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Loading Dock Trash Compactor Inspection Compliance Checklist

Operational Scope: Establishes a mandatory daily inspection protocol for retail loading dock trash compactors to mitigate crushing, shearing, and pinch-point hazards. Ensures compliance with federal safety regulations and prevents catastrophic equipment failure during backroom operations.

MANDATORY PPE:	ANSI Z89.1 Hard Hat, ASTM F2413 Steel-Toe Boots, ANSI Z87.1 Safety Glasses, ANSI/ISEA 107 High-Visibility Vest, Heavy-Duty Cut-Resistant Work Gloves
PREREQUISITES:	Verify the compactor power isolation switch is accessible and functional. | Ensure unauthorized personnel and bystanders are cleared from the loading dock bay.

STRUCTURAL & MECHANICAL INTEGRITY

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
1	**Hopper and Charging Box**	Inspect structural welds, sheet metal, and frame for stress cracks, severe corrosion, or structural deformation that could compromise containment.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
2	**Ram and Guide Tracks**	Check ram face and tracks for debris buildup, fluid leaks, or binding obstructions that impede smooth horizontal travel.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
3	**Container Attachment & Latching Mechanism**	Ensure container is securely locked to the compactor frame with functional ratchet straps, hook latches, or hydraulic locks preventing detachment during compaction.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

ELECTRICAL, HYDRAULIC, & SAFETY INTERLOCKS

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
4	**Emergency Stop (E-Stop) Button**	Test both operator station and remote E-stop buttons to verify immediate cessation of ram movement when depressed.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
5	**Gate Safety Interlock Switch**	Confirm that opening the hopper gate or maintenance door immediately cuts power and halts all hydraulic cylinder operations.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
6	**Hydraulic Hoses and Cylinders**	Inspect all hoses, fittings, and rams for active fluid leaks, bulging, chafing, or pressure drops.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
7	**Control Panel & Key Switch**	Verify keyed lockout switch prevents unauthorized operation and all operational pushbuttons are clearly labeled and responsive.	**Standard**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

SANITATION, SIGNAGE, & DOCK ENVIRONMENT

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
8	**Warning & Danger Signage**	Ensure all required ANSI/OSHA pinch-point, crush hazard, and operating instruction placards are securely affixed, clean, and fully legible.	**Standard**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
9	**Loading Dock Drainage & Slip Hazards**	Check floor area around the compactor pit for standing water, organic leachate, or hydraulic fluid spills; ensure drainage grates are clear.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
10	**Lighting & Visibility**	Verify overhead dock and task lighting provides minimum 30 foot-candles of illumination across the compactor operating zone.	**Standard**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

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