



**AMTEC**  
**Agricultural Machinery Testing and Evaluation Center**  
**1977**

**ACR 076:2024 CHECKLIST AND REMINDERS FOR THE AMTEC TEST CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR FRONT LOADER**

**■ Application for AMTEC Test**

The test applicant shall submit AMTEC-OP-F01 (Agricultural Machinery Test Application Form) together with the following requirements:

- AMTEC-OP-F16 (Waiver for Machine Specifications)
- AMTEC-OP-F18 (Data Privacy Consent Form)

**■ Technical Specifications of the Machine**

The test applicant shall submit any document/s indicating the specifications of the machine upon application for testing. In case the said document/s are not available, the applicant shall fill out the Machine Specifications Sheet provided by AMTEC upon request.

- Operator's manual
- Brochure
- Machine specifications sheet (shall be filled out upon request and receipt of copy from AMTEC in case the manual or brochure is not available)

**■ Preparation and Operation of the Machine**

The front loader shall be ready for testing. The officially designated operator of the test applicant shall operate, demonstrate, adjust, and repair. Meanwhile, the officially designated representative shall decide on matters related to the operation of the machine.

**■ Running-in of the Machine**

A test run shall be conducted prior to the official test to check its condition and make necessary adjustments to the machine in accordance to the recommendation of the manufacturer.

**■ Test Material**

The test applicant shall prepare the following for the duration of the test:

- Material for testing (e.g. soil);
- Fuel for the duration of the test;
- Heavy-duty weighing scale for weighing soil grabbed;

**■ Performance and/or Fabrication Test Requirements**

AMTEC shall conduct various tests and verification on different performance parameters of the machine including the following requirements as per AMTEC Methods of Test.

**■ Fabrication Requirements**

Criteria	Requirement as per AMTEC Methods of Test
General Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> The loader should have rust-free and painted metal surfaces. <input type="checkbox"/> It should have no sharp edges and rough surfaces.
Mounting/ dismounting	<input type="checkbox"/> The tools should be able to mount or dismount the bucket to the four-wheel tractor.
Adjusting and Repair of Parts	<input type="checkbox"/> The parts shall be accessible for adjustments and repairs.
Loading and unloading of soil	<input type="checkbox"/> The bucket should be able to scoop and tilt to load and unload soil.

**■ Performance Requirements**

Criteria	Requirement as per AMTEC Methods of Test
Loading Capacity, kg/load	As specified by the manufacturer
Maximum Lift Height, m	As specified by the manufacturer



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### ■ Suspension and Termination of Test

If the test material does not conform with the recommended quantity and characteristics, AMTEC shall not proceed with the test. Should the test applicant request the conduct of the test despite the non-conformity to the test requirements identified by AMTEC, the applicant shall sign the AMTEC Waiver for Nonconformity to Test Requirements.

- AMTEC-OP-F24 (Waiver for Nonconformity to Test Requirements)

On the other hand, if the machine stops due to breakdown or malfunction during the test run affecting the machine's performance, the test may be suspended. If the machine cannot continue the operation, the test shall be consequently terminated.

### ■ Other Assistance During Test

1. For field and laboratory tests outside the AMTEC premises, the applicant shall shoulder the transportation expenses (i.e. fuel, toll fees, vehicle rental, plane fare, sea fare, etc.) of the AMTEC Staff assigned for the testing activity.
2. The applicant is requested to assist the AMTEC Staff in looking and/or making arrangements for hotel accommodation and food near the test site.
3. The applicant shall provide drinking water to the AMTEC Staff during the testing activity.
4. The applicant shall provide any form of shed or sunshade (e.g. tent, umbrella, etc.) for the test equipment, samples (if applicable), and AMTEC Staff during the testing activity in the field.
5. The applicant is requested to assist the AMTEC Staff in finding any means to access a safe and convenient restroom near the test site during the testing activity.

### ■ Testing Fee

1. The testing fee for the front loader is PhP 7,000.
2. To proceed through the AMTEC test, the test applicant shall settle at least 50 % of the testing fee which is non-refundable but transferable.
3. In cases of additional testing during the field, the test applicant shall immediately pass the required documents and settle at least 50% of the testing fee within 5 working days after the testing proper.  
 Additional testing, number of machines: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Payment/s shall be directed to the following:  
 Through UPLB Cashier's Office (8AM to 12PM): AMTEC Trust Fund Code No. 8271632-40A2040101000  
 Through Landbank (8:30AM to 3PM): UPLB Trust Fund Account No. 1892100507 or UPLB FI Account No. 1892-1003-29

### ■ Other Reminders

1. All manufacturers, fabricators, assemblers, and importers (MFAI) shall secure a Certificate of Conformity (CC) from the Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Engineering (BAFE) which guarantees that their agricultural and fisheries machinery conforms with PNS/BAFS PABES or other relevant standards identified by BAFE. More information about the application for CC can be found at <http://bafe.da.gov.ph/index.php/certificate-of-conformity-of-manufacturers-fabricators-assemblers-distributors-dealers-importers-and-exporters/>.
2. All MFAI shall employ an Agricultural and Biosystems Engineer (ABE), as mandated by RA 10915 (ABE Law), who shall facilitate all activities and concerns pertinent to AMTEC testing and BAFE requirements. Do you currently have an ABE in your roster of employees?  Yes  No