

## THE DUST EXTRACTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST





## Introduction

Dust extraction systems, like any plant & equipment require regular maintenance in order to avoid costly breakdowns. Not only are breakdowns often expensive to fix, they can mean downtime for an entire production line, costing thousands in lost revenue. A proper, planned, preventative maintenance program will minimise this risk.

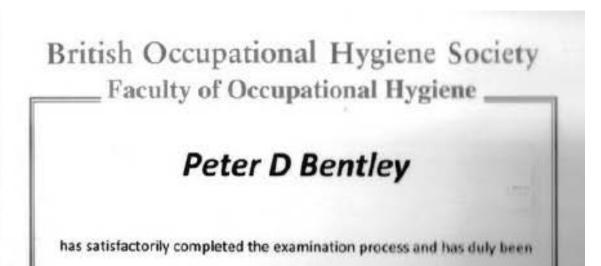
We'd always recommend that the service maintenance and LEV testing be carried out by a competent engineer or company provider with plenty of experience and the relevant qualifications. At Dust Spares, we have engineers with these qualifications, see example below.

If you are maintaining your equipment yourself, however, this is a useful checklist of some of the regular checks and tasks you should be carrying out.

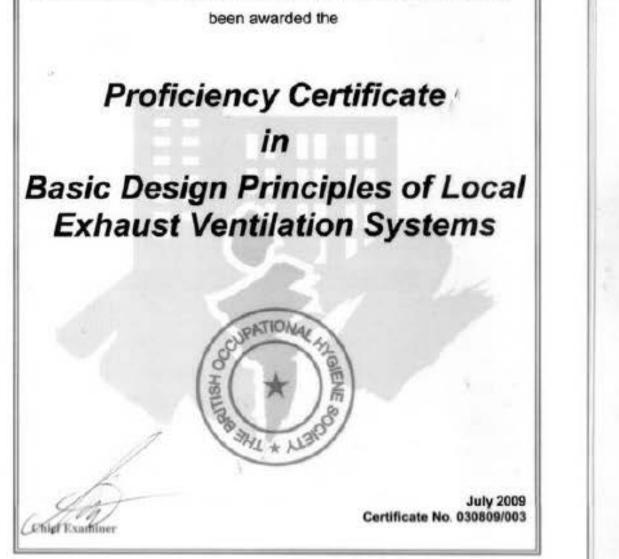
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## **Operator Checklist**

- **1** Visual inspection of condition
- 2 Check the LEV indicator
- 3 Ensure extraction hoods are in correct position and are free from obstruction or blockages
- 4 Are there any unusual vibration smells etc present?
- 5 Are the tested labels in date?
- 6 Supervisor has been notifed of any of the above









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## Recommended Guidelines of Maintenance Schedule

Element	Action	Responsibility	Interval
General	1.Check overall integrity of the system. For evidence of damage, corrosion, seals, substrate, leakage etc.	Engineer	6 monthly
	2.Ensure that all inward (intakes) air vents are free from obstruction.	Operators	Daily
Extraction Hoods	<ol> <li>Inspect for damage and blockages.</li> <li>Check and adjust hoods for optimum collection position in relation to process.</li> </ol>	Operators Operators	Daily Per process
	3.Ensure the minimum safe distance is kept between the hood and the process.	Operators	Per process
	4.Ensure all of the machine guards are in place.	Operators	Per process
Ductwork (flexible)	1.Check general condition to include; duct kinking, damage and wear. Support brackets where applicable.	Operators Engineer	Weekly 6 monthly
	2. Where present, test elbow and joint mobility. 3. Test collection efficiency/velocity.	Operator Engineer Engineer	Weekly 6 monthly 6 monthly
Ductwork (fixed)	1.Check general condition - i.e. damage, support brackets etc.	Engineer	6 monthly
	2. Check for blockages and build up of product.	Engineer	6 monthly
Dampers	1.Check opening/closing range and locking mechanism. Joint leakage.	Engineer	6 monthly
	2. Isolate dampers for machines not it use.	Operators	As required
Filter Plant	1.Check differential pressure. 2.Inspect filter bags for damage and replace	Supervisor Engineer	Daily 6 monthly
	where necessary. 3. Check operation of shaker mechanism.	Engineer	6 monthly
	4. Lubricate and overhaul as required.	Engineer	6montly
Fans (Fan	1.Lubricate bearings as per OEM schedule.	Engineer	6 monthly
Sets)	2. Check blade wear (where possible). 3. Check for excessive noise/vibration and heat.	Engineer Engineer	6 monthly 6 monthly
	4. Inspect electrical conditions.	Engineer	6 monthly
	5.Inspect motor connections.	Engineer	6 monthly
Operators	<ol> <li>Instruct employees to alert responsible person if they suspect any change or defect within the system.</li> </ol>	Operators	As and when occurs
Thorough exam & test	1.Carry out full test and inspection.	Engineer	As per HSG258 Guidelines



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