

# Battery Compliance...

...HOPPECKE's six step guide to safer practice



HOPPECKE provides you with a five year warranty when you purchase any industrial battery or charging system, however this warranty is only valid if the equipment has been used in the correct manner and is maintained in accordance with the operating instructions.

Health and Safety rules are covered by The Provision and use of Work Equipment (PUWER) regulations 1998. The regulations are far reaching and define work equipment as "Any machinery, appliance, apparatus or installation for use at work". The original PUWER regulations were introduced in 1992 and were revised in 1998 when mobile work equipment and equipment inspections came under the regulations.

HOPPECKE is offering all its customers a battery and charger compliance test, to check that equipment is being correctly maintained and ensure the warranty is not void. The six-step test is carried out by a qualified HOPPECKE engineer who will make sure that the battery and charger is fully compliant to PUWER 98 regulations and European Standards.

## HOPPECKE's Six Step Compliance Test

- 1** Check all components are safe and secure
- 2** Carry out an operational test and measure values to ensure correct operation
- 3** Clean inside of charger of all dirt/dust
- 4** Fit a filter to reduce dust contamination
- 5** Fit a visual plate with test date and renewal date
- 6** Guarantee warranty for a further 12 months (up to 5 years old)

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## The Cost of Compliance

PUWER regulations give clear guidance to achieving compliance when it comes to the safe use and maintenance of industrial batteries and charging systems. HOPPECKE's compliance test enables you to create a safe working environment for your employees. The cost of ignoring health and safety compliance has an adverse effect on business, it can result in heavy fines being awarded by the courts and in some cases custodial sentences have been handed down.

The aim of the HOPPECKE guide to compliance is to make sure that you, our valued customers, operate within the confines of the law. For a minimal fee, our compliance test will help you to overcome many of the regulations and ensure that your business is operating legally.

### PUWER 98 states that:

- All "installations" require a documented inspection to ensure that the "installation" has been done correctly and is safe to operate before being put into use for the first time
- Future inspections must be scheduled to ensure future safe use of the equipment.
- Equipment must be maintained in an efficient state (good working order and state of repair)
- Maintenance must be planned and logs kept to record the activity
- Employers must provide adequate instruction/ training to the users of the equipment – where warranted, they must also provide written instruction highlighting conditions of use and outlining any abnormal conditions that may warrant secondary inspections in addition to those already scheduled

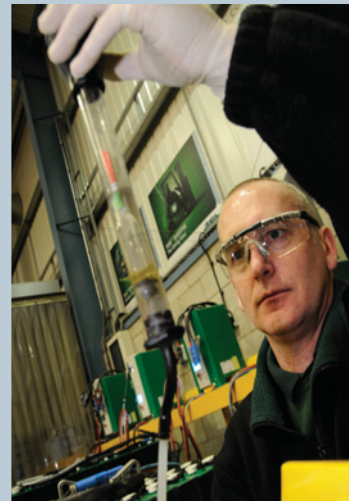
By taking advantage of the maintenance service contract and compliance test, HOPPECKE can make sure that you 'tick all the boxes' when it comes to the safe use of your battery and charging systems.

### DID YOU KNOW?

**It is a European requirement for battery charging systems to have a portable equipment (PAT) test. This applies to any appliance that has a flexible lead, even if it is hard wired to the mains. Failure will void the warranty on your HOPPECKE charging system.**



**To book your HOPPECKE compliance test or for more information please contact HOPPECKE Industrial Batteries on 01782 667305 or visit the website: [www.hoppecke.co.uk](http://www.hoppecke.co.uk)**



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