

Technical Bulletin No: 13-2015

Title:	Lifting and Suspension Point Requirements for Thorough Examination
Priority	Amber – Audit Rating: Non-Conformance-Minor
Legislation:	PUWER, LOLER, HASWA S6
Brief Description:	Some lifting / loading points on plant and equipment including road-tow, self-propelled and static machinery may be within the scope of LOLER Regulation 9(3)(a)(i) regarding thorough examination of lifting accessories
Equipment Affected:	Compressors, bowsers, generators, welders, small plant & equipment fitted with items as below

Lifting eyes are in place on a wide range of equipment as described above. If the lifting eyes are able to be removed from the load, for example by unscrewing, they are classed as lifting accessories and must be thoroughly examined at intervals **not exceeding** six months required by Regulation 9(3)(a)(i) of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER).

If the lifting eyes are permanently attached to the load or are a designed part of the machine (as per images) they are part of the load and do not require thorough examination. They do however need to be inspected at appropriate intervals under Regulation 6 of the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER) i.e. as per your normal service procedures for these types of equipment.

PUWER Applies		LOLER & PUWER Apply	
Machine dedicated/specific lifting points as shown below, do not need LOLER Thorough Examinations as they are part of the machine and are covered under PUWER maintenance inspections.		Generator – screw in eye bolt – LOLER applies	
 			
 			
Recommended Actions:	Review existing fleet to identify equipment which falls into the scope of LOLER as lifting accessories as per the above. Identify suitable competent persons to prepare a written scheme of examination and complete the required thorough examinations. For equipment not falling within the scope of LOLER i.e. with permanently attached lifting eyes, ensure service inspections / checklists include visual examination of suspension / lifting points.		
Circulation:	workshops, mobile service and management team		

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