

Warehouse Wire Guidance System Verification For Turret Trucks

1.0 Maintenance Objective & Frequency

The objective of this procedure is to verify the accuracy and reliability of the wire guidance system on turret trucks operating in narrow-aisle warehouses. This PM ensures the vehicle's guidance sensors correctly detect the floor-embedded wire, preventing lateral drift, rack collisions, and product damage. The verification includes checking sensor alignment, signal strength, and system response to wire offsets.

Frequency: Monthly or every 200 operating hours, whichever comes first. Additional verification is required after any floor repair, wire splice, or guidance controller replacement.

2.0 Lockout/Tagout (LOTO) & Safety

- **Electrical Isolation:** Disconnect the turret truck's main battery connector and apply a personal lockout tag. Verify zero voltage at the guidance controller using a multimeter.
- **Hydraulic Isolation:** Lower the mast completely and engage the mechanical mast lock. Depressurize the hydraulic system by cycling the lift control to neutral.
- **Motion Prevention:** Chock the drive wheels and set the parking brake. Ensure the truck is on a level surface away from pedestrian traffic.
- **PPE:** Wear safety glasses, steel-toed boots, and high-visibility vest. Use insulated gloves when handling electrical connections.

3.0 Required Tools, Parts & Lubricants

- Digital multimeter with frequency measurement capability (Fluke 87V or equivalent)
- Wire guidance signal generator (OEM-specific, e.g., Murr Elektronik or Sick)
- Calibrated feeler gauge set (0.001-0.030 inch)
- Torque wrench (0-50 Nm, calibrated within 12 months)
- 10mm combination wrench and 5mm Allen key
- Non-magnetic stainless steel straightedge (600mm length)
- Isopropyl alcohol and lint-free wipes
- Replacement guidance sensor mounting bolts (M6 x 20mm, grade 8.8)
- Dielectric grease (e.g., Permatex 22058)

4.0 Step-by-Step Maintenance Procedure

1. Perform LOTO as per Section 2.0. Confirm the truck is electrically isolated and mechanically secured.
2. Access the guidance sensor assembly located under the chassis, near the front axle. Remove the protective cover using a 5mm Allen key.

3. Visually inspect the sensor mounting bracket for cracks, corrosion, or loose bolts. Torque the four M6 mounting bolts to 12 Nm using a torque wrench.
4. Clean the sensor face and the surrounding floor area with isopropyl alcohol and a lint-free wipe. Remove any metal shavings or debris that could interfere with the magnetic field.
5. Measure the air gap between the sensor face and the floor using a feeler gauge. The gap must be 0.020 ± 0.005 inch. If out of spec, adjust the sensor height using the shims provided in the OEM kit.
6. Using the straightedge, verify that the sensor is parallel to the floor within 0.010 inch over its entire length. Adjust the mounting bracket if necessary.
7. Reconnect the battery and power on the guidance controller. Use the multimeter to measure the signal frequency at the sensor output terminals. The frequency should be 10.0 ± 0.5 kHz when the truck is centered over the wire. Record the reading.
8. Manually shift the truck laterally 2 inches to the left and right of the wire. The signal frequency should change proportionally (typically ± 2 kHz per inch of offset). If the response is nonlinear, inspect the wire for breaks or splices.
9. Apply a thin layer of dielectric grease to the sensor connector pins and reconnect. Secure the cable with a zip tie to prevent chafing.
10. Replace the protective cover and torque the cover screws to 4 Nm. Remove all tools and debris from the work area.

5.0 Verification & Return to Service

1. Remove LOTO devices and restore full power to the turret truck. Ensure the mast is unlocked and the hydraulic system is pressurized.
2. Perform a guided test run over a 50-meter straight section of wire at 50% travel speed. Observe that the truck maintains a centerline deviation of less than ± 0.5 inch without corrective steering input.
3. Execute a 90-degree turn at a wire intersection. Verify the truck smoothly transitions to the new wire path without overshoot or oscillation.
4. If any deviation or abnormal behavior is observed, repeat the calibration procedure or consult the OEM service manual for advanced diagnostics.
5. Record the verification results (signal frequency, air gap, test run observations) in the PM work order within ServiceGrid. Sign off and close the work order.

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