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PUWER Regulations 1998

A lack of maintenance can lead to serious accidents. It can also result in the breakdown of the equipment and unscheduled stoppages to the work process.

Regulation 5 of the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER 98) states:

“Every employer shall ensure that work equipment is maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair.”

This is primarily to ensure that the equipment is safe, but it also has implications for productivity.

A sound system of daily or pre-shift checks is the cornerstone of good maintenance. This ensures that essential fluids are kept topped up and potential defects are identified before they become a problem.

Regular preventative maintenance should be scheduled in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer of your equipment (guidance on this can be provided by Westexe Forklifts Ltd). The time interval between the various services and inspections will vary according to the intensity of use and the working environment. Forklift trucks are regarded as “plant” for maintenance purposes and time intervals are recorded in hours. For convenience, we can translate this into months for the purpose of determining planned dates for maintenance activity.

If you operate hired trucks you must allow the hire company regular access to the equipment for the purpose of maintenance.



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