

Hand Signals

There are nine industry standard hand signals that are used for communication between the operator in the crane's cab and the floor person.



HOIST (RAISE)

- ▶ With forearm vertical— and forefinger pointing up— move hand in small horizontal circle.



LOWER

- ▶ With arm extended downward— and forefinger pointing down— move hand in small horizontal circle.



BRIDGE TRAVEL

- ▶ With arm extended forward— and hand open and slightly raised— make pushing motion in direction of travel.



TROLLEY TRAVEL

- ▶ With palm up— and fingers closed— point in direction of motion, and jerk hand horizontally.



MOVE SLOWLY

- ▶ Use one hand to give any motion signal and place the other hand motionless in front of hand giving the motion signal by anyone present.



STOP

- ▶ With arm extended— and palm down— hold position rigidly.



EMERGENCY STOP

- ▶ With arms extended— and palm down— move hand rapidly to the right and left.



MULTIPLE HOIST CRANES

- ▶ Hold up one finger to indicate block 1, and two fingers to indicate block 2
- ▶ Follow with regular hand signals.



MAGNET DISCONNECTED

- ▶ With palms up, crane operators spreads both hands apart.

Note: Operators will only respond to directions given by the person directing the lift – except for an emergency stop signal, which must be obeyed when given by anyone present.

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