

The Differing Expectations of Owners, GC's and Regulatory Authorities.

Critical Lift Criteria

Reasons why a lift should be considered a critical lift:

- More than one crane, in combination, required
- Loads exceeding 75% of the rated capacity of any one crane
- Personnel lifting
- Loads that will require suspension directly above rigging personnel
- Lifts that result in loads leaving direct view of the crane operator
- Loads that are extremely valuable, irreplaceable, or unrepairable
- Loads that could potentially become damaging to other equipment or utilities
- Loads that are potentially unstable in flight

CRITICAL LIFT



Tandem Lift



- ▶ Critical lifts require a more comprehensive lift plan to minimize the potential of crane failure and/or catastrophic loss.



The critical lift plan often includes the following information:

- Description of the lift
- Crane position and configuration
- Lift height
- Load radius
- Boom length and angle
- Size and weight of the load
- Percent of crane's rated capacity
- Personnel involved
- Rigging plan
- Communication method
- Ground conditions
- Environmental conditions
- Inspection procedures
- Procedures for hoisting personnel (if applicable)







**New opinions on
additional reasons that
should be added to the
list qualifications for**

CRITICAL LIFTS

Other Interesting Reasons

Among other reasons for considering a lift to be critical were these that were developed by industrial interests to satisfy unique requirements:

- Lifting of loads whose replacement (purchasing lead) time exceeded 10 days
- Lifting of loads whose loss would result in plant production shutdown exceeding 10 days
- Lifting of loads whose loss would result in loss of plant production greater than \$100,000