



Lift & Escalator Owner News

Subject: Revised SAFed Guidelines on the supplementary tests of in-service lifts

What a lift owner/duty-holder needs to know about supplementary testing of their lift

Owners/duty-holders of lifts and lifting equipment which are work equipment must have their lifts and lifting equipment periodically thoroughly examined, under the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER), to ensure their continued safe use.

The owner/duty-holder typically appoints an inspection body to carry out thorough examination. The inspection body cannot assess the continued safety of some parts of lifts without having supplementary tests carried out and so passes details of the supplementary tests required to the owner/duty-holder to action. Typically, the owner/duty-holder appoints the maintenance provider to carry the supplementary tests and report back.

Since the introduction of LOLER, the Safety Assessment Federation (SAFed) whose members carry out thorough examination work has published “Guidelines on the supplementary tests of in-service lifts” to provide guidance for those carrying out thorough examination in calling for supplementary tests and for those carrying out the tests. The latest revision, Issue 4.1 of the Guidelines was published in June 2020.

Lifts to which LOLER does not apply and equipment which is outside the scope of LOLER, such as escalators and moving walks, should also be thoroughly examined, inspected and tested for safety according to [HSE guidance](#).

Revised SAFed Guidelines on the supplementary tests of in-service lifts – Issue 4.1

This revision has been carried with wide consultation among SAFed members and with the Lift and Escalator Industry Association (LEIA). There are several changes intended to keep pace with changing technology and the demands on thorough examination including:

- 1) New supplementary tests for unintended carrier movement protection (UCMP)
- 2) New supplementary tests for automatic power operated doors
- 3) New supplementary tests for other items – such as emergency release/rescue operation, devices to ensure adequate refuge spaces, and for lifts with operation in the event of fire – evacuation lifts and lifts for use by the fire service.
- 4) Revised guidance for the supplementary tests for safety gear systems
- 5) Revised guidance for the supplementary test for traction, braking and levelling
- 6) Clarification relating to the periodicity for supplementary tests – some periodicities have been changed and there is stronger text recommending periodic supplementary tests to be carried out.

The Guidelines including certificates and reports of supplementary tests (test reports) are available at www.safed.co.uk while the Guidelines and editable test reports are available to SAFed members and to LEIA members on .