



G27. My client has manufactured a lifting beam, and requested a load test and conformity certification, can I do this?

No, a load test alone is not sufficient to certify the lifting beam can be legally placed on the market (sold) or put into service (for own use).

Load testing is one method of verifying structural integrity and can form part of the evidence demonstrating compliance with relevant Essential Health and Safety Requirements (EHSRs) under the applicable supply legislation.

Where a load test is completed on behalf of the manufacturer by a separate third-party company. They should provide a **report of test**. This report should state that it is a report of the test only.

The manufacturer should keep this report of test within the equipment technical file, alongside the other technical documents demonstrating compliance. Including documentation such as risk assessments, design specifications, material traceability records, test reports, user instructions, and a copy of the Declaration of Conformity (where applicable).

The manufacturer is legally responsible for placing the lifting beam on the market (sold) or put into service (for own use). This includes issuing the conformity documentation, instructions for use and affixing the appropriate conformity mark.

Note: Where the manufacturer and equipment owner are the same entity (for example, where the duty- holder has designed or fabricated the beam for their own use), the duty-holder is considered the manufacturer under the applicable supply legislation and assumes the same legal responsibilities.

In-service lifting beams

Where an in-service lifting beam is found to be missing conformity documentation or a conformity mark, this may indicate safety gaps in their original design and construction. The initial action should be to temporarily remove the item from service and contact the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) for verification of compliance with the applicable supply legislation.

If the original equipment manufacturer is unknown, the item should be referred to a competent design authority for evaluation to work out a safe and compliant method for returning the item to service.

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