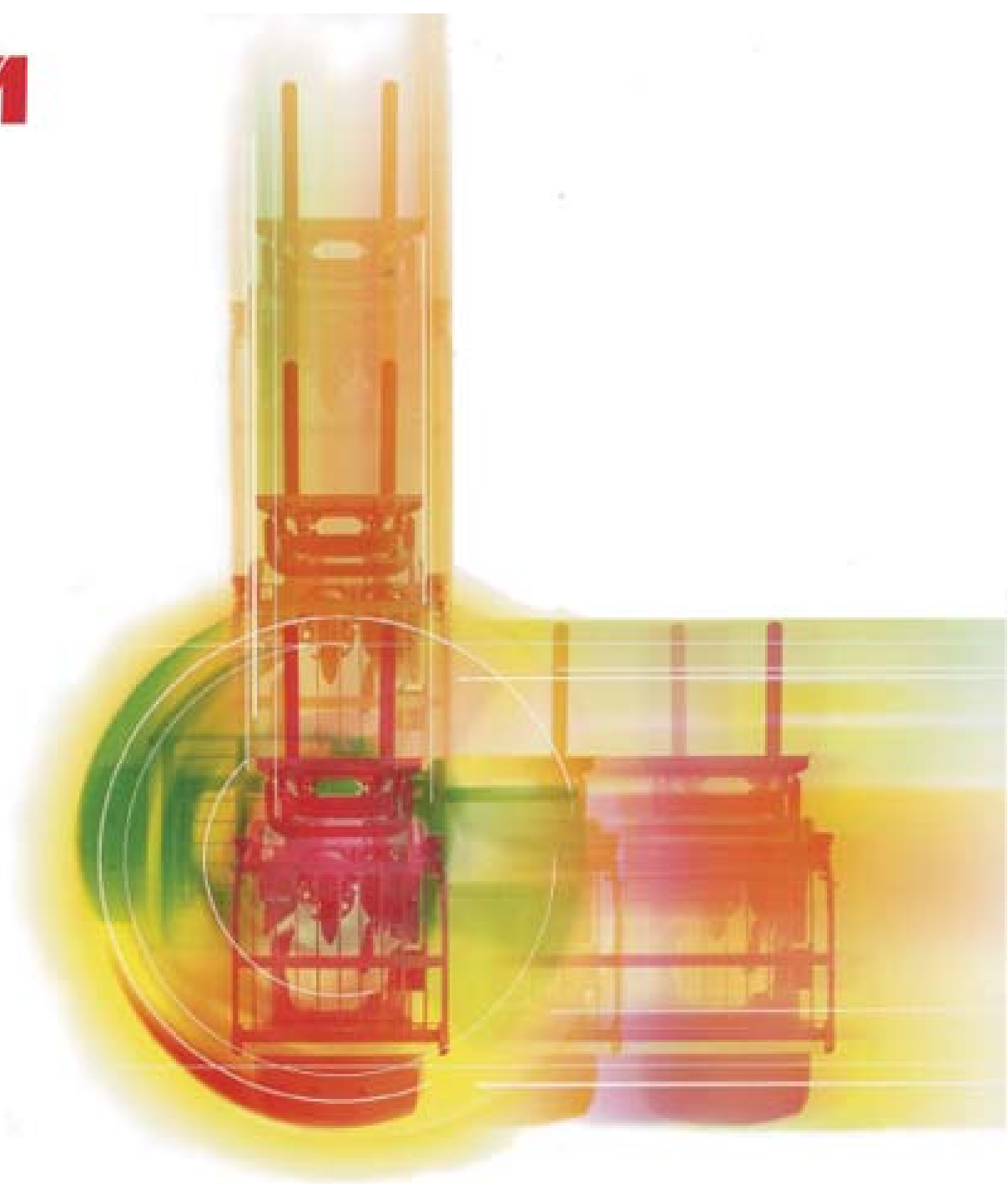


TCM



A breakthrough presentation transforms world standards.

ACROBA

TCM launched the production of Japan first forklift truck "F-6-108", having characteristics of net weight 3,200kg, max. load capacity 2,700kg and max. lift height 3m in March, 1949. TCM staff, with full of ambition and knowledge based on pioneering spirits created this truck, and thus they successfully opened the first page of mechanization of material handling equipment. This event was indeed attributable to their farsighted visions to regard material handling as a system as well as their sincere devotions to R & D, which foreknew the forthcoming new era of innovative logistics equipment.

Half a century has



Japan first forklift truck "F-6-108"

Now, TCM has strided forward in realization of epoch making machine. Based on customer oriented ideas — in order to improve cargo storage and stacking efficiency, is it possible to create machine having features such as straight sideways movement and pivot turn? Based on these concepts, TCM first started to be engaged in R & D, and then they were gradually concreting new innovation. Now the time has come to debut the world first multi-functioned ACROBA. Sole stage of ACROBA performs the remarkable acrobatic show, quite superior to conventional machines. TCM is proudly presenting a breakthrough material-handling machine in the market.

changed "Forklift Trucks"



ACROBA

Years long R & D achieves remarkable features of World



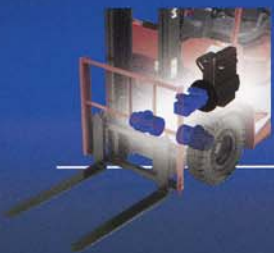
Straight sideways movement



Pivot turns



Swivel seat



**2 x 2 HST
- Hydrostatic Drive System**

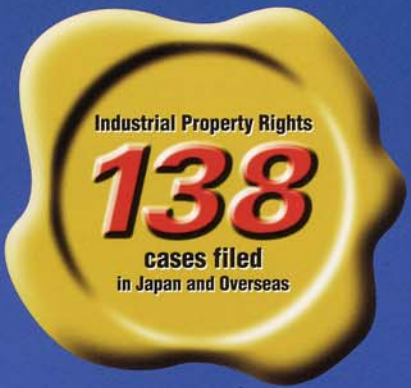
*1 first among I/C counterbalanced forklift trucks.

*2 first among engine - powered forklift trucks.

*3 first among standard models of forklift trucks in Japan.

*4 first among all models of forklift trucks worldwide.

●All figures are based on comparison made between ACROBA-FA25 and TCM standard model-FD25.



Industry First — **Superb performances of "ACROBA"**

Improvement of storage capacity by

10-30%

(In case of 1500m² warehouse)

100% utilization of corner dead spaces.

Improvement of necessary turning allowance by

11% (conventional turns 4.27→3.81m)

Realization of right angle stacking in a very limited aisle.

Improved rear visibility by

50%

Approx. 30-60% reduction of physical fatigue, when backward operation.

Number of drive system parts — amazing savings by

80%

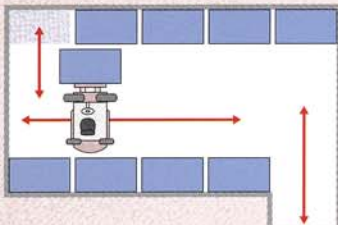
Improvement of operation environment by lower noise as well as lesser vibration.

Straight sideways movement



Utilization of idle – dead spaces

Soft one-touch on operation lever changes normal runs to lateral drive mode in 3 seconds, and ACROBA is ready to park at the dead corner space, as well as to drive straight sideways. Further, able to stack cargoes in corner without any idle spaces – full utilization of former dead spaces.



Full utilization of dead spaces

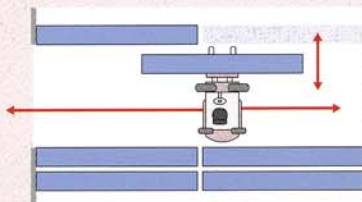
Total storage capacity increased

by **10-30%**

(in case of warehouse having storage space of 1500m²)

Able to transport long loads

In an aisle having the just width of truck's length, ACROBA is able to carry longer loads than the width of aisle by sideways drive which increases transport efficiency substantially.



Able to carry longer load in a narrow aisle

Able to perform stable steering when moving sideways

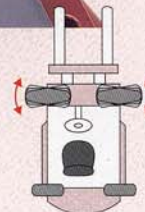
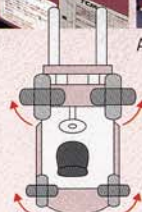
By auxiliary lever operations, ACROBA is able to maintain stable steering positions for much safer operations. ACROBA has warning signals and a warning buzzer during sideways travel.



Operation lever



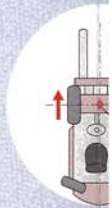
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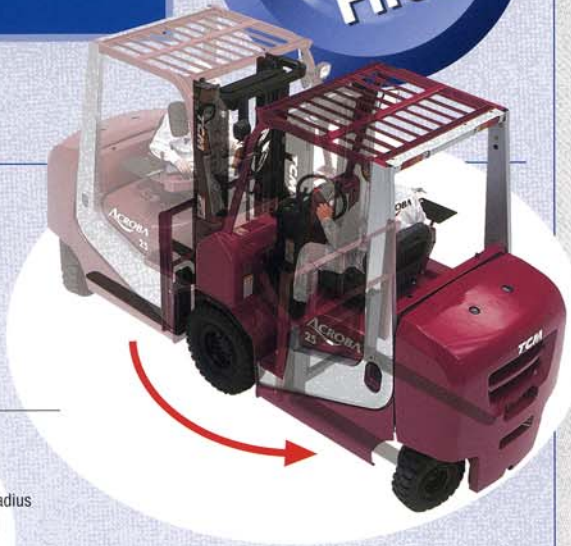
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ACROBA creates wider and new applications

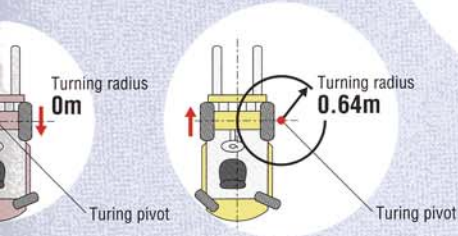
ACROBA turns



Turning radius

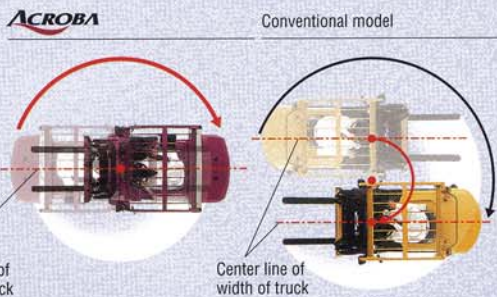
(Figures subject to change by actual operations)
From stop position, the range of turning is minimized due to the pivot positioned at the center of chassis, which contributes to make narrow operation spaces available.

Conventional model



ACROBA does not slip

During U-turn from stop position, the truck pivots on the center pivot, which avoids lateral slip or slippage.



Narrow aisle

(Figures subject to change by actual operations)
ACROBA is able to reduce the width of passage required for U-turn. (Conventional truck 4.27m → ACROBA 3.81m) which realizes higher material handling efficiency in limited spaces.

U-turn comparison



ACROBA performs incredible moves in very narrow aisle

On the spot

30% reduction in necessary width of aisle
(Conventional Truck 4.27m → ACROBA 3.81m)



ACROBA in side view

* All figures are based on comparison made between ACROBA-FA25 and TCM standard model-FD25.

for Forklift Truck operations



Always drive mode

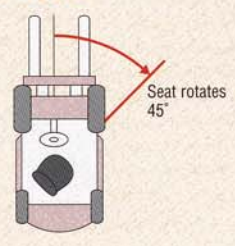


Swivel seat



Comfortable rear views

With a 45 degree rotatable seat, ACROBA offers comfortable rear views.



Reduced operator fatigue

A swivel seat and second accelerator pedal allow the operator to drive backward comfortably and thereby reduce operator fatigue.



Much more comfortable

For less muscular strain, the ACROBA is designed with an operator's seat that swivels. This enables the operator to use the accelerator and reduces the need for the operator to twist his body while driving backward.

Postures of drivers at backwards driving



Muscular stress loads when visual backward driving (Figs 1, 2)

Comparison against 100 of conventional trucks



Muscular stress improvement ratio (%) = $\frac{EP \text{ in conventional seat}}{EP \text{ in ACROBA seat}}$

Consecutive operation time



Fatigue Reduction when backward operation

approx. 30-60%

To improve total operation efficiency in the very limited spaces for the material handling industry — The main objective of ACROBA. Indeed, ACROBA realizes the world industry first sideways movement as well as pivot turns. These innovations will completely transform the conventional usage of forklift trucks, with a vastly wider, more efficient field of application, and moreover, ACROBA will contribute to provide much more safety and comfort for the working environment.

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ROBA has been
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backwards drives
(by the Shiga Medical Univ.)

28% improvement
38% improvement
44% improvement
improvement

EP in ACROBA seat
conventional seat (μv)

more than 10 minutes

60%

2x2 HST - Hydrostatic Drive System

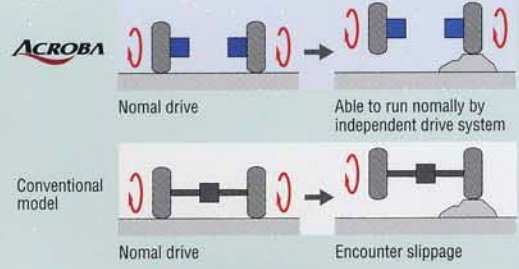
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Realization of much more free and flexible operations

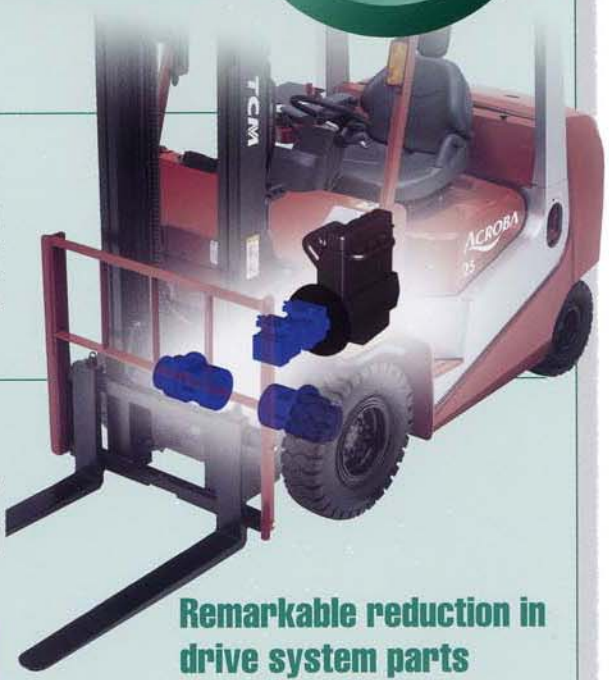
Left and Right independent drive system controlled by micro-computer are able to drive straight sideways as well as pivot turns which contribute remarkably to improve operation efficiency in narrower spaces.

Easier start and normal runs on rugged and unimproved roads

ACROBA realizes much easier start and runs by adopting this drive system on rugged conditions where conventional drive system cause unexpected and unstable performances.



Drive at rugged condition



Remarkable reduction in drive system parts

by **80%**

Realization of lesser vibration and lower noise:

This innovative drive system having power unit and drive unit independently, equipped improves substantially the operation environment with remarkable lesser vibration as well as lower noise. Furthermore, total parts required are reduced down to 100 pieces from conventional 550, which consequently contributes to keep superb maintenance of the machine.

Start on wet surface ground

Lesser Vibration

Lower Noise

Number of Parts on Drive system

	(Required time to drive 5m when wet only for one wheel)	(at steering)	(at ear)	
ACROBA	4.1 sec.	0.5 G	81 dB	100
Conventional TCM model	6.4 sec.	1.5 G	85.5 dB	550

"ACROBA" records many World Industry First performances, and furthermore it reduces substantially physical fatigue caused by long time consecutive operation, and it provides with superb operation maneuverability and much safer operation environment as well.

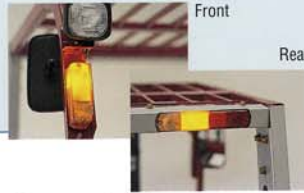
Safer Design

▶ When the engine stalls, **"lift lock system"** automatically locks the lift to avoid any trouble instantly.

▶ Multiple safe devices, such as **balance monitoring indicator, warning lights and buzzers** at lateral drive.



Balance monitoring indicator



Sidestep warning lights

▶ **Safer seat equipped with side restraint support** protects operator's stable posture at tilt operations.



Safer seat with side restraint support

▶ Easier lift operations by compact **finger-tip control lever** for lifting and lowering forks, as well as comfortable **armrest attached to the seat**.



Finger-tip control lever



Armrest attached to the seat

▶ One **integrated switch** both for turning signals and lights is able to operate in similar feelings and conditions as passenger cars.



Integrated lights switch

▶ **Compartments** for mobile phone and documents holders are conveniently attached to the seat.



documents holder



mobile-phone holder



pen-stand



attached paper binder



small compartment



bottle holder

Driver friendly design

ACROBA 15

• Max. load : 1.5t



ACROBA 20

• Max. load : 2.0t



ACROBA 25

• Max. load : 2.5t



ACROBA 30

• Max. load : 3.0t



ACROBA 35

• Max. load : 3.5t

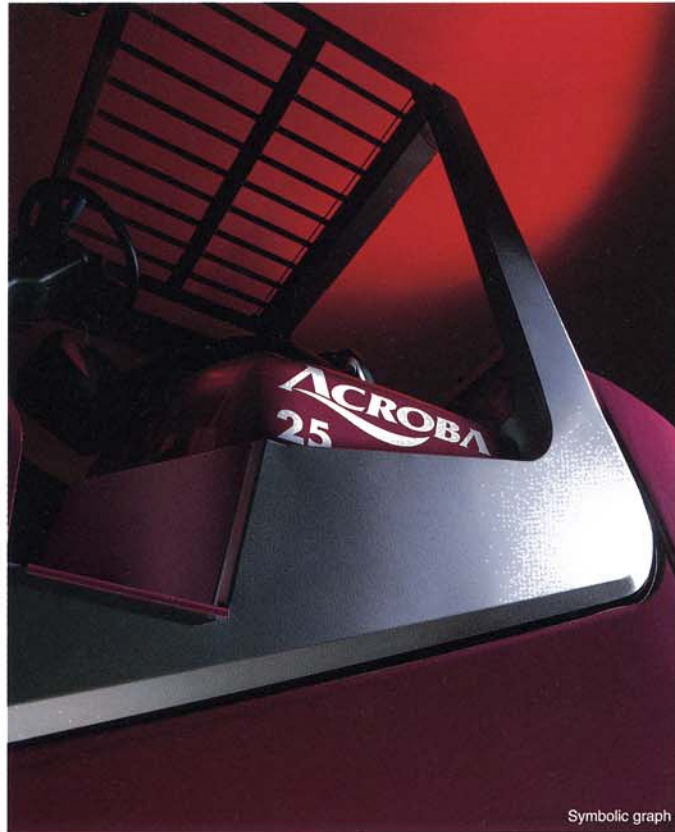


ACROBA 40

• Max. load : 4.0t



ACROBA



Symbolic graph



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