

# EMS VDL Preventive Maintenance

## ⚡ ⚠ WARNING ⚠ ⚡

- Before attempting any maintenance on this equipment all involved personnel should follow plant internal regulations along with any state, federal, or province regulations.
- The maintenance inspection, checks, and procedures listed in the preventive maintenance tables are assumed with the gated area electrically locked out.
- Before attempting any maintenance or service operation, make sure that:
  - You do not begin any repair procedure until the proper shutdown procedures and the appropriate power lockout procedures have been applied.
  - The system is de-energized; main electrical switches are open.

## ⓘ NOTICE ⓘ

The maintenance inspection, checks, and procedures listed in the preventive maintenance tables and corrective procedures should be performed when the equipment is immobilized and locked out.

This section contains preventive maintenance schedules with recommended lubrication intervals. Assemblies in this section include:

- **EMS VDL Upper Drive Unit**
- **EMS VDL Carriage Assembly**
- **EMS VDL Counterweight**

## Daily Checks

### Observe

- Obvious signs of damage to the equipment. Listen to the conveyors - an unusual sound like screeching, grinding, or whining, are indicators of a problem.
- Damage or noticeable wear on the carrying and guide rollers.
- Signs of oil leaks on the equipment or on the floor below any gearbox.

### Evaluate


- If you notice any of the above issues, evaluate the cause and the risk involved.

### Act

- Schedule or perform necessary maintenance repairs as appropriate.

## Mechanical Preventive Maintenance - key

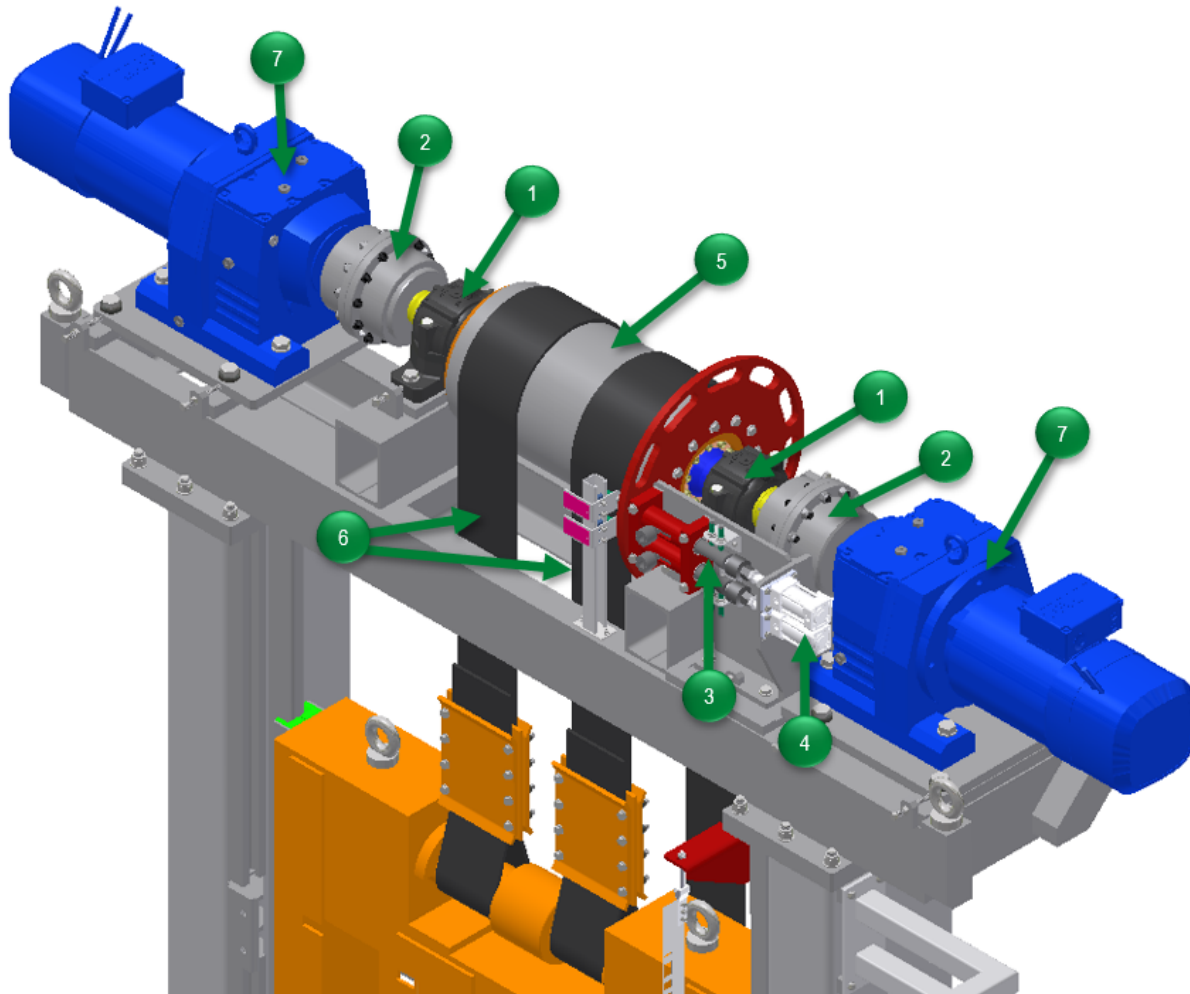
Preventive Maintenance tables consists of:



Item No.	Item Name	Required Operation	Description	Interval
1	Gearmotor	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visually inspect gear unit for oil leakage. Check for oil film or grease deposits – clean if necessary.</li> <li>Check mounting hardware, check paint marks...</li> </ul>	6 Months

- A. Indicates the callout number associated on the schematic drawing, image or figure.
- B. Component name within the assembly.
- C. Required preventive maintenance operation - i.e., inspection or lubrication.
- D. Detailed description of the operation(s) to be performed.
- E. Recommended frequency of PM task.

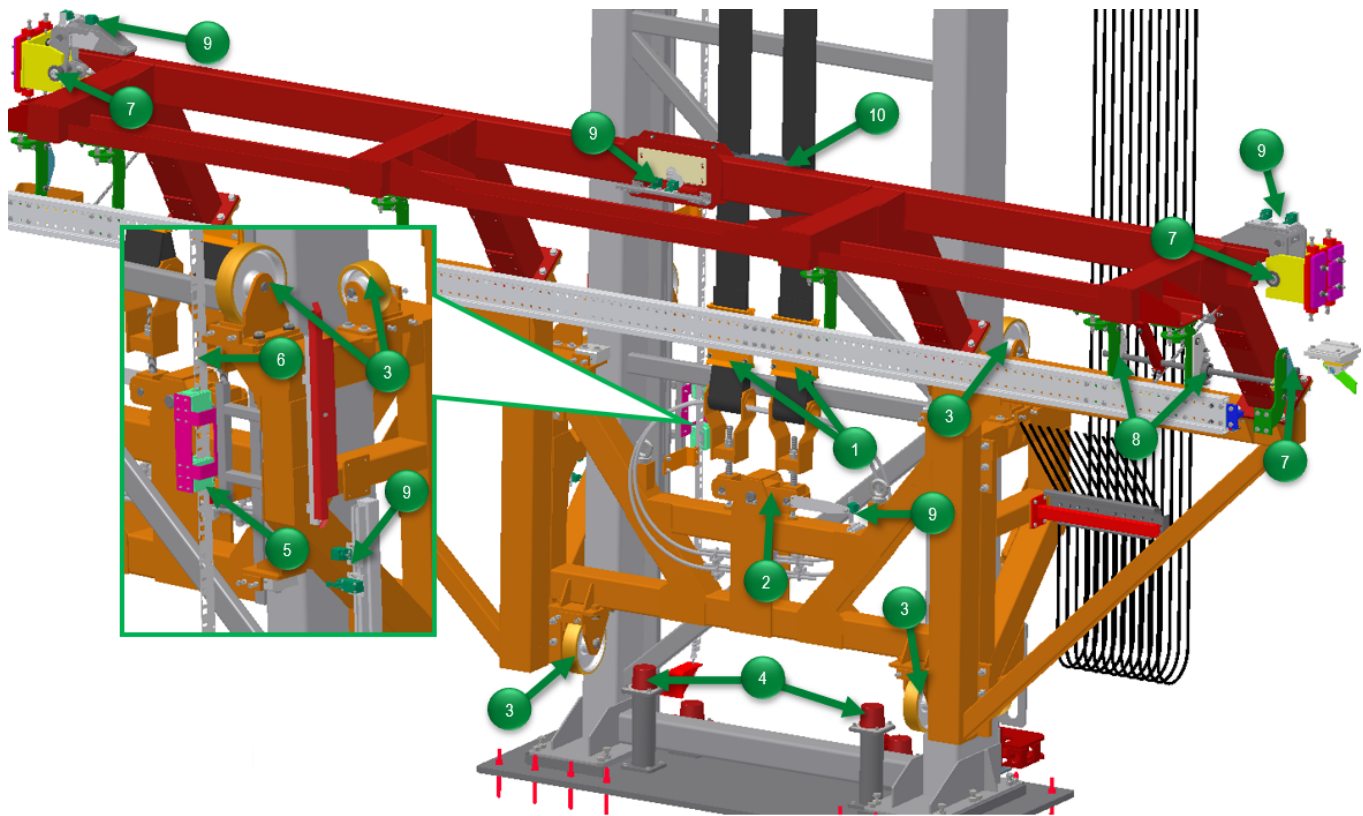
# EMS VDL Upper Drive Unit Preventive Maintenance



Item No.	Item Name	Required Operation	Description	Interval
1	Pillow Block Bearing	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check mounting hardware for proper tightness. Look for paint mark alignment on hardware – retighten if necessary.</li> <li>• Check for housing damage.</li> <li>• Check for binding or sticking in the bearing housing.</li> <li>• Check alignment of the shaft between bearings.</li> </ul>	6 Months
		Lubrication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the hole in the center of the cap to relubricate spherical roller bearings via the lubrication groove in the outer ring.</li> <li>• If possible, rotate the shaft when applying grease for better grease distribution.</li> <li>• Make sure the bearing is sufficiently centered when relubricating.</li> </ul>	

Item No.	Item Name	Required Operation	Description	Interval
2	Couplings	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check the fasteners are secured. Tighten if necessary.</li> </ul>	6 Months
		Lubrication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grease directly with grease gun, or manifold if present. To apply grease, carefully pump grease into the zerk fitting.</li> </ul>	
3	Pin and Bushing	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check pins and bushings for cleanliness and damage.</li> </ul>	
4	Air Cylinder	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check that pneumatic connections are secure.</li> </ul>	
5	Drum	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check surface for any damage that could affect lifting belts.</li> <li>Verify that the belt drum has not shifted position – 122.5mm +/-0.5mm from edge of drum to centerline of the bearing on the brake side.</li> </ul>	
6	Lifting Belts	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Index the lift. Check that belts run freely and without excessive noise</li> <li>Check for excessive fraying on belt edges and for any exposed reinforcing wires.</li> </ul>	
7	Gearmotor	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the oil sight glass or remove the oil level plug to check the level of oil.</li> <li>Check that all electrical connections are secure. If loose, tighten.</li> <li>Check the electrical connections for evidence of arcing. If evidence of arcing has occurred, replace the damage connection.</li> </ul>	
		Lubrication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace the oil in the gearbox after 3 years of use.</li> </ul>	

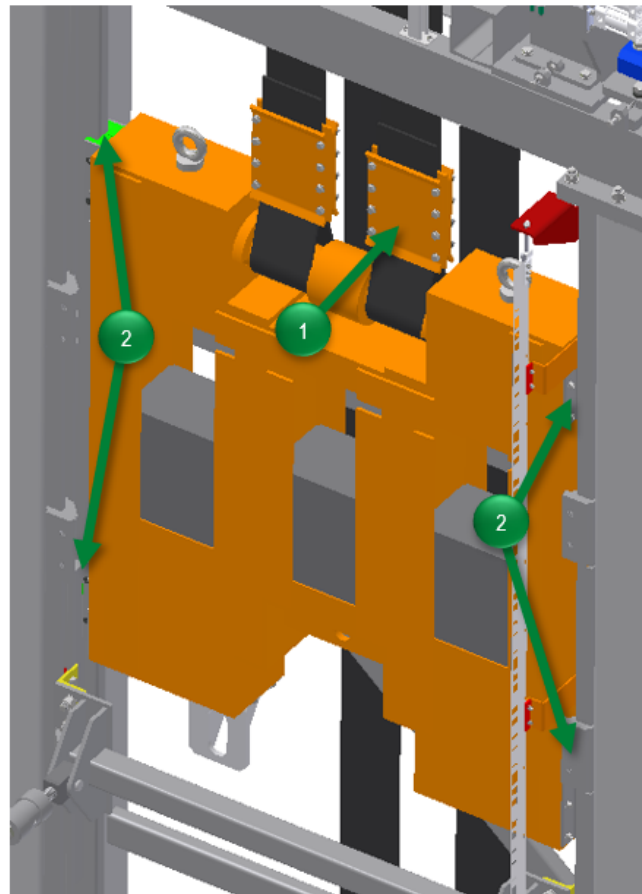
# EMS VDL Carriage Assembly Preventive Maintenance



Item No.	Item Name	Required Operation	Description	Interval
1	Carriage Belt Connection Plates	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check the M12 screws are secure on the belt clamping plate. Tighten if loose.</li> </ul>	<b>6 Months</b>
2	Pin and Bushing	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check bushing for wear. Lube free.</li> </ul>	
3	Guide Wheels	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check guide roller for ease of movement and for bearing noise.</li> <li>Check that the guide roller is properly secured to roller bracket weldment.</li> <li>Check wheel for abnormal wear, and/or cracks. Examine for side and face cracks.</li> <li>The wheel should be re-placed if the tread is worn or abraded to less than half of the original thickness.</li> </ul>	
4	Rubber Bumper	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check for excessive wear. Replace as necessary.</li> </ul>	
5	Code Rail Reader Head	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verify functionality. Clean lens with soft cloth. Check reader head assembly is secure.</li> </ul>	

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6	Code Rail	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verify that code rail is clean and not damaged.</li> <li>Verify alignment and tension. Adjust tension at the base of the rail if necessary.</li> <li>Check bolts are tightened.</li> </ul>	6 Months
7	Cam Follower	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check the support roller and the rolling surface for damage or abnormal wear. Replace as necessary.</li> </ul>	
8	Flange Bearings	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check mounting hardware for proper tightness. Look for paint mark alignment on hardware – retighten if necessary.</li> <li>Check for housing damage.</li> <li>Check for binding or sticking in the bearing housing.</li> <li>Check alignment of the shaft between bearings.</li> </ul>	
		Lubrication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grease directly with grease gun, or manifold if present. To apply grease, carefully pump grease into the zerk fitting.</li> <li>Bearing is fully lubricated when you see grease squeeze out around shaft. Clean off all excess grease.</li> </ul>	
9	Proximity Switches	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check switches for secure mounting and proper operation.</li> </ul>	
10	Gearmotor	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the oil sight glass or remove the oil level plug to check the level of oil.</li> <li>Check that all electrical connections are secure. If loose, tighten.</li> <li>Check the electrical connections for evidence of arcing. If evidence of arcing has occurred, replace the damage connection.</li> </ul>	36 Months
		Lubrication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace the oil in the gearbox after 3 years of use.</li> </ul>	

# EMS VDL Counterweight Preventive Maintenance



Item No.	Item Name	Required Operation	Description	Interval
1	Counterweight Belt Connection Plates	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check that the chain termination assembly angle mount screws are secure. Tighten if loose.</li> <li>Check pin mechanical integrity. Check for wear spots and stress fractures.</li> </ul>	<b>6 Months</b>
2	Counterweight Guides	Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check guide pads for smooth operation and surface damage. Replace as necessary.</li> </ul>	

## Lubrication Requirements - Gearmotor Oil Lubrication

Gearmotor oil can be determined by reading the attached data plates on each gearmotor. The examples below highlight the location to observe the required oil on the data plates. Do not mix oil grades when adding oil. Refer to the manufacturer's instruction manual for additional service requirements and technical data.

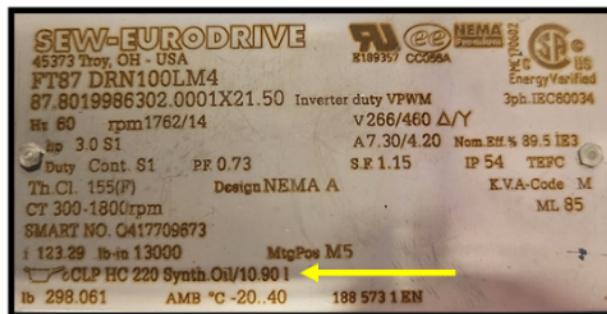
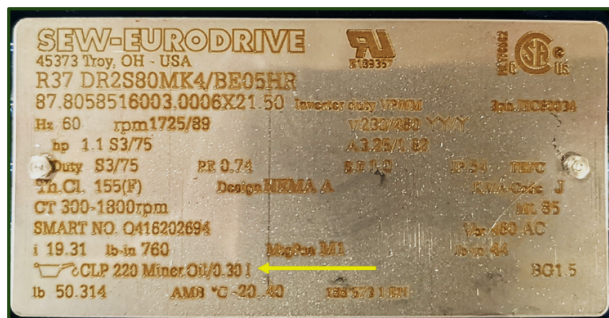
### NOTICE

If you are doing a lubricant drain and refill, gearmotor manufacturers typically recommend that you use the same brand of lubricant originally supplied. If you are refilling the gearbox with a non-compatible lubricant, FATA recommends that you first remove any residual with a petroleum solvent or a hot water wash.

### CAUTION

Do not use trichloroethylene as a washing solvent.

Data plates on the gearmotors identify the oil type and quantity that they use.

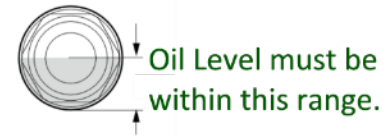
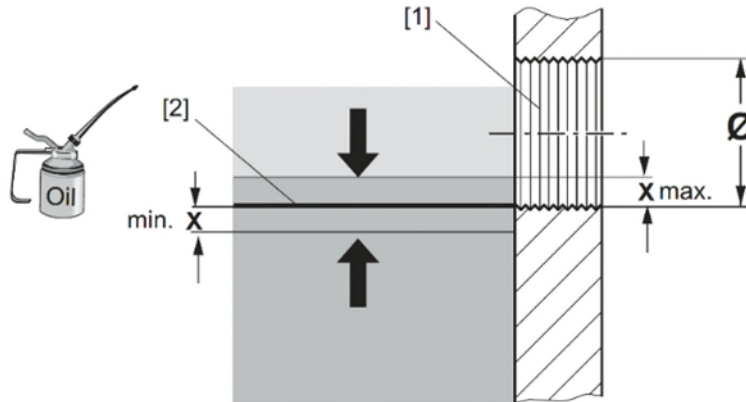


Gearmotor Data Plate Examples



## How to Check Oil Level of SEW Gearmotor

1. Locate the positions of the oil level plug and the breather valve.
2. If the gearmotor is equipped with an oil sight glass, you can determine the oil level according to the figure on the right.
3. If the gearmotor does not have a site glass, place a container underneath the oil level plug.
4. Slowly unscrew the oil level plug. Small amounts of oil may leak out as the permitted maximum oil level is higher than the lower edge of the oil level bore.
5. Check the oil level according to the following figure and the corresponding table.

[1] Oil Level Bore [2] Oil Level Setpoint [X] Min./Max. Oil Level

Ø Oil Level Bore	Approved fluctuation "x" of the oil level [mm]
M10 x 1	1.5
M12 x 1.5	2
M22 x 1.5	3
M33 x 2	4
M42 x 2	5

6. If the oil level is too low, proceed as follows:
  - a. Remove the breather valve from the breather bore.
  - b. Fill in fresh oil of the same type via the breather bore, up to the lower edge of the oil level bore.
  - c. Screw in the breather valve again. When doing this, please observe tightening torques.
7. Screw in the oil level plug again. When doing this, please observe tightening torques below for oil level plugs, oil drain plugs, breather valves, and oil sight glasses:

Thread	Tightening Torque (Nm)
M10 x 1	12
M12 x 1.5	15
M22 x 1.5	60
M33 x 2	100
M42 x 2	150

## Checking the Oil Consistency of SEW Gearmotor via Oil Drain Plug

1. Locate the positions of the oil level plug and the breather valve.
2. Remove a little oil from the oil drain plug.
3. Check the oil consistency:
  - a. Viscosity (have this carried out by a suitable laboratory if necessary)
  - d. If you can see that the oil is heavily contaminated, it is advisable to change the oil, even if this is outside the specified service intervals.
  - b. Check the oil level according **How to Check Oil Level of SEW Gearmotor** on previous page.

## Checking the Oil of SEW Gearmotor via Oil Drain Plug and Breather Valve

1. Locate the positions of the oil level plug and the breather valve.
2. Place a container underneath the oil drain plug.
3. Remove the oil level plug, the breather valve and the oil drain plug.
4. Drain all the oil.
5. Re-insert the oil drain plug. When doing this, please observe tightening torques.
6. Fill in fresh oil of the same type via the breather bore. Do not mix different synthetic lubricants.
  - a. Observe the oil quantities according to the specifications on the nameplate.
  - b. Check the oil level at the oil level plug.
7. Re-insert the oil level plug and the breather valve. When doing this, please observe tightening torques.

## Lubrication Requirements - Bearing Grease

The table below lists the plant-approved lubricants for conveyor components that need lubrication.

### Plant-Approved Lubrication Chart

Lubrication Name	Manufacturer	Conveyor Asset	Application Points
<p><i>FATA Automation recommends using Castrol Molub-Alloy 860/220-1 or equivalent plant-specific approved lubricant where applicable. Please consult with your facility lubricant specialist for specific requirements.</i></p> <p><i>See the submitted manual for plant-approved lubricants.</i></p>			

### Re-Lubrication Best Practices:

- Always clean the grease fitting of all dirt before attaching the grease gun. Failure to clean the grease fitting before applying grease could result in introducing contaminants into the component resulting in increased wear or clogging the grease fitting orifice so as not to allow the entry of grease. Inspect and replace damaged fittings. It is helpful to use grease-fitting caps to keep them clean, but still wipe fittings clean before applying grease.
- Always make sure the dispensing nozzle of the grease gun is clean before using. Pump a small amount of grease out of the dispensing nozzle, then wipe the nozzle off with a clean rag or lint-free cloth before attaching it to the grease fitting.
- Do NOT over lubricate or apply excessive amounts of grease. This could lead to ruptured seals and excessive grease outside the fitting, which can attract contamination as well as create a mess on the machine.
- Know that some greases are not compatible with each other. Ensure that the proper grease is used at every grease point. Applying the wrong grease can cause an incompatibility problem which can quickly cause bearing failure.
- Once relubrication service is complete, clean off old grease and contaminants from the boot, grease/zerk fitting and surrounding components.