

## Komatsu

### Warehouse Forklift Maintenance

Forklifts need a proper maintenance program to help increase the machine's lifespan and is an important factor in allowing the equipment to function safely and effectively. Completing regular forklift check ups and performing preventive maintenance regularly would help to guarantee the efficient and safe operation of the equipment.

### Daily Checklist

In any forklift maintenance program, the daily checklist is an important tool to have. These checklists will document any potential issues. They are required by the OSHA or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The daily checklists could also be audited by OSHA during any routine inspection. Operators should complete the inspection from the start of their shift. If any major problems are found, the forklift is not to be put into service until the issue has been fixed.

### Safety and Maintenance Go Hand-in-Hand

Within the US, there are about 100 deaths related to forklift mishaps and statistic show that nearly 20,000 individuals are seriously injured as well. This number represents 54 individuals per day, 7 days a week, for the entire year. A lot of these mishaps can be easily prevented if the forklift had been properly maintained and serviced. In some circumstances, it might seem like a cost savings to skip or delay routine maintenance, although, these savings would pale in comparison to the cost of one accident.

### Things to be Serviced

In the owner's instruction manual of each and every machine, the manufacturer would include a maintenance schedule. These schedules would differ greatly, depending on the manufacturer and the type of machine. Every schedule would contain various basic things. Like for instance, in a combustion engine, the engine oil and the oil filter must be replaced sometimes. Hydraulic levels would have to be checked as well. Be sure to inspect hoses for any signs of cracking. Additional things involve the electrical systems, the brakes and the transmission of the forklift.