



Hand signals for hoist and crane operations

If hand signals are used between a signaller and the operator of a crane or hoist to control hoisting operations, the following signals should be used:

STOP



Arm extended, palm down, move hand horizontal.

HOIST



With forearm vertical, finger pointing up, move hand in small horizontal circles.

LOWER



With arm extended down, move forefinger; pointing down, move hand in circles.

RAISE BOOM



Arm extended, fingers closed, thumb pointing upward.

LOWER BOOM



Arm extended, fingers closed, thumb pointing downward.

RAISE THE BOOM AND LOWER THE LOAD



With arm extended, thumb pointing up, flex fingers in and out as long as load movement is desired.



Arm extended, fingers closed, thumb pointing upward, other arm bent slightly with forefinger pointing down, and rotate hand.

LOWER THE BOOM AND RAISE THE LOAD



With arm extended, thumb down, flex fingers in and out as long as load movement is desired.



Arm extended, fingers closed, thumb down, other arm vertical, forefinger upward and rotate hand.

EXTEND BOOM



Both fists in front of body, with thumbs pointing outward.

RETRACT BOOM



Both fists in front of body, with thumbs pointing toward each other.

SWING



Arm extended, point in direction of swing of boom.

MOVE SLOWLY



Use one hand to give any motion signal and place other hand motionless in front of hand giving the motion signal (hoist slowly shown as example)

DOG (STOP) EVERYTHING



Clasp hands in front of body.