

G22. Can Unmanned Systems (drones) or cameras be used to inspect lifting equipment?

Drones or cameras can be used for low level, basic visual inspections of lifting equipment where direct access is difficult or poses a safety risk to personnel.

Typically, this restricts drone inspection to basic pre-use checks for obvious signs of damage or corrosion to the equipment. They may also be used in support of interim inspections and the monitoring of known defects (dependent on the defect and the component being checked).

LEEA do not currently recommend the use of drones in support of thorough examinations/periodic inspections.

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