



Crane Operator Safety – 8 Hour
(API RP 2D 7th Edition)
Course Outline

Prerequisites: The delegate should have previously completed a rigging course. The individual should have no history of a disabling medical condition, which may be sufficient reason for disqualification.

Course Length: 6-8 hours – Course length shall vary depending on the number of delegates. Total course time include breaks and meals.

Class Size: The maximum number of delegates that may be trained and tested per instructor shall be twenty-four (24) in the classroom session and twenty (20) in the practical session. A second instructor shall be added for the practical session once the participation exceeds twenty (20) and exercises will be divided into groups.

Course Objective

- Provide delegates assigned to crane and rigging duties the necessary skills to safely perform their jobs.
- Provide delegates with recommended practices and guidelines to perform safely while working with cranes.
- Delegates should be able to demonstrate the necessary skills during practical examination and demonstrate knowledge during written examination.

Course Design

- Power Point© / Lecture / Audio Video / Visual Aids
- Demonstrations
- Practical Exercises

Successful Course Completion

- Requires a minimum score of 75% or better.
- Grades shall be calculated by dividing the number of questions answered correctly by the total number of exam questions.
- Delegates will have no more than thirty (30) minutes to complete the exam.
- Successful completion of practical session is mandatory.

Course Content Summary

- Classroom
- Practicals

Breaks: 10 minutes (approximately every hour)

Lunch: 1 Hour

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Crane Requirements

- API Definitions

Types of Cranes

- Mechanical Cranes
- Non-Mechanical Cranes
- Electric Powered Cranes
- Other Crane Types

Crane Components

- Body of Crane
- Swing Circle Assembly
 - Hook Rollers
 - Ball King
 - King Post
 - Ring Gear
- Boom Types
 - Lattice
 - Box
- Boom Components
 - Jib
 - Head Sheave Assembly
 - Structural Integrity
 - Boom Bolts
 - Pin Connectors
 - Pendants
 - Limit Devices
 - Boom-hoist limit
 - Load hoist limits
 - Boom stops
 - All locking devices
 - Anti-two block devices
 - Hoist Equipment
 - Main/Auxiliary Hoist
 - Blocks/Hooks
 - Wedge sockets

Crane Inspection

- Usage categories



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- Infrequent
- Moderate
- Heavy
- Inspection categories
 - Initial
 - Pre-Use
 - Monthly
 - Quarterly
 - Annual
 - Recordkeeping

Crane Maintenance

- Maintenance Procedures
- Wire Rope Construction/Handling
- Loading Wire Rope on Crane Drum
- Wire Rope Inspection/Replacement Guidelines
- Sheave Inspection

Crane Operations

- Lift Capacity
- Boom Angles
- Load Radius
- Load Charts
- Load Limiting Factors
- Lift Plan
 - Components of a Safe Lift
 - Lift Categorization
 - Risk Assessment
 - Personnel qualifications
 - Documentation
 - Approval and Changes
- Crane Accident Review (Big Blue)
- Operator Responsibilities
- Personnel Transfer
- Before Starting the Lift
- Before Leaving Controls

Crane Safety

- Crane/Rigging Lift Plan
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Hand Signals/Communication



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Practical Session

Practical training shall utilize a hydraulic crane, various slings, loads & rigging techniques.

Practical shall verify that the delegate can demonstrate the following:

- Properly select and wear appropriate PPE during practical training
- Select the appropriate hardware/rigging gear to complete required lifts
- Conduct proper pre-use inspection of crane and rigging gear
- Effectively control the crane operations and use operating indicators
- Accelerate, decelerate, and swing crane in a smooth safe manner
- Verify the load is not swinging prior to landing the load
- Respond to standardized hand signals from signal person
- Verify slings are properly connected/free before continuing operations
- Keep the hook clear of riggers while the slings are disconnected
- Ensure overall safety of the rigging team during crane operations
- Place the hook in a bucket (verify depth position)
- Store hardware/rigging gear properly following its use

Training Center Provided Material

- PPE
- Crane with Operator
- Rigging Material

Delegate Requirements

- Must possess good physical health as the practical training is physical demanding.

Reference Material / Documents

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