

**WAC 296-304-17009 Examinations subsequent to unit tests. (1)**

After satisfactory completion of the unit proof load tests required by WAC 296-304-17003 and 296-304-17005, the cargo gear and all component parts thereof must be given a thorough visual examination, supplemented as necessary by other means, such as a hammer test or with electronic, ultrasonic, or other nondestructive methods, to determine if any of the parts were damaged, deformed, or otherwise rendered unsafe for further use.

(2) When the test of gear referred to in WAC 296-304-17008(1) is being conducted for the first time on a vessel, accessory gear must be dismantled or disassembled for examination after the test. The sheaves and pins of the blocks included in this test need not be removed unless there is evidence of deformation or failure.

(3) For subsequent tests such parts of the gear must be dismantled or disassembled after the test as necessary to determine their suitability for continued service.

(4) When blocks are disassembled all shell bolt nuts must be securely locked upon reassembly.

(5) In carrying out the requirements of this section, replacement must be required of:

(a) Any swivel found to have excessive tolerance as a result of wear on any bearing surface.

(b) Pins of blocks found to be shouldered, notched, or grooved from wear, in which case, in addition to replacing the pin, sheave bushings must be examined for suitability for continued use.

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