over 21 ton cranes
 - Be aware that these exams will include the more complex crane load charts
 - Have your crane properly de-rated to be under 21 tons so your operators can take the new Under 21-ton certification exam



WHAT'S INVOLVED WITH THE NEW CERTIFICATION?

- Requirements for the NPCA/CIC certification
 - Two exams
 - General knowledge written exam
 - Supplemental under 21-ton precast delivery crane written exam
 - Practical exam on under 21-ton boom truck with 36' of boom +/- 5'
- Specific to CIC only
- Not available via NCCCO or NCCER
 - We would welcome it if they offered a similar certification



WHAT IS NPCA'S ROLE MOVING FORWARD?

- NPCA is putting together several training and testing courses around the US & provide resources to help members find training and testing options
- Stay up to date at precast.org/cranes
- NPCA is offering free webinar on April 20th on what you need to know about crane certification
- NPCA is offering prep webinars for understanding load charts
 - March 14th, June 13th, August 15th, October 17th
 - Cost is \$149 for NPCA members per student



SO WHAT DO I NEED TO DO NEXT?

- Training
 - Training is not currently required under OSHA standard
 - Anyone can test at any time no training class is required
 - We strongly recommend taking training before sitting for exam
 - Variety of vendors online and in person who offer training
 - Books and study manuals can be purchased for self-study
- Testing
 - Contact CIC, NCCCO, NCCER to register for testing
 - Remember there is a written and practical component to any crane certification



BUT TRAINING IS EXPENSIVE



- Partner with other precasters or local affiliate group to reduce costs for training and testing
- Consider becoming a practical and/or written exam proctor and testing site
- Use in-house study groups
- Remember: training is cheaper than an OSHA citation or a fatality



HOW DO I HELP MY OPERATORS PASS?

- Prepare your operators
 - Exam prep
 - Training courses
 - Study groups
 - Literacy
 - Reading and computer literacy
 - Identify and address
 - Exam anxiety
 - Practice, practice, practice
 - Attitude is half the battle



I CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE MY GUYS OUT OF THE PLANT FOR A WEEK

- It's a lot of information to digest & it takes time
- Our Beta class wanted more than two days of training
- Studying and completing a training class greatly improves the success rate of crane operators
- Can you afford not to have them pass the exam?





TAKE AWAYS

- New Under 21-ton Precast Delivery Crane Certification exams to familiar load charts
- Make sure any certifications are from ANSI (or similar) approved organizations (i.e. CIC, NCCCO, NCCER)
- Begin working with your operators now
- Budget time and funds for training and study groups to prep
- Partner with other precasters for training and testing
- Don't wait until November 2017
- NPCA will continue to provide updates
 - NPCA website (precast.org/cranes)
 - Free Crane Certification Update via webinar April 20th Noon Eastern



QUESTIONS?

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