

FACT SHEET 04

Is the insurance inspection of a fork lift truck also a thorough examination?

Thorough Examination of industrial lift trucks is required under health and safety law: LOLER 1998, which covers lifting equipment, and PUWER 1998, which deals with all other safety-related items, such as brakes, steering and tyres.

Inspection will identify whether work equipment can be operated, adjusted and maintained safely. It is necessary for any equipment where significant risks to health and safety may arise from incorrect installation, reinstallation, deterioration or any other circumstances.

Risk assessment will determine the need for inspection and how often it needs to be carried out.

Inspection and thorough examination are not the same, although a competent person may suggest combining them, if appropriate.

Lifting equipment may also need to be inspected at suitable intervals between thorough examinations, usually where the risk assessment has identified a significant risk from the use of the equipment.

Therefore, an insurance inspection is not a thorough examination unless it is performed by a competent person. See paragraph 171 of L117, Rider-operated lift trucks: Approved Code of Practice and Guidance.

Please see Fact Sheet 3 for further details regarding thorough examination.

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