



Thorough Examination

About Thorough Examination

What is Thorough Examination? Thorough Examination is similar to a car's MOT. They both certify that at time of testing, all components relating to safety have been formally inspected and assessed as being in a safe condition. This is not to be confused with the attachments EC Declaration of Conformity

Is Thorough Examination a legal requirement? Yes, it is required under two pieces of Health & Safety legislation, LOLER 98 and PUWER 98

As a user of forklift truck attachments, what are my obligations? Every attachment you have in service, must have a current Report of Thorough Examination. This is akin to the MOT certificate. (The only exception is brand new attachments, although these must be subject to Thorough Examination at some point within a year of their acquisition)

The document must be headed Report of Thorough Examination and it must comply with Schedule I of LOLER 98. You must be able to produce it when required to do so by an enforcement officer

Who is responsible for obtaining the Report of Thorough Examination? Responsibility lies with you, the user of the attachment and failure to do so could put you at risk of prosecution by the HSE, invalid your insurance, or much worse in the case of a serious accident arising from faulty equipment

How often must a Thorough Examination be carried out? At least every 12 months. Depending on the application, intensity of use and the nature of the attachment, the regulations may require this interval to be reduced to 6 or even 4 months.

How we can help

How long will the Thorough Examination take? We would need approx. 7 working days to carry out the Thorough Examination, although workload dependant, this may be quicker. Our sales team can advise further on this at the time of booking.

What documentation do you supply? Subject to your attachment passing its Thorough Examination, we will issue the Thorough Examination certificate and Report. Your attachment will also be labelled with our Thorough Examination sticker showing its next renewal date.

What if my attachment does not pass the Thorough Examination? If your attachment does not pass, we are required by law to notify you and HSE if the reason for failure poses an immediate risk to the users health. If the reason for failure is due to a load bearing or integral structural part of the attachment, then we can offer you the opportunity to purchase a replacement attachment. For any non load bearing or non structural integral parts, then we can undertake remedial work and will advise you of the cost

Will you re-test my attachment? Possibly, we are not required to re-test the attachment if we do not deem it necessary. We will judge each item on a case by case basis. If a load test is deemed necessary, this would be noted in your examination report.

Call us now on 01686 611200

Please note a Thorough Examination and Inspection certificate is separate to and does not replace the attachments EC declaration of Conformity. You are still required to ensure the equipment you use is supplied with a Declaration of Conformity at purchase.