



G33. Are skip wagon chains to be thoroughly examined/periodically inspected 6 monthly if quickly detachable or 12 monthly if they are a part of the machine?

Skip loaders and hook loaders are defined as 'lifting equipment' and their lifting attachments will fall into one of two categories:

1. Permanently attached
2. Lifting accessories

In both cases they are to be thoroughly examined/periodically inspected in accordance with your national legislation.

LEEAA recommendations are that hoisting mechanisms (including any steel wire ropes (SWR) or chains that form part of the mechanism i.e. permanently attached) are to be thoroughly examined/periodically inspected by a competent person at least every 12 months.

However, there are other models where the chain or SWR assemblies are quickly detachable and can be used with different vehicles. In these cases, LEEAA recommends that these assemblies (i.e. all components, chain or SWR, connectors, plates, etc.) are classed as lifting accessories and so are to be thoroughly examined/periodically inspected by a competent person at least every 6 months

If you are uncertain which applies, please refer to **LEEAA FAQ M93** - *Is this lifting or work equipment and how should I report the results?*

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