

The ABCs of Construction Equipment Maintenance

Each piece of equipment at your construction site has a critical job to do. If one machine stops working, it could take days to repair—or weeks, if you have to wait for a replacement part. To avoid delays as you enter your busiest season, don't forget to inspect the following:

A

Accelerators, Alternators & Axles

Are all in good working condition?

B

Belts, Brakes & Batteries

Check belts and brake systems; test all batteries

C

Cables

Cables can become worn and frayed, leading to failure

D

Differentials

Found in front-wheel, rear-wheel, and AWD vehicles

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Engines, Electrical & Exhaust Are all systems working properly?

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Forklifts

An average forklift lasts 10,000 hours¹

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Gaskets

Leaking fluids could be a sign of a bad gasket

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Hvdraulics

Are hydraulic lifts on cranes, forklifts, and other equipment working?

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Iniectors

Fuel injector systems can become dirty, clogged, or faulty

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Jacks

Can they easily be raised and lowered?



Knuckleboom Loaders

Follow manufacturer's guide for preventive maintenance





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Lights & Lubrication

Are all equipment lights working? Is lubrication sufficient?



Motors

Test motors to ensure they are running



Nottingham Asphalt Tester

Should be calibrated and serviced annually



Operator's Manual

Is there one included in every vehicle?

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Pavers

Ensure pavers are washed at least twice a month to avoid build-up²



Quick Coupler

Worn primary or secondary locking systems can pose a safety risk³



Radiators

Drain coolant and fill with antifreeze every 2 years or 30,000 miles⁴



Shocks, Struts & Suspension

Are all in good working condition?

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Tires

Rotate every 5,000-8,000 miles; check pressure monthly⁵



Undercarriage

Check tension, drive motor, bolts, sprockets, rollers, and track chains⁶



Valves

Inspect at least annually for corrosion, leaks, and cracks⁷



Wheel Loaders

Check linkage pins and lubrication on boom, tilt, and bucket⁸



eXcavators

Check buckets and blades; rotate cutting edge to double blade life⁹



Yellow PPE

Do you have enough hardhats, safety goggles, and reflective vests?



Zero Gravity Loader

Check all electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic, or magnetic parts

ManagerPlus makes equipment maintenance simple. Using our cloud-based software, you can keep track of all your heavy machinery, plan and schedule preventive maintenance, and keep digital inspection records.

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