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Think Safe - Be Safe

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Harness and Body **Belt Inspection**



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IF YOU REPAIR OR OPERATE AN ORDER PICKER OR AERIAL LIFT, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER TO CHECK NOT ONLY YOUR VEHICLE YOU ARE GOING TO USE BEFORE YOU USE IT, BUT THE HARNESS THAT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE. REMEMBER ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FEET FIRMLY ON THE PLATFORM THAT YOU ARE STANDING ON. NEVER CLIMB MID OR TOP RAILS, BRING LADDERS, OR STEP STOOLS UP IN THE AIR WITH YOU.

SOME THINGS TO LOOK FOR:

WEBBING:

GRASP THE WEBBING WITH YOUR HANDS 6 INCHES (152MM) TO 8 INCHES (203MM) APART. BEND THE WEBBING IN AN INVERTED "U". THE SURFACE TENSION RESULTING MAKES DAMAGED FIBERS OR CUTS EASIER TO DETECT. FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE WEBBING, INSPECTING BOTH SIDES OF EACH STRAP. LOOK FOR FRAYED EDGES, BROKEN FIBERS, PULLED STITCHES, CUTS, BURNS OR CHEMICAL DAMAGE.

D-RINGS:

CHECK D-RINGS FOR DISTORTION, CRACKS, BREAKS, OR ROUGH AND SHARP EDGES. THE D-RING SHOULD PIVOT FREELY. INSPECT FOR ANY UNUSUAL WEAR, FRAYED OR CUT FIBERS, OR BROKEN STITCHING OF THE D-RING ATTACHMENTS. PADS SHOULD ALSO BE INSPECTED FOR CRACKS, EXCESSIVE WEAR, OR OTHER SIGNS OF DAMAGE.

BUCKLES:

INSPECT FOR ANY UNUSUAL WEAR, FRAYED OR CUT FIBERS, OR BROKEN STITCHING OF THE BUCKLE ATTACHMENTS.

REMEMBER, JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE WEARING A HARNESS, DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN STAND ON MID RAILS OR TOP RAILS OF THE EQUIPMENT YOU ARE ON, YOUR FEET NEED TO BE PLANTED FIRMLY ON THE FLOOR.

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION ON THIS OR ANY TOPIC RELATING TO SAFETY WITH YOUR FORKLIFT, GIVE OUR RESIDENT EXPERT DAVE BENNETT A CALL OR SIMPLY FILL OUT A REQUEST FORM BY CLICKING [HERE](#).