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# SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURE SCISSOR LIFT

Model - Skyjack SJIII3219

The instructions recommended within this document apply to normal risk conditions. If the Scissor Lift is to be operated in a dangerous or hostile environment, the user/client hiring this equipment from Pirie Hire Pty Ltd is responsible for conducting an appropriate risk analysis, and applying suitable controls to mitigate those additional risks.

### **GENERAL SAFETY**

- This Scissor Lift can only be operated if it is a safe and sound operating condition by a competent operator.
- Always pre-start machine and complete logbook prior to operating.
- No drugs, alcohol or smoking is permitted.
- Ensure trailer is attached to vehicle before loading/unloading.
- Operator must comply with all load limits.
- Use approved lifting and tie down points, chains, and straps when securing to trailer.
- Ensure all alarms, levers and E-stops are working prior to use.
- Operator to wear appropriate PPE (safety footwear and Hi-Vis jacket).
- Restrain loads to the trailer correctly as shown below:







### **OPERATING CONDITIONS**

- Carry out a visual inspection on wheels, controls, batteries, basket and hoses prior to use.
- Ensure you receive basic instructions on starting machine & operating functions.
- Make sure ground conditions are suitable to support machine and load.
- Do not drive machine with platform raised, unless on level ground.
- Do not exceed the maximum weight as specified by the manufacturer.
- Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery while operating machine.
- Use care when climbing in and out of machine. Always ensure an E-Stop is pressed before leaving the platform.
- Do not allow children to operate the machine, and always ensure area is clear when starting up in case of accidental movements.
- Ensure there is adequate turning room and space to manoeuvre machine in the work area.
- Sound horn when entering/exiting through a doorway or turning a blind corner.
- Never operate machine near overhead powerlines.
- · Always park the machine on a flat slope.
- Never operate near observers or other people. Keep an eye out for blind spots.
- Load and unload on a flat level surface only, and always ensure trailer is connected to a vehicle.
- Check load limits prior to driving on bridges and ramps.
- Do not tie platform to an adjacent platform or structures.
- Do not use the machine as a lifting aid, crane or lifting device. Do not push or pull objects.
- Do not allow people on the ground to tamper with controls unless in an emergency situation.
- Ensure the gate on the basket remains closed at all times, unless the machine is at ground level and people are entering or exiting.
- Keep both feet firmly on the floor of the platform at all times. DO not stand on ladders, boxes or the basket.
- Do not use the machine as a ground for welding.
- Do not operate machine in windy conditions. Once wind reaches 12.5m/s machine must not be used.
- Be aware of pinch points on handrails when in use.
- Refer to operator's manual for all other requirements.



# **PARKING**

- Park where there will be no obstruction to vehicles, site personnel or access ways.
- Do not impede road traffic and post reflective warning signs where possible.
- Remove ignition key for safe keeping when not in use or unattended.

## **INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE**

- If on extended hire, Scissor Lift and mechanisms are to be inspected regularly. Servicing and repairs are to be organised by Pirie Hire Pty Ltd.
- Operator to carry out daily inspections of wheels, batteries, controls and arms. Operator is to check, and top up fluid levels (batteries), as required also.
- If any damage is done to the machine, cease use and contact Pirie Hire Pty Ltd for inspection.

The above instructions must be followed at all times. If any one of these instructions are not possible, contact the Pirie Hire staff immediately for assistance.

For a basic tutorial on the operation of a scissor lift, watch this clip: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbYGaVuD4rl



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# SCISSOR LIFT RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Area/Hazard	Consequence	Likelihood	Controls
Scissor Lift crushing/striking somebody  • Mobile Plant	<ul><li>Serious Injury</li><li>Fatality</li></ul>	• Possible	<ul> <li>Set up an exclusion zone around machine while operating</li> <li>Communication where possible</li> <li>Do not exceed machine operating limits and specifications</li> <li>Operate to the weather conditions</li> </ul>
Machine contacting overhead powerlines or underground cables  • Electrical	<ul><li>Serious Injury</li><li>Fatality</li></ul>	Possible	Operator to assess area and use a spotter when overhead powerlines nearby
Falling/slipping while climbing into cabin  • Manual technique	Minor Injury	<ul> <li>Unlikely</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Always use 3 points of contact when entering cabin machine</li> <li>Ensure machine is switched off when entering/exiting</li> </ul>
Machine tipping over  • Stored energy	<ul> <li>Serious Injury</li> </ul>	• Possible	<ul> <li>Operate to the conditions and within the machines specified limitations</li> <li>Always drive machine up or down a slope, NOT along it</li> </ul>
Pinch points on basket handrails  • Mobile plant	<ul><li>Serious Injury</li><li>Fatality</li></ul>	• Possible	Keep body and limbs inside basket at all times while moving around
Falling from platform at height	<ul><li>Serious Injury</li><li>Fatality</li></ul>	• Possible	<ul> <li>Use an approved harness when working at height</li> <li>Ensure personnel do not climb out of the secure platform area while in use</li> </ul>