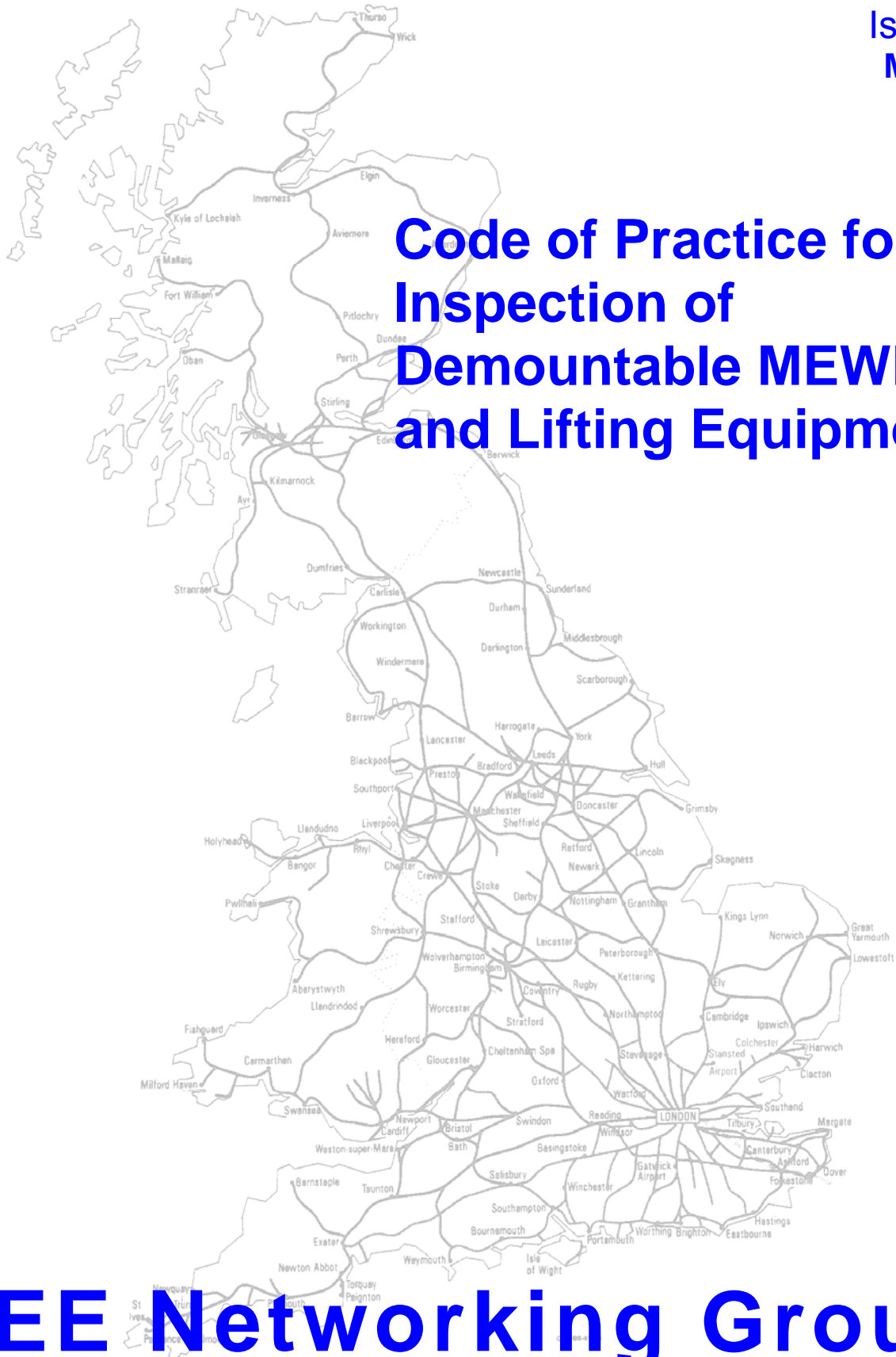


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Code of Practice for Inspection of Demountable MEWP and Lifting Equipment

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Document revision history

Issue	Date	Reason for change
1	Mar 09	First issue

Background

A sub-group of the M & EE Networking Group have looked at the legislation and standards regarding LOLER Thorough Examinations and recommend the following as good practice for the Industry.

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Purpose

This Code of Practice details the arrangements for inspecting MEWPs and lifting equipment in accordance with legislation when attaching to the base vehicle. These arrangements are intended to maintain the integrity of the LOLER Thorough Examination process.

Scope

This Code of Practice applies to all demountable MEWP and or lifting equipment fitted to any on-track machine or on-track plant (the base vehicle). Some examples of equipment covered by this code of practice are

- Baskets fitted to excavator or cranes
- MEWPs on modular systems
- Knuckle boom cranes on modular systems

Definitions

Basket	An alternative name for the work platform of the MEWP
Base Vehicle	The vehicle identified on the Engineering Acceptance Certificate capable of utilising the module/attachment
MEWP	Mobile Elevated Work Platform – Mobile machine which consists of, as a minimum, a work platform with controls, an extending structure and a chassis; that is intended for work at height.

1 Requirements

1.1 Certification

- 1.1.1 Only combinations of base vehicle and module/attachment type as detailed on the Certificate of Engineering Acceptance of the base vehicle are permitted.
- 1.1.2 The LOLER Thorough Examination certification should include the base vehicle and module/attachment by serial number
- 1.1.3 Where the base vehicle is capable of using more than one module/attachment a LOLER Thorough Examination certificate is required for each individual module/attachment and its associated base vehicle

1.2 Inspections following attachment

- 1.2.1 Every time a module/attachment is fitted, as per the manufacturers instructions, to a base vehicle an inspection of the connection points is required. This inspection should cover all areas which could affect security stability and function of the overall equipment.
- 1.2.2 A function check of the base vehicle and module/attachment should be carried out to ensure correct functionality.
- 1.2.3 This inspection should be recorded in the log book for the base vehicle and also in the base vehicle history file with the information in Appendix A

1.3 Competence

- 1.3.1 The person conducting the LOLER Thorough Examination should be competent to carry out the inspection of base vehicle and module/attachment.
- 1.3.2 The module/attachment should only be fitted to the base vehicle by a person trained and competent to do so.
- 1.3.3 The person conducting the inspection should be competent to carry out the inspection. This person should be specifically trained and assessed to carry out this operation as detailed in Appendix A.

References

Document	Title
LOLER	Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations

Appendix A - Minimum inspection requirements following fitment of module/attachment

Base vehicle number

Module/Attachment number

No	Inspection requirement	Checked by
1.	Check that the module/attachment and base vehicle combination are as identified on the valid and current LOLER certificate	
2.	Check that the module/attachment and base vehicle maintenance is in date.	
3.	Check fixings that have been reconnected e.g. hydraulic connections, electrical connections, twist locks, bolts, etc	
4.	Visual check of all areas of the module/attachment and base vehicle.	
5.	Check all control systems including load moment limiting, emergency lowering, levelling systems, and stop buttons.	
6.	Function check of all operating systems.	

Print Name

Signature

Date