# Lubrication Best Practices Checklist



#### 1. Right Lubricant

- Match the correct type and grade to each machine/component
- Consider viscosity, temperature, load, and OEM guidance
- Avoid mixing incompatible oils/greases

#### 2. Right Amount

- Too little = wear, overheating
- Too much = leaks, seal damage, higher temps
- Use calibrated tools or automatic dispensers

#### 3. Right Time

- Follow a consistent schedule (calendar or condition-based)
- Adjust frequency for critical assets
- Use oil analysis or condition monitoring when possible

#### 4. Cleanliness & Contamination Control

- · Store lubricants in sealed, labeled containers
- · Filter new oil before use
- · Keep fittings, fill points, and tools clean
- Use breathers, seals, and sight glasses

## 5. Proper Storage & Handling

- Store indoors in a dry, temperature-controlled area
- Use color-coding/labeling to prevent mix-ups
- Dedicated transfer tools for each type

## ☐ 6. Monitoring & Verification

- Keep lubrication logs (what, how much, when, who)
- Perform oil analysis
  (viscosity, contamination, wear metals)
- Check sight glasses, gauges, grease monitors regularly

## ☐ 7. Training & Accountability

- Train staff on proper practices and importance
- Standardize procedures across the team
- Assign responsibility for lubrication tasks

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