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Equipment Maintenance Manual v3.2

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Standard Operating Procedures
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1. Daily Equipment Inspection Procedures

All operational equipment must undergo daily inspection before use. Personnel are required to follow these standardized procedures to ensure equipment reliability and safety.

1.1 Visual Inspection Protocol

Begin with a comprehensive visual inspection of all equipment components. Check for:

• Physical damage including cracks, dents, or deformation
• Corrosion or rust on metal components
• Fluid leaks from hydraulic or fuel systems
• Worn or frayed electrical cables
• Missing or loose fasteners, bolts, or securing mechanisms

Any defects identified during visual inspection must be documented in the maintenance log with specific location and severity assessment.

1.2 Functional Testing Requirements

After visual inspection, conduct functional tests on all critical systems:

• Power systems: Verify proper startup sequence and voltage levels
• Emergency shutdown systems: Test activation and response time
• Communication systems: Confirm clear signal transmission
• Safety interlocks: Validate proper engagement and disengagement
• Calibration instruments: Check against known reference standards

Record all test results with timestamp and operator identification. Any system failing functional tests must be tagged out-of-service immediately.

2. Preventive Maintenance Schedule

Preventive maintenance is conducted on a tiered schedule based on equipment criticality and manufacturer specifications. All maintenance activities must be logged in the digital maintenance management system.

2.1 Weekly Maintenance Tasks

Weekly maintenance includes:

- Lubrication of all moving parts per specification chart
- Filter inspection and replacement if pressure differential exceeds threshold
- Battery voltage and electrolyte level checks
- Tire pressure verification for wheeled equipment
- Torque verification on critical fasteners

Use only approved lubricants and replacement parts as specified in Appendix C.

2.2 Monthly Calibration Procedures

All precision instruments require monthly calibration against NIST-traceable standards. Calibration procedures must be performed by certified technicians and include:

- Zero-point adjustment verification
- Full-scale accuracy testing at minimum 5 reference points
- Linearity assessment across operational range
- Environmental compensation factor validation
- Calibration certificate generation with serial number tracking

Instruments failing calibration must be immediately removed from service and sent to depot-level maintenance facility for repair.

3. Troubleshooting Common Issues

3.1 Equipment Type A - Failure to Start

If Equipment Type A fails to start, follow this diagnostic sequence:

1. Verify main power supply voltage (should be 24-28 VDC)
2. Check emergency stop button is in reset position
3. Inspect control panel for fault indicator lights
4. Test ignition circuit continuity with multimeter
5. Examine fuel supply line for blockages or leaks
6. Review system logs for error codes

If issue persists after these checks, escalate to senior maintenance technician. Do not attempt to bypass safety interlocks.

3.2 Equipment Type B - Hydraulic System Issues

Hydraulic system problems in Equipment Type B typically manifest as:

- Sluggish or unresponsive controls
- Unusual noise during operation
- Visible fluid leakage
- Inconsistent pressure readings

Troubleshooting steps:

1. Check hydraulic fluid level in reservoir - maintain between MIN and MAX marks
2. Inspect all hoses and fittings for damage or loose connections
3. Verify pump pressure against specification (2000-2200 PSI nominal)
4. Test relief valve operation and setpoint
5. Examine filters for contamination or bypass indicator
6. Check for air in system - bleed if necessary per Section 4.3

Use only approved MIL-PRF-83282 hydraulic fluid for replenishment.