Going Electric with Material Handling Equipment

Material handling equipment industry, electric forklift operations and what to expect when trying to electrify with your material handling equipment fleet.

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Tri-Lift Industries and Electrification

Tri-Lift Industries is a market leader in material handling equipment electrification efforts through deployment of electric forklift technology. Assisting companies with their efforts in fleet electrification for decades.

Who?/What? Tri-Lift Industries, Material handling

equipment, market impact, future of material

handling.

Goal Creating a pathway to sustainable material

handling equipment that will drive a safer work

environment, reduced carbon footprint and

directly impact the bottom line.



Material Handling Equipment and N.C.



Market Size

North Carolina is one of the largest markets in the United States when it comes to forklift orders/ships. Manufacturing and distribution companies in North Carolina have tremendous cost exposure due to market mix of equipment and other factors.

Market Opportunity

A large portion of the material handling equipment in North Carolina is LP Gas or Diesel fuel driven. A focus on electric material handling equipment could save North Carolina based manufacturers hundreds of millions of dollars per year.

TLI and Programs for Conversion

Tri-Lift Industries (TLI) is a family business with a passion of our people and our mission, vision, and values. The idea of converting material handling equipment to electric can be daunting but there are numerous programs available to help companies through the process.



Primary I.C. Forklift Cost Drivers

Fuel Costs

In North Carolina, the average price per gallon of LP gas is between \$0.93-\$1.79 (Bulk/Wholesale) and the average price per gallon of diesel is \$4.18 as of 8/1/22. Fuel costs are one of the largest cost points for most forklift fleets.

Maintenance Costs

Maintenance costs on internal combustion equipment are inherently higher due to the higher wear and tear on equipment generated by all of the moving parts as well as the heat generated from engines.

Safety Costs

Emissions, warehouse safety, equipment safety, and employee/pedestrian safety costs are soft costs that can be hard to get a good grasp on but they can be huge cost drivers.





Electric Forklift Options



Lead Acid

Most common option for current market electric material handling equipment. Good option but has drawbacks to consider based on overall application and usage needs. Consider - runtime, charging, storage, maintenance, watering, support, lifecycle, and disposal needs.

Drop-In Lithium

Drop-in lithium battery solutions fork material handling equipment are becoming more common. Currently there are options from several third party providers to fit into most major material handling equipment brands. Consider – chemical make up, voltage, kilo-watt capacity, charge/discharge rates, warranty, support, product ratings, and price.

Integrated Lithium Iron Phosphate

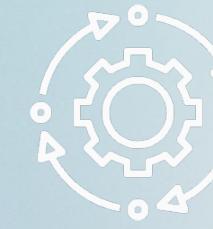
Integrated lithium solutions are packages of material handling equipment where the forklift, the battery, and the charger are all manufactured by the same company so items are married perfectly. There is only one truly integrated lithium forklift currently available (BYD) but other third party-O.E.M. partnerships exist.

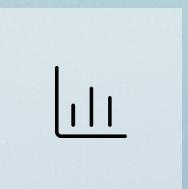
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There are a number of different chemical compounds available when it comes to lithium batteries. The current market leading technology is lithium iron phosphate from BYD. The BYD LiFePO4 battery differs chemically from the typical Lithium Cobalt Oxide (LiCoO2) or Lithium Manganese Oxide and is thoroughly tested for safety.



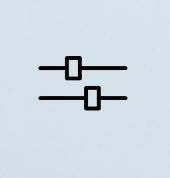
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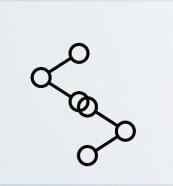


Application survey, process documentation. justification building, and proposal construction.



02. Implement/Adjust

Equipment control implementation, process adjustments, service/support design, planning for next steps.



03. Connect and deploy

Control data used to create a plan for fleet conversion with financial justification across the board.





What to Expect

Planning

Going to electric material handling equipment doesn't need to be difficult but taking the time to properly plan for the transition and what it will be mean business is key to success. Charging location, equipment end of life planning, warehouse space configuration, etc.

Training

Operationally, electric material handling equipment functions the same as internal combustion but there will be a learning curve. Management must be onboard with the transition and make sure use and charging guidelines are followed.

Culture Shift

A culture shift must occur for a successful transition to electric. Opportunity charging equipment during breaks and lunches is required for optimal performance.

Savings

Like most things, it takes money to make money. Or in this case, to save money. Going to electric material handling equipment requires an upfront investment that generates long term returns. Most fleet return schedules average less than 24 months depending on fleet size, application, and runtime hours.

Recommendation - BYD







BYD Family of Products

On-Road

Specialty

















✓ QC/T 743

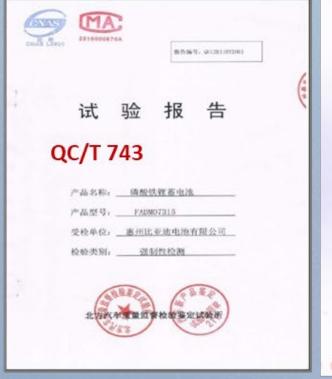
- ✓ UL 1642
- ✓ UL 2580
- ✓ UN 38.3
- ✓ UL1973
- ✓ ISO 12405*
- ✓ IEC 62660*
- ✓ SAND 2005*

BYD Product Certifications













Clear-View Mast



Great visibility through the mast; The low profile front cowl also provides enhanced forward visibility.

Larger Operator Assist Grips



Designed to meet diverse operator needs.

Soft Lowering



Give operators speed control of the heaviest and lightest loads.

Clean & Easy Charging



No acid vapor released during the charging process.

Optional Fingertip Controls

Optional fingertip controls increase productivity and reduce operator fatigue.



Dual 3-Phase AC Brushless Motors

Weather proof dual 3-phase AC brushless motors; produce high power and torque and allow greater maneuverability.



Iron-Phosphate Battery

BYD's world leading Iron-Phosphate Battery is green, long-lasting and the most reliable battery that can withstand the toughest working conditions.



Solid Pneumatic Tire

Solid pneumatic tires are ideal for even the harshest terrains.



LOWEST OPERATING COSTS



>50%

Lower operating costs as compared to diesel,gas or lead acid forklifts

EXCELLENT TEMPERATURE PERFORMANCE



-40°C to +60°C

Normal use when the temperature is between -40° C to +60° C.At -40° C, the discharging rate of the iron battery remains over 60%, WHEREAS LEAD-ACID IS ALMOST O.

LONG LIFE



After 4,000 cycles, the battery retains 80% of its original capacity.4,000 cycles mean around 12 years' operation, considering once a day charging.

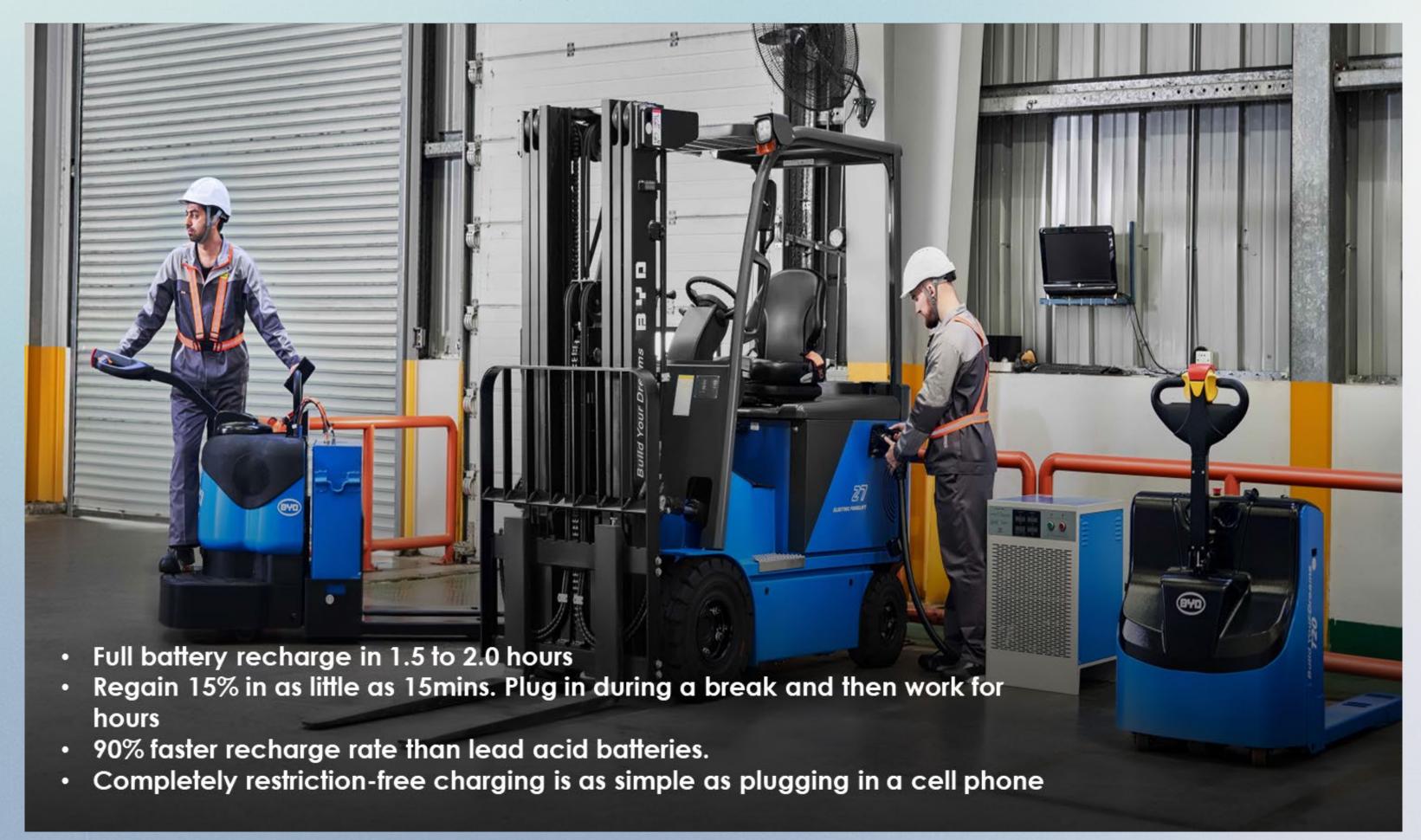
EXCELLENT ROI AND PAYBACK



Superior ROI and Payback as compared to any other forklift technology.

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Ultrafast, Unlimited Recharging



MORE POWER

BYD's Chemistry-Density-and 80 volt Platform combined = More Power and Runtime and faster charging cycles PERIOD!

240AH X 80 VOLT = 19.2 KWH

460AH X 80 VOLT = 36.8 KWH

540AH X 80 VOLT = 43.2 KWH

 $600AH \times 80 \text{ VOLT} = 48.0 \text{ KWH} (2018)$



LITHIUM COMPETITORS

240AH X 48 VOLT = 11.5 KWH 240AH X 36 VOLT = 8.64 KWH

460AH X 48 VOLT = 22.1 KWH 460AH X 36 VOLT = 16.6 KWH

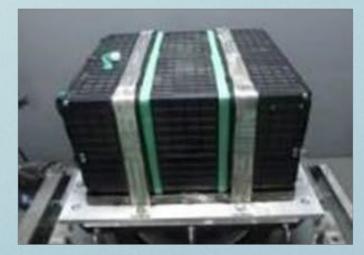
540AH X 48 VOLT = 25.9 KWH 540AH X 36 VOLT = 19.4 KWH

NOTE: KWH = AH X VOLTAGE DIVIDED BY 1000

LiFePo4 Comparison

Safe, Stable, Sustainable Chemistry BYD batteries put to the test

Batteries still operational after these tests. No damage to the modules and no leaks, ruptures, or fires.



Vibration Testing 10-2000 Hz range, 8hrs



-40°C to 85°C, 5 cycles of 6 hrs each



Salt Spray (simulate ocean or road salt)
56 continuous days

No fires or explosions in any of the following tests



Short Circuit
Bypassed protections



Crush Testing 100kN force



Piercing



Collision Testing
Different speeds



Oven



Fire simulation 1 hr



Gas flame continuous engulfing







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Converting material handling equipment to electric power can be a very rewarding process. Business profits as well as employee safety and overall quality of life will improve dramatically in the long run. Tri-Lift Industries is providing free application surveys, safety audits, and entire fleet Return on Investment studies for local businesses, free of charge. Contact information below or ask for a copy of this presentation.

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