

LIVE DESIGN JR CLANCY PROMOTES RIGGING SAFETY

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JR Clancy has always promoted the belief that rigging safety requires constant vigilance. In their over 120 year history they have made safety a priority from design innovation through manufacturing and installation, but they never feel their job is done unless they have passed the belief that rigging safety requires daily reinforcement. To help users of rigging systems, professionals and non-professionals alike, JR Clancy offers several safety support items.



Over the past few years, having introduced high tech rigging products like the PowerLift™ and the award winning PowerAssist™ which both offer innovative features for safely running a rigging system; Clancy recently turned its attention to a few low tech solutions that can also aid with safety concerns. Clancy has redesigned all of their instructional signs and batten end caps. “Signs and batten end caps are at the opposite

end of technology, but certainly no less useful or important,” comments Tom Young, vice president of marketing for JR Clancy. “We’ve revamped all of our instructional signs to promote safe rigging operations. These are available free to anyone and we hope everyone takes advantage of them. You can get them as two-color signs ordered directly from Clancy at no charge as well as downloadable files an end-user can print and use directly from our website.” The available signs are Manual Counterweight Safety Sign with Loading Bridge; Manual Counterweight Safety Sign without Loading Bridge; Motorized Winch Safety Sign; and Hand Winch Safety Sign.

Clancy has always sent out bright yellow plastic batten end caps to users for covering the ends of standard pipe battens in order to increase visibility. Yet even here Clancy saw an opportunity to address a safety concern as Young explains: “We’ve now added set capacity information to our batten end caps. This is because far too many users don’t know what their set capacities are. By making these new caps available we hope to promote a safer rigging environment.” Clancy will send up to ten batten end caps to users for free.

▲ WARNING

Improper use of rigging equipment may cause serious injury.

Users must:

- Be authorized to use the equipment
- Read and understand Operations Manual
- Be trained by a qualified professional
- Be properly supervised

MOTORIZED WINCH RIGGING

IMPORTANT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. Know the load capacity of your wire (distributed and point loads) and structure. Do not exceed allowable loading.
2. When loading equipment on the batten be sure it is firmly attached. Spread the load along the batten or attach it near the ends to avoid damage to the batten.
3. Before operating a winch, make sure the lower path of the load is clear and that no one is under or near the load.
4. Call out "Batten #, Moving" before moving batten.
5. Never leave controls while a winch is in motion.
6. Pay attention to the batten and load while in operation, not the controls.
7. Motorized equipment may be started manually and without warning. Before making inspections or repairs, turn off and "lock out" power source so equipment cannot be turned on by accident.
8. Service or repair of motorized equipment must be performed by qualified professionals only.

GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHILE ON STAGE

1. Always look around for possible hazards when entering the stage area. Be aware of what is happening. Monitor noise and other distractions.
2. Avoid loose loose clothes and jewelry. Tie back long hair.
3. Remove extra items from your pockets. Secure any removed tools to your body before going down the stage floor.
4. Watch the travel of battens so they do not catch on other battens, lights, or wires. Keep "upstairs" if you can't see the complete travel path of the batten and its load.
5. Stay alert while operating rigging. If anything seems wrong or unusual, stop what you are doing and contact your supervisor.
6. Have the system inspected annually by a qualified professional.

SET CAPACITY

NOTE: Record description and location of spans below. For capacity information, call your local JR Clancy store or visit www.jrclancy.com.

Set Description, Name	Max. Set Capacity

Uniformly Distributed Load-Including Batten Weight

JRCLANCY 1-800-836-1888
www.jrclancy.com

MUST BE INSPECTED ANNUALLY

▲ Inspector: Place business card here and ▲ note date when next inspection is due.

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JR Clancy Rigging Instructional Sign for a Motorized Winch

The redesigned instructional signs and batten end caps are just two of the safety initiatives offered by Clancy. An annual inspection is another very important component toward ensuring a safe entertainment facility. Clancy can help you find a qualified rigging specialist in your area to inspect the condition of your backstage equipment. Ultimately, you'll have greater peace of mind knowing your theatre is as safe as possible. If you would like to have your theatre inspected for safety and have a qualified rigging specialist contact you to discuss an inspection contact Tom Young at tomyoung@jrclancy.com.

The JR Clancy website is a great resource of rigging information, safety articles and even hosts interactive tours of different types of rigging systems so take time and explore it. Clancy also sponsors www.rigging-safety.com, a site that provides a wealth of rigging safety information.

To get copies of the instructional signs go to:
www.jrclancy.com/designops.htm#safetysigns .

For the batten end caps go to:
www.jrclancy.com/funstuff.htm.
While you are there you can check out the other fun items Clancy offers like Stage Rigging Posters and Rigging Data Calculators.