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Loading Dock Trash Compactor Inspection Inspection Checklist

Operational Scope: This checklist establishes mandatory daily safety verification protocols for retail loading dock trash compactors to mitigate crushing, pinch-point, and electrical hazards. Compliance is strictly required to meet regulatory standards and maintain operational safety integrity.

MANDATORY PPE:	ANSI Z89.1 Hard Hat, ASTM F2413 Steel-Toe Boots, ANSI Z87.1 Safety Glasses, ANSI/ISEA 107 High-Visibility Vest, Cut-Resistant Heavy-Duty Gloves
PREREQUISITES:	Verify compactor is powered on and key switch is in the secure off position prior to visual checks. | Ensure loading dock bay is clear of unauthorized personnel, bystanders, and slip/trip hazards.

STRUCTURAL & MECHANICAL INTEGRITY

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
1	**Ram and Hopper Chute**	Inspect internal hopper and ram face for accumulated wet waste, structural cracks, or deformed steel; must be clear of blockages and damage.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
2	**Container Connection & Retainer Latch**	Confirm the receiver container is fully locked to the compactor frame, with ratchet binders or hydraulic hooks secured tightly and pin safety engaged.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
3	**Hydraulic Hoses and Cylinders**	Check all hydraulic lines, fittings, and rams for active fluid leaks, bulging hoses, or unusual pressure drops during a test cycle.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
4	**Dock Safety Gates and Guardrails**	Verify that loading dock safety chains, yellow guardrails, and fall-prevention gates are fully functional and securely anchored.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

ELECTRICAL CONTROLS & SAFETY INTERLOCKS

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
5	**Emergency Stop (E-Stop) Button**	Test the mushroom-head E-stop button; activating it must instantly halt all compactor ram movement without delay.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
6	**Gate Interlock Switch**	Open the access gate or hopper door while the ram is in cycle; the unit must immediately cease operation.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
7	**Key Switch & Control Panel Enclosure**	Inspect the weather-tight control panel for cracked covers, missing enclosure screws, and verify key switch removes only in the 'Off' position.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
8	**Warning Signage & Decals**	Ensure ANSI-compliant 'Danger: Pinch Point', 'Keep Clear', and operating instruction placards are clearly visible and legible.	**Standard**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

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