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INSPECTION SERVICES

Farming Risks Trade Guide



Protecting People, Protecting Business

Who we are

With over 150 years of expertise, our Engineering Inspection Service keeps our customers' businesses moving by protecting their people and their property.

We help them look after the safety of their customers and employees, ensuring their plant and machinery is completely safe to operate and that they have complied with their legal inspection obligations.

The main regulations which govern plant and machinery are:

- Lifting Operation and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER)
- Pressure Systems Safety Regulations 2000 (PSSR)
- The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989
- The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (COSHH)
- The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER)

Please refer to our 'Know How Engineering Inspection Guide' for more detail regarding the relevant legislation.



What we do

At Vulcan Inspection Services we appreciate that there is a whole raft of Health & Safety legislation farmers need to adhere to in order to keep their family and employees safe, whilst remaining within the law.

We want to make things simple for you and once you take the decision to trust us with your Engineering Inspection requirements you can expect a professional service from our fully qualified Engineer Surveyors.

In addition this, we have a dedicated Account Management Team based in NFU Mutual's Head Office. They have access to some of the best technical advice in the business and work closely with NFUM to ensure that the farming community remain at the forefront of any new technological and legislative developments.

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If you have any of the following items on your farm they may require a statutory examination:

- Air Receiver (Statutory Part of an Air Compressor)
- Steam Boiler
- Steam Processing Plant
- Telescopic Handler & Attachments (Forks, Bale Spikes etc)
- Fork Lift Truck & Attachments
- Hydraulic Excavator
- Fore End Loader
- Man Basket On Telescopic Handler
- Access Platform/Cherry Picker/Scissor Lift
- Electrical Wiring Installation
- Vehicle Lifting Table
- Lifting Gantry
- Wind Turbine
- Lifting Tackle
- Chain Block
- Winch/Hoist
- Lifting Jacks



Before the inspection:

- Our Engineer Surveyor will contact you to arrange an appointment, the inspection will be completed within four weeks of VIS receiving all of your details
- If you have steam or pressure plant which requires a thorough examination your maintenance provider will be required to prepare the plant ready for our visit
- You will be required to provide a driver to operate mobile machinery for the inspection process. This will allow our engineer surveyor safe access to check all relevant moving parts
- You should provide a safe means of access by which our Engineer Surveyor can inspect the plant (if appropriate) e.g. for roof mounted equipment an access platform may be required
- If you have a new item of equipment, where safety does not depend on the installation conditions, the **EC Declaration of Conformity** is the equivalent of the initial inspection and is valid for the first 6 or 12 months depending on the normal inspection frequency of that item
- If your plant is normally away from site e.g. out on hire, please contact your NFU Mutual agent as we will need to make special arrangements for this 'moved about plant'.

During the inspection

During inspection, our Engineer Surveyor will be looking for signs of deterioration/ wear & tear, or any physical/environmental factors which may affect the safe operation of the machine.

If we find a defect which is liable to cause imminent danger to people, or damage to property, we will explain this to you and ask you to sign a '**Defect Form**' to acknowledge the situation. We will leave a copy of this with you. Once the inspection is complete, the Engineer Surveyor will issue an electronic report which will be forwarded to your email address.

If there is a **serious defect** we are required by law to forward a copy of this to the local enforcing authority.

In some instances, you will be required to take the machine out of service until it has been repaired; however, this will be clearly stated on the report. This is to ensure your safety and that of your employees.

If the Engineer Surveyor is inspecting your pressure and/or steam plant for the first time, he will issue a Written Scheme of Examination (WSE) as required by The Pressure Systems Safety Regulations 2000. **We do not charge for undertaking this examination.** The WSE should be made available to the Engineer Surveyor at each subsequent visit. We will, however, maintain a copy of the WSE on our electronic reporting system as a back up to your own records.

What happens next?

If for any reason your Engineer Surveyor has been unable to inspect your plant (e.g. unable to contact you after various attempts, the plant is away from your site, no one was available at your site for a pre-arranged visit etc.) they will issue a '**Not Available**' Report. This will state why they've been unable to complete the inspection, along with their contact details.

If you receive a '**Not Available**' Report, your plant will remain overdue for inspection so it's important that you contact the Engineer Surveyor to arrange another date. This will then enable you to meet your statutory obligations.

If you have any additional items which you would like to have inspected, please speak to your usual NFU Mutual agent. Under some circumstances the Engineer Surveyor may be able to add or delete items while still on site, subject to your agreement.

If we have issued a '**Serious Defect**' Report for your steam/pressure equipment, we will need to re-examine it before it's put back into service.

Lifting plant doesn't normally need to be re-inspected following repair. However, it's advisable to keep the evidence of any repairs e.g. invoices, for your records. Our electronic reporting system will also keep copies of any information about your inspection regime.

For more information please contact
your local NFU Mutual office



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