

Changes to the Winch Daily Inspection Regime

With immediate effect, each winch will be issued with a standard club D.I. book, which will be kept in the winch at all times to formally record and control the daily inspection process.

It will be used in exactly the same manner as the aircraft version, in that it will provide a documented testament that the current D.I. process has been followed, and the winch is declared either, serviceable (S) or unserviceable (U/S), and it will also carry the printed surname and initials of the person that has carried out the inspection.

In addition there will be a requirement for a second independent person to carry out a "positive control" check of the gas taps to confirm that the taps are fully open. When this has been done, it will be entered into the D.I. book where we would normally record the release and positive control checks, and also declared (S) or (U/S), then annotated by the surname and initials of the person carrying out the overcheck.

I have amended the D.I. checklist (see separate file) accordingly, and included an instruction that all winch drivers must check the D.I. book to ensure these changes have been complied with, prior to commencing any launches, including when they are taking over on the winch.

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