



## Safety Sheet No. 14 : Workstation Crane and Patented Track Systems Inspection

*Proper inspection and safe use of workstation cranes and patented track systems will avoid workplace injuries and will increase the ability of a worker to safely and properly perform a job. It is the employer's responsibility to train operators, and ensure the safe use of this equipment.*

### The Operator:

- Shall NOT use a damaged workstation crane or patented track system or one that is not working properly.
- Shall NOT use a system that has a hoist with twisted, kinked, damaged, or worn wire rope or chain.
- Shall NOT use a workstation crane or patented track system that has worn or damaged trolleys.
- Shall NOT use a workstation crane or patented track system that has bent or deformed track sections or hangers.
- Shall NOT remove, obscure, or modify the rated capacity sign, warnings and labels on a workstation crane or patented track system.
- Shall NOT adjust or repair the workstation crane or patented track system unless qualified and trained to perform such adjustments or repairs.
- Shall NOT use a workstation crane or patented track system with a damaged control pendant or control pendant cable
- Shall immediately shut down a workstation crane or patented track system that is not operating properly.
- Shall document and report malfunctions or unusual performance of the workstation crane or patented track system.
- Shall ensure the weight of the work piece is less than the maximum specified load capacity of the crane or patented track system before lifting.
- Shall always make sure the load path is clear before operating system.
- Shall inspect the workstation crane or the patented track system according to the manufacturer's recommended intervals, replace damaged or worn parts, and keep appropriate records of maintenance.
- Shall use the workstation crane or patented track system manufacturer's recommended parts when repairing the unit.
- Shall lubricate the system as required by the workstation crane or patented track system manufacturer's recommendations.
- Shall ensure proper operation of emergency stop buttons and other safety devices if equipped.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act, [employers are responsible](#) for providing a safe and healthy workplace and [workers have rights](#). OSHA can help answer questions or concerns from employers and workers. OSHA's [On-site Consultation Program](#) offers free and confidential advice to small and medium-sized businesses, with priority given to high-hazard worksites. For more information, contact your [regional or area OSHA office](#), call 1-800-321-OSHA (6742), or visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).