Part 1 of a 5-part series | LIFTING STRUCTURES





#### LEAKS

Can you see any liquid on the floor, under or near to the truck?



#### HYDRAULIC FLUID LEVEL

Does it need topping up? (If so, record how much you needed to add.)



#### **HYDRAULIC HOSES**

Are they in good condition? Is there any leaked fluid on them?



## CHAINS AND FIXING BOLTS

Do any of the chain links seem stretched or damaged? Are the chains very rusty? Are they well lubricated? Do the fixing bolts show any sign of damage?

#### **FORKS**

Can you find any cracks or other signs of damage, especially at the heels? Are the forks bent, dented or excessively worn? Are they firmly attached? Are the pins, hooks or other attaching features in good condition?

## LOAD BACKREST EXTENSION

Is it bent, dented, cracked or loose? Is there anything caught up in the structure, like a piece of brick or block?

#### **MAST AND FORK CARRIAGE**

Do any of the structures look worn, cracked, bent or otherwise damaged? Can you see traces of wall plaster or paint, suggesting they have been in a collision? Are they very rusty? Are there any loose or missing bolts or fixtures, particularly where the mast is attached to the chassis and the tilting mechanism? Are moving parts — including bearing surfaces — contaminated with materials like mud or cement, and are they well lubricated? Are there leaks from the hydraulic cylinders?

# MAST ATTACHMENTS (IF PRESENT)

Are they securely attached? Are the fixing or locking points, hydraulic hoses and other connections in good condition?

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Part 2 of a 5-part series | TRUCK EXTERIOR AND WHEELS





#### **WHEELS AND TYRES**

Do the tyres have enough tread? Is there any sign of damage, including cracks, cuts, tears, bulges, or nails and other embedded objects, in the tread surface or side walls? In the case of pneumatic tyres, is the air pressure correct? (If not, record how much you needed to increase it). Are the wheels and especially their rims damaged? Are the wheel nuts tightly fastened?

## WINDOWS AND OTHER TRANSPARENT PANELS

Is there any obstruction to visibility?
Are there cracks, tears or scratches? Is vision reduced by stickers? Is dirt making the view unclear? Is paint, cement or any other hard-to-remove substance sticking to the surfaces?





#### **STEERING LINKAGE**

Is it well lubricated?



#### **MIRRORS**

Are they cracked? Are they clean? Do they give a clear reflected view?

## TRUCK BODY AND OVERHEAD GUARD

Are any of the bodywork panels or overhead guard structures damaged?

#### SAFETY GUARDS AND COVERS

Are they securely attached and fastened?

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Part 3 of a 5-part series | **POWER SYSTEMS** 





# FUEL, ENGINE OIL & COOLANT LEVELS\*

Do they need topping up?



#### **LPG BOTTLE**

Are its clamps and gas line connections secure?



# ADBLUE OR OTHER ADDITIVES\*

If these are used (as in some diesel engines), do they need topping up?



#### **BATTERY**

Is it securely attached? Is it clean? Are there any signs of leakage? Does it need topping up with distilled water? (NB top-ups are not needed for Li-ion or sealed lead-acid batteries.)



## FAN AND OTHER BELTS

Are they worn, damaged or loose?



#### BATTERY Charge Level

Has the battery been charged sufficiently for the shift or will it need replacing?

#### BATTERY ELECTROLYTE\*

Do any of the cells need topping up with distilled water? Is the electrolyte's specific gravity within the correct range? (NB these checks are not needed for Li-ion or sealed lead-acid batteries.)

## BATTERY CABLES AND CONNECTIONS

Are they clean, in good condition and secure?

## BATTERY GENERAL CONDITION

Is it clean? Are there any signs of leakage?

#### BATTERY SECURITY

Is it firmly held in place, with its locking device (if present) activated? Is the battery compartment securely closed?

\*If any of these need to be topped up, record how much you needed to add.

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Part 4 of a 5-part series | ONBOARD AND SWITCH-ON CHECKS







Is your workspace clear of rubbish and other potential slipping or tripping hazards?



#### **SEAT AND SEAT BELT**

Is the seat firmly fixed to the truck, with no loose movement? Is the seat belt securely attached and can it be fastened and adjusted?



#### **OPERATING SYSTEM**

After switching on, does the computerised display (if present) go through its normal initialisation sequence? Is there any fault indication?



#### DASHBOARD **WARNING LIGHTS**

Have any of the warning lights stayed on?



#### **GAUGES AND INSTRUMENTS**

Are they showing appropriate readings?



#### **WORKING LIGHTS AND BEACONS**

Are all lights functioning?



#### OTHER WARNING SYSTEMS

Does the horn work? Does the reversing alarm (if present) sound when reverse is selected? Are there warning lights and/or audible alarms linked to use of parking brakes, seat belts etc., and are they working?

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Part 5 of a 5-part series | **OPERATOR CONTROLS** 





#### **STEERING**

Does the steering feel normal and turn smoothly from lock to lock? Is there any unexpected movement or looseness?

#### **HYDRAULICS**

Do all of the hydraulic functions — including lift, lower, tilt and (if present) side shift or other attachments — operate as expected? Does the mast move without any twisting, sticking or juddering?

#### **PEDALS**

Driving over a short distance to test them, do the foot-operated controls (including the inching pedal on an IC engine truck) work normally?



#### **PARKING BRAKE**

Testing on a slight slope if possible, does it hold the truck firmly and release correctly?



#### **SERVICE BRAKES**

Do they bring the truck to a stop effectively and do they feel normal?



#### **NOISES**

Are you hearing any unusual sounds from the electric motors, engine or other systems?

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### WHAT TO DO NEXT

After completing all checks (parts 1 to 5 in this series), report any faults immediately to the relevant manager. He or she will decide whether it's safe to carry on using the lift truck or if it should be taken out of service.