## FORK TALK IN THE INTERESTS OF WORKPLACE SAFETY

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## How much is lifting capacity effected when the forkarm blade thickness reduces ?

Australian and international standards state, forkarms must be replaced when their blades have worn 10% or more.

**Measure** the original design thickness of the shank (Z), where there is no contact with the carriage rail. The majority of forkarms are manufactured with the shank and blade thickness being identical.

**Measure** the remaining blade thickness (Y) next to the end of the heel radius, where wear occurs.

**Calculate** the "Remaining Blade Thickness", expressed as a % of the Original Design.

Divide "Y" by "Z" & multiply by 100

**Calculate** the "Reduction to Blade Thickness", expressed as a % of the Original Design.

Subtract the result above, from 100%

**Read** the corresponding "Remaining Lifting Capacity" from either the Table or Graph.



1,280 kgs

Alternately, our wear caliper will either accept or reject the remaining forkarm blade thickness.

	Measure & Calculate the following		Read from either the Table or Graph	
Forkarms	Blade Thickness		Lifting Capacity	
must be	expressed as a % of the original design		expressed as a % of the original design	
replaced	Remaining	Reduction to	Remaining	Loss to
when worn	Blade	Blade	Lifting	Lifting
>= 10%	Thickness	Thickness	Capacity	Capacity
	100%	0	100%	0
Acceptable	97.5%	2.5%	95.06%	4.94%
	95%	5%	90.25%	9.75%
	92.5%	7.5%	85.56%	14.44%
UNSAFE	90%	10%	81.00%	19.00%
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ORIGINA	85%	15%	72.25%	27.75%
L				
CAPACIT	80%	20%	64.00%	36.00%
Y				

Assuming same design factor and that all other essential parts are in proper condition.

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