

Crane: daily pre-use check

Do these checks before the machine is used each day. Tick each item that is OK. Write D for a defect and describe it at the bottom of the sheet, or N/A where the item does not apply. A stop-work defect means the machine is not used: tell the supervisor straight away and take the machine out of use until a competent person has made it safe.

Machine and fleet or serial number

Hire company

Site

Week commencing

Check before starting work	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Daily pre-start checks							
Hydraulic oil level Check the sight glass or dipstick — level within the marked range with the machine on level ground and the rams retracted.							
Hydraulic hoses — no leaks or damage Walk the length of each hose. Look for weeps, abrasion, cracks, or bulging.							
Seat belt is secure and in working order							
Condition of winch rope No broken wires, no kinking, no excessive wear. Refer to the rope examination register if in doubt.							
Condition of lifting hook Hook throat within wear limits, safety latch closes and springs back freely, no cracks or distortion.							
A.S.L.I. (Automatic Safe Load Indicator) in working order The ASLI must indicate safe, marginal, and overload conditions when tested.							
Cameras / mirrors for all-round vision intact, clean and fully operational							
Flashing warning beacon and audible reversing alarm @ 10 m							
Operational checks							
Controls start and return to neutral position							
All controls respond correctly							
General condition of lifting gear to be used Slings, shackles, chains — check for wear, damage, and that the current thorough examination certificate is in date.							
Additional safety checks							
Fire extinguisher available, full, and in date							
General cleanliness of machine (cab, steps, grab rails)							
General cleanliness around machine (no trip hazards, no spills)							
Slinger / banksman in place to assist with lifting If no lift is planned today, select N/A.							
Tag lines being used to assist control of lift							
Area is clear for lifting and relevant warning signage is placed							
Operator name or initials							
Time checked							

Defects

Day	Item	What is wrong	Severity (minor / major / stop work)	Reported to, and when

A pre-use check is not the PUWER inspection or the LOLER thorough examination, which are separate and done by a competent person. These sheets are general guidance, not a substitute for the manufacturer’s instructions, your own risk assessment or a competent person’s inspection. Add anything the manufacturer or the hire company asks you to check. What the law requires: [plantregister.co.uk/plant-checks](https://www.plantregister.co.uk/plant-checks)

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