

INDUSTRY GUIDANCE – INSPECTIONS

Overview:

Inspections on MEWPs are carried out to ensure the continued safe and reliable operation of the equipment by identifying faults, wear, or damage before they lead to failure or accidents. Regular inspections help confirm that critical components are functioning correctly, that the machine complies with manufacturer and regulatory requirements, and that any necessary maintenance is performed in a timely manner. This proactive approach minimises risks to operators and others, extends the service life of the MEWP, and supports a safe and compliant work environment.

Inspections shall be carried out frequently enough to enable the MEWP to be kept in a safe and satisfactory condition. Inspections shall be carried out in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and this document. All such work shall be recorded.

Inspections shall include visual examination and functional test, as appropriate.

The following inspections are applicable and should be recorded in the logbook:

(a) Pre-operational inspection — conducted before the commencement of each work shift or change of operator.

(b) Routine inspection (Pre-hire or 3 Monthly) — conducted at 3-monthly intervals or between hires. An extension of not more than 14 calendar days is acceptable.

(c) Periodic inspection (Six-monthly inspection) — conducted at 6-monthly intervals.

(d) Major inspection — conducted by the end of the 10th year in-service. An extension of not more than 90 calendar days is acceptable.

Facilities and equipment suitable for the inspection type shall be provided.

The purpose of the inspections is to ensure the continued safe use of the MEWP. As machines remain in service, it is essential to ensure that the critical components are inspected, and the necessary maintenance is carried out.

The intent of providing inspection extensions is to accommodate logistical constraints.

References:

- AS2550:10, 6.3 Inspection
- Worksafe MEWP Best Practise Guide, 5.3