

Inspection Checklist for Wire Rope and Chain Hoists

Requirements

- A. Operators must perform a pre-use inspection (once per shift) for the items listed below.
- B. Any equipment found to be unsatisfactory must be removed from service.
- C. Operators must notify the equipment custodian, who will submit a Facilities service request to the crane inspector. Continued use may be permitted if authorized by the crane inspector in notes/comments.

Component	Inspection Criterion	Inspector → Date →		 	
Main Disconnect	Verify proper operation of main disconnect switch				
Emergency Stop	Verify proper operation of emergency stop switch.				_
Members	Inspect for bent or damaged members, loose connection hardware, guards and cracked welds.				
Shaft/Couplings	Inspect for evidence of damage, misalignment, leaking seals, loose keys, coupling bolts, and covers. Inspect for vibration, cuts, nicks, loose or worn keyways, misalignment, wear, loose bolts, loose bearing caps and proper lubrication.				
Gears/Cases	Inspect for damage or warn gears, for evidence of misalignment or loose keys, and for proper lubrication. Inspect for evidence of oil leakage, bearing damage, overheating, and abnormal wear. Inspect for worn teeth, loose components, keys, guards, covers, proper lubrication and levels.				
Brakes	Inspect for wear, linkage, pins, cams, springs, linings, smoothness or drum and disc clearance. Inspect for proper solenoid air gap, loose core lamination, delay in brake release. Check hydraulic levels.				
Sheaves	Inspect for wear, damage, sheave groove radius, worn bushing, bearing, pins, lock, bars, bolts, lubrication lines and fittings.				
Load Brakes	Inspect for proper lubrication, oil leaks, proper operation, condition of screw threads, cams, friction plates, peened ratchets, proper clearance between friction plates.				
Load Hook/Block	Inspect for damage, wear, mousing device, hook swivel, wear to sheaves, plates, loose pins, bolts, guards, capacity marking, drip pans and gaskets.				
Load Cable	Inspect wire rope, sockets, swivels, trunnions, connection, check for broken wires, strand and lubrication. Check for 10% or less reduction in size, check for corrosion, kinks, crushing, dogleg, bird caging, protruding core, cable clamps and proper lubrication. Inspect for wire rope tight on drum. Inspect rope guides for wear, adjustment and proper operation.				
Chains	Inspect for excessive wear of sprockets and chair corrosion, gouges, distortion and excessive wear.				
Motor (s)	Inspect for damage, bearing noise, vibration, sparks, clean line of commutator and brush wear. Check mount bolts. Check for overheating, insulation, motor leads and loose connections.				
Wiring	Inspect for damage insulation, evidence of overheating, loose connections, proper sizing, all moisture or water tight fittings.				
Load Drum	Inspect for excessive wear, crack in grooves, sharp ridges, drum bearings, excessive noises, vibration, lubrication and proper cable seating.				
Capacity Signs	Inspect for mount bolts, bracket damage, check for proper ratings and existence of same.				
Warning Devices	Inspect for warning tags and proper operation of sirens, horns, bells and lights. Check all switches and wiring.				
Lighting System	Check fixtures for adequate support, proper location, damage, overheating, broken sockets, lenses and switches for operation, missing parts, covers, raceway and junction boxes.				
Filtering System	Inspect for proper lubrication level, cleanliness and distribution of lubrication in system. Inspect for clean filter.				
Below the Hook Attachments	Inspect for excess noise, vibration, leaking oil seals, sprocket, chains, worn keys, couplings, guards, covers, collector rings, wiring, proper lubrication, inspect hook pins, swivels and sheaves, check for proper capacity ratings.				
Hoist Speeds and Holding	Inspect for proper operation of variable or multiple speeds and high speed and low speed limit switches.				
Hoist Travel Limit Switches, Hook Height	Inspect for proper operation of high speed and low speed travel limit switches. Verify hook height and hook to floor distances.				
Safety Latch	Verify proper operation of hook safety latch.				