



A Customer guide to thorough examination following Installation of a Vehicle Lift

What does the law state:

1. Regulation 9 (2) of LOLER states:

“Every employer shall ensure that, where the safety of lifting equipment depends on the installation conditions, it is thoroughly examined

(a) after installation and before being put into service for the first time; and

(b) after assembly and before being put into service at a new site or in a new location,

to ensure that it has been installed correctly and is safe to use”.

2. This is re-enforced by BS7980:2012, Vehicle Lifts – Installation, maintenance, thorough examination and safe use – Code of Practice, which states:

4.4 Thorough examination after installation

Regulation 9 of LOLER [2] requires that vehicle lifts are thoroughly examined by a competent person after installation and before being put into use. A report of the thorough examination should be provided confirming whether the lift has been installed correctly and is safe to use.

A load test should be carried out as part of the thorough examination to check for faults with the installation or the floor. Load tests should be carried out using the manufacturer’s rated maximum capacity of the lift. The test loads should result in an even loading of the lifting elements and be of proven accuracy to within $\pm 1.0\%$. If test loads are proven on a weighbridge, the weighbridge should have been calibrated within the previous 12 months.

A further source of information: www.hse.gov.uk

Summary:

1. A thorough examination is required following installation and before first use
2. The employer is responsible for ensuring the thorough examination takes place

How can I organise:

1. You can organise yourself by selecting an appropriately qualified “competent person” to carry it out. A list of companies can be found on the GEA website www.gea.co.uk