

Service Life & Inspection Frequency

MSA maintains that a fall protection product can remain in service as long as the product passes inspection by the user before each use and by a Competent Person other than the user at intervals of six (6) months or one (1) year, depending on the standard that pertains to your industry. However, some products in some regions do have specific lifespan limitations. Where they exist, these limitations will be described in those product user manuals.

MSA provides instructions and label markings on our products which state that the equipment must be formally inspected by a Competent Person at intervals of no more than six (6) months. However, we recognize the fact that a six (6) month inspection interval may not be necessary for equipment that is not exposed to harsh environments that are typically found in the construction industry. If a Competent Person determines that six (6) month formal inspection intervals are not necessary due to workplace conditions, you may move to a less frequent inspection interval as long as it does not exceed that stipulated by local standards and regulations.

Some products have inspection grids that are intended to be a convenient way to record the formal inspection date of a piece of equipment. The dates on the inspection grid do not limit nor warranty the life of the product in any way. If the product is still in usable condition beyond the original inspection grid spaces, an overlay label may be obtained from MSA to extend the inspection record. The part number for this label is 10024754.

