

# Pressure Systems' Compliance

## - Lease or Hire

**The Pressure Systems Safety Regulations 2000:S.I.128 (PSSR) covers all types of pressure systems including compressed air installations.**

The regulations provide a complete legal framework to control activities from design to installation, examination and keeping of records to name but a few. Some systems may be exempt from the regulations, some systems may not require examinations but all systems will need to comply with either this or other legal provisions. Installed compressed air systems subject to lease or hire have a variation for compliance.

### Who is responsible for compliance?

The regulations identify the 'owner' and the 'user' as being responsible to fulfil the requirements of the legislation for both installed and mobile pressure systems.

### Who is responsible where an installed compressed air system is subject to lease or hire?

*Regulation 3 (5) identifies 'modification of duties in cases where pressure systems are supplied by way of lease, hire or other arrangements'.*

*The 'modification of those duties' is identified in Schedule II of the regulations; This paragraph applies where a person supplies an installed system by way of lease or hire, and agrees in writing to be responsible for discharging the duties of the user under all the provisions of regulations':*

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| <b>8(1) and (2)</b> | - | production of and maintenance of the written scheme of examination  |
| <b>9(1)</b>         | - | ensure that an examination in accordance with the written scheme is done  |
| <b>11(1)</b>        | - | provide adequate and suitable instruction on safe operation and emergency actions   |
| <b>12</b>           | - | ensure that the system is properly maintained in good repair, so as to prevent danger   |
| <b>14</b>           | - | shall keep records including the last report of examination and any information which may ensure continued safe operation and allow modifications and repairs to be done safely |

The regulations go on to state;

*"During such time as the agreement is in force the supplier shall discharge the duties of the user under the said provisions."*

### Hire purchase agreement, conditional sale agreement, or lease

Where an installed compressed air system is financed by a hire purchase agreement, conditional sale agreement, or lease where the company that provides the finance has not had physical possession of that pressure system, or has had physical possession of it only for the purpose of passing it on to the customer, the customer and not the person who provided the finance shall be responsible for compliance with the regulations.

## BE AWARE

**The fact that a compressed air system has a written scheme of examination and has had an examination does not mean that all the regulations in the PSSR have been complied with.**

BCAS runs a 1 day workshop for written schemes and a 5-day course for examinations to the written scheme for the Pressure Systems Safety Regulations.