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**TLILIC0020 Licence to operate slewing mobile
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1.1 Introduction

These training materials are based on the National High Risk Work Licence Unit of Competency **TLILIC0020 Licence to Operate a Slewing Mobile Crane (Over 100 Tonnes)**.

You will learn about:

- ◆ Planning the job.
- ◆ Selecting and inspecting equipment.
- ◆ Preparing the site and equipment.
- ◆ Performing the task.
- ◆ Shutting down the job and cleaning up.



1.1.1 What is a Slewing Mobile Crane?

A slewing mobile crane is a crane with a boom or jib that is capable of being slewed.

This course covers slewing mobile cranes with a capacity over 100 tonnes.



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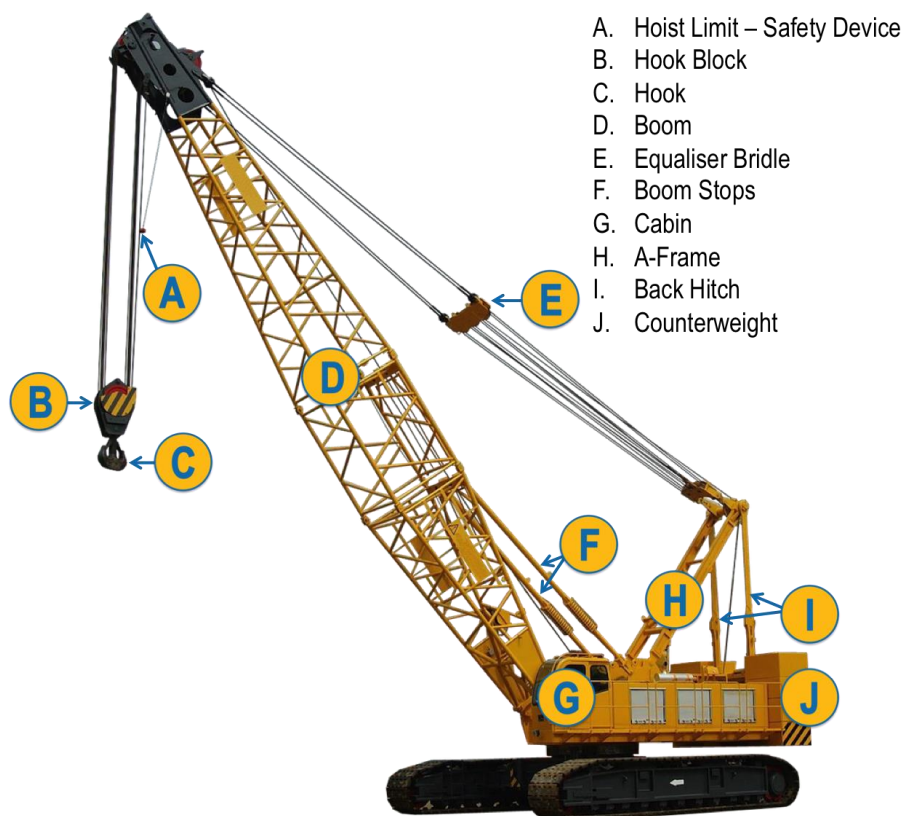
- ◆ A front-end loader or
- ◆ A backhoe or
- ◆ An excavator or
- ◆ Other earth moving equipment, when configured for crane operation.

1.1.1.1 Parts of a Slewing Mobile Crane

Each slewing mobile crane is different. Always refer to the manufacturer's information before conducting any crane operations. The following diagram outlines the general parts of a hydraulic slewing mobile crane.

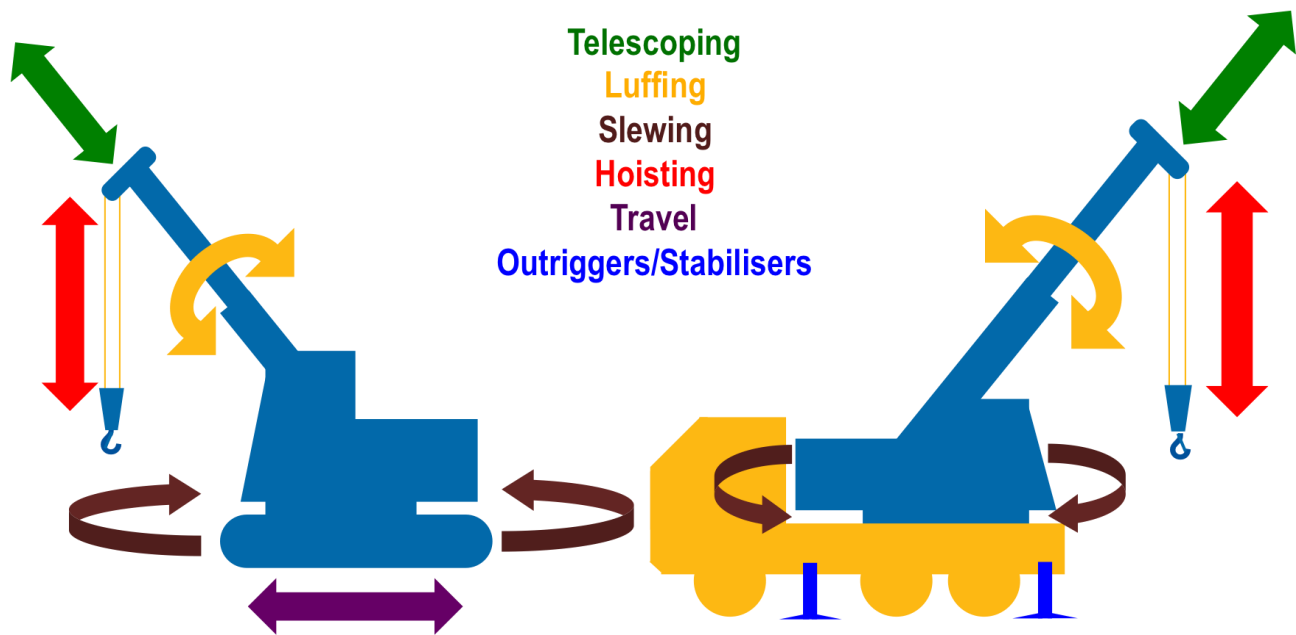


The following diagram outlines the general parts of a lattice boom type slewing mobile crane. These are also called crawler cranes.



1.1.1.2 Slewing Crane Movements

Crane movements that you may use when shifting loads include:



- ◆ **Telescoping** – the extension and retraction movement of a hydraulic type boom.
- ◆ **Luffing** – the up and down movement of the boom.
- ◆ **Hoisting** – the raising and lowering of the hook block using the hoist rope.
- ◆ **Slewing** – the circular movement of the boom.
- ◆ **Travelling** – mobilising the crane with a load.
- ◆ Operation of **outriggers/stabilisers**.

1.1.2 High Risk Work Licence Requirements



Once you pass your assessment you will have **60 days** to apply for your licence.

You must renew your licence within 12 months of its expiry otherwise:

- ◆ Your licence can't be renewed.
- ◆ You need to repeat the course and re-apply for your licence.
- ◆ You need to enrol in the course again and be supervised by somebody who has a current licence for the same class.

You can still do high risk work without a licence as long as:

- ◆ You are enrolled in a high risk course for the class, and
- ◆ You are being supervised by somebody who has a licence for the same class.

Any licensed worker must take reasonable steps to make sure the way they work does not impact on the safety of themselves or any other worker. This is their legal duty of care.

Failing to work safely can result in the health and safety regulator:

- ◆ Suspending or cancelling your licence.
- ◆ Refusing to renew your licence.
- ◆ Ordering that you are reassessed to ensure you are competent.



Your employer might ask you for evidence that you have a high risk licence before you start any high risk work. You can show them:

- ◆ Your licence.
- ◆ Proof from the training company that you have passed your assessment.
- ◆ Proof that you are currently completing a course for high risk work.

1.2 Working Safely

You must follow all safety rules and instructions when performing any work. If you are not sure about what you should do, ask your boss or supervisor. They will tell you what you need to do and how to do it in a safe way.



1.2.1 Health and Safety Rules

Every workplace has to follow laws and rules to keep everyone safe. There are 4 main types:

Legislation	Explanation
Acts	These are laws that you have to follow.
Regulations	These explain what the law means.
Codes of Practice	These are instructions on how to follow the law, based on industry standards.
Australian Standards	These tell you what the minimum requirement is for a job, product or hazard.

Some states use OHS laws, and other states use WHS laws. They both talk about the same thing, but use different words or names for people. If you have any questions about safety rules you should talk to your boss or supervisor.

1.2.2 How to Keep Everyone Safe

WHS law says that all companies and workers need to keep themselves and other people safe while they work. This is called a **duty of care**.

To keep yourself and other workers safe you need to:

- Follow your work instructions.
- Follow all workplace rules.
- Make sure all equipment is safe to use.
- Carry out your work safely.
- Report any problems.

If you think something is dangerous tell your boss or supervisor as soon as possible.



Your worksite will also have instructions for working safely including:

- ◆ Emergency procedures, including using fire fighting equipment, first aid and evacuation.
- ◆ Handling hazardous materials.
- ◆ Safe operating procedures.
- ◆ Personal protective clothing and equipment.
- ◆ Safe use of tools and equipment.

Duty of care involves:

- ◆ Employers and self-employed persons.
- ◆ Persons in control of the workplace.
- ◆ Supervisors.
- ◆ Designers.
- ◆ Manufacturers.
- ◆ Suppliers.
- ◆ Workers.
- ◆ Inspectors, including WHS inspectors.



If you do not work safely when carrying out high risk licence work the WHS regulator can:

- ◆ Suspend your licence.
- ◆ Cancel your licence.

The regulator might also refuse the renewal of your licence or you could be required to pass the assessment again to prove that you are competent.

Talk to your WHS representative or supervisor if you have any questions about legislative requirements relating to your work.



1.3 Planning for the Work



There will be specific requirements and things to consider when you plan for the particular task you will be completing.

You should think about:

- ◆ Communications (safe and adequate).
- ◆ Location of the task.
- ◆ Access and egress, both to the site and for the specific task.
- ◆ Permits and/or licences required for the task.
- ◆ Load configuration and conditions, weight, size of the load, slinging arrangements, load balance, load security (loose loads).
- ◆ Equipment required for the task.
- ◆ Availability of equipment.
- ◆ Capability/capacity of the crane.
- ◆ Safe work procedures.
- ◆ Specifics of the task.
- ◆ Issues specific to the site.



For example, if you needed to set up a crane in a busy street, you would need to check with the local authorities to see if there are any permits required for traffic control, any exclusion zones that need to be put in place, or if there are any conditions/requirements under which you would need to operate the crane.

You should also check weather forecasts for the area as part of planning your job to ensure you are aware of any weather or environmental conditions that may impact the site and crane operations.

1.3.1 Work Instructions

You need to be clear about what work you will be doing. Make sure you have everything about the job written down before you start. This includes what you will be doing, how you will be doing it and what equipment you will be using.

Make sure you have all of the details about where you will be working and the job. For example:

The Site

Is there clear access for all equipment? Are there buildings, structures, facilities or trees in the way? What are the ground conditions like? Is there a safe place for the load to be moved to?

The Weather

Is there wind, rain or other bad weather? Is it too dark?

Facilities and Services

Are there power lines or other overhead or underground services to think about?

Traffic

Are there people, vehicles or other equipment in the area that you need to think about? Do you need to get them moved out of the area? Do you need to set up barriers or signs?

Hazards

Are there dangerous materials to work around or think about? Will you be working close to power lines or other people?

The Task

What load is being moved? How big is it? How much does it weigh? Does it need any special lifting arrangements?



Instructions for the task or work may be called:

- ◆ Work instructions.
- ◆ Work orders.
- ◆ Job plan.
- ◆ Lift/Lifting plan.

1.3.2 Traffic Management Requirements

On worksites it is often necessary to control the movement of traffic around and through the site. To do this there are 2 different types of traffic management plans:

- ◆ **Traffic Management Plan** – deals with traffic moving through the site, i.e. traffic on public roads and members of the public.
- ◆ **Vehicle Management Plan** – deals with on-site vehicle movements, haul circuits and dump runs, and material routes.



As part of planning your work you need to confirm that the traffic management plan has been implemented according to workplace procedures.

1.4 Identify and Control Hazards



Before you start work, you need to check for any hazards or dangers in the area. If you find a hazard or danger you need to do something to control it. This will help to make the workplace safer.

Part of your job is to look around to see if you can find any hazards before you start any work.

A **hazard** is the thing or situation with the potential to cause injury, harm or damage.

When you start checking for hazards, make sure you look everywhere. A good way to do this is to check:

- ◆ **Up high** above your head.
- ◆ All around you **at eye level**.
- ◆ **Down low** on the ground (and also think about what is under the ground).

Some common hazards related to slewing mobile crane operations include:

- ◆ Overhead hazards such as power lines and service pipes.
- ◆ Underground services.
- ◆ Ground surfaces and conditions including:
 - ◇ Surfaces that may not bear the weight of the crane or other equipment.
 - ◇ Recently filled trenches.
 - ◇ Slopes.
- ◆ Bad weather conditions such as strong winds, lightning or storms.
- ◆ Insufficient lighting/lack of illumination.
- ◆ Vehicle traffic.
- ◆ Plant and equipment.
- ◆ Pedestrians and workers.
- ◆ Trees.
- ◆ Buildings, facilities and other surrounding structures.
- ◆ Obstructions or obstacles.
- ◆ Other specific hazards such as dangerous materials.



1.4.1 Consulting with Other Workers about Hazards and Risks

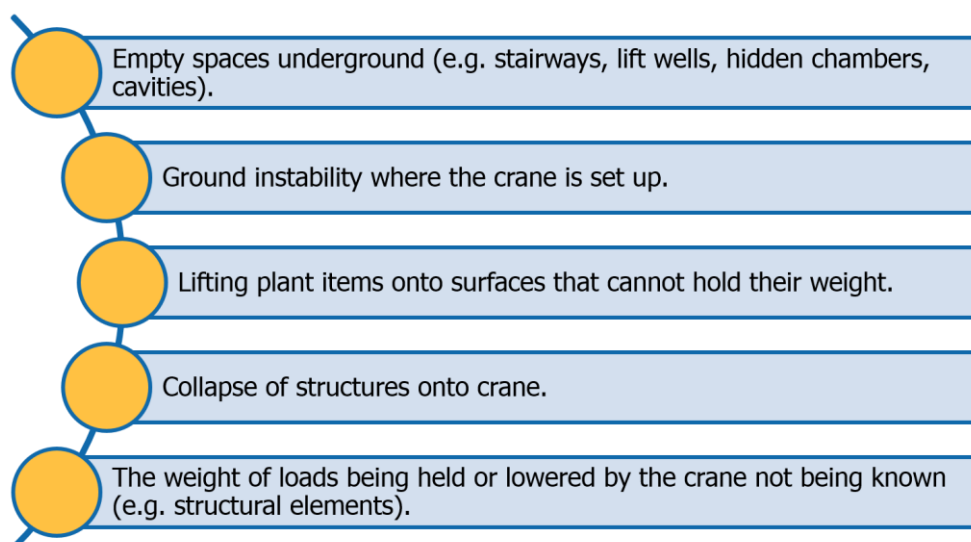
Controlling a hazard can be a team effort and it's important that everybody knows what they need to do and how or if they need to change their work process to suit.

Make sure you talk to the right people. This can include:

- ◆ Safety officers.
- ◆ Site engineers (where applicable).
- ◆ Supervisors.
- ◆ Colleagues.
- ◆ Managers who are authorised to take responsibility for the workplace or operations.



These people may have information about specific site hazards and ground conditions. These could include issues that can affect the stability of the crane, such as:



It is also important to communicate with other personnel and safety officers before starting on a worksite to ensure that any workplace policies or site-specific procedures are followed.

1.4.2 Assess Risks

Once you have identified the hazards on site or related to the work you will be doing you may be required to assess their risk level.

Risk levels are worked out by looking at 2 factors:

Consequence	How bad will it be if the hazard causes harm?
Likelihood	What is the chance of the hazard causing harm?

You can use a table like the one shown here to work out the risk level:

	Consequence				
Likelihood	1. Insignificant	2. Minor First Aid Required	3. Moderate Medical Attention and Time Off Work	4. Major Long Term Illness or Serious Injury	5. Catastrophic Kill or Cause Permanent Disability or Illness
1. Rare	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
2. Unlikely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High
3. Possible	Low	Moderate	High	High	Extreme
4. Likely	Moderate	Moderate	High	High	Extreme
5. Almost Certain	Moderate	High	High	Extreme	Extreme

For example, a hazard that has a **Major** consequence and is **Almost Certain** to occur has a risk level of **Extreme**.

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The risk level will help you to work out what kind of action needs to be taken, and how soon you need to act.

The table below is an example of a site risk policy:

Risk Level	Action
Extreme	This is an unacceptable risk level The task, process or activity must not proceed .
High	This is an unacceptable risk level The proposed activity can only proceed, provided that: 1. The risk level has been reduced to as low as reasonably practicable using the hierarchy of risk controls. 2. The risk controls must include those identified in legislation, Australian Standards, Codes of Practice etc. 3. The risk assessment has been reviewed and approved by the Supervisor. 4. A Safe Working Procedure or Work Method Statement has been prepared. The supervisor must review and document the effectiveness of the implemented risk controls.
Moderate	This is an unacceptable risk level The proposed activity can only proceed, provided that: 1. The risk level has been reduced to as low as reasonably practicable using the hierarchy of risk controls. 2. The risk assessment has been reviewed and approved by the Supervisor. 3. A Safe Working Procedure or Work Method Statement has been prepared.
Low	The proposed task or process needs to be managed by documented routine procedures, which must include application of the hierarchy of controls.



The action you take will depend on:

- ◆ The organisation's policies.
- ◆ The worksite's procedures.
- ◆ Relevant laws and regulations.

1.4.3 Control Hazards

The best way to control hazards is to use the Hierarchy of Hazard Control. The Hierarchy of Hazard Control is the name given to a range of control methods used to eliminate or control hazards and risks in the workplace.

You start at the top of the list and see if you can take away (eliminate) the hazard or danger.

If you can't take it away you move down the list to see if you can swap it for something safer (substitution).

Keep working through the list until you find something that controls that hazard or danger.



This table shows you the 6 different types of controls in order from best to worst:

Hierarchy Level	Action
1. Elimination	Completely remove the hazard. This is the best kind of hazard control.
2. Substitution	Swap a dangerous work method or situation for one that is less dangerous.
3. Isolation	Isolate or restrict access to the hazard.
4. Engineering Controls	Use equipment to lower the risk level.
5. Administrative Controls	Site rules and policies attempt to control a hazard.
6. Personal Protective Equipment	The least effective control. Use PPE while you carry out your work.



Hazard control measures need to be put in place before you start your work, or as soon as you see a hazard while you are doing your work. Hazard controls can sometimes be listed in your work instructions or you can ask your boss or supervisor for help.

Talk to the other workers in the area to make sure they are aware of the control measures you have put in place.

Once a hazard control is in place you will need to check to make sure it is working well to control the hazard or danger.

Talk to your supervisor or safety officer if you are not sure if it is safe enough to carry out your work. If you think the hazard is still too dangerous you should not try to do the work.

1.4.3.1 Personal Protective Equipment

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is clothing and equipment designed to lower the chance of you being hurt on the job. It is required to enter most work sites.

As a minimum, a person involved in crane operations must wear personal protective clothing such as:

- ◆ A safety helmet (hard hat).
- ◆ Safety boots/footwear.
- ◆ High-visibility clothing.





Other PPE includes:

- ◆ Gloves.
- ◆ Safety goggles/glasses.
- ◆ Reflective vest.
- ◆ Relevant breathing apparatus.
- ◆ Hearing protection.
- ◆ Skin and sun protection.
- ◆ Any other items required by the site.

All safety equipment such as PPE should be selected and inspected while the work is being planned and before any work is started.

Make sure any PPE you are wearing is in safe working condition and is suitable for the job.

If you find any item of PPE that is not in serviceable condition, tag it and remove it from service. Report the fault to your supervisor who will organise the repair or replacement of the PPE.



1.4.3.2 Working Near Power Lines



Working near power lines (also called electric lines) can be dangerous if you are not careful.

It is very important that you know the safe operating distances for different types of power lines and the steps you must take if your job needs you to work closer than the safe distances.

Generally, if you need to work closer than the safe work distance you must:

- ◆ Contact the local electrical authority for permission to work closer (this is called an exemption).
- ◆ Have the power lines shut off. If this is not possible then have the power lines insulated by the electrical authority.
- ◆ Use a spotter (depending on local laws and rules).

Distances are different depending on the state or territory you are working in and the voltage of the power lines. You should check with the authority responsible for the power lines for information and advice to find out the voltage of power lines in your work area.

Queensland

The Queensland Electrical Safety Regulation breaks down the distances in detail. Exclusion zones are broken down not only by size of power line but also by the competency level of the operator. This means that the requirements should be clarified with the electrical authority before work commences even if the distance appears to be outside the zones.

The following minimum distances are provided as guidance:

Power Line Type	Distance
Up to 132kV	3.0m
132kV up to 330kV	6.0m
330kV and above	8.0m

New South Wales

In New South Wales, for anyone who is not accredited, equipment operation may not be any closer than the following distances to power lines:

Power Line Type	Distance
Up to and including 132kV	3.0m
Above 132kV up to and including 330kV	6.0m
Above 330kV	8.0m

To work closer than these distances requires authority from the relevant electrical authority and adherence to cl.64(2)(e) of the regulations.

Australian Capital Territory

In the ACT mobile plant operators and persons erecting or working from scaffolding must maintain a safe minimum distance to power lines as outlined in the table below:

Power Line Type	Distance
Less than 33kv	4.0m
33kV or more (transmission lines)	5.0m

Victoria

In Victoria the Framework for Undertaking Work Near Overhead and Underground Assets states that equipment must not be closer than the following distances to power lines:

Power Line Type	Distance
Distribution lines up to and including 66kV (power poles)	6.4m (or 3.0m with a qualified spotter)
Transmission lines greater than 66kV (towers)	10m (or 8m with a qualified spotter)

Tasmania

In Tasmania equipment must not be closer than the following distances to power lines:

Power Line Type	Distance
Up to and including 133kV (poles)	6.4m (or 3m with a safety observer)
Greater than 133kV (towers)	10m (or 8m with a safety observer)

South Australia

In South Australia mobile plant operators and persons erecting or working from scaffolding must maintain a safe minimum distance to power lines as outlined in the table below:

Power Line Type	Distance
Up to 132kV (including 132kV poles)	6.4m (or 3.0m with a spotter)
132kV or more (including 132kV towers)	10.0m (or 8.0m with a spotter)

Western Australia

In Western Australia this falls under Regulation 3.64 from the OSH Regulations and states the following as the minimum distances:

Power Line Type	Distance
Up to 1kV (insulated)	0.5m
Up to 1kV (uninsulated)	1.0m
Above 1kV and up to 33kV	3.0m
Above 33kV	6.0m

Northern Territory

In the Northern Territory equipment must not be closer than the following distances to power lines:

Power Line Type	Distance
Up to and including 132kV (distribution lines)	6.4m (or 3m with a spotter)
Greater than 132kV (transmission lines)	10m (or 8m with a spotter)

Tiger Tails

Tiger tails are used as a visual aid to identify the location of overhead power lines.

It is important to note that tiger tails **DO NOT** insulate the power lines so exclusion zones and safe operating distances must still be maintained, even when tiger tails are present.



1.4.3.3 Task-Specific Control Strategies

Some examples of risks/hazards and their possible controls include:



Situation:

A person or object near the chassis or outriggers of a slewing crane.

Hazard:

- ◆ The person or object could be hit or crushed by the crane and/or load when it is moving.

Control:

- ◆ Exclusion zones.

Situation:

Retracting/folding a boom.

Hazard:

- ◆ Someone being trapped, struck or crushed by the boom.
- ◆ Someone being hit by the boom or load.

Controls:

- ◆ Placing the operator safely out of the entrapment/exclusion zone.
- ◆ Make sure all other people (pedestrians, workers) are clear of the hazardous area.



Situation:

Working near pedestrians or site personnel, or other mobile plant or vehicles.

Hazard:

- ◆ Hitting or crushing a person with the crane or load, or hitting other plant or vehicles.

Controls:

- ◆ Pedestrian/vehicle exclusion zones.
- ◆ Warning signs.
- ◆ Protective barriers.
- ◆ Flashing hazards lights (only if they don't impair the crane operator's vision).
- ◆ Traffic control (e.g. a flag person).
- ◆ Gantries.
- ◆ Hoardings.

Exclusion Zones

Exclusion zones separate the crane operations from other workers, plant and structures on the site or in the immediate work area. This includes the areas around the crane and load, as well as the lift, slew and travel areas.

If exclusion zones are required you will need to confirm or validate the details of these with the dogger/rigger and with the lift plan.



1.4.4 Apply Hazard Control Measures

Hazards controls need to be applied before any work is started, or as soon as a hazard is identified if it is identified during crane operations.

Hazard controls may include:

- ◆ Safety tags on electrical switches/isolators.
- ◆ Insulated power lines.
- ◆ A safety observer used inside an exclusion zone.
- ◆ Disconnected power.
- ◆ Adequate illumination/lighting.
- ◆ Traffic and pedestrian barricades and controls.
- ◆ Trench covers.
- ◆ Movement of obstructions.
- ◆ Personal protective equipment (PPE).

Other or different controls may be specified in your work instructions or site procedures.




1.4.4.1 Lighting the Work Area



If the crane work is being carried out at night or in a darkened area, there must be adequate temporary lighting in place for the work to begin.

The entire work area must be sufficiently lit up to ensure the work can be carried out safely.

1.5 Check the Path of Movement

When planning your work check the path of movement for the crane and load for any obstructions. This is to make sure that you have identified all hazards in the path of movement and put effective control measures in place.



When checking the path of movement think about:

- ◆ The size (dimensions and mass) of the load.
- ◆ Dimensions of the crane.
- ◆ The suitability of the pickup and landing sites.
- ◆ Overhead power lines.
- ◆ Underground services.
- ◆ Communication arrangements with the dogger.
- ◆ Preventing pedestrians and workers accessing the pathway.
- ◆ If there is a need for spotters/observers.
- ◆ The distance and speed of travel and the direction of travel.
- ◆ Any obstructions, including:
 - ◆ Equipment.
 - ◆ Materials.
 - ◆ Other vehicles, plant and people.
 - ◆ Building and other structures.
 - ◆ Overhead power lines.



Always decide on the path of movement for a load during your planning, before you move the load.

1.6 Communications

As a crane operator you need to be able to communicate effectively with those around you while you work. This may include workers such as doggers and riggers.

It is important that you are able to understand all the instructions necessary to use all relevant equipment safely.

These can include:

- ◆ Manufacturer's guidelines (instructions, specifications, checklists).
- ◆ Industry operating procedures.
- ◆ Workplace procedures (work instructions, operating procedures, checklists).



Select appropriate communication methods while planning and preparing for crane operations, before work is started.

Communication methods may take the form of:

- ◆ Verbal and non-verbal language.
- ◆ Listening.
- ◆ Questioning to confirm understanding.
- ◆ Written instructions.
- ◆ Signage.
- ◆ Making and interpreting hand signals.
- ◆ Bells, buzzers and whistle signals.
- ◆ Use of communication equipment such as fixed channel two-way radios.
- ◆ Appropriate worksite protocols.



Effective communication is important because you need to be able to consult with other workers at different stages of the work to make sure that you are following the lift plan and site and workplace procedures.

Choosing the most appropriate communication method for the job will depend on the specific circumstances you may encounter during operations.



For instance, if the crane operator remains constantly in view of the person dogging the load then hand signals would be an effective communication method. If however the load is not always going to be in sight of the crane operator then whistle signals could be employed.

Fixed channel two-way radios can be used when they are going to prove more effective than other methods.

They are particularly useful when the operator is out of view of the load and whistle signals could not be heard or would prove confusing due to other crane operations in the area.

2.1 Load Assessment



Part of putting together a job plan includes assessing the load itself. Different types of loads will have different requirements for safe lifting.

The person who slings the load (a person holding a dogging licence) is responsible for establishing the weight of the load that is to be lifted.

The crane operator is responsible for communicating with the person slinging the load and giving them appropriate information such as the capacity of the crane that is to be used.

By identifying the weight of the load you will be able to properly assess whether or not the crane will be able to shift the load and the limitations of operation for the crane.

It is extremely dangerous to attempt to lift a load of unknown weight – you could cause structural damage to the crane and damage to the lifting gear and load.

You can determine the weight of a load a number of ways. These include:

- ◆ Checking with the driver who delivers the load. The weight may be marked on the delivery docket (consignment note) or on a weighbridge certificate.
- ◆ Checking the load itself. The weight may be marked on the load or the packaging it arrives in.
- ◆ Weighing the load.
- ◆ Estimating the weight of the load through appropriate calculations.



2.1.1 Common Loads

The table below lists the weights of common loads:

Material	Weight
Aluminium	2.7t per cubic metre
Bricks (1000 bricks)	4.0t per
Bronze	8.5t per cubic metre
Cast Iron	7.2t per cubic metre
Cement (25 bags)	1.0t
Clay	1.9t per cubic metre
Coal	864kg per cubic metre
Concrete / Cement	2.4t per cubic metre
Copper	9.0t per cubic metre
Earth	1.9t per cubic metre

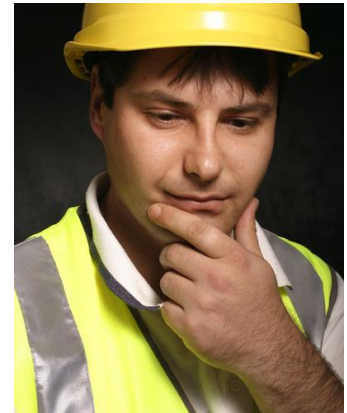
Material	Weight
Granite	2.6t per cubic metre
Gypsum	2.3t per cubic metre
Iron, ore	5.4t per cubic metre
Lead	11.2t per cubic metre
Mild Steel	7.85t per cubic metre
Poly Pipe	1.1t per cubic metre
Timber (hardwood)	1.1t per cubic metre
Timber (soft)	0.6t per cubic metre
Water	1.0t per cubic metre

2.2 Choose the Right Crane for the Job

Part of planning the job is to check that the crane will be able to shift the load safely. This means you need to check the capability and limitations of the crane.

When choosing the right crane or cranes for the job it is important to take into account:

- ◆ Environmental conditions you are going to work under including weather and ground conditions.
- ◆ Size of work access points.
- ◆ Number and frequency of lifts.
- ◆ Weights and dimensions of loads.
- ◆ Maximum height and radius of lifts.
- ◆ Procedure for the movement of loads (e.g. lifting only, mobiling).



Refer to the manufacturer's specifications, crane chart and range diagrams to see if the crane is appropriate for the job.

You will be able to use this information to configure the crane for operation.



2.3 Crane and Equipment Checks

Before using a crane or other equipment you will need to check that it is in safe working order and is suitable for the task.

Routine checks include:

- ◆ Pre-start checks (checks done before the crane is started up).
- ◆ Operational checks (checks made after the crane is started up).



If you find a danger/safety tag attached to the crane or an item of equipment while carrying out an inspection then you must leave it in place.

Do not remove the tag or use the crane or equipment (unless you have been authorised to remove the tag).

The only people that can remove the tag is the person who put it there **or** someone authorised to remove it in line with workplace safety procedures.

2.3.1 Pre-Start Checks

Routine pre-start checks should be carried out according to procedures including:

- ◆ The manufacturer's guidelines. This may include a range of instructions or specifications including the operator's manual or appropriate checklists.
- ◆ Industry operating procedures.
- ◆ Workplace procedures, instructions, operating procedures and checklists.



Routine pre-start checks include:

- ◆ Visually checking the motor.
- ◆ Signs of damage to the structure, including:
 - ◇ The crane.
 - ◇ The boom/jib.
- ◆ The condition of the tyres/tracks is safe and legal (as applicable).
- ◆ Tyres are at the correct pressure.
- ◆ All fluid levels including:
 - ◇ Oil (e.g. motor, hydraulic, gearbox).
 - ◇ Fuel.
 - ◇ Battery water.
 - ◇ Radiator water/coolant level.
 - ◇ Lubrication (grease).
- ◆ No evidence of fluid/oil/water leaks, particularly under the crane/vehicle.
- ◆ Hydraulic rams and hoses for damage or leaks.
- ◆ Outriggers/stabilisers and packing.
- ◆ Crane configuration.
- ◆ All wire ropes, anchorages, wedge sockets and splices.
- ◆ Winch drum condition.
- ◆ Slew ring (where visible).
- ◆ Jib.
- ◆ Needle (where applicable).
- ◆ Rooster sheave (where applicable).
- ◆ Retaining pins.
- ◆ Auxiliary hoist (where applicable).
- ◆ Rope and rope drums.
- ◆ Lifting hook.
- ◆ The logbook is present, current, and checked for maintenance records and defects.
- ◆ Safety tags – check that none are on the crane.
- ◆ Load charts are present and appropriate to the crane.
- ◆ Signs/signage and labels (or notices) are present, correct and legible. This includes:
 - ◇ Rated capacity.
 - ◇ Manufacturer's data plate and labels.
 - ◇ Load charts.
 - ◇ Crane decals
 - ◇ Control labels.
- ◆ Communication system.



2.3.1.1 Boom Checks

The boom and superstructure of the crane must be checked to ensure there are no defects that would make the crane unsafe to use.



Boom defects to check for include:

- ◆ Cracks – particularly in the boom, superstructure or welds.
- ◆ Bends or twists in the boom or superstructure.
- ◆ Flaking paint.
- ◆ Loose bolts.
- ◆ Oil leaks.
- ◆ Rust from joints or welds.

2.3.1.2 Tyres

Check that all tyres are in good condition and are inflated to the correct pressure as stated on the crane's load chart or in the operator's manual.

The stability of the crane depends on the tyres being correctly inflated. The tyre pressure also affects the capacity of the crane.

If the tyre pressure is lower than the pressure on the load chart then the crane will be able to lift less weight.

You will need to inspect crawler tracks and mechanisms if the crane is fitted with them.



2.3.1.3 Lifting Hook



Inspect the lifting hook for damage or excessive wear.

Defects that would render a lifting hook unusable include:

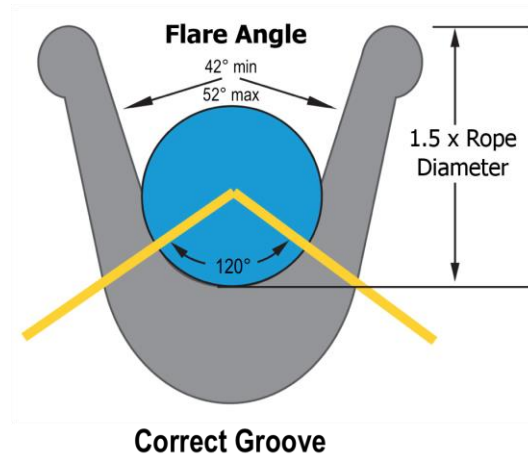
- ◆ Cuts, gouges or more than 10% wear.
- ◆ Bill stretched more than 5%.
- ◆ Cracks or twisting of the hook.
- ◆ Exposure to excessive heat.
- ◆ Safety latch that is damaged or missing.
- ◆ Rated capacity mark/stamp missing from the hook.

2.3.1.4 Sheaves

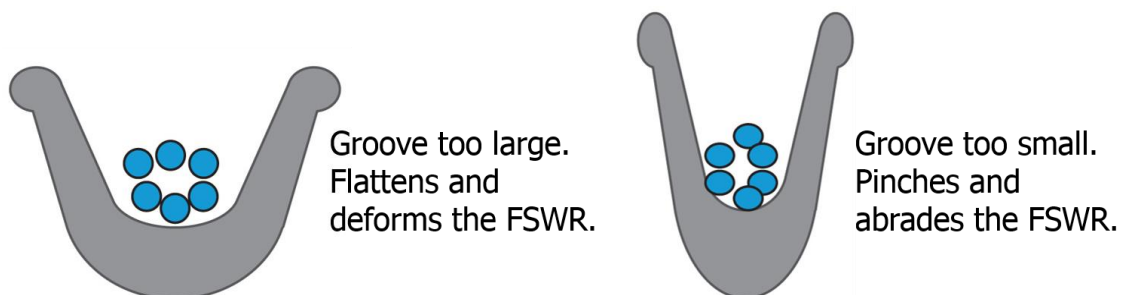
Sheaves lead the rope over the head of cranes and hoists and are used in pulley systems to gain a mechanical advantage.

Make sure that the Flexible Steel Wire Rope (FSWR) sits neatly in the base of the sheave groove. The amount of FSWR sitting in the groove should be either one third ($1/3$), 120° or as per the manufacturer's specifications.

The groove depth of a sheave should not be less than 1.5 times the diameter of the FSWR (or in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications).



If the grooves are too large then the rope will be flattened and deformed. If the grooves are too small the rope will be pinched and abraded. Any damage to the FSWR may lead to its failure.



Inspect the sheaves for damage or excessive wear. Defects that would render a sheave unusable include:

- ◆ Sheave is twisted or deformed or out of shape.
- ◆ Excessive wear in any groove.
- ◆ Damage (e.g. cracks) in the flange.
- ◆ Worn sheave pins or wear of the hinge pin.
- ◆ Damage to cheek plates or cheek plate wall/partition that is too far from or too close to the sheave.



2.3.1.5 Drums

The drum is the pulling mechanism that rotates, hauls in and stores surplus wire.

The braking mechanism is connected to either the drum or the gearing. The drum or gearing is joined to the drive mechanism.

Drums are measured from the centre to the inside of the flange. A drum that measures 1m from flange to flange is therefore a 0.5m drum.



The rope should lie neatly on the drum and not be bunched up. When the hook block is at its lowest possible point there should still be a minimum of two full turns on the drum (or as per the manufacturer's specifications).

When the drum has been wound to its maximum turns the flange must still extend 2 rope diameters above the outer layer of the rope.

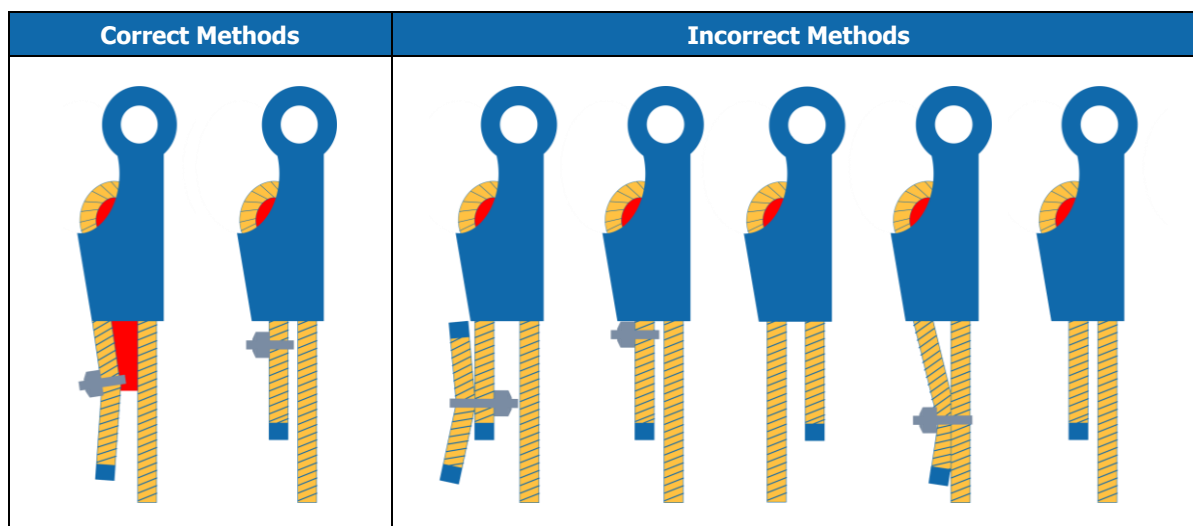
The rope must be anchored to the drum with a fixed mechanical anchorage such as a socket and wedge or a clamp and bolts.

Be aware of the danger of not properly tightening an anchorage – **DO NOT** rely on the frictional grip relayed by the two turns on the drum.

2.3.1.6 Wedge Sockets

A wedge socket is used to securely hold the tail of a hoist wire rope. A minimum of 200mm of tail on the dead end of the rope should project from the wedge socket.

A clamp and bolts or bulldog clamp should be applied to the tail of the rope below the socket. Methods of terminating a hoist rope in a wedge rope socket are shown below:



2.3.1.7 Boom Pawl

Check to see if the boom pawl has engaged the ratchet. This could mean that the boom brakes are creeping due to mechanical failure, moisture or the condition of the brakes.



2.3.1.8 Lifting Equipment

Inspect lifting equipment for damage or defects before each use.

Check for more than 10% wear in the following:

- ◆ Shackles.
- ◆ Chains.
- ◆ Crane sling shorteners.
- ◆ The bite of a hook.



If there is 10% or more wear the lifting equipment is not safe to use.

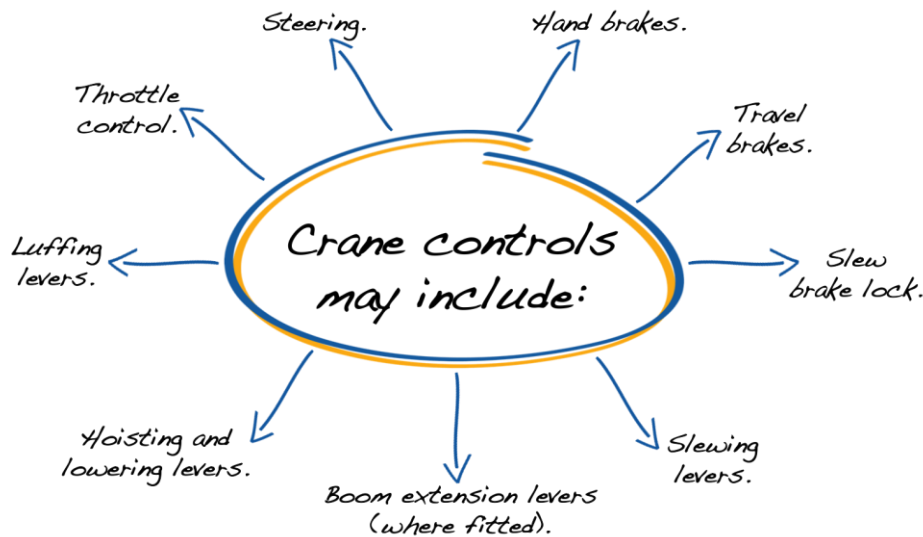
2.3.2 Locate and Identify Controls

Before starting up the crane and carrying out operational checks, it is important that you are familiar with the location of various controls and their functions.

Make sure all control labels are present and legible.



Controls may include:



2.3.3 Check the Crane Logbook



The crane logbook is used to record information on crane operation, servicing and repairs, the daily safety checks that are completed and to report defects and whether the defects have been rectified.

The crane logbook may also be called the:

- ◆ Service logbook.
- ◆ Logbook.
- ◆ Service book.
- ◆ History record.

All defects must be recorded in the crane logbook, along with any action taken to return the crane to service.

You should check the logbook to make sure:

- ◆ It is applicable to the crane.
- ◆ The crane owner is recorded.
- ◆ The crane's registration/certificate is current.
- ◆ Previous daily safety checks have been carried out and recorded.
- ◆ There are not any reported defects that have not been fixed (rectified).
- ◆ All repairs and defect rectifications are recorded.

As the crane operator you must record all crane defects in the logbook (crane operator's logbook) and according to any other workplace procedures.

Do not start up the crane if previously reported defects have not been fixed.

As well as the crane logbook, check that all signs, labels and decals are present and readable. This information will tell you the crane's capacity and capabilities.



2.3.4 Start the Crane

To start the crane you will need to safely access the cabin. Use any ladders, steps, footholds or grab rails provided.



Climb into the cabin safely using three points of contact at all times. This means having two hands and one foot or two feet and one hand in contact with the crane at all times. Make sure all points of contact are free from slipping or tripping hazards, e.g. grease or debris.

Start the crane according to the manufacturer's start-up procedure.

If you hear any abnormal noises after starting up you will need to shut the crane down. Put a danger tag on the crane and report the noise to the appropriate person.

2.3.5 Check the Crane Safety Devices

Check all safety devices on the crane including:

- ◆ Horns and sirens.
- ◆ Audible and visual reversing devices.
- ◆ Operator restraint devices (e.g. safety belt).
- ◆ Lights.
- ◆ Two-block/double block system.



The load mass indicator should be calibrated every six months (or in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications).

You can test the accuracy of the load mass indicator by selecting a load that you already know the weight of, lifting it and comparing the result on the indicator against the known weight of the load. Load mass indicator testing should be done following the manufacturer's specifications.

2.3.6 Post-Start Checks

Post-start or operational checks are done after pre-start checks and only if no faults or defects were found.

Make sure you have plenty of room to test out the crane before starting it up.

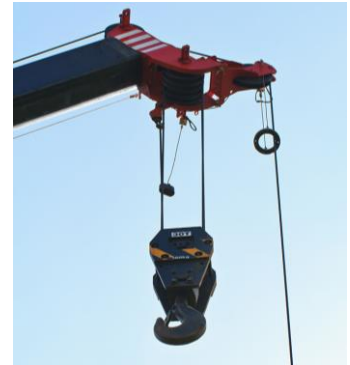
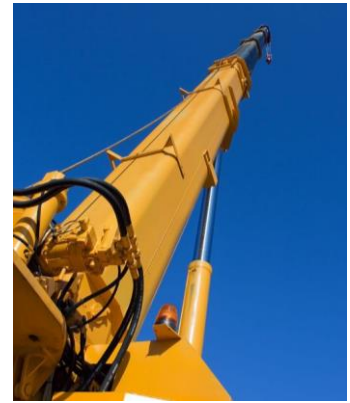
It is important that the crane is tested to the full range of its capacity to ensure that the crane is safe and functioning correctly.



Post-start checks include:

- ◆ All hazard controls are in place.
- ◆ You have a clear view from the operating position across all work zones, wherever possible. This will ensure that your view is not obscured when carrying out operations.
- ◆ All crane movements and controls are smooth and tested to the full extent of their capacity including:
 - ◇ Boom movements including in and out (extending/telescoping) and luffing.
 - ◇ Hoist movements including slew, raise and lower.
 - ◇ Controls, including the throttle control.
- ◆ Inspecting the travel limits.
- ◆ Warning devices and systems.
- ◆ Warning lights and devices.
- ◆ Horn, lights and drive indicator.
- ◆ Communications.
- ◆ Brakes.
- ◆ Steering.
- ◆ All gauges are functioning correctly.
- ◆ Slew brake lock.
- ◆ Travel brakes
- ◆ Hand brakes.
- ◆ Limit switches.
- ◆ Two-block/double block system present and in good condition.
- ◆ Outriggers deployed and functioning.
- ◆ Tyres are clear of the ground.
- ◆ Packing is the correct size and has been placed correctly.
- ◆ The crane is level and stable.
- ◆ Checking the maximum radius and load radius indicator.

You may also be required to input data into the crane's computer and make sure that it is accurate and matches the configuration of the crane.



2.3.7 Check Communication Equipment

Inspect all communication equipment before starting the crane work to make sure that it is working correctly and that effective communication can be established and maintained at all times.



Communication equipment used in crane operations may include whistles, bells, buzzers or fixed channel two-way radios.

Where radio communication equipment is used, the transmitting frequencies of the equipment must be selected to prevent interference to or from other radio equipment being used in the vicinity of the crane.

2.3.8 Report Any Faults

You can use an inspection checklist/logbook to record all checks carried out and all defects identified.

If you find any faults or signs of defects on the crane or the crane cannot function to the full range of its movements, you must:

1. Tag out the crane to isolate it from use.
2. Report the defect.
3. Do not use the crane until the fault or defect has been fixed (rectified).
4. Record the fault in the crane logbook.

Report any evidence of tampering or interference with the crane to your supervisor or other responsible person.

DO NOT use the crane or equipment until it has been fixed and returned to service.



2.4 Check Ground Conditions

Before setting up the crane you will need to make sure the ground is suitable for the work being done and that it will support the weight of the crane and load.

Ground conditions that you may encounter include:

- ◆ Rough uneven ground.
- ◆ Backfilled ground.
- ◆ Soft soils.
- ◆ Hard compacted soil.
- ◆ Rock.
- ◆ Bitumen.
- ◆ Concrete.



The ground should be checked by a competent person such as an engineer before setting up the crane so that the bearing pressure value of the soil can be established.

Check to make sure there are no underground services running through the area where you plan to set up the crane. The pressure of the equipment could cause damage to the underground services, pipes or cables.

The crane could become unstable during operation if the ground is unsuitable, e.g. rough, uneven or soft. Setting up a crane on uneven ground will also decrease the capacity of the crane.

Do not set up a crane on backfilled trenches. They may not have compacted completely and are dangerous to set the crane up on.

You may need to use plates or packing under the outriggers to make sure the crane remains stable on soft ground.

When setting the crane up on a concrete slab an engineer's report is required to confirm that the concrete slab can support the weight of a crane.



2.5 Drive the Crane to the Work Area

If you are satisfied that the ground at the work area is suitable for crane operations, drive the crane to the work area and begin to set up.

Follow all manufacturer's specifications, procedures and relevant motor vehicle road legislation when driving the crane to the work area.

Maintain safe speeds and watch out for pedestrians and other vehicular traffic on site. Turn on warning lights to warn others of your approach.

It is important to remember that a HRW licence to operate a mobile slewing crane does not licence you to drive the crane on public roads, thoroughfares or to the work area. You will need the appropriate truck licence to drive the crane on roads.



2.6 Position the Crane for Work



Once you have arrived at the work area you will need to correctly position the crane for work operations.

Make sure the crane is placed so that all tasks can be carried out safely and effectively. Ensure that you:

- ◆ Establish the safe working radius (or reach) of the crane.
- ◆ Check that there are adequate clearances from hazards and structures such as power lines or buildings.
- ◆ The crane is in an appropriate position for the work to be completed.

If any wheels or outriggers begin to sink during set-up you will need to stop operations and rectify the sinking. You may need to add more packing under the stabilisers/outriggers or if this is not possible you will need to move the crane to a more suitable and stable position.

Use a bubble level indicator to make sure the crane is level when setting up.

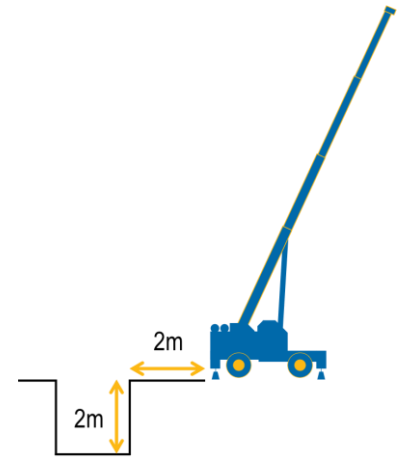
Take into account the specific issues related to a particular work area.

Setting Up Close to Trenches/Excavations

Do not set up outriggers/stabilisers close to an excavation. The pressure of the crane could cause a collapse of the excavation wall.

The distance to safely set up a crane near a trench or excavation will depend on the soil conditions. However, the general rule is to position the crane at a distance that is the same as the depth of the excavation or trench.

This means that if a trench is 2 metres deep you would set up the crane 2 metres away.



Setting Up and Operating Close to Buildings

If you were working near a building there are a number of things to consider and actions to take:

- ◆ If possible, set up the boom so that it slews away from the building.
- ◆ Determine if protection for the building will be required. For example, fitting screens to easily damaged areas such as windows.
- ◆ Pay close attention to the effect of wind on loads, as wind speeds tend to increase around buildings.
- ◆ Take extra care of back-filled trenches placed close to the building.

Setting Up in Restricted Spaces

When setting up a crane in a restricted space it is important to consider and ensure that:

- ◆ Access is adequate – the crane can enter, operate and exit the work area.
- ◆ The outriggers can be fully deployed.
- ◆ The manufacturer's specifications can be followed while operating the crane.
- ◆ There are no workers or obstructions in the work area.
- ◆ The boom can be safely slewed without striking any surrounding structures.
- ◆ The possible need to use a guide.
- ◆ There is adequate access for the load to be slung and landed safely.



2.6.1 Outriggers/Stabilisers

Once the crane is in position you may need to deploy the outriggers. Outriggers (sometimes called stabilisers) are hinged or sliding beams that are used to keep the crane stable during operation.

Outriggers can be used with packing to help distribute the weight of the crane and load on softer ground.



The outriggers need to be fully extended to bring the tyres off the ground and make the crane level (in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications).

Never reset the outriggers while the crane is in use, as this can cause major instability.

If the crane is set up and one or more wheels or outriggers begin to sink you must stop operations. If possible, rectify the sinking. If this isn't possible you will need to relocate the crane to an area where it is possible to ensure the crane stability.

2.6.2 Packing

Selecting the correct packing is important. There are different kinds and sizes of packing available including:

- ◆ Steel plates.
- ◆ Hardwood packing (pigstyng or cribbing).

Packing must cover as much area as possible to distribute the load. Make sure you determine the minimum area of packing under each outrigger to ensure that the crane and load remain stable at all times.

Hardwood (pigsty) packing should be arranged so that each layer is at a 90 degree angle to the one underneath.



2.6.2.1 Calculating the Required Size of Packing

Working out the size of the packing area required is an important step in safely setting up the crane.

You may need to use packing or mats under the outriggers to make the crane stable on soft ground. Different ground and soil types have different load bearing pressures depending on how firm or dense they are.

Soil Type	Load Bearing Pressure (tonnes per m ²)
Hard rock	200
Shale rock and sandstone	80
Compacted gravel (with up to 20% sand)	40
Asphalt	20
Compacted sand	20
Stiff clay (dry)	20
Soft clay (dry)	10
Loose sand	10
Wet clay	Less than 10

When working out the area of required packing you will need to know:

- ◆ Total mass of the crane.
- ◆ Total mass of the load to be lifted.
- ◆ The soil bearing pressure.

If this information is known you can then use the following formula to work out the required size of packing in metres squared (m²).

$$\text{Area of packing (m}^2\text{)} = \frac{0.65 \times (\text{Crane Mass} + \text{Load Mass})}{\text{Soil Bearing Pressure (V)}}$$

The above formula can also be shown in the following way:

$$\text{Area of packing (m}^2\text{)} = \frac{0.65 \times (C_M + L)}{P_{MAX}}$$

Where:

- ◆ C_M = Total mass of crane.
- ◆ L = Total mass of load.
- ◆ P_{MAX} = Maximum permissible bearing pressure of soil.

Example – Calculating the Required Area of Packing

A mobile slewing crane that weighs 72500kg is to be set up to lift a 125t load on shale rock. What is the smallest packing pad needed for each outrigger?

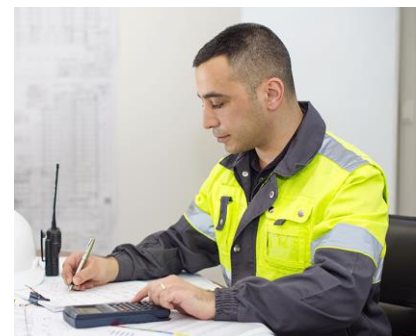
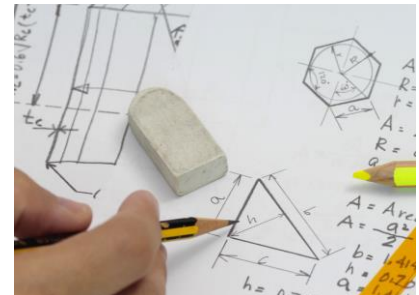
The following sized outrigger pads are available:

- ◆ 0.75m²
- ◆ 1m²
- ◆ 1.5m²
- ◆ 2m²

The first step is to deduce all the information required.

- ◆ Total Crane Mass = 72500kg = 72.5t
- ◆ Load to be lifted = 125 tonne
- ◆ Shale Rock = 80 tonnes/m²

Now that the data is in an easily accessible format we can use it to find the minimum required area of packing for this configuration.





Calculations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Area of packing (m}^2\text{)} &= \frac{0.65 \times (C_M + L)}{P_{\text{MAX}}} \\
 &= \frac{0.65 \times (72.5 + 125)}{80} \\
 &= \frac{0.65 \times (197.5)}{80} \\
 &= \frac{128.375}{80} \\
 &= 1.6\text{m}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the smallest packing pad needed for each outrigger would have an area of 1.6m², so the required outrigger size would be 2m².

2.7 Configure the Crane

The crane will need to be configured properly to suit the tasks that are to be done. This may include the configuration of the boom/jib, fly jib or counterweights. Carry out all crane configuration procedures according to the crane manufacturer's instructions.

Consult the load chart for the crane to make sure the crane is configured correctly for the loads that need to be lifted.



2.7.1 Boom Configuration

The boom and jib may need to be assembled for the lift. Make sure the maximum radius and minimum radius luff limits are known, and the boom has been configured accordingly.

Some cranes have a manual boom extension. Make sure the boom extension is secured according to the manufacturer's specifications.

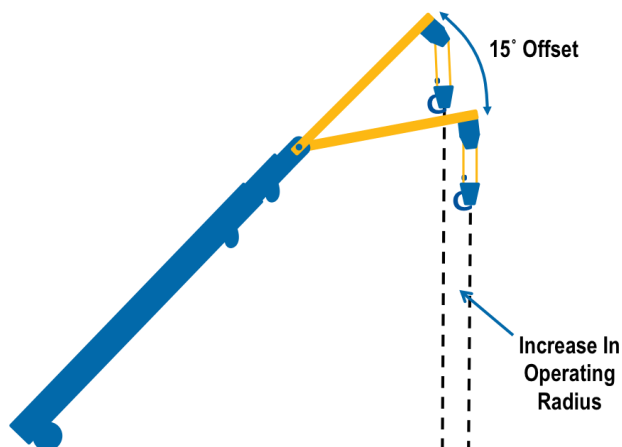


2.7.2 Fly Jib

You can find the ratings of a fly jib by consulting the load chart. For instance, a fly jib offset at 15 degrees will have a **lower** rating than at zero degrees.

If a fly jib is stowed on the main boom section then the rated capacity of the crane may be reduced.

Also check the load chart or crane specifications to see if you are allowed to mobile the crane with a load on the fly jib.



2.7.3 Counterweights



Small cranes usually have a fixed counterweight, whereas larger cranes may have counterweights that can be removed and configured. Consult the manufacturer's specifications to find information on when and how to configure counterweights and how to secure them to the crane. Extra counterweights can only be added if the manufacturer's specifications allow it.

A counterweight should be clearly marked with its weight/mass and the crane manufacturer's name/trademark.

Misuse of counterweights could result in crane instability or structural damage to the crane.

2.8 Input Computer Data

Note: Not all cranes are fitted with a crane computer. Check the operator's manual for the crane you are using to see if it has a crane computer installed.

The crane computer is used to help configure the boom/jib and counterweights.

It also includes the load limiting/indicating system used to warn you in situations where the crane is overloaded or likely to become unstable.



When setting up the crane, all relevant details should be entered into the crane computer (where applicable). This may include:

-  The weight of the load to be lifted.
-  The boom length.
-  The operating radius.
-  The total weight of the lifting gear.

Test that the crane computer is working by comparing the computer results with the crane load chart, or complete the pre-operational testing in the manufacturer's specifications.

2.9 Test Communication Equipment



Before starting work you will need to make sure any communication equipment you are using is working properly on-site. Consult the manufacturer's instructions to make sure the equipment is working correctly.

Check for radio interference and make sure you are not interfering with other workers on-site who may also be using radios. Use a dedicated frequency to prevent interference with other equipment. Make sure batteries are fully charged and that you have spare batteries in case they are needed.

3.1 Determine Crane Capacity



You will need to determine the characteristics and capabilities of the crane you are going to use so that it can be configured to suit the loads that are to be moved.

Information relating to the capabilities of a crane can be found in:

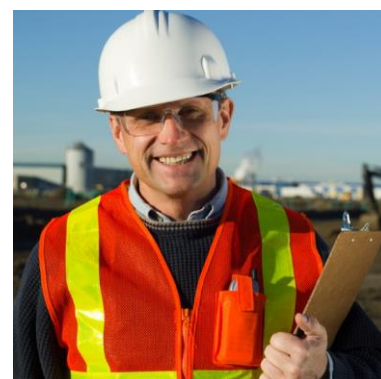
- ◆ The appropriate load charts.
- ◆ The manufacturer's specifications.
- ◆ The operator's manual.
- ◆ Marked or labelled on the crane itself.

The lifting capacity of a crane is limited by structural strength (when the operating radius is small) and stability (when the operating radius is large).

3.1.1 Load Charts

Load charts or crane charts contain details of the crane and the information you need to properly calculate the crane's capacity in any given configuration. As well as the crane's dimensions and weight, the load chart will tell you the:

- ◆ Operating radius of the crane.
- ◆ Rubber ratings.
- ◆ Weight of the hook block.
- ◆ Winch line pull in tonnes or kilograms.
- ◆ Rated capacity for a given crane configuration (crane radius and boom length).
- ◆ Multiple rope fall capacities (e.g. 2-fall and 4-fall hook block configurations).



Check the load chart to determine how different boom and counterweight configurations will affect the capacity of a crane.

CRANE LOAD CHART
Showing Rated Lifting Capacity (in tonnes) On Fully Extended Outriggers

Radius (m)	10.1m Boom		18.1m Boom		26.0m Boom	
	Over Rear	Over Side	Over Rear	Over Side	Over Rear	Over Side
3.0	25.00	25.00	14.00	14.00		
3.5	21.70	21.70	13.40	13.40		
4.0	18.50	18.50	12.75	12.75		
4.5	15.50	15.50	12.15	12.15		
5.0	12.80	12.80	11.60	11.60	7.40	7.40
5.5	10.50	10.50	10.00	10.00	7.10	7.10
6.0	8.80	8.80	8.70	8.70	6.65	6.65
6.5	7.70	7.55	7.70	7.70	6.40	6.40
7.0	6.85	6.60	6.85	6.60	6.10	6.10
7.5	6.20	5.70	6.20	5.70	5.75	5.75
8.0	5.60	4.95	5.60	4.95	5.40	5.40
8.5	5.05	4.36	5.05	4.35	5.00	4.80
9.0			4.60	3.85	4.60	4.35
10.0			3.90	3.10	3.90	3.50
11.0			3.30	2.65	3.30	2.95
12.0			2.80	2.25	2.80	2.50
13.0			2.40	1.95	2.40	2.15
14.0			2.10	1.55	2.10	1.80
16.0				1.55		1.30
18.0				1.20		0.95
20.0				0.90		0.60
22.0				0.70		0.40
24.0				0.55		0.25

Load charts have a solid line running across them:

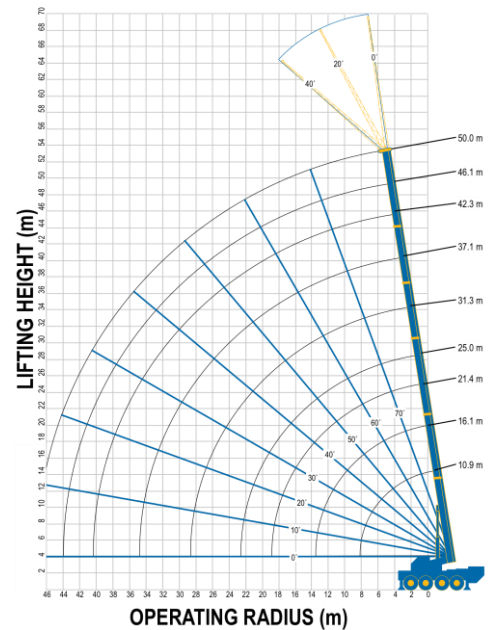
- ◆ All numbers **ABOVE** the line are based on structural strength. Overloading the crane in these configurations will result in structural damage to the crane.
- ◆ All numbers **BELOW** the line are based on stability. Overloading the crane in these configurations will result in crane instability.

Load charts will contain a range diagram.

As the name suggests, the range diagram is used to work out the lifting range of the crane. This chart indicates what boom length is required to pick up and lift a load in relation to distance and height.

A range diagram may provide the following information:

- ◆ Boom elevation height versus height of a building or structure.
- ◆ Crane configuration requirements.
- ◆ Jib attachment operating radius.
- ◆ Minimum allowable clearance between load blocks and the head sheave (tip of boom).



Where a precise reading is not available on the load chart you must always use the higher operating radius. The increased operating radius decreases the rated capacity.

DO NOT risk overloading the crane.

If the load chart is unreadable from age or wear you must not operate the crane. Have the load chart replaced before attempting to lift anything with the crane.

3.1.2 Factors that Affect the Amount a Crane Can Lift



One of the most important things you need to know in order to work out the crane's capacity is the operating radius. This is the distance at which a crane can operate safely with a known weight.

You will need to take into account a number of factors to make sure that you are working within the operating radius of the crane. This can include:

- ◆ The boom/jib angle.
- ◆ The boom/jib length.
- ◆ Boom/jib deflection.

The fly jib may be offset at an angle causing the rated capacity of the crane to decrease.

Boom/jib deflection should also be taken into account when determining the capacity of a crane. Boom/jib deflection is the slight bending of the boom/jib under the weight of the load. Boom/jib deflection can result in a slight increase in the operating radius, which reduces the amount of weight that can be lifted safely by the crane.

Luffing the boom up will decrease the operating radius, allowing the crane to safely lift more.





Before attempting to lift anything you need to calculate the amount of weight that the crane will be lifting. You need to subtract the weight/mass of any lifting gear, including hook block, slings, spreader beams, kibles and ladles, from the rated capacity to work out the weight of a load that you can safely lift with the crane.

All of these items must be deducted from the rated capacity of the crane to determine the actual rated capacity of the crane at a particular radius.

The hook block may be reeved to gain a mechanical advantage in the lifting gear. A hoist that is using a block with multiple falls of rope (sheaves or parts) may be able to raise a heavier load. Always make sure the load is within the safe range for the crane.

It is important to take into account the forces and loads placed on the crane and the load when conducting operations. This may include:

Dynamic Forces

Caused by the movements of the crane and load.

Wind Loads

Caused by the pressure of wind on the crane or load.

Check that the crane hook has an adequate rated capacity for the loads that are to be lifted. The rated capacity of a hook should be stamped or marked on the hook itself.

3.1.2.1 Crane Capacity Calculations

It is important that you are able to calculate the capacity of different crane configurations using information found on the load chart.

Each crane has a set of documents that outline its unique specifications.

Note: The “Crane Specifications – Slewing Mobile Crane (Over 100 Tonnes)” is being used for these examples and should not be used for any other purpose.



Example 1 – Crawler Crane – Maximum Load on the Main Hook

Using the “Crane Specifications – Slewing Mobile Crane (Over 100 Tonne) – Chart One” information found in Appendix B, work out the maximum load that can be lifted on the main hook when the crane is to be set up in the following configuration:

Crane Configuration	
Main Boom Length	46.1m
Working Radius	12.0m
Operating Area	360° (over side and rear)
Lifting Gear	5 Sheave Hook Block

Step 1 – Select the Applicable Load Chart Section

The first step in working out the maximum load is to work out which section of the specifications relates to the configuration of the crane.

This configuration has an operating area of 360° so we will be referring to the "Load Rating in Kilograms with 360° Work Area" chart.

LOAD RATING IN KILOGRAMS WITH 360 ° WORK AREA									
OPERATING RADIUS IN METRES	10.90 SWL BOOM α	16.10 SWL BOOM α	21.40 SWL BOOM α	25.00 SWL BOOM α	31.30 SWL BOOM α	37.10 SWL BOOM α	42.30 SWL BOOM α	46.10 SWL BOOM α	50.00 SWL BOOM α
3.0	70,000 55°								
3.5	64,400 52°	55,000 67°							
4.0	59,300 50°	55,000 65°	45,000 72°						

Step 2 – Determine the Rated Capacity for Configuration

The second step in working out the maximum load involves using the chart to find the rated capacity that corresponds to the main boom length and the operating radius.

The main boom length is 46.1m and the operating radius is 12.0m.

LOAD RATING IN KILOGRAMS WITH 360 ° WORK AREA									
OPERATING RADIUS IN METRES	10.90 SWL BOOM α	16.10 SWL BOOM α	21.40 SWL BOOM α	25.00 SWL BOOM α	31.30 SWL BOOM α	37.10 SWL BOOM α	42.30 SWL BOOM α	46.10 SWL BOOM α	50.00 SWL BOOM α
3.0	70,000 55°								
3.5	64,400 52°	55,000 67°							
4.0	59,300 50°	55,000 65°	45,000 72°						
4.5	54,900 47°	52,900 63°	43,000 70°	32,000 73°					
5.0	51,000 43°	49,600 60°	41,000 68°	32,000 71°	20,000 75°				
6.0	42,000 35°	41,700 57°	36,500 65°	31,000 68°	20,000 73°	16,000 76°			
7.0	35,000 25°	34,800 53°	32,000 62°	29,000 66°	20,000 71°	15,500 74°	13,000 77°		
8.0	28,300 9°	29,600 49°	28,000 59°	26,000 64°	20,000 69°	15,000 72°	13,000 75°	8,800 77°	
9.0		25,600 43°	24,800 56°	23,500 61°	19,500 67°	14,500 71°	12,900 73°	8,800 75°	6,500 78°
10.0		22,100 38°	21,000 53°	21,000 59°	18,500 65°	14,000 69°	12,700 71°	8,800 73°	6,500 75°
12.0		16,100 25°	15,800 46°	16,800 53°	16,100 62°	12,700 67°	11,800 69°	8,800 71°	6,500 72°
14.0			13,800 38°	13,300 48°	12,800 57°	11,300 62°	10,900 66°	8,500 68°	6,500 70°

The intersecting point between the "Main Boom Length" column and "Operating Radius" row contains all of the rated capacity and boom angle information relating to this configuration.

LOAD RATING IN KILOGRAMS WITH 360 ° WORK AREA									
OPERATING RADIUS IN METRES	10.90	16.10	21.40	25.00	31.30	37.10	42.30	46.10	50.00
	SWL BOOM α	SWL BOOM α	SWL BOOM α	SWL BOOM α	SWL BOOM α	SWL BOOM α	SWL BOOM α	SWL BOOM α	SWL BOOM α
3.0	70,000								
	55°								
3.5	64,400	55,000							
	52°	67°							
4.0	59,300	55,000	45,000						
	50°	65°	72°						
4.5	54,900	52,900	43,000	32,000					
	47°	63°	70°	73°					
5.0	51,000	49,600	41,000	32,000	20,000				
	43°	60°	68°	71°	75°				
6.0	42,000	41,700	36,500	31,000	20,000	16,000			
	35°	57°	65°	68°	73°	76°			
7.0	35,000	34,800	32,000	29,000			13,000		
	25°	53°	62°	66°			77°		
8.0	28,300	29,600	28,000	26,000				8,800	
	9°	49°	59°	64°				75°	77°
9.0		25,600	24,800	23,500			12,900	8,800	6,500
		43°	56°	61°	67°	71°	73°	75°	78°
10.0		22,100	21,000	21,000	18,500	14,000	12,700	8,800	6,500
		38°	53°	59°	65°	69°	71°	73°	75°
12.0		16,100	15,800	16,800	16,100	12,700	11,800	8,800	6,500
		25°	46°	53°	62°	67°	69°	71°	72°
14.0			13,800	13,300	12,800	11,300	10,900	8,500	6,500
			38°	48°	57°	62°	66°	68°	70°

The rated capacity for this configuration is 8800kg, with a boom angle of 71°.

Step 3 – Determine the Weight of Lifting Gear

The third step consists of determining what adjustments (or deductions) need to be made to the rated capacity.

Deductions include the weight of any lifting gear and the jib (if used).

Adjustments:

- ◆ The **lifting gear** being used in this example is the five sheave hook block and it weighs 1200kg.

WEIGHT OF HOOK BLOCKS				
SINGE SHEAVE HOOK BLOCK	TWO SHEAVE HOOK BLOCK	THREE SHEAVE HOOK BLOCK	FIVE SHEAVE HOOK BLOCK	WEIGHTED BALL HOOK FOR JIB
400 kgs	600 kgs	800 kgs	1200 kgs	250 kgs

This makes a total deduction of 1200kgs.

Step 4 – Complete Calculations

The fourth step involves subtracting the weight of any lifting gear and the jib from the rated capacity of this configuration.

The maximum load that can be lifted by a configuration can be found by using the following formula:

$$\text{Maximum Load} = \text{Rated Capacity} - \text{Weight of Lifting Gear}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximum Load} &= \text{Rated Capacity} - \text{Weight of Lifting Gear} \\ &= 8800\text{kg} - 1200\text{kg} \\ &= 7600\text{kg} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the maximum load that could be lifted in this configuration would be 7600kg.

Other Considerations when Configuring a Crawler Crane

As well as the load rating the load chart will also include information about other aspects of the configuration and operations of the crane.

Lifting and Lowering the Boom to the Ground

The crane chart should detail whether the boom can be lifted and lowered to the ground for different lengths.

MAXIMUM BOOM LENGTH TO LIFT OFF GROUND		
WITH 18 000 kgs COUNTERWEIGHT	LIFTING OVER THE FRONT AND REAR ONLY	
BOOM ONLY	BOOM AND 9.2m JIB	BOOM AND 17.6m JIB
50.00 m	46.1 m BOOM + 9.2 m JIB	42.3 m BOOM + 17.6 m JIB

For the configuration in Example 1 the boom can be lifted off the ground because the boom length of 46.1 metres is less than the allowed 50.0 metres.

Centre Hitch

Depending on the length of the boom the centre hitch (or mid-point suspension) may be required. This information is usually be included in the "Warnings" section but may be located in another section.

WARNINGS	information in the operators, service, parts and safety manuals furnished.
	Reduced crane lifting capacities for the particular job shall be established by the operator with due allowances for adverse operating conditions. These conditions may include the supporting surface, pendulum action of the load, jerking or sudden stops of the load and other factors affecting stability, two machine lifts, electrical wires, adverse weather, wind, hazardous surroundings, experience of personnel, etc.
	Safe Working Loads are based on freely suspended loads with the machine on a firm, level (max. slope 1% gradient / 0.6°) and uniform surface. Lifting or travelling with a load on soft or uneven ground can be hazardous and will reduce the capacity of the crane. No attempt shall be made to drag the load along the ground in any direction.
	Ratings shown are based on a counterweight of 18,000 kgs. Using a different counterweight or adjusting the configurations will result in altered SWL.
	The SWL include the weight of hooks, blocks, slings and auxiliary lifting devices. Their weight must be subtracted from the listed rating to determine the net load that can be lifted.
	Loaded boom angles at specified boom lengths give only an approximation of the operating radius. The boom angle before loading should be greater to account for boom deflection increasing the radius as the load is lifted.
	Side loading of the machine and load swing out may cause structural failure or machine tip-over. Side loads may be generated by: lifting when not level; sudden acceleration or deceleration in articulating with a load; dragging a load; pushing a load; wind forces on load and boom structure.
	Centre hitch (mid-point suspension) required when the boom length is 42.30m or longer.

For the configuration in Example 1 the centre hitch **is** required because the boom length is over 42.3 metres.

Reconfiguring the Boom

The load chart will also detail how the boom inserts must be arranged to construct the required boom length.

BOOM INSERTS						
BOOM INSERT CODE	BASE	A	B	C	D	TIP
INSERT LENGTH (m)	5.5	2.6	8.9	5	5.9	5.4

BOOM INSERT ARRANGEMENT	
BOOM LENGTH (m)	BOOM ARRANGEMENT
10.9	BASE + TIP
16.1	BASE + A + A + TIP
21.4	BASE + A + A + A + A + TIP
25	BASE + A + A + B + TIP
31.3	BASE + A + B + B + TIP
42.3	BASE + A + B + B + C + D + TIP
46.1	BASE + A + A + A + A + B + C + C + D + TIP
50	BASE + A + A + A + A + B + B + C + D + TIP

For the configuration in Example 1 the following sections are required to produce a boom length of 46.1metres.

- ◆ 1 Base section (5.5 metre length).
- ◆ 4 A sections (each 2.6 metres).
- ◆ 1 B section (8.9 metres).
- ◆ 2 C sections (each 5 metres).
- ◆ 1 D section (5.9 metres).
- ◆ 1 Tip section (5.4 metre length).

BOOM INSERTS						
BOOM INSERT CODE	BASE	A	B	C	D	TIP
INSERT LENGTH (m)	5.5	2.6	8.9	5	5.9	5.4
BOOM INSERT ARRANGEMENT						
BOOM LENGTH (m)	BOOM ARRANGEMENT					
10.9	BASE + TIP					
16.1	BASE + A + A + TIP					
21.4	BASE + A + A + A + A + TIP					
25	BASE + A + A + B + TIP					
31.3	BASE + A + B + B + TIP					
42.3	BASE + A + B + B + C + D + TIP					
46.1	BASE + A + A + A + A + B + C + C + D + TIP					
50	BASE + A + A + A + A + B + B + C + D + TIP					

If the longer 50 metre boom length was required then the 46.1 metres arrangement would need to be changed as follows:

- ◆ 1 C section removed.
- ◆ 1 B section added.

Example 2 – Hydraulic Crane – Maximum Load on the Main Hook

Using the "Crane Specifications – Slewing Mobile Crane (Over 100 Tonne) – Chart Two" information found in Appendix B, work out the maximum load that can be lifted on the main hook when the crane is to be set up in the following configuration:

Crane Configuration	
Outriggers	Maximum extension
Main Boom Length	22.3m
Working Radius	8.6m
Work Area	Over Rear
Lifting Gear	120 Tonne (Main)

Step 1 – Select the Applicable Load Chart Section

The first step in working out the maximum load is to work out which section of the specifications relates to the configuration of the crane.

This configuration is with outriggers at maximum extension and an operating area over the rear of the crane so we will be referring to the "Load Rating in Kilograms with Outriggers at Maximum Extension – Lifts Over Rear" section of the crane chart.

LOAD RATING IN KILOGRAMS WITH OUTRIGGERS AT MAXIMUM EXTENSION – LIFTS OVER REAR											
OPERATING RADIUS IN METRES	12.9	17.6	22.3	27.0	31.6	36.3	41.1	45.8	50.6	55.3	60.0
	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL
	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α
2.5	130,000**										
	60°										
3.0	94,500	86,000	81,000	65,000							

Step 2 – Determine the Rated Capacity for the Configuration

The second step in working out the maximum load involves using the chart to find the rated capacity that corresponds to the main boom length and the operating radius.

The main boom length is 22.30m and the operating radius is 8.6m. There isn't an exact radius that corresponds to the required configuration so the next **highest** radius is used, which is 9.0m.

LOAD RATING IN KILOGRAMS WITH OUTRIGGERS AT MAXIMUM EXTENSION – LIFTS OVER REAR											
OPERATING RADIUS IN METRES	12.9	17.6	22.3	27.0	31.6	36.3	41.1	45.8	50.6	55.3	60.0
	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL
	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α
2.5	130,000**										
	60°										
3.0	94,500	86,000	81,000	65,000							
	58°	68°	75°	77°							
4.0	81,000	76,500	71,000	65,000	50,000						
	50°	64°	71°	75°	79°						
5.0	70,500	67,500	63,500	60,500	49,500	38,000					
	42°	60°	68°	71°	75°	80°					
6.0	60,000	57,500	54,500	47,000	37,000	28,000	20,500				
	37°	55°	64°	70°	73°	77°	80°	80°			
7.0	53,000	52,000	50,000	44,000	35,000	28,000	20,500				
	29°	50°	60°	68°	71°	75°	78°	79°			
8.0	48,000	47,000	47,000	46,000	41,500	33,000	28,000	20,500	16,000	11,600	
	21°	43°	58°	65°	69°	71°	75°	77°	80°	80°	
9.0	41,000	42,500	42,500	42,000	39,000	31,500	26,500	20,500	16,000	11,600	10,000
	12°	38°	55°	61°	68°	69°	73°	75°	78°	79°	80°
10.0	31,500	38,000	38,000	37,500	37,000	29,500	25,000	20,500	16,000	11,600	10,000
	2°	33°	50°	60°	65°	67°	71°	73°	76°	78°	79°
11.0		35,000	34,500	34,000	34,500	28,000	23,500	20,500	16,000	11,600	10,000
		30°	48°	58°	62°	66°	69°	71°	74°	76°	78°

The intersecting point between the "Main Boom Length" column and "Operating Radius" row contains all of the rated capacity and boom angle information relating to this configuration.

LOAD RATING IN KILOGRAMS WITH OUTRIGGERS AT MAXIMUM EXTENSION – LIFTS OVER REAR											
OPERATING RADIUS IN METRES	12.9	17.6	22.3	27.0	31.6	36.3	41.1	45.8	50.6	55.3	60.0
	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL
	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α
2.5	130,000**										
	60°										
3.0	94,500	86,000	81,000	65,000							
	58°	68°	75°	77°							
4.0	81,000	76,500	71,000	65,000	50,000						
	50°	64°	71°	75°	79°						
5.0	70,500	67,500	63,500	60,500	42,500						
	42°	60°	68°	71°							
6.0	62,000	60,000	57,500	54,500	42,500		28,000	20,500			
	37°	55°	64°	70°			80°	80°			
7.0	55,000	53,000	52,000	50,000	44,000	33,000	28,000	20,500			
	29°	50°	60°	68°	71°	75°	78°	79°			
8.0	48,000	47,000	47,000	46,000	41,500	33,000	28,000	20,500	16,000	11,600	
	21°	43°	58°	65°	69°	71°	75°	77°	80°	80°	
9.0	41,000	42,500	42,500	42,000	39,000	31,500	26,500	20,500	16,000	11,600	10,000
	12°	38°	55°	61°	68°	69°	73°	75°	78°	79°	80°
10.0	31,500	38,000	38,000	37,500	37,000	29,500	25,000	20,500	16,000	11,600	10,000
	2°	33°	50°	60°	65°	67°	71°	73°	76°	78°	79°
11.0		35,000	34,500	34,000	34,500	28,000	23,500	20,500	16,000	11,600	10,000
		30°	48°	58°	62°	66°	69°	71°	74°	76°	78°
12.0		32,000	31,500	31,500	32,000	26,500	22,500	19,500	16,000	11,600	10,000
		27°	43°	55°	60°	65°	67°	70°	72°	74°	77°

The rated capacity for this configuration is 42500kg, with a boom angle of 55°.

Step 3 – Determine the Weight of Lifting Gear

The third step consists of determining what adjustments (or deductions) need to be made to the rated capacity.

Deductions include the weight of any lifting gear, such as hook blocks, and the jib, if fitted.

Adjustments:

- ◆ The **lifting gear** being used in this example is the 120 Tonne (Main) hook block and it weighs 1320kg.
- ◆ The **jib** is not fitted.

WEIGHT OF HOOK BLOCKS	
EQUIPMENT	WEIGHT
50 TONNE (MAIN)	450 kgs
80 TONNE (MAIN)	860 kgs
120 TONNE (MAIN)	1,320 kgs
8 TONNE (FLY)	530 kgs

This makes a total deduction of 1320kgs.

Step 4 – Complete Calculations

The fourth step involves subtracting the weight of any deductions from the rated capacity for the configuration.

The maximum load that can be lifted by a configuration can be found by using the following formula:

$$\text{Maximum Load} = \text{Rated Capacity} - \text{Weight of Lifting Gear}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximum Load} &= \text{Rated Capacity} - \text{Weight of Lifting Gear} \\ &= 42500\text{kg} - 1320\text{kgs} \\ &= 41180\text{kg} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the maximum load that could be lifted in this configuration would be **41180kg**.

Other Considerations when Configuring a Hydraulic Crane

There are also other considerations that you will need to make when configuring a hydraulic slewing mobile crane.

Bumper Jacks

As well as the main outriggers the crane may also be fitted with a front bumper jack, which is an additional outrigger fitted at the front bumper.

The crane load chart should include details of when bumper jacks should be used. The "Crane Specifications – Slewing Mobile Crane (Over 100 Tonne) – Chart Two" section called 'Operation Notes' provides this information.

OPERATION NOTES	These conditions may include the supporting surface, pendulum action of the load, jerking or sudden stops of the load and other factors affecting stability, two machine lifts, electrical wires, adverse weather, wind, hazardous surroundings, experience of personnel, etc.
	Safe Working Loads are based on freely suspended loads with the machine on a firm, level (max. slope 1% gradient / 0.6°) and uniform surface. Lifting a load on soft or uneven ground can be hazardous and will reduce the capacity of the crane. No attempt shall be made to drag the load along the ground in any direction.
	Ratings shown are based on a counterweight of 40,000 kgs. Using a different counterweight or adjusting the configurations will result in altered Safe Working Loads.
	The SWL include the weight of hooks, blocks, slings and auxiliary lifting devices. Their weight must be subtracted from the listed rating to determine the net load that can be lifted.
	Loaded boom angles at specified boom lengths give only an approximation of the operating radius. The boom angle before loading should be greater to account for boom deflection increasing the radius as the load is lifted.
	Side loading of the machine and load swing out may cause structural failure or machine tip-over. Side loads may be generated by: lifting when not level; sudden acceleration or deceleration in articulating with a load; dragging a load; pushing a load; wind forces on load and boom structure.

For the configuration in Example 2 bumper jacks are **not** required. While the load is being lifted over the rear the boom length is at 22.3m, not below this length. If the operating radius for the configuration was reduced the bumper jacks would be required.

pressure, boom angle and powered boom sections lubrication.
When lifting over the rear with a complete boom length of less than 22.3m ensure that bumper jacks are fully extended to prevent any forward tipping.
Under no circumstances should the bumper jacks be used to increase the lifting capacity over the front of the crane.
When lifting over the front ensure that all outriggers are fully extended. When determining a safe lifting capacity refer to the load chart and

It is important to note that the bumper jacks do not increase the lifting capacity over the front of the crane and must not be used for this purpose.

Lifting over the Front

The load chart for Example 2 details the rated capacity for loads lifted over the rear of the crane. The load chart also provides information on the action to take if lifting over the front of the crane.

The "Crane Specifications – Slewing Mobile Crane (Over 100 Tonne) – Chart Two" section called 'Operation Notes' provides this information.

Under no circumstances should the bumper jacks be used to increase the lifting capacity over the front of the crane.

When lifting over the front ensure that all outriggers are fully extended. When determining a safe lifting capacity refer to the load chart and reduce all values for "lifting over rear" by 50%.

For areas on the load chart where no ratings are shown operation is not intended or approved. Operating in this area will void warranty.

Using this information and the configuration from Example 2, the maximum load that can be lifted over the front is:

Maximum Load Lifted over **Rear** = 41180kg

Maximum Load Lifted over **Front** = 41180kg x 50%
= 20590kg

Therefore, the maximum load that could be lifted over the front would be **20590kg**.

Hoist Rope Falls

The hoist rope will need to be arranged with the appropriate number of rope falls, based on the configuration, particularly the maximum load that can be lifted.

The maximum load that can be lifted in Example 2 is 41180kg. This weight does not appear in the hoist reeving information so the next highest weight rating is used.

HOIST REEVING			
WIRE ROPE SPECIFICATIONS		MAIN HOISTS	
		PARTS OF ROPE	RATING (kgs)
MAIN HOIST	ROPE DIAMETER: 38mm	1	15,000
		2	30,000
	1000 KN GBS	3	45,000
FLY HOIST	ROPE DIAMETER: 22mm	4	60,000
		5	73,000
	380 KN GBS	6	87,000
LUFF HOIST	ROPE DIAMETER: 28mm	7	100,000
		8	115,000
	620 KN GBS	9	130,000

Next highest weight rating

Using this information **3 falls** (or parts) of hoist rope are required.

3.1.3 Review Work Plans and Information

Before starting any crane operations you will need to make sure that all necessary factors have been considered so that you can do any lifts safely. Make sure you have taken into account the following:

- ◆ The weights and dimensions (sizes) of the loads you need to move.
- ◆ The chosen crane is capable of lifting these loads.
- ◆ Access to and egress from the areas you are working in or the routes you need to take, including the loading and set-down sites.
- ◆ Hazards and obstructions been dealt with.
- ◆ The radius of the lift and crane.
- ◆ Potential boom deflection when releasing a load.

When you are confident that all necessary factors have been considered and all potential problems dealt with you will be able to start operations.

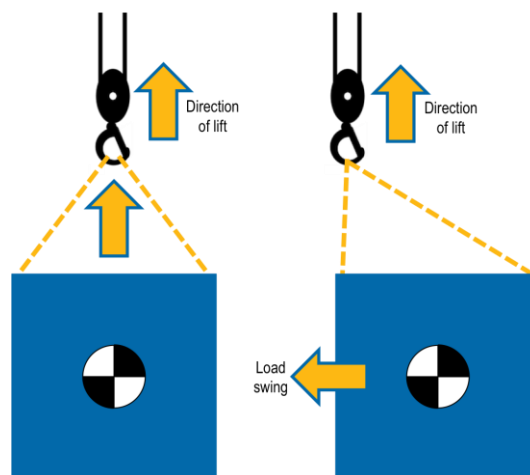
If you find that any hazard control measures are not in place or are inadequate (don't minimise the risk enough) you should report this to your supervisor or other authorised person before continuing with the work.



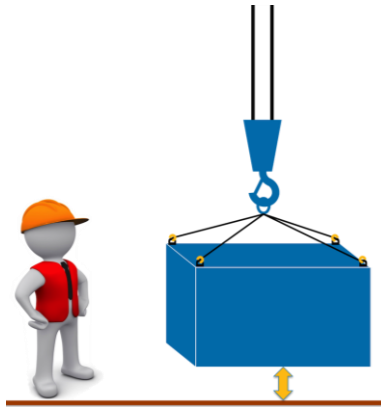
3.2 Position the Crane Hook

The crane hook should be positioned above the centre of gravity of the load before lifting operations are commenced. This will help to keep the load from swinging out of control, slipping from the sling arrangement when it is lifted, or being dragged or snagged when it is moved.

Get the dogger or rigger to guide you to make sure the crane hook is positioned correctly above the load. The load will then need to be connected to the hook/lifting gear as set out in the lift plan. Make sure you follow the directions and instructions of the dogger or rigger during the positioning and connection and throughout the lift.



3.3 Conduct a Test Lift



Before moving the load it is important to conduct a test lift.

A test lift is performed by raising the load slightly off the lifting plane (e.g. ground or truck bed). Associated personnel such as doggers and riggers will be able to determine if the load is slung correctly by the amount the load moves as it is lifted.

Conducting a test lift will allow you to check that:

- ◆ The load is:
 - ◆ Stable.
 - ◆ Secure.
- ◆ The crane functions are working correctly.

Test lifts can also be used to ensure that:

- ◆ Load measuring equipment can be used to verify the calculated weight of the load.
- ◆ Near-capacity loads do not overload the crane.
- ◆ Loads of unusual shape or weight distributions are slung correctly.
- ◆ All crane equipment is functioning properly.
- ◆ Adjustments to the slinging can be made in a safe manner.

If there are any problems with the lift (e.g. the load is unstable or slung incorrectly) then you should lower the load immediately and make the necessary adjustments before conducting another test lift. Don't continue working until the issues have been addressed and fixed.

3.4 Follow Communication Signals

Always follow the directions given to you by the person dogging the load. To direct you they may use:

- ◆ Hand signals.
- ◆ Whistle signals.
- ◆ Two-way radios.

They may also use verbal communication, particularly when planning the move or discussing the work.

If at any point you are unsure of the directions being given to you, stop all crane motions and confirm the instructions with the person giving them (dogger, spotter or observer).



Shown here are the hand and whistle signals used in Australia:

HAND SIGNALS	
Hoisting Raise  Whistle, Bell & Buzzer Signals 2 Short ..	Hoisting Lower  Whistle, Bell & Buzzer Signals 1 Long _
Luffing Boom Up  Whistle, Bell & Buzzer Signals 3 Short ...	Luffing Boom Down  Whistle, Bell & Buzzer Signals 4 Short
Slewing Right  Whistle, Bell & Buzzer Signals 1 Long, 2 Short _ ..	Slewing Left  Whistle, Bell & Buzzer Signals 1 Long, 1 Short _ .
Jib/Trolley Out; Telescoping Boom Extend  Whistle, Bell & Buzzer Signals 1 Long, 3 Short _ ...	Jib/Trolley In; Telescoping Boom Retract  Whistle, Bell & Buzzer Signals 1 Long, 4 Short _
Stop  Whistle, Bell & Buzzer Signals 1 Short .	
Creep Speed: Appropriate hand signal for motion with hand opening and closing	

3.5 Operate the Crane

Once you are satisfied that the load is ready to be moved safely, begin the lift. If your view is obstructed, get a competent person to warn you of any hazards in the path of the load.

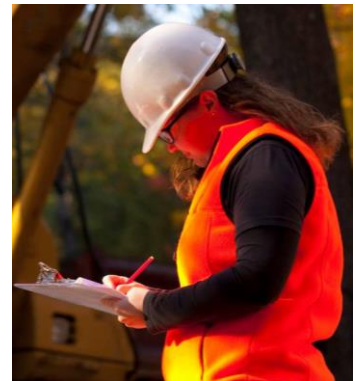
If new or unforeseen hazards appear while operations are being carried out, you will need to stop and control them before carrying on with your work.



Always operate the crane according to procedures, including:

- ◆ Manufacturer's guidelines.
- ◆ Industry operating procedures.
- ◆ Workplace procedures.

Consult the crane's load charts and manufacturer's specifications to find information when deciding which side of a rubber-rated crane is the most stable to lift a load over.



3.5.1 Crane Movements

Follow all appropriate procedures and standards when transferring loads.



Make sure all crane movements are controlled and smooth. Quick or jerky movements may cause the load to swing, increasing the operating radius to a dangerous length resulting in carrier instability or structural damage to the crane.

Relevant crane movements will be determined by the task requirements. They may include:

- ◆ Moving the boom/jib up and down, otherwise known as luffing.
- ◆ Operating the outriggers/stabilisers.
- ◆ Raising and lowering the hoist.
- ◆ Slewing the boom/jib.
- ◆ Telescoping in and out.
- ◆ Travelling or mobiling the crane.

Consult the load chart to find out what effect slewing the boom from the front of the vehicle to the back of the vehicle will have on the lifting capacity of the crane (it may vary a great deal).



Always stay within the safe operating radius of the crane.

If at any time the crane cannot function to its full range of movements you must:

- ◆ Tag out the crane.
- ◆ Log the issue in the crane logbook.
- ◆ Report the issue following workplace requirements.

3.5.2 Using the Luff Pawl

Luffing down too quickly may cause the pawl to bend or break as it engages the ratchet.



You can disengage the pawl, before luffing out, by depressing the luff pawl button and luffing up very slowly.

3.5.3 Double Blocking

A hoist limit or cut-out switch can be used to stop the winch or warn the operator before the hook block makes contact with the head block.

If the hoist limit switch is exceeded this can cause damage to the crane by the hook/block assembly being dragged into the head sheaves, or double blocking (sometimes known as two-blocking), which prevents further winding up of the hoist drum.



Double blocking can result in the following:

- ◆ Broken Flexible Steel Wire Rope (FSWR).
- ◆ Dropped load.
- ◆ Damaged sheave.
- ◆ Structural damage to the crane.

Ensure that the hoist limit/cut-out switch is checked and fully functioning before operating the crane.

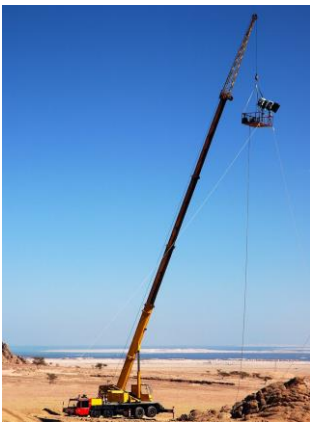
3.5.4 Lifting Personnel

If you are going to lift personnel with a crane you will need to use a workbox that meets all the necessary requirements of the workplace, the crane manufacturer and Australian Standards.

When lifting personnel with the crane, ensure that the dogger is located in a position where they can safely observe and direct the movements of the crane.



3.5.5 Using Taglines



If associated personnel are involved in the lift, the dogger may use a tagline to assist in controlling the load and the safe landing of the load.

It is necessary to use a tagline when working near overhead power lines or if there is a risk of a loss of control during the landing process.

Dry non-conductive rope, dry natural fibre rope or dry natural rope should be used as taglines to reduce any risk of conductivity.

Non-conductive ropes should be used as taglines to reduce any risk of conductivity.

Make sure the tagline is **at least** 16mm diameter.

3.5.6 Monitor the Movement of the Load

It is important to continually monitor the movement of the load to make sure the load remains safe, that no workers are put in danger and that the crane remains stable. This enables you to identify and control any hazards that may occur while moving a load. You will also be able to monitor for and catch any load swing that may occur and adjust movements accordingly, such as driving into the sway, timing crane movement, and centering the crane over the load.

Do not raise or lower the boom or load over workers or pedestrians. This is extremely dangerous and could result in a serious injury or death.

Never drag or snig the load as this may cause the crane to overload, cause damage to the crane, load or lifting equipment, or cause the crane to become unstable.



3.6 Review the Route of Travel

Before moving off with the crane and load check that the path of movement is appropriate for the crane.



You should check the route of travel for:

- ◆ Uneven or dangerous terrain and other obstacles or obstructions.
- ◆ Hazards that may have appeared while you have been operating the crane.
- ◆ All surfaces over which you are to travel can take the weight of the crane.
- ◆ Potholes and soft or rough ground.
- ◆ Power lines.
- ◆ Overhead obstructions.
- ◆ Obstacles.
- ◆ Workers in the area.
- ◆ Blind corners.
- ◆ Traffic flow.
- ◆ Underground services.



Organise to have materials moved out of the way where possible and have traffic controlled to prevent an accident.

3.7 Configure the Crane to Mobile Loads

Configure the crane to mobile the load according to the manufacturer's instructions.

If you are required to mobile the crane with a load on the hook make sure the crane boom and rope are configured with the boom retracted and lowered, with minimal fall in the rope, and as close to the ground as is reasonably possible.

Make sure all outriggers/stabilisers are stowed and locked before the crane is mobile. Store all loose components and restrain the boom according to procedures. Disengage all drives and put the controls in the off position. Release any brakes and prepare to mobile the crane.



3.8 Mobile the Load

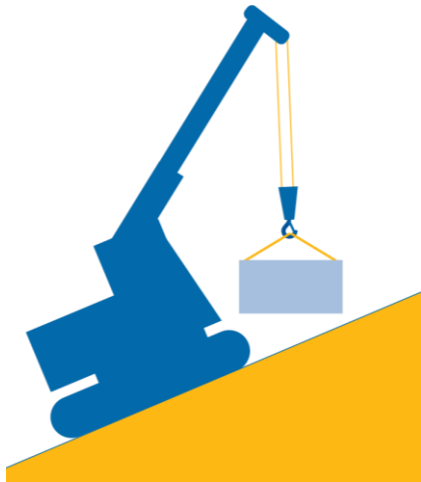
Follow all safety procedures while mobilising a load including:

- ◆ Keep to an appropriate speed. This could be:
 - ◇ A speed that is safe for the working environment.
 - ◇ As slow as possible.
 - ◇ At walking pace.
- ◆ Accelerate and brake gently to minimise load swing.
- ◆ Keep the boom/jib at a minimum length.
- ◆ Keep the load as close to the ground as possible.
- ◆ Keep the boom/jib as low as possible and in line with the crane.
- ◆ If possible, try to stay on a firm, level surface while mobilising a load as this will keep the crane stable and keep the amount of load swing to a minimum.
- ◆ Keep the load stable by using taglines.



Mobilising Loads on Slopes or Inclines

Extra care needs to be taken when mobilising loads on slopes or inclines. To do this safely you should:



- ◆ Always have the load facing uphill when moving up or down a hill.
- ◆ Be aware of the ground conditions – smooth, even, slippery, side slope etc.
- ◆ Consider:
 - ◇ Rated capacity of the crane.
 - ◇ Speed of travel – it may be different to mobilising on level surfaces.
 - ◇ Load swing.
 - ◇ Having load as close to the ground as possible and safe.
 - ◇ Minimum boom extension and angle.
- ◆ Operate in accordance with the crane load chart and manufacturer's instructions.

Mobilising a load up an incline is hazardous and you will need to be careful that the crane does not lose stability.

3.8.1 Monitor Weather Conditions



Keep an eye on the weather conditions around the crane.

Be particularly careful of the effect of wind. The force of wind may cause the load to swing or spin around or cause crane instability or damage.

Facing the crane into the wind may force the boom back into the crane causing structural damage to the crane. It may also cause the crane to tip backwards. The effect will depend on the type of crane superstructure.

The effect of wind during load sifting operations can be minimised by applying the slew brake, lowering the load and making it safe, confirming that the slew brake is applied, applying guy ropes and braces or by stopping work completely.

If wind speeds exceed the allowable limits for the crane you will need to lower the load and make the crane and load safe.

Check the manufacturer's specifications or the crane itself for information related to maximum allowable wind speeds for operations.

If a severe electrical storm is approaching you should lower the load and pack up the crane. Do not operate the crane during an electrical storm.

If it begins to rain heavily and you have to stop operating the crane for a period of time, you must re-check the ground conditions before recommencing work. If the ground has become unsuitable you will have to move the crane to a new position.



3.8.2 Land the Load

It is important to minimise upwards boom/jib movement when releasing a heavy load from the crane hook. Slowly and smoothly release the load, lowering the boom/jib a fraction to compensate for any upward movement.

Land the load at the prepared load destination. The load destination should be prepared to ensure that the load is stable and secure from movement once landed. Loads should be landed on blocks or packing (where necessary) to allow the safe removal of the lifting gear.

Round loads should be chocked to prevent the load from rolling or shifting once the lifting gear is removed. Lifting equipment should be properly stored or prepared for the next task.

Do not continue to winch/luff down after landing the load or hook block. This can cause bird nesting, loose spooling of the winch wire or unsheaved rope in the sheaves.

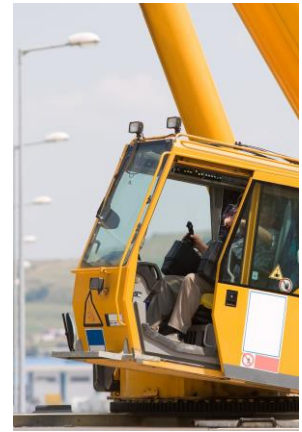
Make sure you continue to monitor the load while it is being disconnected from the hook or lifting gear to make sure it is safe and that the crane doesn't move during this process as it could cause injury to the dogger/rigger or damage the load if the boom or hook move and hits them.



Do not leave the crane controls until you have done the following:

1. Made sure the crane is not still carrying a load.
2. Raised the crane hook to a safe height.
3. Shut down the crane according to the manufacturer's specifications.
4. Folded/retracted the boom (if applicable).
5. Secured the crane against unauthorised use.

No load should be allowed to remain suspended on the hook if the crane is going to be left unattended. Leaving the load suspended from the hook creates the risk that the load may lower, swing or become unstable.



3.9 Unplanned and Unsafe Situations

Unplanned or unsafe situations can occur at any time while you are operating a crane. These may include:



- ◆ Failure/loss of control (e.g. brakes, steering).
- ◆ Failure of equipment (e.g. hydraulic system).
- ◆ Environmental conditions (e.g. wind, lightning, storms).
- ◆ Obstacles and obstructions.
- ◆ Unusual or difficult terrains.

If an unsafe incident occurs whilst you are operating a crane you will need to:

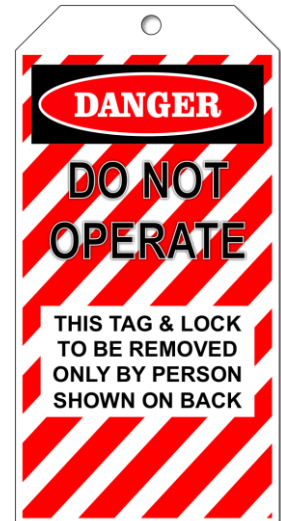
- 1** Stop work immediately and if it is safe to do so.
- 2** Assess the problem.
- 3** Find a solution if possible (resolve the problem).
- 4** If needed, seek advice and assistance.
- 5** Report the incident according to procedures.

3.9.1 Crane Malfunctioning

Keep a look out for indications that the crane is malfunctioning, including warning lights, cut-outs and alarms, during crane operations. They may indicate that a defect has occurred.

If you observe these warning signs you will need to do the following:

1. Stop.
2. Identify the problem.
3. Slowly lower the load, ensuring it is under control.
4. Tag out the crane.
5. Report the problem to the appropriate person.
6. Fill out the logbook.
7. **Do not** use the crane until the problem has been fixed.



3.9.2 Problem with a Limiting Device



If you found a limiting device had been damaged or was not working correctly you would need to take the following steps:

- ◆ Stop working immediately.
- ◆ If you are carrying a load then it should be lowered to the ground (if safe to do so).
- ◆ Put a danger tag on the crane.
- ◆ Report the problem to an appropriate person.
- ◆ Record the issue in the logbook for repair so any defects can be fixed.

3.9.3 Abnormal Noises and Vibrations

If at any time during the shifting of loads there is an abnormal movement of the boom or hoist, such as vibrations, or abnormal noises you should immediately:

1. Notify the dogman and anyone in the immediate area.
2. Stop the operation/task.
3. Lower the load (if applicable).
4. Shut down the crane.
5. Tag out the crane.
6. Report the problem to the appropriate person.
7. Have the crane inspected to check for any damage caused.
8. Fill out the logbook.
9. **Do not** use the crane until the problem has been fixed.



3.9.4 Loose Connection Pins

If you notice during operations that the connection pins on the lattice boom section on a pin jib crane are loose, you will need to stop work straight away and contact an authorised person (e.g. supervisor).



3.9.5 Problem with the Crane's Computer or Visual Display

If the computer or visual display is not working correctly when lifting loads, you will need to:

1. Slowly lower the load, ensuring it is under control (if applicable).
2. Shut down the crane.
3. Assess the computer or visual display unit and decide if the problem can immediately be fixed.
4. Tag out the crane.
5. Refer to the load chart.
6. Report the problem to the appropriate person.
7. Fill out the logbook.
8. **Do not** use the crane until the problem has been fixed.



3.9.6 Unstable Crane or Load

If the crane becomes unstable during operations (e.g. an outrigger pad begins to sink), you will need to lower the load, stop operating the crane, assess the situation and seek help.



If the outrigger packing begins to sink into the ground during crane operation, you must immediately:

1. Lower the load if it safe and appropriate.
2. Stop operations.
3. Assess the situation.
4. Seek assistance.
5. Report the issue to the appropriate person.

If at any time the load becomes unstable, stop and lower the load (if safe to do so) and address the reason for the instability (e.g. lifting gear, crane, weather conditions).

3.9.7 Contact with Power Lines and Other Electrical Emergencies

Emergency situations involving electricity are extremely serious as injury or death can occur very quickly. A timely and effective response is necessary to deal with the situation.

If the crane comes into contact with overhead power lines or the dogger shows signs of electrocution from the crane hook you will need to:

- ◆ DO NOT touch anyone who is being electrocuted or is in contact with power lines.
- ◆ Warn others to stay away.
- ◆ Try to break the contact with the power line.
- ◆ Stop the crane.
- ◆ If it is safe to do so, stay in the crane. If this isn't possible, jump clear of the crane and then hop or shuffle away, at least 8 metres from the closest part of the crane. The emergency descent device may also need to be activated.
- ◆ Call for help.
- ◆ Render any assistance required.
- ◆ Secure the area.
- ◆ Follow the site procedures for first aid and reporting incidents.
- ◆ Report to the required parties:
 - ◆ Management.
 - ◆ Power company.
 - ◆ Safety regulator.
- ◆ Before reusing the crane have it checked and approved for use.



3.10 Workplace Emergencies

Site emergencies may include:

- ◆ Fire (electrical, chemical, gas, mechanical, paper, wood or natural).
- ◆ Gas leak.
- ◆ Toxic and/or flammable vapour emissions.
- ◆ Vehicle/machine accident.
- ◆ Chemical spill.
- ◆ Injury to workers.
- ◆ Structural collapse.



Always communicate with the person dogging the load prior to leaving the crane.

3.10.1 Emergency Response

If an emergency situation arises it is essential to communicate the important information. You should communicate:

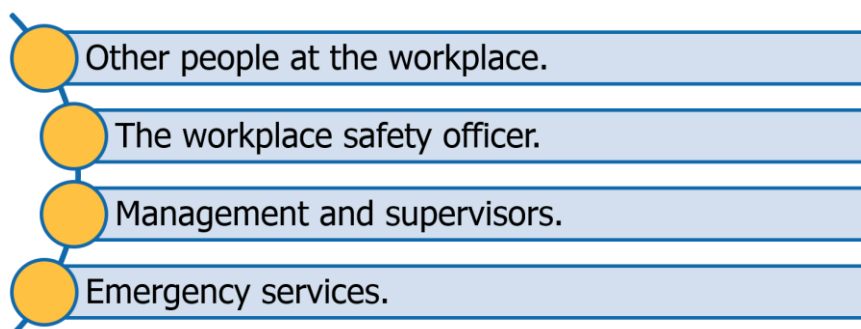


- ◆ That an emergency situation exists.
- ◆ The nature of the emergency (e.g. fire, structure collapse).
- ◆ Where the emergency is and the unsafe area/s.

Always follow the emergency procedures for the workplace, such as evacuating personnel or contacting the first aid officer.

3.10.2 Reporting an Emergency

There are a number of people that will need to be told about the emergency. These include:





When calling emergency services (dial 000) let the operator know the following details:

- ◆ Where the emergency is.
- ◆ What has happened.
- ◆ What is being done to address the emergency.
- ◆ Your name.

Do not hang up the phone until you have been given instructions on how to proceed.

3.10.3 First Aid

First Aid kits must be supplied by your employer. The location of these kits should be clearly marked with signage.

In the case of an emergency where somebody requires first aid, notify your supervisor or first aid officer and they will take action.



3.11 Conclude Operations

Once the job has been completed you will need to conclude operations in accordance with site procedures and manufacturer's specifications.

Generally this will involve:

- ◆ Removing hazard control measures.
- ◆ Packing up the crane.
- ◆ Shutting down and securing the crane.



3.11.1 Leaving a Crane Unattended Overnight

If you are leaving a crane unattended overnight you will need to:

- Remove the load and all lifting gear.
- Raise the hook to a safe height.
- Retract the boom (if applicable).
- Restrict access to the crane.

3.11.2 Removing Hazard Control Measures



Any hazard control measures that are no longer required should be removed from the work area (e.g. removal of temporary fences/barricades or signage).

3.11.3 Packing Up the Crane

Once the hazard control measures have been removed, the crane needs to be packed up in preparation for travel to the designated secure shutdown location.

It is important that all site procedures and manufacturer's specifications are followed throughout this process.

The packing up of the crane may include:

- ◆ Stowing and securing the crane boom/jib.
- ◆ Applying motion locks and brakes.
- ◆ Stowing and securing the outriggers/stabilisers.
- ◆ Stowing and securing the plates and packing.



3.11.3.1 Stow and Secure the Crane Boom/Jib



Stow the boom/jib during shutdown, before you move the crane. Follow all of the manufacturer's instructions and specifications when stowing the crane boom/jib, including the fly jib.

Secure the boom using the relevant motion locks and brakes (e.g. hoist lock).

Secure the hook as per the manufacturer's specifications.

Lifting gear and any other associated equipment should also be stowed and secured. Counterweights may also need to be removed and secured in their storage location before travel.

3.11.3.2 Apply Motion Locks and Brakes

It is important that all relevant motion locks and brakes are applied when shutting the crane down. Ensure that all manufacturers' specifications and site safety procedures are followed.



3.11.3.3 Stow and Secure Outriggers/Stabilisers



Follow all appropriate procedures and manufacturer's specifications when securing and stowing the outriggers/stabilisers. Retract all outriggers/stabilisers and (if applicable) lock them in with the correct pins.

3.11.3.4 Stow and Secure Plates and Packing

Stow and secure all plates and packing. Clean the steel plates and place 'pig-sty' packing either on the carrier or in a designated storage area so they will be ready and easily accessible for future use.



3.11.4 Preparing the Crane for Travel



Once everything has been stowed and secured, check that the crane is prepared for travel to the designated shutdown site.

Make sure that the path of travel is clear and safe to drive the crane along. Ensure that the hook/lifting assembly is raised clear of any obstructions and all parts are in their designated configurations. Ensure that you follow all manufacturer specifications and site safety procedures.

3.11.4.1 Travel to Shutdown Site

Once all appropriate checks have been made and the crane is deemed ready to travel, you may progress to the shutdown site.

Depending on site procedures you may travel to a designated site parking area or an offsite location. Ensure that you follow all manufacturers' specifications, site safety procedures and the site traffic management plans. If the crane is travelling to an offsite location, make sure that all road laws and regulations are followed.



3.11.5 Shutting Down and Securing the Crane

Once the crane is in the designated shutdown location ensure that you follow the manufacturer's specifications and site safety procedures.

A typical shutdown procedure may include:

- ◆ Raising the hook clear of obstructions.
- ◆ Retracting the boom/jib.
- ◆ Making sure the hoist brake is applied (if applicable).
- ◆ Retracting the hoist rope and hook block.
- ◆ Positioning/securing the boom/jib.
- ◆ Retracting the outriggers/stabilisers.
- ◆ Idling the engine to stabilise the temperature.
- ◆ Turning off the engine (where applicable).
- ◆ Putting all controls in neutral (if applicable).
- ◆ Turning the isolator switch off (if fitted) and securing it.
- ◆ Removing the ignition key (where applicable).
- ◆ Locking and securing the cabin (where applicable).
- ◆ Removing hazard controls if no longer needed.
- ◆ Secure the crane for travel.



3.12 Conduct Post-Operational Checks



After completing shutdown procedures it is important to conduct all post-operational checks to ensure that the crane is ready for the next operator.

Carry out these checks in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and relevant site procedures. You are checking the crane for any damage or defects that have occurred during use.

Refer to the crane logbook or inspection checklist for a list of items that should be checked on the crane.

A routine post-operational check of a slewing mobile crane may involve:

- ◆ Checking for any damage including:
 - ◇ Structural damage to the boom/jib.
 - ◇ Damage to the crane.
- ◆ Checking all fluid levels and for any signs of leaks.
- ◆ Making sure loose items are stowed or secured correctly, including plates and packing.
- ◆ Using load restraints if and when necessary.
- ◆ Stow the jib, following the manufacturer's specifications. This may involve lowering/raising/folding, or raising/extending/unfolding the jib.
- ◆ Retracting or lowering the boom for any travel.
- ◆ Stowing and securing outriggers/stabilisers according to procedures.
- ◆ Checking that the hook/lifting assembly has been raised clear of obstructions.
- ◆ Any applicable controllers are in neutral.
- ◆ Making sure the hoist brake is applied.
- ◆ Locking and securing the cabin controls and securing access to the crane.
- ◆ Turning the isolator switch off (if applicable) and securing it.
- ◆ Any other checks as specified in the manufacturer's instructions.
- ◆ Removing any hazard controls (if any are still in place and if required).

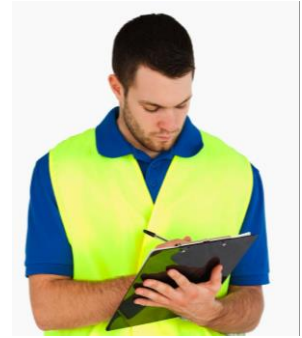


3.12.1 Record and Report Damage and Defects

Any faults that you find during the post-operational checks need to be recorded, reported and appropriately rectified, in line with workplace procedures.

Generally this will involve:

- ◆ Isolating the crane or faulty equipment and attaching a danger tag to it.
- ◆ Recording the fault as per site procedures (e.g. in the crane logbook or service logbook).
- ◆ Reporting the fault to an authorised person for corrective action.



Appendix A – Slewing Mobile Crane (Over 100 Tonnes) Inspection Checklist

Slewing Mobile Crane Inspection Checklist			
Company Name:		Date:	
Operator Name:		Site:	
Machine Number:			
Check Type (please circle)		Pre-Start	Post-Operational
Component	What to Check for	✓	Comments
Pre-Start Checks			
External Check			
Structure.	Signs of damage to the crane or boom/jib.		
Tyres or tracks.	Inflation, pressure, tension, damage, covers.		
Outriggers/stabilisers and packing.	Excessive wear, damage, cracks, leaks.		
Underneath machine.	Leaks, loose parts, damage.		
Crane configuration.	Is correct for the requirements.		
Hydraulic rams and hoses.	Damage, wear, leaks.		
Wire ropes, anchorages, wedge sockets and splices.	Damage, wear, secure.		
Winch drum.	Cleanliness, damage, condition.		
Slew ring.	Damage, wear, secure.		
Jib.	Damage, wear, secure.		
Needle.	Damage, wear, secure.		
Rooster sheave.	Damage, wear, secure.		
Retaining pins.	Damage, wear, secure.		
Lifting hook.	Damage, wear, secure.		
Decals and signage.	Correct and legible, including rated capacity, manufacturer's data plate and labels, load charts, crane decals and control labels.		
Overall machine.	Loose or missing parts, damage, wear, missing guards and safety devices.		Out of Service Tag Attached? Yes / No
Engine Check			
Fluids.	Oil (motor, hydraulic and gearbox), fuel, battery water, radiator water/coolant level and lubrication (grease).		
Batteries.	Cleanliness, loose nuts and bolts.		
Air filter.	Damage, dirt build up, indicators.		
Radiator.	Damage, leaks, dirt build up, blockages.		
Hoses.	Leaks, wear, damage.		
Belts.	Tightness, wear, cracks.		
Overall engine.	Damage, dirt build up, leaks.		Out of Service Tag Attached? Yes / No

Component	What to Check for	✓	Comments
Internal/Cabin Check			
Levers, controls and gauges.	Damage, cleanliness, labels, working.		
ROPS.	Damage, cracks, wear.		
Floor plates.	Clear and free of oil/grease.		
Seat and seat belts.	Adjustment, damage, wear.		
Fire extinguisher.	Damage and charge.		
Logbook, running sheet, vehicle history, service sheets.	Present and correct.		
Mirrors.	Adjusted, clean, visible.		
Overall cabin interior.	Cleanliness, damage, missing parts.		Out of Service Tag Attached? Yes / No
Operational Checks			
Master and isolation switches, start switch or key.	Present, functioning, damage.		
Joy sticks or levers.	Functioning, damage, wear.		
All crane movements and controls.	Working, damage, wear, dirt build up on pedals.		
Travel limits.	Working correctly.		
Warning devices, lights and systems.	Functioning, damage, wear.		
Horn, lights and drive indicator.	Wear, damage, functioning.		
Communication system.	Working reliably.		
Gauges.	Oil pressure, fuel level, engine temperature, hydraulics, speedometer.		
Two-block/double block system.	Present and in good condition.		
Outriggers.	Deployed and functioning, tyres clear of the ground, crane level and stable.		
Packing.	Correct size and has been placed correctly.		
Radius.	Maximum radius and radius load indicator.		
Computer.	Data accurate and matches crane configuration.		Out of Service Tag Attached? Yes / No

Action Taken to Repair Slewing Mobile Crane:		
Name:		Date of Repair:
Return to Service Authority by Supervisor		
Comments:		
Supervisor Name:	Signature:	Date:

Appendix B – Crane Specifications – Slewing Mobile Crane (Over 100 Tonnes)

CRANE SPECIFICATIONS - SLEWING MOBILE CRANE (OVER 100 TONNE) - CHART ONE									
This load chart is for assessment use only and must not be used for any other purpose.									
OPERATING RADIUS IN METRES	LOAD RATING IN KILOGRAMS WITH 360° WORK AREA								
	10.90 SWL BOOM α	16.10 SWL BOOM α	21.40 SWL BOOM α	25.00 SWL BOOM α	31.30 SWL BOOM α	37.10 SWL BOOM α	42.30 SWL BOOM α	46.10 SWL BOOM α	50.00 SWL BOOM α
3.0	70,000 55°								
3.5	64,400 52°	55,000 67°							
4.0	59,300 50°	55,000 65°	45,000 72°						
4.5	54,900 47°	52,900 63°	43,000 70°	32,000 73°					
5.0	51,000 43°	49,600 60°	41,000 68°	32,000 71°	20,000 75°				
6.0	42,000 35°	41,700 57°	36,500 65°	31,000 68°	20,000 73°	16,000 76°			
7.0	35,000 25°	34,800 53°	32,000 62°	29,000 66°	20,000 71°	15,500 74°	13,000 77°		
8.0	28,300 9°	29,600 49°	28,000 59°	26,000 64°	20,000 69°	15,000 72°	13,000 75°	8,800 77°	
9.0		25,600 43°	24,800 56°	23,500 61°	19,500 67°	14,500 71°	12,900 73°	8,800 75°	6,500 78°
10.0		22,100 38°	21,000 53°	21,000 59°	18,500 65°	14,000 69°	12,700 71°	8,800 73°	6,500 75°
12.0		16,100 25°	15,800 46°	16,800 53°	16,100 62°	12,700 67°	11,800 69°	8,800 71°	6,500 72°
14.0			13,800 38°	13,300 48°	12,800 57°	11,300 62°	10,900 66°	8,500 68°	6,500 70°
16.0			11,200 30°	10,700 42°	10,200 53°	10,000 59°	10,000 63°	8,000 66°	6,500 68°
18.0			9,200 16°	8,700 35°	8,200 48°	8,500 57°	8,800 61°	7,500 63°	6,200 65°
20.0				7,200 25°	7,000 43°	7,400 53°	7,300 58°	7,000 60°	5,900 63°
22.0					6,400 38°	6,300 48°	6,400 54°	6,300 57°	5,500 60°
24.0					5,800 31°	5,800 44°	5,400 51°	5,300 55°	5,100 58°
26.0					5,200 24°	5,200 40°	4,500 48°	4,700 51°	4,400 55°
28.0						4,500 35°	4,000 43°	4,000 48°	3,700 52°
30.0						3,900 28°	3,700 40°	3,400 45°	3,100 49°
32.0						3,400 21°	3,300 36°	2,900 41°	2,600 46°
34.0							2,800 31°	2,400 38°	2,100 42°
36.0							2,400 26°	2,000 34°	1,700 39°
38.0							2,100 19°	1,700 29°	1,400 35°
40.0		KEY						1,300 23°	1,100 31°
42.0		SWL BOOM α	Safe Working Load (kgs) Boom Angle					1,000 17°	700 26°

BOOM INSERTS						
BOOM INSERT CODE	BASE	A	B	C	D	TIP
INSERT LENGTH (m)	5.5	2.6	8.9	5	5.9	5.4

BOOM INSERT ARRANGEMENT	
BOOM LENGTH (m)	BOOM ARRANGEMENT
10.9	BASE + TIP
16.1	BASE + A + A + TIP
21.4	BASE + A + A + A + TIP
25	BASE + A + A + B + TIP
31.3	BASE + A + B + B + TIP
42.3	BASE + A + B + B + C + D + TIP
46.1	BASE + A + A + A + A + B + C + C + D + TIP
50	BASE + A + A + A + A + B + B + C + D + TIP

CRANE SPECIFICATIONS - SLEWING MOBILE CRANE (OVER 100 TONNE) - CHART ONE

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360° LOAD RATING IN KILOGRAMS WITH JIB ERECTED												
OPERATING RADIUS IN METRES	9.2m JIB WITH 250 kg BALL HOOK						17.6m JIB WITH 250 kg BALL HOOK					
	42.3 m BOOM			46.1 m BOOM			37.1 m BOOM			42.3 m BOOM		
	0°	20°	40°	0°	20°	40°	0°	20°	40°	0°	20°	40°
10	3,900											
12	3,900			3,000			1,700					
14	3,900	3,400		3,000	3,000		1,700			1,200		
16	3,900	3,400	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,700	1,700			1,200		
18	3,900	3,300	3,000	3,000	2,900	2,700	1,700	1,400		1,200		
20	3,700	3,200	2,900	2,900	2,800	2,600	1,600	1,400		1,200	1,100	
22	3,500	3,100	2,800	2,800	2,700	2,500	1,500	1,400		1,100	1,100	
24	3,300	2,900	2,700	2,600	2,500	2,300	1,500	1,400	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,000
26	3,100	2,800	2,600	2,500	2,400	2,200	1,400	1,400	1,100	1,000	1,100	1,000
28	3,000	2,600	2,500	2,300	2,200	2,100	1,400	1,400	1,100	1,000	1,000	1,000
30	2,800	2,500	2,400	2,200	2,100	2,000	1,300	1,300	1,100	1,000	1,000	1,000
32	2,700	2,400	2,300	2,100	2,000	1,900	1,300	1,200	1,100	1,000	1,000	1,000
34	2,400	2,300	2,200	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,200	1,100	1,100	900	1,000	1,000
36	2,000	2,200	2,100	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,200	1,100	1,100	900	900	900
38	1,600	1,800	1,900	1,500	1,800	1,800	1,100	1,100	1,000	900	900	900
40	1,300	1,500	1,600	1,200	1,400	1,600	1,100	1,100	1,000	800	900	900
42	1,000	1,200		900	1,100		1,100	1,100	1,000	800	900	900
44	800	900		700	900		1,000	1,100	1,000	700	800	900
46		600			600		800	1,100	1,000	700	800	800
48							600	1,100	1,000		800	800
50								800	1,000		600	
52								600				

HOIST REEVING					
WIRE ROPE SPECIFICATIONS		MAIN HOISTS		AUX HOIST	
HOIST	SPECIFICATIONS	PARTS OF ROPE	RATING (kgs)	PARTS OF ROPE	RATING (kgs)
MAIN HOIST	ROPE DIAMETER: 24mm B.S. 300. OkN	1	9,000	1	9,000
		2	18,000	2	12,000
		3	27,000	3	–
AUX HOIST	ROPE DIAMETER: 24mm B.S. 300. OkN	4	35,000	4	–
		5	44,000	5	–
		6	54,000	6	–
BOOM HOIST	ROPE DIAMETER: 16mm B.S. 157. OkN	7	63,000	7	–
		8	70,000	8	–

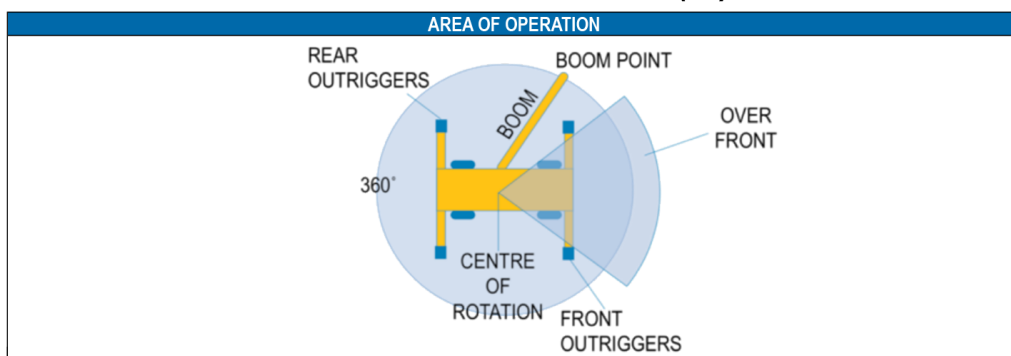
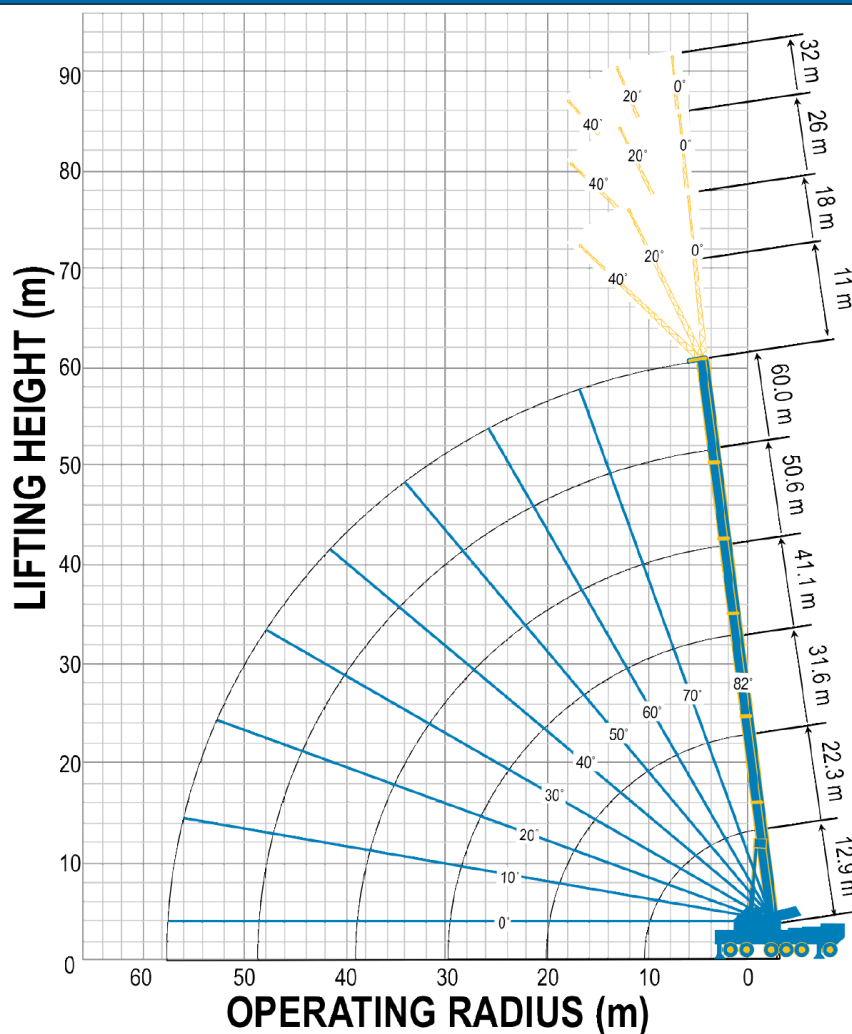
WEIGHT OF HOOK BLOCKS				
SINGE SHEAVE HOOK BLOCK	TWO SHEAVE HOOK BLOCK	THREE SHEAVE HOOK BLOCK	FIVE SHEAVE HOOK BLOCK	WEIGHTED BALL HOOK FOR JIB
400 kgs	600 kgs	800 kgs	1200 kgs	250 kgs

MAXIMUM BOOM LENGTH TO LIFT OFF GROUND		
WITH 18,000 kgs COUNTERWEIGHT		LIFTING OVER THE FRONT AND REAR ONLY
BOOM ONLY	BOOM AND 9.2m JIB	BOOM AND 17.6m JIB
50.00 m	46.1 m BOOM + 9.2 m JIB	42.3 m BOOM + 17.6 m JIB

GENERAL NOTES	
DEFINITIONS	Operating Radius – The horizontal distance from the axis of rotation before loading the centre of the vertical hoist line or tackle with load applied.
	Boom Angle – This is given to assist in setting up the crane only. It gives an approximation of the radius for a specified boom length. This approximation does not allow for boom or tyre deflection. The ratings are only for the boom length and Load Radius shown.
	Safe Working Load (SWL) – The total suspended load, including the weight of load and load handling equipment, that the machine can safely lift under ideal conditions at a given boom length and load radius. Referred to as the Rated Capacity.
	Area Of Operation – Areas measured in a circular arc about the centerline of rotation as shown in the area of operation diagram
WARNINGS	This machine has been designed to meet the requirements of AS1418.1 & 1418.5 and has been tested in accordance with these standards.
	The Safe Working Loads shown are for this machine as it was originally manufactured. The lifting capacities only apply when all the manufacturers instructions have been rigidly followed. Any modifications to this machine or use of equipment other than specified can result in a reduction of capacity.
	If improperly operated or maintained, this machine can be hazardous. Operation and maintenance of this machine must be in compliance with the information in the operators, service, parts and safety manuals furnished.
	Reduced crane lifting capacities for the particular job shall be established by the operator with due allowances for adverse operating conditions. These conditions may include the supporting surface, pendulum action of the load, jerking or sudden stops of the load and other factors affecting stability, two machine lifts, electrical wires, adverse weather, wind, hazardous surroundings, experience of personnel, etc.
	Safe Working Loads are based on freely suspended loads with the machine on a firm, level (max. slope 1% gradient / 0.6°) and uniform surface. Lifting or travelling with a load on soft or uneven ground can be hazardous and will reduce the capacity of the crane. No attempt shall be made to drag the load along the ground in any direction.
	Ratings shown are based on a counterweight of 18,000 kgs. Using a different counterweight or adjusting the configurations will result in altered SWL.
	The SWL include the weight of hooks, blocks, slings and auxiliary lifting devices. Their weight must be subtracted from the listed rating to determine the net load that can be lifted.
	Loaded boom angles at specified boom lengths give only an approximation of the operating radius. The boom angle before loading should be greater to account for boom deflection increasing the radius as the load is lifted.
	Side loading of the machine and load swing out may cause structural failure or machine tip-over. Side loads may be generated by: lifting when not level; sudden acceleration or deceleration in articulating with a load; dragging a load; pushing a load; wind forces on load and boom structure.
	Centre hitch (mid-point suspension) required when the boom length is 42.30m or longer.

CRANE SPECIFICATIONS – SLEWING MOBILE CRANE (OVER 100 TONNE) – CHART TWO

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RANGE CHART


HOIST REEVING			
WIRE ROPE SPECIFICATIONS		MAIN HOISTS	
HOIST	SPECIFICATIONS	PARTS OF ROPE	RATING (kgs)
MAIN HOIST	ROPE DIAMETER: 38mm 1000 KN GBS	1	15,000
		2	30,000
		3	45,000
FLY HOIST	ROPE DIAMETER: 22mm 380 KN GBS	4	60,000
		5	73,000
LUFF HOIST	ROPE DIAMETER: 28mm 620 KN GBS	6	87,000
		7	100,000
		8	115,000
		9	130,000

MAXIMUM BOOM LENGTH TO LIFT OFF GROUND		
WITH OUTRIGGERS TO FULL EXTENSION AND 40,000 kg COUNTERWEIGHT ATTACHED		
BOOM POSITION	BOOM OVER REAR	BOOM OVER SIDE
BOOM ONLY	60.0 m	45.8 m
BOOM AND JIB	42.3 m & 17.6 m JIB	46.1 & 9.2m JIB

WEIGHT OF HOOK BLOCKS	
EQUIPMENT	WEIGHT
50 TONNE (MAIN)	450 kgs
80 TONNE (MAIN)	860 kgs
120 TONNE (MAIN)	1,320 kgs
8 TONNE (FLY)	530 kgs

CRANE SPECIFICATIONS – SLEWING MOBILE CRANE (OVER 100 TONNE) – CHART TWO

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OPERATING RADIUS IN METRES	LOAD RATING IN KILOGRAMS WITH OUTRIGGERS AT MAXIMUM EXTENSION – LIFTS OVER REAR										
	12.9	17.6	22.3	27.0	31.6	36.3	41.1	45.8	50.6	55.3	60.0
	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL	SWL
	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α	BOOM α
2.5	130,000**										
	60°										
3.0	94,500	86,000	81,000	65,000							
	58°	68°	75°	77°							
4.0	81,000	76,500	71,000	65,000	50,000						
	50°	64°	71°	75°	79°						
5.0	70,500	67,500	63,500	60,500	49,500	38,000					
	42°	60°	68°	71°	75°	80°					
6.0	62,000	60,000	57,500	54,500	47,000	37,000	28,000	20,500			
	37°	55°	64°	70°	73°	77°	80°	80°			
7.0	55,000	53,000	52,000	50,000	44,000	35,000	28,000	20,500			
	29°	50°	60°	68°	71°	75°	78°	79°			
8.0	48,000	47,000	47,000	46,000	41,500	33,000	28,000	20,500	16,000	11,600	
	21°	43°	58°	65°	69°	71°	75°	77°	80°	80°	
9.0	41,000	42,500	42,500	42,000	39,000	31,500	26,500	20,500	16,000	11,600	10,000
	12°	38°	55°	61°	68°	69°	73°	75°	78°	79°	80°
10.0	31,500	38,000	38,000	37,500	37,000	29,500	25,000	20,500	16,000	11,600	10,000
	2°	33°	50°	60°	65°	67°	71°	73°	76°	78°	79°
11.0		35,000	34,500	34,000	34,500	28,000	23,500	20,500	16,000	11,600	10,000
		30°	48°	58°	62°	66°	69°	71°	74°	76°	78°
12.0		32,000	31,500	31,500	32,000	26,500	22,500	19,500	16,000	11,600	10,000
		27°	43°	55°	60°	65°	67°	70°	72°	74°	77°
13.0		29,000	29,000	28,500	29,500	25,000	21,000	18,600	16,000	11,600	10,000
		21°	39°	52°	58°	63°	66°	68°	71°	72°	76°
14.0		25,000	26,500	26,000	27,000	23,500	19,700	17,700	15,800	11,600	10,000
		18°	36°	49°	56°	61°	64°	66°	70°	71°	74°
15.0			24,000	24,500	24,000	22,500	18,700	16,800	15,200	11,600	10,000
			32°	45°	53°	59°	63°	65°	68°	69°	72°
16.0			21,500	22,500	21,500	21,500	17,600	15,900	14,500	11,600	10,000
			28°	42°	51°	57°	61°	63°	67°	68°	71°
18.0			18,200	18,500	17,900	18,800	15,800	14,400	13,000	11,600	10,000
			16°	38°	46°	53°	57°	60°	65°	66°	69°
20.0				15,600	16,100	15,800	13,900	12,700	11,900	11,100	9,700
				30°	41°	58°	54°	58°	62°	64°	67°
22.0				13,300	14,100	13,500	12,600	11,500	10,800	10,300	9,100
				21°	35°	43°	50°	54°	59°	61°	65°
24.0					12,200	11,700	11,600	10,400	9,800	9,400	8,600
					30°	38°	47°	51°	57°	59°	63°
26.0					10,700	10,100	10,800	9,500	8,900	8,600	8,000
					21°	34°	42°	48°	54°	56°	60°
28.0					9,400	9,300	9,500	8,400	8,200	7,900	7,600
					12°	30°	39°	44°	51°	54°	57°
30.0						8,700	8,400	7,500	7,400	7,300	7,100
						24°	34°	41°	48°	52°	55°
32.0						8,000	7,400	6,900	6,500	6,500	6,400
						17°	29°	37°	45°	49°	53°
34.0							6,600	6,200	5,700	5,700	5,700
							24°	34°	41°	46°	50°
36.0							5,900	5,900	4,900	5,300	5,300
							18°	29°	38°	43°	48°
38.0								5,500	4,500	5,000	4,900
								25°	35°	39°	45°
40.0								4,900	4,200	4,700	4,400
								20°	30°	37°	42°
42.0								4,400	3,900	4,300	3,900
								13°	26°	32°	39°
44.0									3,600	3,900	3,400
									21°	26°	36°
46.0									3,400	3,400	3,000
									15°	26°	33°
48.0										3,100	2,600
										20°	30°
50.0										2,700	2,300
										15°	26°
52.0											2,000
											21°
54.0											1,700
											17°
56.0											1,400
											10°

KEY

SWL Safe Working Load (kgs)

BOOM α Boom Angle

** Special Equipment needed

CRANE SPECIFICATIONS – SLEWING MOBILE CRANE (OVER 100 TONNE) – CHART TWO

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OPERATING RADIUS IN METRES	LOAD RATING IN KILOGRAMS WITH JIB ERECTED – OVER REAR											
	11m JIB						18m JIB					
	55.3m BOOM			60.0m BOOM			55.3 m BOOM			60.0 m BOOM		
	0°	20°	40°	0°	20°	40°	0°	20°	40°	0°	20°	40°
11	6,400						4,000					
12	6,400			5,100			4,000					
13	6,400			5,100			4,000			3,300		
14	6,400	6,400		5,100			4,000			3,300		
15	6,400	6,400		5,100	5,100		4,000			3,300		
16	6,400	6,400		5,100	5,100		4,000			3,300		
18	6,400	6,400	6,400	5,100	5,100	5,100	4,000	4,000		3,300		
20	6,400	6,400	6,400	5,100	5,100	5,100	4,000	4,000		3,300	3,300	
22	6,400	6,400	6,400	5,100	5,100	5,100	4,000	4,000	4,000	3,300	3,300	
24	6,400	6,400	6,400	5,100	5,100	5,100	4,000	4,000	4,000	3,300	3,300	3,300
26	6,400	6,200	6,200	5,100	5,100	5,100	4,000	4,000	4,000	3,300	3,300	3,300
28	6,000	5,800	5,800	5,100	5,100	5,100	4,000	4,000	4,000	3,300	3,300	3,300
30	5,600	5,500	5,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	3,300	3,300	3,300
32	5,300	5,200	5,200	4,800	4,700	4,700	4,000	4,000	4,000	3,300	3,300	3,300
34	50,000	4,900	4,900	4,500	4,400	4,500	4,000	4,000	3,900	3,300	3,300	3,300
36	4,700	4,600	4,700	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,000	4,000	3,900	3,300	3,300	3,300
38	4,400	4,400	4,400	4,000	4,000	4,000	3,900	3,800	3,800	3,300	3,300	3,300
40	4,100	4,100	4,200	3,700	3,700	3,800	3,700	3,700	3,800	3,300	3,300	3,300
42	3,600	3,600	3,900	3,600	3,500	3,600	3,500	3,500	3,600	3,200	3,200	3,300
44	3,200	3,200	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,300	3,300	3,400	3,000	3,000	3,100
46	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,200	3,100	3,700	3,200	2,800	2,800	3,000
48	2,800	2,800	2,900	2,600	2,600	2,800	2,700	2,700	3,100	2,700	2,700	2,800
50	2,600	2,700	2,700	2,200	2,200	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,700	2,500	2,500	2,700
52	2,300	2,300	2,500	1,900	1,900	2,100	2,200	2,300	2,400	2,200	2,200	2,500
54	2,000	2,000		1,600	1,600	1,800	2,100	2,200	2,200	1,900	1,900	2,200
56	1,800	1,800		1,400	1,400	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,100	1,600	1,600	1,900
58	1,500	1,500		1,100	1,100		1,800	1,800	2,000	1,300	1,300	1,600
60	1,300	1,300		900	900		1,500	1,500	1,700	1,100	1,100	1,300
62	1,100						1,300	1,300		900	900	1,100
64							1,100	1,100				
66							900	900				

OPERATING RADIUS IN METRES	26m JIB						32m JIB					
	55.3m BOOM			60.0m BOOM			55.3 m BOOM			60.0 m BOOM		
	0°	20°	40°	0°	20°	40°	0°	20°	40°	0°	20°	40°
	0°	20°	40°	0°	20°	40°	0°	20°	40°	0°	20°	40°
14	2,800											
15	2,800			2,300			2,200					
16	2,800			2,300			2,200			1,700		
18	2,800			2,300			2,200			1,700		
20	2,800			2,300			2,200	2,200		1,700		
22	2,800	2,800		2,300			2,200	2,200		1,700	1,700	
24	2,800	2,800		2,300	2,300		2,200	2,200	2,100	1,700	1,700	
26	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,300	2,300		2,200	2,200	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,700
28	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,200	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,700
30	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,200	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,700
32	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,200	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,700
34	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,200	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,700
36	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,200	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,700
38	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,200	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,700
40	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,200	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,700
42	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,200	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,700
44	2,700	2,700	2,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,200	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,700
46	2,600	2,600	2,700	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,100	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,700
48	2,400	2,500	2,500	2,100	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,700
50	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,000	2,100	2,200	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,700	1,700	1,700
52	2,100	2,100	2,300	1,900	2,000	2,100	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,600	1,700	1,700
54	1,800	1,800	2,100	1,800	1,800	2,000	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,500	1,500	1,700
56	1,500	1,600	1,800	1,600	1,600	1,800	1,500	1,500	1,700	1,300	1,400	1,600
58	1,400	1,500	1,600	1,300	1,300	1,600	1,300	1,300	1,600	1,300	1,300	1,400
60	1,300	1,400	1,500	1,100	1,100	1,400	1,100	1,100	1,300	1,100	1,100	1,300
62	1,200	1,300	1,400	900	900	1,100	1,000	1,100	1,100	900	900	1,200
64	1,100	1,100	1,300			900	900	1,000	1,000			900
66	900	900	1,100					900	900			

OPERATION WITH THE FLY JIB ATTACHED

- 1) Determine the jibs angle to the ground by deducting the jibs angle (0°, 20° or 40°) from the boom angle.
- 2) Add the length of the jib to the length of the boom.
- 3) Using the load chart determine the SWL of the new boom angle and length.
- 4) The fly capacity is equal to this boom capacity less the weight of the jib and any lifting equipment. The capacity of the jib may be restricted - ensure that the capacity you have found is not larger than the correlating figures found in the above tables. If this is then case use the capacity from the tables above.

JIB WEIGHTS			
11m	18m	26m	32m
750 kgs	900 kgs	1,250 kgs	1,600 kgs

CRANE SPECIFICATIONS – SLEWING MOBILE CRANE (OVER 100 TONNE) – CHART TWO

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GENERAL NOTES	
DEFINITIONS	Operating Radius – The horizontal distance from the axis of rotation before loading the centre of the vertical hoist line or tackle with load applied.
	Boom Angle – This is given to assist in setting up the crane only. It gives an approximation of the radius for a specified boom length. This approximation does not allow for boom or tyre deflection. The ratings are only for the boom length and Load Radius shown.
	Safe Working Load (SWL) – The total suspended load, including the weight of load and load handling equipment, that the machine can safely lift under ideal conditions at a given boom length and load radius.
	Area Of Operation – Areas measured in a circular arc about the centerline of rotation as shown in the area of operation diagram
OPERATION NOTES	This machine has been designed to meet the requirements of AS1418.1 & 1418.5 and has been tested in accordance with these standards.
	The Safe Working Loads shown are for this machine as it was originally manufactured. The lifting capacities only apply when all the manufacturers instructions have been rigidly followed. Any modifications to this machine or use of equipment other than specified can result in a reduction of capacity.
	If improperly operated or maintained, this machine can be hazardous. Operation and maintenance of this machine must be in compliance with the information in the operators, service, parts and safety manuals furnished.
	Reduced crane lifting capacities for the particular job shall be established by the operator with due allowances for adverse operating conditions. These conditions may include the supporting surface, pendulum action of the load, jerking or sudden stops of the load and other factors affecting stability, two machine lifts, electrical wires, adverse weather, wind, hazardous surroundings, experience of personnel, etc.
	Safe Working Loads are based on freely suspended loads with the machine on a firm, level (max. slope 1% gradient / 0.6°) and uniform surface. Lifting a load on soft or uneven ground can be hazardous and will reduce the capacity of the crane. No attempt shall be made to drag the load along the ground in any direction.
	Ratings shown are based on a counterweight of 40,000 kgs. Using a different counterweight or adjusting the configurations will result in altered Safe Working Loads.
	The SWL include the weight of hooks, blocks, slings and auxiliary lifting devices. Their weight must be subtracted from the listed rating to determine the net load that can be lifted.
	Loaded boom angles at specified boom lengths give only an approximation of the operating radius. The boom angle before loading should be greater to account for boom deflection increasing the radius as the load is lifted.
	Side loading of the machine and load swing out may cause structural failure or machine tip-over. Side loads may be generated by: lifting when not level; sudden acceleration or deceleration in articulating with a load; dragging a load; pushing a load; wind forces on load and boom structure.
	It is safe to attempt to telescope any load within the limits of the rating chart. The maximum load that may be telescoped is limited by hydraulic pressure, boom angle and powered boom sections lubrication.
	When lifting over the rear with a complete boom length of less than 22.3m ensure that bumper jacks are fully extended to prevent any forward tipping.
	Under no circumstances should the bumper jacks be used to increase the lifting capacity over the front of the crane.
	When lifting over the front ensure that all outriggers are fully extended. When determining a safe lifting capacity refer to the load chart and reduce all values for "lifting over rear" by 50%.
	For areas on the load chart where no ratings are shown operation is not intended or approved. Operating in this area will void warranty.

Supplement: Characteristics of Other Crane Classes

Slewing mobile crane operators may also operate other classes of cranes under the licensing laws relevant to crane operation – commonly called 'encompassment arrangements'. C0 licence encompasses the crane classes of:

- ◆ CV – Vehicle loading crane with a capacity of 10 metre tonnes or more.
- ◆ CN – Non slewing mobile crane with a capacity exceeding 3 tonnes.
- ◆ RS – Reach stacker.

Always check the licensing regulations for the state/territory you are operating in.

It is important to be aware that the different crane classes have different characteristics and factors that can impact stability whilst mobiling loads. Some of the characteristics and factors to consider are outlined below.

Characteristic/ Factor To Consider	Crane Type		
	Non-Slewing Mobile Crane (CN)	Vehicle Loading Crane (CV)	Reach Stacker (RS)
			
Articulation of crane	When articulating there is a reduced carrying capacity, as per the crane's load chart.	N/A	N/A
Correct tyre pressure (inflation/condition)	Check that all tyres are in good condition (safe and legal) and are inflated to the correct pressure as stated on the crane's load chart or in the operator's manual. The stability of the crane depends on the tyres being correctly inflated. The tyre pressure, or inconsistent pressure, also affects the stability and capacity of the crane. If the tyre pressure is lower than the pressure on the load chart then the crane will be able to lift less weight.	Make sure that tyres are safe and legal for road travel, at the correct pressure and in good condition.	The stability of the reach stacker depends on the tyres being correctly inflated. The tyre pressure also affects the stability and capacity of the reach stacker. If the tyre pressure is lower than the pressure on the load chart, or there is inconsistent pressures across the tyres, then the reach stacker will be less stable.
Driving safely on public and private roadways	A HRW licence to operate a non-slewing crane does not licence you to drive on public roads, thoroughfares or to the work area. You will need the appropriate truck licence to drive the crane on roads.	N/A	A HRW licence to operate a reach stacker does not licence you to drive it on public roads.

Characteristic/ Factor To Consider	Crane Type		
	Non-Slewing Mobile Crane (CN)	Vehicle Loading Crane (CV)	Reach Stacker (RS)
Emergency procedures in the event of an incident (e.g. loss of control)	If an unsafe incident or emergency occurs whilst you are operating a non-slewing mobile crane you will need to: 1. Stop work immediately (if safe to do so). 2. Assess the problem. 3. Find a solution if possible/resolve the problem. 4. If needed, seek advice and assistance. 5. Report the incident according to procedures.	If an unsafe/emergency situation occurs whilst you are operating a vehicle loading crane you will need to: 1. Stop work immediately (if safe to do so). 2. Assess the problem. 3. Find a solution if possible/resolve the problem. 4. If needed, seek advice and assistance. 5. Report the incident according to procedures.	If the reach stacker steering controls or brakes are not working properly you must immediately stop (if possible) or move the reach stacker to an open area away from other equipment and personnel. Once you have stopped you should turn off the reach stacker and contact your supervisor and report the fault. Do not use the reach stacker until it has been repaired and returned to service.
Pick up and carry the load	Details for pick and carry operation will be included in the load chart. This will include details relating to any effect on articulation, the effect on capacity, maximum pick and carry travel speed for travel, and the transmission/gear to use.	N/A	N/A
Side slope derations	Operating along a side slope (more than 1% gradient) will reduce the rated capacity (deration) of the crane. Refer to the side slope deration diagram/chart provided by the manufacturer for the percentage deration to apply to the rated capacity/SWL for the configuration on the crane.	N/A	N/A
Position of operator	N/A	Use the controls on the opposite side to the load movement. Make sure you do not allow the boom to luff or slew into the 'exclusion zone' – directly above the operator control station (or your head if operating the crane via remote). Allowing the boom to move through the exclusion zone is extremely dangerous as you could be struck by the boom of the crane or by the load itself.	N/A

Characteristic/ Factor To Consider	Crane Type		
	Non-Slewing Mobile Crane (CN)	Vehicle Loading Crane (CV)	Reach Stacker (RS)
Use of stabilisers	N/A	If used, the outriggers/ stabilisers need to be fully extended (or extended to the manufacturer's specifications) to bring the tyres off the ground and make the crane level (in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications). Outriggers/stabilisers can be used with packing to help distribute the weight of the crane and load on softer ground.	Whether you are using stabilisers or not will affect the maximum allowable capacity or container configuration. Use of stabilisers will increase lifting capacity.
Impact of boom height and steering on stability	N/A	N/A	Having the boom extended further or raised higher than recommended can make the reach stacker unstable, effecting the steering and stability, potentially causing the reach stacker to tip. Carry the container/load at the height recommended by the manufacturer. Travel with the boom at the minimum boom length for the conditions.