

FACT SHEET 03

WHAT IS A THOROUGH EXAMINATION FOR A FORK LIFT TRUCK AND IS IT A LEGAL REQUIREMENT?

A Thorough Examination is quite like an MOT test for a car or lorry.

It is a legal requirement.

A Thorough Examination is a statutory requirement for lifting equipment under the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER 98), Regulation 9. It has the same purpose as an MOT inspection by providing a report which identifies that the lifting equipment is safe to use, and/or advice that needs to be followed to avoid risks in use. It is just as important as an MOT – probably more so! There is a legal requirement for a Thorough Examination to be carried out on fork lift trucks at least once a year, and often more frequently depending on conditions of use.

Many frequently asked questions about Thorough Examination are answered on the special website www.thoroughexamination.org.uk

Further detailed information about the regulations is available in the following publications which are readily available from HSE Books (Telephone 01787 881165).

Safe Use of Lifting Equipment
Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998
Approved Code of Practice and Guidance
HSE Code L113
ISBN: 0-7176-1628-2
Price £ 8.00

Safe Use of Work Equipment
Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998
Approved Code of Practice and Guidance
HSE Code L22
ISBN: 0-7176-1626-6
Price £8.00

The information in this Fact Sheet has been assembled and interpreted to give truck owners and users basic guidance on frequently asked questions. Further important information will be given in the quoted reference documents. Responsibility for meeting the safety obligations discussed rests with the employer, and the FLTA will not accept liability for any problem arising as a result of the content of this document. **Technical Bulletins, containing more detailed information and updated as appropriate, are made available free to members of the FLTA SAFE USER GROUP.**

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