

SEMA Approved Rack Inspections



Rack inspection ensures safe working environment and limits liability

ISSUE

Around 10,000 work-related injuries were recorded in the warehousing, storage and road haulage sectors in 2005-06, according to figures from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). Failure to comply with Health and Safety guidelines and legislation can lead to potential jail sentences and unlimited fines.

The Provision and Use of Work Equipment regulations require employers to inspect equipment such as warehouse racking at "suitable intervals." SEMA (Storage Equipment Manufacturers Association) Codes of Practice also state that, for example, damaged uprights – with as little as 3mm deflection on a 1m section – should be replaced immediately.

SOLUTION

An ERIKS Storeroom Services Racking Inspection is conducted by qualified personnel, who deliver a comprehensive report including an assessment and record of the condition and repair requirements for your storage equipment. The information in the report will conform to the SEMA Code of Practice and Guidelines.

ERIKS can also help with training your own personnel to carry out future inspections.

OUTCOME

Regular inspections will provide you with data that will help to identify problem areas, cost implications and training requirements (for forklift truck drivers, for example).

They will also help you in implementing good housekeeping processes and meeting the requirements of "5S."

INSPECTION DETAILS

- The inspection takes place from ground level, and rear beams and splices will only be inspected where visible.
- If evidence suggests a problem with concealed parts, access will be requested.
- Where fire cladding or false ceilings prevent inspection of fixings, they will be assumed to be complete unless evidence suggests otherwise. The report will then give detailed recommendations.
- Damaged components should never be repaired but always replaced like-for-like, unless a non-conforming repair is approved.

SUMMARY

Industry:	All
Application:	Racking and shelving
Reason:	Legislation changes
Risk:	Potential unlimited fines



MORE INFORMATION

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