



Tank checklist

Your fuel tank maintenance checklist

It's important to regularly check the condition of your tank to look for signs of wear and tear. A few simple checks now could save you thousands of pounds in the future.

Use our checklist to ensure your tank is kept at a safe and secure standard

- ☐ Clear hatches and close caps tightly to avoid rainwater getting in
- ☐ Secure drain valves in a closed position
- ☐ Check any overfill, low level and bund alarms have been tested and that they operate in the correct manner
- ☐ Check that pumps turn on and operate free of any unusual noises or problems
- ☐ Secure tank from unauthorised access
- ☐ Remove any debris from around the tank such as overgrown plants/dead leaves
- ☐ Check the lid and bund is secure and free from water or debris
- ☐ Inspect the base to make sure that the weight of the tank is being evenly distributed
- ☐ Make sure there is a safe pathway to the tank
- ☐ Check the ground for discolouration, and look for signs of oil around your tank's valves, pipes and seams
- ☐ Check for any signs of damage - in particular, bulges, deep scratches, cracks, discolouration, rust or corrosion
- (Where installed:)
- ☐ Check monitoring device is functioning properly
- ☐ Check overfill prevention is operating properly
- ☐ Check leak detection system is monitoring accurately

If you answer yes to any of the below questions, it's important to take action right away to protect your fuel system. Contact our environmental services team today on 0330 123 1144 - our engineers are available 24/7 to help ensure your fuel system is safe and secure.

- ☐ Y/N Is there a stronger than usual smell of fuel around the tank area?
- ☐ Y/N Does the tank/pipework have any signs of leaking, any wet patches that never seem to dry out? Is the tank base and/or any supporting structures damaged or cracked?
- ☐ Y/N Is the tank base unlevel or are there any bulges or obvious signs of subsidence?
- ☐ Y/N Have the isolation valves become blocked or stuck?
- ☐ Y/N Are there any signs of corrosion, rust, cracks or warping on the tank body or bund?
- ☐ Y/N Does the bund need emptying of rainwater, leaves, fuel or any other waste?
- ☐ Y/N Is there any water content present in the fuel tank? Symptoms can include cloudy fuel, sludge build-up and a foul smell
- ☐ Y/N Are the man lids and caps damaged or not sealing properly?
- ☐ Y/N Is your tank more than 10 years old?

Ensuring that your tank is properly and regularly maintained is vital. The condition of your tank can have a massive effect on fuel quality and poor maintenance can encourage contaminants and bugs to grow inside the system.

You have a legal duty to ensure your system is regularly maintained and as low-risk as possible to help prevent health and safety hazards and oil spills.

If you fail to comply, you could face heavy fines as well as compromise the safety of the people on your premises and the nearby environment and wildlife.

If you have any concerns regarding the condition of your tank, ancillary products or your fuel supply, please get in touch and our experts will be happy to assist.

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