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1. PURPOSE

This procedure explains how lifting operations should be planned, managed and monitored to ensure that a safe system of work is maintained at all times.

This procedure outlines the main requirements of BS 7121 Code of practice for safe use of cranes and the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations.

This procedure and associated documentation detail the responsibilities of the key roles involved in lifting operations which includes, but is not limited to, the use of; mobile cranes, crawler cranes, tower cranes, self-erecting tower cranes, rail mounted cranes, lorry loader cranes, forklifts, telehandlers, excavators used as cranes, construction hoists, compact cranes, gantry cranes and other equipment used to undertake lifting.

2. SCOPE

This procedure and associated documentation is mandatory for all lifting operations and covers all sites, workshop and office locations. Further information should be obtained from the documents referenced below.

3. REFERENCES (INPUTS)

- Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER)
- BS 7121 Code of practice for safe use of cranes
- Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER)
- UKCG [Build UK] MEWP Good Practice Toolkit
- CPA Guidance on Lifting Operations in Construction When Using Excavators
- CPA Guidance on the Safe Use of Lorry Loaders
- CPA Operating Tower Cranes in the Vicinity of Aerodromes, Notification & En-route Obstacle Lighting
- · GS6 Avoiding danger from overhead power lines

4. ABBREVIATIONS & DEFINITION OF TERMS

- AP Appointed Person
- **BD** Business Director
- FLS Front Line Supervisor / Black Hat
- CS / LS Crane Supervisor / Lifting Supervisor
- FD Framework Director
- **HSEQ Head of HSEQ**
- PAP Principal Appointed Person
- PO Plant Operator
- **SM** Site Manager (Person responsible for day to day running of the site/office; Site Agent, Project Manager)
- SS Slinger / Signaller
- TWC Temporary Works Coordinator
- WM Work Manager, General Foreman

Lifting Equipment - work equipment used for lifting or lowering loads but not limited to, the use of; mobile cranes, crawler cranes, tower cranes, self-erecting tower cranes, rail mounted cranes, lorry loaders, forklifts, telehandlers, excavators, construction hoists, compact cranes, gantry cranes and other equipment used to undertake lifting - Please see H55-G02 Lifting Operations - Lifting Equipment and Accessories for more information.

Inspection - In accordance with PUWER, work equipment which is exposed to conditions causing deterioration that could result in a dangerous situation should be inspected at suitable intervals, and after every event liable to jeopardise its safety.

Lifting Accessories - Lifting accessories are defined as work equipment that is used to attach the load to the lifting equipment, providing a link between the two.

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4. ABBREVIATIONS & DEFINITION OF TERMS (CONTINUED)

Load - includes people and any materials which are lifted by lifting equipment and their accessories, and in some cases the accessories must be included within the Safe Working Load (SWL).

Rated Capacity or Rated Operating Capacity - the rated load or Safe Working Load (SWL) at specified radii as established by the manufacturer, where the SWL of any equipment or accessory depends on its configuration e.g. the rated capacity indicator fitted to a crane, showing the operator the SWL for any of the crane's permitted lifting configurations.

Rated Capacity Indicator / limiter (RCI) - a system compares lifting conditions to the equipment's rated capacity, and indicates to the operator the percentage of capacity at which the equipment is working, and provides warnings to the operator of an approaching overload condition.

Safe Working Load (SWL) - the max load equipment is designed and constructed to handle/support safely

Thorough Examination - LOLER puts in place requirements for all lifting equipment to be subject to 'thorough examination' at various points. A thorough examination may include visual examination, a strip down of the equipment and functional tests.

Working Load Limit - the maximum mass or force which a product is authorised to support in general service when the pull is applied in-line, unless noted otherwise, with respect to the centreline of the product i.e. the WLL of a component is specified by the manufacturer. It is now generally extended to include both: the maximum load that an item can lift and the maximum load that an item can lift in a particular configuration or application.

5. ACTIONS (PROCESS)

RESPONSIBILITY

SM

5.1 General

The SM must ensure that competent persons are available to carry out the planning and management of lifting operations, in accordance with the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER), BS 7121 and industry best practice.

Guidance on the accepted competencies and duties for each role can be found in H55-G01 Lifting Operations - Roles, Responsibilities & Competency Requirements.

To support VW UK employees with the requirements of this procedure, it is advised that each business approve and appoint a minimum of one Principal Appointed Person (PAP).

CS / PAP

Further information on this procedure and its requirements can be found in H55G Control of Lifting Operations, Equipment and Accessories Requirements Briefing.

5.2 Principal Appointed Person and Appointed Person

The PAP appointment may be made for a business, project or a framework. The role of the PAP is to manage lifting operations and, where multiple AP's are present on a single project, act as the lead for lifting operations.

The appointment will be authorised by the BD / FD or Head of HSEQ and confirmed in writing using H55-01 Assessment & Appointment of Principal Appointed Person or Appointed Person.

BD / FD / HSEQ

This document will detail how the PAP will delegate their responsibilities to the designated AP's who hold the required competencies.

It is acknowledged that the PAP will not be available at every work location, and therefore their duties will be delegated to a designated AP.

PAP

The appointment of AP's shall be completed by the relevant SM in conjunction with the PAP and confirmed in writing using H55-01 Assessment & Appointment of Principal Appointed Person or Appointed Person.

SM / PAP

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• Temporary works

- Barges
- Permanent works
- Adjacent structures

A design brief must be completed by the AP and issued to the TWC as detailed in Q25 Temporary works, or business unit specific Q25 family.

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5.4 Other Considerations

Prior to assembly of any lifting equipment and accessories, or commencement of lifting operations. The AP must ensure that the TWC has confirmed acceptability of any temporary works or loadings through, for example a Design Check Certificate and Permit to Load.

Where overhead lines or cables are in the proximity of the operation, steps should be taken by the AP / SM to isolate the power.

SM / AP

Where this cannot be done the AP should ensure that the requirements of GS6 *Avoiding danger from overhead power lines* are followed.

SM / AP

All overhead lines and other electrical apparatus should be treated as live unless confirmed in writing as "dead" and "safe" by the line operator. If in doubt, seek advice and contact asset owner.

H14-06 Permit to Work Near Power Lines must be completed and adhered too.

Lifting equipment operators must be assessed and appointed in accordance with H09-09 Permit to Operate Plant and H55-G01 Lifting Operations - Roles, Responsibilities & Competency Requirements.

SM / AP

Where a crane is to be used within 6 km of an aerodrome / airfield, and its height exceeds 10metres or that of surrounding structures or trees if higher, then the aerodrome / airfield must be consulted for permission to work.

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Lifting operations near railways require detailed engagement with Network Rail's asset management and asset protection managers.

SM / AP

Further advice should be sought from VolkerFitzpatrick Rail or VolkerRail.

5.5 Crane Lift Options

If a load needs to be moved by crane there are two options:

- Hiring a crane (Hired Crane) or;
- Employing a contractor to carry out the lifting operation (Contract Lift)

Lorry loaders are dealt with in the same way as cranes; hired and managed.

• Hired:

Where VW UK hires the services of a contractor with a lorry loader to undertake, for example, the lifting and transportation operations involved with moving materials, but the lorry loader supplier is not involved in the lifting operation planning; this is a crane hire arrangement.

Managed / Contract Lift:

In this situation, the service that has been procured from the supplier, to undertake for example accommodation or materials delivery to site, includes for the supplier to be responsible for the lifting operation planning; this is a contract lift arrangement.

If the project does not have the expertise or available resources in lifting operations it must opt for a contract lift.

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The risk assessment process must follow the hierarchy of control, i.e. emphasis to be

put on the elimination of hazards above reduction, isolation or control.

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5.8 Lifting Types

Categorising the type of lifts before planning the lift and documenting in a lift plan is critical because it allows for the proper assessment of the amount of risk present in the lifting operation and the level of control required in mitigating the risks involved.

There are 3 categories of lift described within the British Standard BS 7121, and are detailed in the following sections.

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H55-G05 *Guidance on Common Lifts* provides further details on guidance of generic / common lifts, which can be used to develop specific lift plans.

5.8.1 Basic

The weight of the load(s) can be simply established and there are no significant hazards within the working area or on the access route for the lifting equipment to the working area.

Basic category lifts should be considered in two distinct forms;

- Routine, repetitive type lifting e.g. lifting with an excavator as part of a larger piece of work, and
- One off, specific type lifts that, following an assessment of the hazards is categorised as basic e.g. lifting simple loads with a mobile crane in an area free from significant environmental hazards

When using an excavator for lifting, the AP must ensure that a Rated Capacity Indicator (RCI) is fitted, and this is to be in lifting mode when carrying out lifting operations.

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Though both types of lift may be categorised as basic, they may require a different approach in their management to ensure that the specific characteristics of the lifting operation are understood and managed, the appointed AP will need to plan the operation, and record it using H55-03 *Lift Plan Template*.

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"Basic" lifts are lifting operations which meet the following requirements:

- · Within the normal operating parameters of the crane
- · Not within sensitive, difficult or restricted areas
- Load has known (pre-determined) and evaluated weight, shape and centre of gravity
- The load does not contain fluids, is not fragile and is inherently stable when landed.
- Standard rigging arrangements
- Routine repetitive lifting operations using the same equipment (e.g., Excavator, Hiab)
- · Single function or series of functions repeated manually or automatically
- Use of a certified lifting point
- Ample headroom
- Unlikely to be affected by changing environmental conditions
- The crane operator has clear sight of the load path and the load is lifted from and to the ground.
- Suitable lay-down area available

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5.8.2 Intermediate (previously standard)

These lifts are more unique or one-off lifting operations where there are significant hazards, either within the working area of the lifting equipment or on the access route for the lifting equipment to the working area.

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Intermediate lifts meet the following requirements:

- Specific within the normal operating parameters of the crane.
- The load is to be placed over an obstruction such that the crane operator does not have clear sight of the landing area from the control position.
- A load of estimated weight with an estimated centre of gravity and without designated lifting points.
- The crane is located on marine barge see H55-G06-VS Control of Marine Lifting Operations Equipment and Accessories.

5.8.3 Complex

For a complex lift, the duties of the AP are, in addition to those for basic and intermediate lifts.

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The lifting equipment is used to lift complex loads or persons, where two cranes are used to lift the load, or where the lifting operation is carried out at a location with additional hazards (e.g. chemical plants, power stations etc.).

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Complex lifts are those where the lifting operation is at a location with exceptional hazards e.g.

- Lifting a load from height.
- Significant obstructions in the slewing zone).
- · More than one crane
- Lifting of persons

or where the lifting operation is in a location with additional hazards; e.g.

- Marine environment
- Chemical / process plants
- Multiple proximity hazards.
- Overhead power lines, etc.

5.8.4 Safety Critical

Beyond this usual classification there shall be deemed to exist a 4th category; "safety critical".

PAP

"safety critical" lifts will be those that are unique or highly engineered and where the consequences of failure could be catastrophic. Highly engineered, unique, where three or more cranes are used to lift the load, or with catastrophic consequences in the event of failure of any part of the lift. For all other planning purposes, this lift category has the same implications as a complex category lift.

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Tagging is carried out by VW UK strategic supplier for lifting equipment and accessories.



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5.11 Summary or Requirements for all Categories of Lift

The following tables set a summary of the documentation and attendance requirements to comply with LOLER and BS 7121.

5.12 Lifting Requirements when using Excavators

The following table has been taken from the CPA guidance for lifting with excavators and illustrates the attendance requirements required when lifting with excavators

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Activity	Role	Basic	Intermediate	Complex
Planning	Appointed Person	on Required Required Requi		Required
Site Visit	Appointed Person	Not Essential	May be Required	Required
Lifting	Appointed Person	Not Essential, Role May Be Combined with Lift Supervisor	May be Required	Required
Operation	Lift Supervisor	Doloo Moy bo	Roles May be	
	Slinger / Signaller	Roles May be Combined	Combined	Required
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5.13 Lifting Requirements for all other Lifting Operations

The table within this section illustrates the attendance requirements required when lifting with cranes and other equipment.

The AP is responsible for the lifting operation and should always ensure that the approach taken is suitable to the specific lifting operation.

			Lift Category				
Stage	Role	Basic Lift (repetitive lifting operation, e.g. delivery of goods or minor lifting as part of a larger piece of work)	Basic Lift (one off lifting operation, e.g. a crane lift that has been assessed as Basic)	Intermediate lift	Complex lift	Critical lift	
Assessment	Appointed Person		Essential	Essential to be supported by PAP			
Site Visit	Appointed Person	Suitability of lift category and confirmation of limitations not being exceeded to be checked on site.	Can be delegated to a competent person (LS) who must confirm that the initial assessment of lift category is correct or advise on correct category.	S) who must confirm that the sessment of lift category is must confirm that the initial assessment or category is correct or advise on correct			
Planning	Appointed Person	Essential. Must be	st be lift specific. Sub-contractor Lift Plans must be reviewed by VW AP				
	Appointed Person	Responsibilities c	Not essential. an be delegated to a Lift Supervisor.	produced the Lift Plan			
Lifting Operation	Lift Supervisor (at lift location)		ential e suitable but only of assessed by AP.	Essential. Essent A combined role with FLS may Role			
	Slinger / Signaller	Essential. A combined role with LS may be suitable (SS must be assessed as competent and appointed as a LS)		Essential. Roles cannot be combined.			
	Operator	Roles cannot be combined (except for lorry loaders & Telehandlers)	Essential. Roles cannot be combined.				

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6. ASSOCIATED GUIDANCE & INFORMATION

- H55G Control of Lifting Operations, Equipment and Accessories Requirements Briefing
- H55-03G Lift Plan Template Guidance
- H55-G01 Lifting Operations Roles, Responsibilities & Competency Requirements
- H55-G02 Lifting Operations Lifting Equipment and Accessories
- · H55-G03 Lifting Operations Thorough Examinations and Inspections
- H55-G04 Lifting Operations Guidance for Planning Lifting Operations
- H55-G05 Guidance on Common Lifts
- H55-G06-VS Control of Marine Lifting Operations Equipment and Accessories
- Q25 Temporary Works
- Q25-VF Temporary Works
- Q25-VH Temporary Works
- · Q25-VS Temporary Works Design and Installation

7. DOCUMENTATION (OUTPUTS)

Standard VolkerWessels UK Record Documents are referenced in brackets. Where alternative formats are used, they shall contain the same or additional content.

- (H55-01 Assessment & Appointment of Principal Appointed Person or Appointed Person)
- (H55-02 Assessment and Appointment of Crane or Lift Supervisor)
- (H55-03 Lift Plan Template)
- (H55-04 LOLER Register)
- (H55-04 LOLER Register) (VFORMS APP)
- (H55-05 Weekly LOLER Inspections)
- (H55-06 Lift Plan Evaluation Checklist)
- (H55-07 Lift Plan Schedule)
- (H09-08 Weekly Plant & Equipment Inspection (PUWER)
- (H09-08 Weekly Plant & Equipment Inspection (PUWER) (VFORMS APP)
- (H09-09 Permit to Operate Plant)
- (H09-09 Permit to Operate Plant) (VFORMS APP)
- (H14-06 Permit to Work Near Power Lines)
- (H14-06 Permit to Work Near Power Lines) (VFORMS APP)
- (HSE-33 Allocation of Responsibilities)

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VF-B	VF-C	VF-R	VH	VR	VS	VB	VGE	VL	VI	Shared Services	
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8. ISSUE RECORD

Issue	Date	Comments
1	Mar 2016	New procedure to consolidate all non-rail lifting operations documentation across VW UK
2	Sep 2020	This procedure has been updated following a full review by all the applicable business units. H55-02 Lifting Operations - Routine (Non-Crane) Lift Plan and H55-03 Lifting Operations - Non-Routine Lift Plan have been removed from the H55 family. Additional guidance notes H55G Control of Lifting Operations, Equipment and Accessories Requirements Briefing, H55-03G Lift Plan Template Guidance, H55-G05 Guidance on Common Lifts and H55-G06-VS Control of Marine Lifting Operations Equipment and Accessories have been added. Additional forms H55-02 Assessment and Appointment of Crane or Lift Supervisor, H55-03 Lift Plan Template, H55-05 Weekly LOLER Inspections, H55-06 Lift Plan Evaluation Checklist & H55-07 Lift Plan Schedule have all been added to the H55 family.
3	Nov 2020	H55-03 <i>Lift Plan Template</i> has been updated to fix formatting issues when completing the document, H55-G01 <i>Lifting Operations - Roles, Responsibilities & Competency Requirements</i> has had some minor content updates.
4	Dec 2020	H55-G01 Lifting Operations - Roles, Responsibilities & Competency Requirements has been updated to include recognised NPORS categories

9. WHAT HAS CHANGED IN THIS LATEST ISSUE AND WHY

H55-G01 Lifting Operations - Roles, Responsibilities & Competency Requirements did not previously include the relevant NPORS categories, to reflect our recognition of NPORS in H37 VW UK Accepted Record Schemes and Cards.

10. BRIEFING REQUIREMENTS

All new employees will receive an introduction to the Integrated Management System (IMS) at induction, according to the nature of the role.

All employees with an email address receive the 'Record of Revisions' each month, which details changes to the IMS. All Line Managers retain the responsibility to ensure their staff are briefed on changes as appropriate.

The following table defines how revised issues of this document are briefed to existing employees according to related specific responsibilities.

Job role, department, function	Method of briefing revised issue				
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HSEQ Leads	Briefing from CR Director				
Health and Safety Managers	Briefing from HSEQS Leads				
Project / Site Managers	Briefing from Health and Safety Managers				

11. IMS AUTHORISATION

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