

# BATTING CAGE MAINTENANCE CHECK LIST

Porter recommends a maintenance inspection take place at least once a year by a Porter Certified Inspector, using the attached check list. Porter recommends the same check list be used as a guide for additional inspections by facility personnel or operators every 6 months. Any abnormal movement or sound during operation is cause for an immediate and thorough inspection. The annual inspection by a Porter Certified Inspector is required to maintain the extended limited warranty.

## 1. GENERAL

Before inspecting, be certain to follow all OSHA guidelines concerning the use of scaffolds and lifts. The proximity of the scaffold or lift to the curtain must be of adequate distance to provide working clearance, so as not to have the curtain contact the lift during operational checks.

Make certain the Porter key switch, Powr-Touch<sup>®</sup> pad, or control system are not substituted and is located within full view (but not beneath) the divider curtain. Check the walls in close proximity to the curtain for any type of protrusion that may interfere with the raising or lowering of the unit (i.e., new scoreboard, chinning bars, etc.).

## 2. ELECTRIC WINCH

Although virtually maintenance-free, the electric winch should also be periodically inspected for proper operation of the limit switch assembly and key switch. Refer to the key switch/limit switch instructions that come with the winch for adjustment procedure.

Inspect the connection to the superstructure, ensuring all hardware is tight. The hardware at the building connection is also to be inspected for tightness. Ensure the lineshaft hardware is securely attached to the winch with no sign of line-shaft "key-holing"

If Porter belt drive system is present, ensure belt is tight and that both pulleys are secure. Ensure set screws and keys are tight. If Porter 720 direct drive system is present, ensure gearing is free of obstruction and shows no abnormal sign of wear.

Ensure Winch and line shaft systems are clear of power chords.

## 3. LINE SHAFT

Inspect the line shaft for proper rotation on the two (2) roller bearing wheels at each roller bracket location. If the line shaft is not seated symmetrically on the two roller bearings, adjust the turnbuckles accordingly.

Inspect the entire line shaft length for concentricity during rotation. If any part of the line shaft rotates with a cam effect (wobble), replace that length of line shaft. Make certain the cause of deflected shaft is identified and remedied, such as a roller support assembly being greater than 3'-0" from a cable drum.

Inspect all hardware at line shaft splices and the winch output shafts, tightening as necessary.

#### **4. LINE SHAFT SUPPORTS**

All support fittings, shaft and pipe splices, support rods, etc. should be inspected for fatigue cracks, loose bolts or set screws, and corrosion, on an annual basis. Replace defective parts as required.

#### **5. ROLLER BRACKET SUPPORTS**

Inspect all turnbuckles and "S" hook connections, making certain the hardware is all "closed". Alignment of the roller assembly is to be inspected for a smooth rotation of the line shaft.

#### **6. HOISTING CABLES**

Inspect all 1/8" galvanized hoisting cables for kinking or fraying, replacing as necessary.

#### **7. CABLE DRUMS**

Make certain all cable drums are secured with two (2) 5/16" x 7/16" lg. rivets or self drilling screw, and **not** just a set screw. All cable must be within the side drum plates. If any cable is winding outside the drum on the line shaft, this is an indication of an incorrect up or down limit switch adjustment. Refer to the limit switch section of this manual for adjustment procedure. Adjust so that the cable has minimum build up on itself through the travel of the curtain by adjusting the location.

#### **8. BATTING CAGE FRAME**

Inspect the batting cage frame to ensure all connections are secure and tight.

#### **9. SUPERSTRUCTURE**

Visually inspect all super structure and connections for any sign of abnormal deflection or structural cracks. Check all hardware to confirm it is present and secure.

#### **10. FABRIC**

Inspect the net for any tears or holes in the netting. Replacement netting can be obtained through Porter Athletic

#### **11. UNIVERSAL JOINTS (690 CURTAIN ONLY)**

Check that each universal joint is properly free to allow for proper transferring of the rotation of the line shaft. Lubricate if necessary. Ensure all hardware is secure.

**BATTING CAGE INSPECTION REPORT**

The following page should be copied and returned to Porter Athletic by a Porter Certified Inspector after each inspection.

Porter Order Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Project Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Selling Dealer \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Scheduled Shipment \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Substantial Completion \_\_\_\_\_

(Information should be found on the first page of Installation manual)

Inspecting Company Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Porter Certified Inspector Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Inspection Date \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of Inspected Equipment, Include any replaced, repaired, damaged, or worn parts. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please attach the checklist of each equipment inspected

# BATTING CAGE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Please refer to previous pages for details on inspections.  
 This checklist is to assist you in your inspection program.  
 As you are making the inspection, enter "S" for satisfactory, or "R" for repair and replace.

INSPECT ALL ITEMS FOR EACH CURTAIN											
<b>ELECTRIC WINCH</b>											
#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12
<b>LINESHAFT</b>											
#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12
<b>LINESHAFT SUPPORTS</b>											
#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12
<b>ROLLER BRACKET SUPPORTS AND TOP CURTAIN CONNECTIONS</b>											
#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12
<b>HOISTING CABLES</b>											
#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12
<b>CABLE DRUMS</b>											
#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12
<b>TOP AND BOTTOM POCKET CONCEALED PIPES</b>											
#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12
<b>STRUCTURE</b>											
#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12
<b>FABRIC</b>											
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<b>UNVIERSAL JOINTS (690 CURTAIN ONLY)</b>											
#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12
<b>OTHER EQUIPMENT</b>											
#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12