

6 FORKLIFT MAINTENANCE BEST PRACTICES FOR EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS

Adhering to a consistent maintenance schedule and prioritizing best practices can ensure the continued functionality of your forklifts both presently and in the long term. Whether you've onboarded new staff members or aim to reinforce the significance of forklift maintenance within your warehouse team, here are **6 tips to underscore the importance of adhering to proper maintenance protocols.**



FOLLOW YOUR MANUFACTURER'S SERVICE SCHEDULE.

Generally every 90 days or 100 hours. Keeping parts regularly serviced and updated helps keep small issues from turning into larger (and likely higher cost) problems.



COMPLETE YOUR DAILY OPERATOR CHECKLIST.

Before operating a forklift, it's essential for your operators to inspect basic components to ensure everything is functioning correctly. With Total Warehouse's Linde-Connect operator management telematics, you can customize forklift checklist questions, including conditional inquiries, to align with your business's unique requirements. Completed forklift operator checklist forms are securely stored in the system, establishing an electronic record that fulfills regulatory obligations for recording OSHA forklift checklist forms.



ENSURING DIRT AND DEBRIS ARE AT BAY.

This procedure entails clearing the radiator, cleaning any soiled components of the forklift, and replacing any clogged filters. Regularly performing these tasks will ensure your forklift remains in optimal condition for many years to come.



MAINTAIN HYDRAULIC HOSES.

Hydraulic hoses are susceptible to cracking, splitting, or leaking, leading to equipment breakdown if fluid levels drop too low. It's crucial to replace any damaged hoses immediately upon detecting signs of stress.



MAINTAIN TIRES AND MANAGE TIRE WEAR.

Replace your tires if you observe signs of chunking, cracking, or flat spots. To ensure optimal performance, ensure that the wheels and tires of your forklift are correctly matched to your intended usage.



CHARGE BATTERIES ON A ROUTINE SCHEDULE.

Establishing a regular charging routine is beneficial for prolonging battery life. It's recommended to recharge the battery after an eight-hour shift or when it has been discharged by more than 30%.



Your forklifts represent a significant investment, and it's crucial to maximize their operational lifespan. For expert tips and advice, visit www.totalwarehouse.com. Our team of experienced, knowledgeable, and certified technicians is dedicated to maintaining your lift trucks and forklifts to factory standards.

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