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Hoist introduces the Neptune Series Marina Liftruck

Liftruck to offer a capacity range of 15,000-52,000 pounds and many mast options.

BEDFORD PARK, IL , JANUARY 26, 2006—Hoist Liftruck Mfg., Inc. is poised to provide the same quality and reliable liftruck to the marina industry as it has for the past 100 years to many other heavy-duty industries. The Hoist Neptune Series Marina Liftruck meets the demands of marina owners and operators to dry-stack marine boats with its tight maneuverability, easy operation and corrosion protection.

The pneumatic Neptune Series, modeled after Hoist's proven line of liftrucks, has a capacity range from 15,000 to 52,000 pounds with a 96-inch load center. Powered by a 5.9-liter Cummins turbocharged diesel engine or an optional GM 5.7-liter LPG, the Neptune Series features a Dana 32,000 Series automatic transmission , two- and four-stage mast options, 20-foot forks and inboard wet-disc brakes.

In addition to its sleek appearance and high visibility color scheme, operators of the Neptune will enjoy the soft touch controls on the armrest that allow for smooth and comfortable operation, load-sensing hydraulic system, maximum visibility at negative and positive lift positions, suspension seat and retractable seat belts, tilt steering and non-skid steps and floor mat.

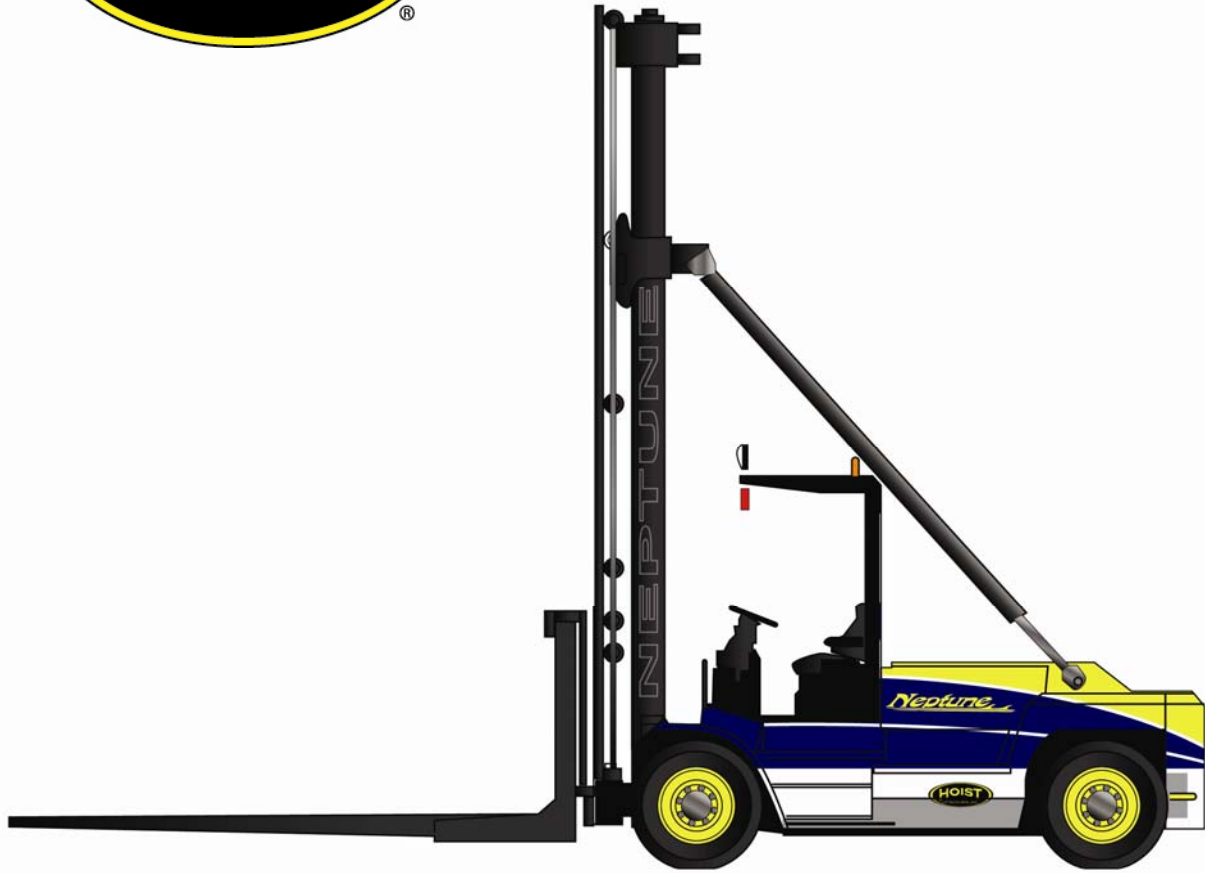
Extensive protection guards the Neptune Series from corrosion in the marina environment. The exposed metal of the liftruck has a zinc coating, which has natural healing properties to prevent chipping and rust. A three-step epoxy paint process, and full-frame and lower mast undercoating complete the chassis protection. Corrosion-resistant materials—stainless steel rods, fittings, fasteners and bolts, as well as galvanized hood, hinges forks and carriage—give the Neptune solid protection from water, salt and other marine elements.

The Neptune Series offers the same benefits customers expect from Hoist liftrucks, which include the cushion-tire Titan Series and pneumatic P-Series. Hoist is the only manufacturer that can deliver in six weeks or less. Most parts are manufactured in-house and kept in-stock to cut production time and offer customers same-day shipping on replacement parts. Known for its quality and reliability, Hoist is constantly looking to improve upon technology and operator comfort through advanced engineering.

Hoist will be available to discuss the Neptune Series, as well as its other liftrucks, at the International Marina & Boatyard Conference in Orlando on January 29-February 1, Booth 104. Hoist will also be at the Miami International Boat Show on February 16-20, Booth 4415.

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Hoist Liftruck Mfg., Inc. manufactures heavy-duty lifting products, ranging in capacity from 6.7 tons to 50 tons. Hoist Liftruck manufactures electric, LPG, and diesel cushion tire trucks, platform and die trucks, LPG and diesel pneumatic tire trucks, marina pneumatic trucks, tow tractors and AGV units. Hoist Liftrucks are engineered for the speed, power, and durability required of any heavy industry. With more than 100 years of proven reliability and quality engineering, Hoist provides the preferred lift truck for performance, serviceability and operator comfort.



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