

THE GOLIATH CRANE:

As high as Nelson's Column, and 225 feet wide - that's quite a size for a crane. Even so, asking it to lift a 200-ton block of concrete in one piece seems a tall order - but this crane takes it in its stride. It's been erected at Bradwell-on-Sea, Essex, where a new atomic power station is being built - and it's named Goliath.

Goliath's job will be to put in place the new power station's biggest components - including twelve boiler shells, each of which also weighs 200 tons, and the heavy steel segments of the reactor pressure vessels. There will be plenty of safety margin, for this huge crane can in fact lift and transport a weight of 250 tons with ease. An impressive example of British engineering skill.