Ask The Expert: How Often Are Lift Truck Maintenance Inspections Required?



QUESTION

How often do we have to perform maintenance inspections of forklift trucks’

ANSWER

CSA Standard B335, ‘Safety standard for lift trucks,’ which is the standard most jurisdictions follow, require a trained, qualified maintenance technician to do 3 kinds of inspections at regular intervals:

1. Planned maintenance inspections every 200 hours (or at the interval the lift truck manufacturer recommends);
2. Annual planned maintenance inspection every 2,000 hours or once a year, whichever comes first; and
3. Lifting capacity inspections to verify the lift truck is capable of safely handling the maximum load listed on the nameplate before the truck is used for the first time, each time it’s acquired by a new owner and as often the manufacturer recommends’and in all events, at least once a year.