

Mast climbing work platform: 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
Structure and integrity							
No evidence of tampering since last use Pay particular attention after weekends or holiday periods.							
Mast and ties sound and secure Check especially after severe weather. Ties fully engaged, fixings tight, no movement.							
No obstacles in platform pathway Nothing within the operation pathway that could cause hindrance or contact during travel.							
Platform and edge protection							
Handrails and guards in position and secure Adjustments or replacements must be completed before operating the platform.							
Deck and scaffold boards — no damage							
Platform clear of debris and unwanted materials Remove loose items before operating — risk of falling objects.							
Ground level and access							
Area below platform suitably fenced off Exclusion zone prevents anyone entering the drop area during operation.							
Area beneath base frame — condition							
Signage and power							
Instruction notices and SWL sign in position and legible Includes the maximum safe working load (SWL) sign.							
Trailing power cable uncoiled and routed safely Cable must not be pinched, run over, or cause a trip hazard.							
Function checks							
Up/down direction of travel is correct With the main switch turned on, confirm the platform travels in the expected direction.							
Gearbox — no signs of oil leaks							
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