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The Examiner is the newsletter of Consolidated Fork Truck Services Ltd (CFTS). CFTS was formed as a joint venture between the Fork Lift Truck Association (FLTA) and British Industrial Truck Association (BITA). In consultation with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), CFTS developed the materials handling industry's national accreditation scheme for Thorough Examination. The CFTS Thorough Examination scheme was officially launched in 2004 and continues to be administered by CFTS. For further information visit the CFTS website:

www.thoroughexamination.org

CFTS Serving the UK

Toyota Materials Handling UK & Allied Carpets Retail

Allied Carpets Retail is committed to a high standard of safety in all aspects of its business and is particularly aware that faulty trucks can present a serious risk to its employees.

Sandra Walker, Health & Safety Advisor for Allied Carpets Retail Ltd comments: "It is, therefore, an essential part of our health and safety programme to have Thorough Examinations carried out on all of our trucks to ensure not only legal compliance but employee safety, too."

Allied Carpets are confident that Toyota will meet all their requirements in this respect – and their accreditation to CFTS enhances this further. No other scheme meets the requirements of both LOLER and PUWER and, importantly, no other scheme has the full backing of the British Industrial Truck Association and the Fork Lift Truck Association: the two authorities on the use of forklift trucks.

Toyota is responsible for the service and inspection of the 35 fork and broom trucks which are used across all of the Allied Carpets business sites. Sandra became involved with Toyota through her previous company, where, for many years, they carried out the service and inspection of approximately 100 trucks, and always found their technicians and support staff to be reliable and professional in their approach.

**Sandra Walker, Health & Safety Advisor
Allied Carpets Retail Limited**

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Statutory Inspections and Cargotec UK

Statutory Inspections Ltd has grown into one of the largest independent Thorough Examination companies accredited to CFTS in the UK. They have worked very closely with Cargotec UK Ltd, a company which comprises Kalmar, Hiab and Moffet Mounty fork lifts.

DHL and the UK Fire Service are among the many national customers jointly served by Statutory Inspections and Cargotec.

To meet each company's internal Health and Safety procedures, every machine must be examined to the highest possible standards.

Having seen the benefits of having Thorough Examinations carried out by a CFTS-accredited company, Cargotec fully endorse this scheme.

**Geoff Willis, Managing Director
Statutory Inspections Ltd**

United Forktrucks & Upton Steel

Obtaining accreditation from CFTS back in January 2004 was seen as a blessing for United Forktrucks.

For the first time it brought clarity to a very muddled area... Confusion surrounding the validity of chain and fork inspections... LOLER-only insurance inspections which provided only advisory notices for work to be carried out...

No pass certificates completed after remedial work made it impossible to give advice or provide our customers with a complete service.

Now there is a professional approach which is recognised as the way forward, which provides our customers and our business with peace of mind, at an affordable price.

Similarly, I think that this symbol, together with the FLTA or BITA logos, help to identify a fork truck service, hire, or sales company that is working to the expected standards, which gives confidence to all who use that service.

**Paul Nichol, Managing Director
United Forktrucks (1992) Ltd.**



(L to R) Martin Jenkinson (Upton Steel) and Robert Duncan (United Forktrucks)



Douglas Gillespie Plant & Balfour Beatty Rail Services

From their modern Greenfield site in South Queensferry, Scotland, Balfour Beatty Rail Services manufactures railway crossing points. The nature of this work means that the company relies heavily on its fleet of five Mitsubishi diesel counterbalances to keep operations active.

However, working in a foundry can soon take its toll on a truck. High temperatures, abrasive dust and heavy loads make maintenance and safety a real issue. Since 1989, we have worked with Balfour Beatty Rail to ensure their trucks deliver peak performance.

We pride ourselves on delivering all of our customers a high quality, complete service. So, as well as supplying and serving all of the trucks in Balfour Beatty Rail's fleet, we provide all of their trucks with CFTS Thorough Examinations. Our accreditation to CFTS provides our customers full legal compliance as well as total peace of mind.

CFTS Thorough Examinations are truly comprehensive. They deliver on all of the safety objectives of Thorough Examination, and more. Additional inspections across all areas known to be necessary for safe operations are undertaken as part of the procedure. Particularly close inspection is made of crucial components such as chain-retaining bolts, mast and carriage.

**Gordon Barclay, Sales Director
Douglas Gillespie Plant**



May I welcome you all to this special edition of the Examiner, the CFTS newsletter.

I'd like to extend a particular welcome to those companies who up until now may not have been aware of our considerable expertise and experience as the leading organisation specialising in the

Thorough Examination of fork lift trucks.

We are extremely proud to have over 320 accredited companies employing 2,500 Competent Persons. Our accredited companies cover the whole of the UK and Ireland, which is extremely important to owners and users of fork lift trucks as well as companies and organisations seeking to accredit to CFTS.

One of the keys to our success is the CFTS website. This user friendly portal allows users to instantly **locate a Thorough Examination service provider**, find the nearest service provider to your own facility using a postcode search, **view frequently asked questions** and – perhaps most important of all – **watch a video explaining the benefits of CFTS Thorough Examination**.

We would encourage anyone who owns or uses a fork lift truck to look at this video. It will enable you to compare your current provision with a CFTS Thorough Examination procedure – carried out by a Competent Person – that ensures full compliance with both PUWER 98 and LOLER 98.

CFTS is a joint venture company owned by the Fork Lift Truck Association (FLTA) and the British Industrial Truck Association (BITA). So whether you have a single fork lift truck or a large fleet, choosing a CFTS accredited company for your Thorough Examination needs means that you and your trucks have the whole of the forklift industry behind you, ensuring continued safety.

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Chas Day
Technical Manager, CFTS

don't

take chances

do

stay legal



**...insist on a CFTS
accredited company
for all your Thorough
Examinations**



Peace of mind is just a few clicks away

To save you time and keep confusion to a minimum, the CFTS website, www.thoroughexamination.org, provides you with:

Answers to frequently asked questions

The subject of Thorough Examinations often raises a multitude of questions for owners and users of fork lift trucks. On our website you'll find the answers to the questions we're asked most frequently, such as "Who can carry out a Thorough Examination"?

Accredited company search

Unsure of whether your provider is up to the CFTS marque? Use our company lookup facility or view an A to Z list featuring the names and addresses of all companies accredited to the CFTS scheme.

Postcode search

Simply enter in your postcode and a radius of 20, 40 or 60 miles and our member finder software will return your nearest service providers. The website also details those companies that offer coverage nationwide.

Thorough Examination video

On the CFTS website, you can watch a 12 minute video which explains why Thorough Examination is so important. The explanatory video identifies the distinct benefits of using the CFTS scheme.