

ONE OF THE RANGE OF SPACEMAKERS



A robust tubular steel guard over the driver protects him from injury caused by badly stacked loads toppling over.



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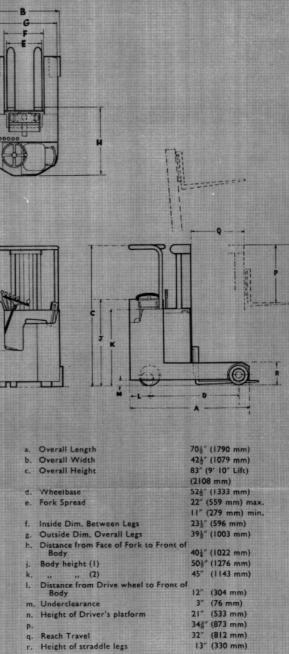
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## PRESS RELEASE

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New electric fork truck is a 'maid of all work'

One of the most important advances in materials handling equipment is announced today by Lansing Bagnall Ltd. The Company is introducing the first of a new range of electric fork trucks, capable of working in exceptionally rugged conditions, outdoors as well as indoors, and with speeds of up to 12 miles an hour. The first two models are of 2000 lb. and 3000 lb. lift capacity.

Known as the "Rapide" range, these are the first electric trucks in the world built for operation at such speeds, which up to now have been possible only with petrol, diesel or LP gas powered trucks. Now the "Rapide" is expected to become a strong competitor to the engine-powered trucks. In the past it has been an accepted disadvantage of the electric fork truck that it is "too slow" for some operations - a disadvantage accepted because of the trucks excellent value for indoor work.

The "Rapide" has overcome this disadvantage, and now there is an excellent indeor/outdoor truck. It is built for tough outdoor running over rough ground, even on snow, and can take gradients of up one in five. <u>and long-interfeded</u> With the additional advantages of electric trucks - economy of operation, freedom from fuel fumes, simplicity and safety of control - the "Rapide" is the most advanced fork truck in the world.

The truck is exceptionally cheap in battery use - because of a special economy device in the circuit. At slower speeds, up to seven miles an hour, the first

half of accelerator pedal travel controls a 24 volt supply; 48 volt supply is used only for higher speeds. In starting and mandeuvring, too, far less energy is used than with an orthodox control circuit. Indeed, in some circumstances, the economy device can double the waking life of the battery.

Among the "Rapides" other advantages are:

Low centre of gravity, giving greater safety;

Smooth but rapid acceleration;

Lift speeds of fifty feet per minute (2000 lb. load); and 33 feet per minute (3000 lb. load);

Cap work in ten foot aisles (exceptionally good for a truck which can work outdoors, too);

A turning radius of just over five feet;

A confortable sprung driver's seat, with all controls easily to hand.

There is a full range of hydraulic attachments available;

The new truck is expected to have some of its widest application in the big mass production industries - motor car manufacture, canning, detergents and soap making; in docks and railway yards. And there is a big overseas potential.

As modern production methods grow faster so speedier materials handling becomes necessary - but speed with safety. The "Rapide" can answer the problem.

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The "Rapide" is being shown to the public for the first time at the Mechanical Handling Exhibition at Earl's Court, from May 3 - 13.