

Watch the Weight!



Dear Editor,

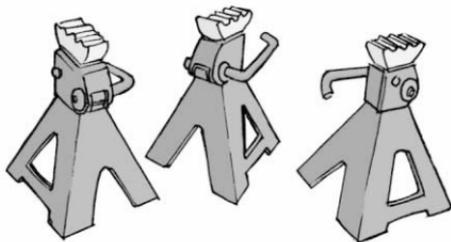
While walking through some maintenance areas lately, I've noticed that some jack stands are not clearly marked with their tonnage capacity.

The most important marking on a jack stand is the capacity rating. With no markings, the stand may be overloaded and collapse. Not only is the equipment damaged, but someone could be hurt or killed.

I suggest always stenciling the rating on at least two places on each jack stand. Use large print, too, so the stencil is easy to see.

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Unmarked jacks can be overloaded



Editor's note: An excellent suggestion, Sir. While the capacity rating should be stamped into the metal or part of the casting, that stamp is often illegible because it's been painted over.

It's also a good idea to stencil the last date of inspection on the stand as well.

For more info on load testing jack stands, see Page E-1 in TB 43-0142, Safety Inspection and Testing of Lifting Devices. Check it out online at:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/etms/data/A/020130.pdf>