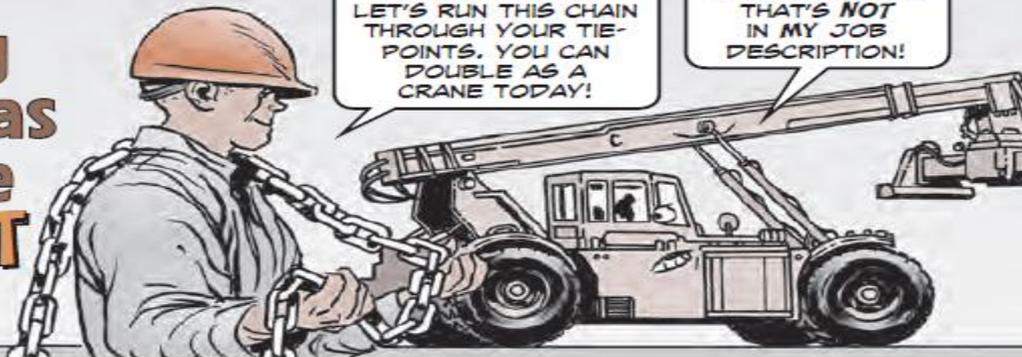


Safety...

Using RTCH as Crane WON'T Fly!



The RT240 Rough Terrain Container Handler (RTCH), NSNs 3930-01-473-3998 and 3930-01-522-7364, is a nifty workhorse in the field. It's used to lift, move, stack or unstack 20-ft to 40-ft ISO containers. The RTCH can even be used as a forklift if a special forklift kit is installed.

But one thing it isn't is a crane. Some units are making their RTCH pull double duty as a substitute crane. They're using it to lift materials or equipment with chains, slings or straps attached to the tie-down points.

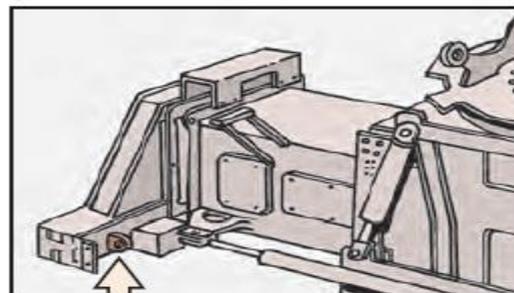
Bad idea. The RTCH's tie-down points are only meant to secure the top handler during transportation. They were never designed to pull or lift materials or equipment.

Misusing the RTCH can result in a load dropping unexpectedly and damaging equipment, or even worse, injuring or killing someone. The problem is widespread enough that TACOM LCMC issued a safety of use message prohibiting using the RTCH as a crane.

See TACOM SOUM 12-002 online for details:

https://tulsa.tacom.army.mil/safety/soum/tacom_wn/SOU12-002.html

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One of the four top handler tie-down points being improperly used for lifting. Tie-down points should only be used to tie/secure the RTCH top handler during transportation

