

TRAINING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE





Columbus McKinnon is proud to be part of the Rock Lititz community.

Working side by side with some of the most well-known names in the industry, we are committed to providing the products, services and training that entertainment professionals around the world have relied on for generations.

CM-ET, our entertainment technology division, has designed our Rock Lititz training facility to be a center of excellence for entertainment rigging safety and application knowledge. This one-of-a-kind space provides anyone who uses and relies on motor and rigging equipment with immediate access to the professional technical support they need to be safe and more productive.

A COMMUNITY UNIQUE TO ENTERTAINMENT

Columbus McKinnon is a proud member of Rock Lititz – a one-of-a-kind community that supports innovative creativity within the live event industry. With resources ranging from design, engineering and manufacturing through rehearsals, Rock Lititz is a one-stop-shop for any production.

Located on a 108-acre campus in Lititz, Pennsylvania, Rock Lititz is a resource for the live event industry and the community that creates it. Collaborating with other industry-leading companies enhances efficiency through a big picture understanding of customers that the Rock Lititz community collectively supports.

The Rock Lititz campus serves as a collaborative hub, designed to promote creativity and innovation in an environment custom designed for production professionals. In addition to Columbus McKinnon, Rock Lititz is home to dozens of leading production vendors in live events, streaming, TV/film, and more, along with the Academy of Live Technology.















A COMMITMENT TO LIVE EVENT PROFESSIONALS

Columbus McKinnon is committed to serving the needs of the entertainment industry, developing products and training to not only help riggers work safe, but keep performers and event goers safe as well. Beginning in 1981, when we reengineered our flagship industrial hoist, the CM® Lodestar®, to meet the unique application requirements of the entertainment industry, we've spent decades working hand-in-hand with rigging professionals.

With a full suite of motors and rigging products developed specifically for entertainment applications, Columbus McKinnon's Rock Lititz training facility brings comprehensive training directly to entertainment professionals in an environment specifically suited to their needs. Visitors can stop by our classroom and showroom to get hands-on experience with everything from STAC chain and shackles to manual chain hoists and electric chain motors.











A ONE-OF-A-KIND TRAINING EXPERIENCE

Columbus McKinnon's facility is designed to provide hands-on training to entertainment riggers in an environment custom designed for production professionals. With classes ranging from basic rigging and motor maintenance to fall protection, we are here to keep you and your crew working safely and efficiently show after show.

Staffed by our industry-expert entertainment trainers and supported by an expert team of application and product specialists, this one-of-a-kind facility provides on-site application and product expertise to touring companies at the Rock Lititz Studio. Designed to showcase our products and their capabilities, we offer in-depth product demos to help you understand how to use and care for motors and rigging equipment.

Combining years of industry experience with a deep understanding of how motors and rigging products are used in entertainment applications, our team members are recognized experts in their fields. Their knowledge of product operation and use, safety measures and industry regulations is relied on by professional riggers around the world.

TRAINER SPOTLIGHT

Brian Leister is the Senior Technical Trainer at Columbus McKinnon's Training Center of Excellence at Rock Lititz. His areas of expertise include entertainment rigging, industrial rope access, fall protection, and hoist maintenance. He has been a trainer at the company's Rock Lititz facility since its opening in 2017. Since then, he has played a critical role in expanding the company's training offering for the entertainment community and building a program that more than 1,000 students have experienced since its conception.



Brian grew up as a theatre lover in his high school drama club and began working as a rigger in 2005 at Walt Disney World. His career greatly expanded when he was certified as a rope access technician in 2007. He has been facilitating training in these fields since 2010.

Brian also specializes in the development of e-learning and has designed and authored several highly successful e-learning courses for Columbus McKinnon.

Certifications & Affiliations:

- ETCP CERTIFIED ARENA RIGGING (#2735)
- ETCP Recognized Trainer
- CM-ET Pro Certified Hoist Technician
- SPRAT level 3 Rope Access Technician (#070697)
- IRATA level 3 Rope Access Technician (#3/91258)
- IRATA Technical Authority for CMCO
- Advanced First Aid/CPR/AED Red Cross
- Fall Protection Qualified Person
- Competent Inspector of Fall Protection Equipment Vertical Access
- Powered Industrial Trucks Operator & Trainer
- Mobile Elevated Work Platforms Operator & Trainer





BE SAFE GET TRAINED









CM-ET MOTOR MECHANIC CERTIFICATION

Our Motor Mechanic course is designed for professionals with the responsibility for ensuring safe and consistent operations of the market's favorite Lodestar® and Prostar® hoists. This hands-on, two-day, ETCP-recognized training course delves deep into the mechanical and electrical designs of each. This course will raise your knowledge beyond knowing into the realm of understanding. You will learn what each component is responsible for and how it works with others to become the machine of choice.

CM-ET 4-DAY RIGGER BOOT CAMP

Our Rigger Boot Camp focuses on the practical skills and tools necessary to work as an entertainment rigger in the live event industry. Each section of this workshop builds toward the final day of training, where all topics come together in team-based practical applications. Topics this course will cover include rigging hardware, truss inspection, electric chain hoists, essential knots, bends, and hitches, mechanical advantage systems, wire rope fundamentals, rigging math 101, and fall protection authorized user training.

CM-ET MANUAL & LEVER HOIST WORKSHOP

This one-day course provides training on the safe handling, operation, and maintenance of manual chain hoists and lever tools manufactured by CM. This course will cover some of our most popular manual hoists, including the CM® Hurricane™ 360° hand chain hoist and the CM® Tornado™ 360° and CM® Bandit™ lever hoists.

SPRAT OR IRATA ROPE ACCESS TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

Columbus McKinnon is proud to offer rope access training and certification as a member of both IRATA and SPRAT. The curriculum and facility are designed for technicians of all trades and industries who employ rope access in their operations. Attendees may choose to certify under SPRAT, IRATA, or both systems. This 5-day course will cover the necessary skills for either Level 1, 2, or 3 SPRAT or IRATA certification, as it applies to each participant. Candidates who pass the SPRAT evaluation and/or IRATA assessment will be awarded a SPRAT and/or IRATA certification, valid for three years. Students can also dual-certify for SPRAT and IRATA if desired.

CM-ET ROPE ACCESS WORKSHOPS

Want to work on your rope access skills? We have built a rope access training facility specifically designed for entertainment technicians. Open practice and skill-building sessions are available for currently certified (SPRAT or IRATA) rope access technicians of any level.

CM-ET FALL PROTECTION AUTHORIZED USER

Falls remain the leading cause of worker fatalities, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Learn how to protect yourself while working at height and stay up to date on the most recent fall protection regulations, standards, and equipment. This 6-hour goes beyond online courses, utilizing practical applications and hands-on activities to demonstrate safe practices in accordance with occupational safety regulations and industry standards to keep you safe on the job.

ONLINE TRAINING

Not only do we offer entertainment training on-site at our Rock Lititz facility. We also offer a variety of online courses designed for the entertainment industry. Courses include:

- CM-ET Basic Motor Course: Lodestars and Prostars
- CM-ET Motor Mechanic Certification and Recertification

Visit training.cmco.com to register.

SEE OUR LATEST TRAINING OFFERINGS





GET TO LITITZ

Whether driving or flying into Harrisburg or Philadelphia, Rock Lititz is easy to get to, located in beautiful Lititz, Pennsylvania.

ACCOMMODATIONS

For information on hotels in and around Rock Lititz as well as additional travel information, please visit the Columbus McKinnon training website at training.cmco.com.

CAN'T GET TO LITITZ?

Columbus McKinnon can conduct on-site training right at your location. Contact Ken Tilson or Nick Fleming, listed below, to set up a training session.

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Our focus on entertainment began in the early 80's, with the reinvention of the CM Lodestar – our flagship industrial hoist. We took our most iconic electric chain motor, known for performance and reliability, and reengineered it for entertainment applications, developing an entirely new product that would completely revolutionize the industry.



We put all the products you need right at your fingertips. Columbus McKinnon Entertainment Technology (CM-ET) leads the industry in providing quality lifting and positioning equipment for entertainment riggers around the globe. With an extensive product portfolio ranging from electric chain motors and ratchet hoists to durable chain and rigging hardware, we have the high-quality products you need to ensure the show goes on.

CM-ET KNOWLEDGE

With decades of experience in the industry, you could say we know our stuff. From international sporting events and tours to Broadway musicals and theaters, event organizers and production companies rely on CM-ET products and application expertise. Our dedicated team of trainers, application and product specialists, and engineers understand the unique challenges of entertainment applications and work hard to develop the products and training courses you need to work safely and efficiently.

CM-ET ENGAGED

We are plugged into the needs of the entertainment community. Whether exhibiting at tradeshows, like InfoComm and NAMM, or supporting entertainment associations and safety councils, we are always interested in meeting professionals from across the industry to share knowledge and understand how our products can help make your jobs easier.

CM-ET SAFE

Engineering and manufacturing motors and rigging hardware is our passion. The safety of the riggers who use our products is our priority. Our experienced CM-ET trainers have one job – to teach the safe and proper use and maintenance of entertainment products. Our classes are not focused on selling, but instead are designed to provide the knowledge you need to help keep you safe.





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