

MEWP Pre-Use Inspection Checklist

Site / Project	_____	Address	_____
Inspector name	_____	Company	_____
Date	_____	Time	_____

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Inspection checklist

Inspection header

Machine type (scissor lift / boom lift / cherry picker)

Machine ID / serial number

Operator / inspector name

Date and shift

Zone 1: Ground / visual inspection

☐ Hydraulic systems: no active leaks, weeping fluid, or bulging hoses	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Tires and wheels: no chunking, missing lug nuts, adequate pressure	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Structural welds: no cracked welds, rust, or noticeable deflection	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Fluid levels: engine oil, hydraulic fluid, coolant, battery water at manufacturer specs	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

Zone 2: Lower controls

☐	Emergency stop: cuts power instantly	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Base control panel: all switches functional	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Emergency lowering system: platform lowers without main engine power	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Warning decals: present and legible	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____

Zone 3: Upper controls

☐	Platform: no structural damage	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Guardrails and mid-rails: present, secure, no damage	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Lanyard anchor points: present and undamaged	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Tilt alarm: tested per manufacturer procedure	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____

Functional safety tests

☐	Limit switches: pothole guards (scissor lifts), boom extension limits	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Horn and beacons: horn sounds clearly, warning lights flash	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Operating controls: all functions responsive, no binding	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____

Defect action

☐	Defect description	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Operation stopped: Yes / No	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Key removed from lower control panel	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	'Out of Service' tag placed on control box	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Site supervisor notified	☐	Pass	☐	Fail	☐	N/A	Notes: _____

☐ Inspector signature ☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A Notes: _____

Findings

#	Item	Location	Severity	Action required
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				

Signature

Inspector signature _____

Name _____

Date _____

References consulted

OSHA 29 CFR 1910.67 – Aerial lifts

OSHA 29 CFR 1926.453 – Aerial lifts

ANSI/SAIA A92 – Mobile elevating work platforms

UK HSE – MEWPs (L113)

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