

# AUTOMOTIVE LIFT

## SAFETY TIPS

Post these safety tips where they will be a constant reminder to all lift operators.  
For information about a specific lift, always refer to its operation manual.

- 1. Only trained and authorized people should position vehicles and operate the lift.** Training should be documented by the owner/employer.
- 2. Examine your lift daily.** Never operate the lift if it malfunctions, makes unusual noises, or has broken or damaged parts. Repairs should be made with original equipment parts.
- 3. Do not tamper with, bypass, or otherwise override operating controls.** Operating controls are designed to return to the neutral, or off, position when released.
- 4. Never overload your lift.** The lift's rated load capacity is required to be listed on its nameplate.
- 5. Never lift one end, side, or corner of a vehicle.** Always lift the entire vehicle unless authorized in writing by the lift manufacturer.
- 6. Never raise or lower an occupied vehicle.** Unescorted customers or by-standers should not be in the lift area.
- 7. Always keep the lift area clean.** Prepare the service bay by making sure the lift area is free of grease and oil, tools, hoses, trash and other debris.
- 8. Provide unobstructed clearance to and from the lift.** Do not hit or run over lift arms, adapters, or axle supports when moving a vehicle into or out of the service bay. This could damage the lift or the vehicle. Check for obstructions and adequate overhead clearance.
- 9. Carefully load the vehicle onto the lift.** Position lift supports or adapters to contact the vehicle manufacturer's recommended lifting points. Raise the lift until the supports or adapters contact the vehicle securely. Visually check the lifting points again. Raise until tires clear the floor, and shake the vehicle to confirm stability. After a final visual confirmation, raise the lift to the desired working height.
- 10. Always use the load-holding device (sometimes known as a lock or latch).** After the vehicle is raised to the desired working height, lower the lift onto its load-holding device(s), and visually check all vehicle contact points once more to make sure each adapter or support is securely in position before going under the vehicle.
- 11. Use vehicle support stands for stabilizing the load.** The removal or installation of components may cause the raised vehicle to become unstable. Use support stands for long vehicles or any service that could change the vehicle's center of gravity.
- 12. Remove anything that could block the lowering process.** Before releasing the load-holding device to lower the lift, remove tool boxes, jacks, oil drain systems, and anything else from under the lift.
- 13. Have all lifts inspected at least annually by a qualified automotive lift inspector.** To find a qualified lift inspector in your area, contact the lift manufacturer or visit [www.autolift.org](http://www.autolift.org).

