

Hazard Zone Checklist



Instructions: Use this checklist to determine if any typical job activities of **caution zone jobs** may put employees at risk of hazardous levels of ergonomic stress. Use a separate checklist for each job position. These are movements or postures that are regularly required to complete a job and are **performed more than once per week for more than one week per year.**

Job Position evaluated: _____ No. of employees: _____ Date: _____

Awkward Postures



The job requires hands held overhead or elbows held above shoulders. **4+ hours/day**

Check if applicable

Comments



The job requires employees to repeatedly raise hands overhead or elbows above shoulders more than once per minute. **4+ hours/day**



The job requires the employee's neck to be bent more than 45° without support or the ability to change position. **4+ hours/day**



The job requires the employee's back to be bent forward more than 30° without support or the ability to change position. **4+ hours/day**



The job requires the employee's back to be bent forward more than 45° without support or the ability to change position. **4+ hours/day**



The job requires employees to kneel or squat. **4+ hours/day**

Pinching



The job requires employees to pinch either:

- An unsupported object weighing 2+ lbs per hand.
- An object with a force of 4+ lbs per hand.

2+ hours/day

Check if applicable

Comments

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Pinching *(continued)*



The job requires employees to hold objects in a pinch grip for use in highly repetitive motions. **3+ hours/day**

Check if applicable

Comments



The job requires employees to hold objects in a pinch grip at awkward wrist angles (*fig.1 page 3*). **4+ hours/day**



The job requires the employee's neck to be bent more than 45° without support or the ability to change position. **4+ hours/day**

Gripping



The job requires employees to pinch either:
• An unsupported object weighing 10+ lbs per hand.
• An object with a force of 10+ lbs per hand. **2+ hours/day**

Check if applicable

Comments



The job requires employees to hold objects in a grip for use in highly repetitive motions. **3+ hours/day**



The job requires employees to hold objects in a grip at awkward wrist angles (*fig.1 page 3*). **4+ hours/day**



The job requires employees to maintain a grip with no other risk factors. **4+ hours/day**

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Highly Repetitive Motion

Check if applicable

Comments



The job requires repetitive motions of the neck, shoulders, elbows, wrists, or hands that occur every few seconds. (fig.1 below) **2+ hours/day**



The job requires employees to perform repetitive motions with no other risk factors. **3+ hours/day**



The job requires intensive keying at awkward wrist angles (fig. 1 below). **4+ hours/day**



The job requires intensive keying with no other risk factors. **7+ hours/day**

Repeated Impact

Check if applicable

Comments



The job requires employees to pinch either:

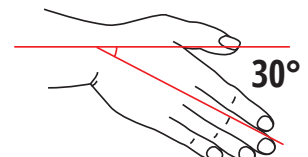
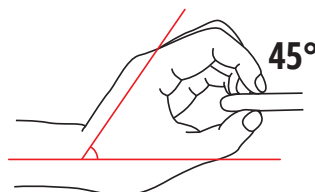
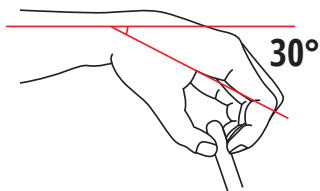
- An unsupported object weighing 10+ lbs per hand.
- An object with a force of 10+ lbs per hand.

2+ hours/day



The job requires employees to hold objects in a grip for use in highly repetitive motions. **3+ hours/day**

Figure 1 - Awkward Wrist Angles



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Hand-Arm Vibration Calculator

Check if applicable

Comments



Follow these steps to calculate the effects of hand-arm vibrations based on the tools in use and total time spent using them. **See chart for time limits**

1. Find the tool's vibration value in m/s^2 (available from the manufacturer or by using a vibration meter).
2. Enter the total time per day the tool is used by employees.
3. On the chart below, plot the intersection of the vibration value and the total hours spent using the tool.

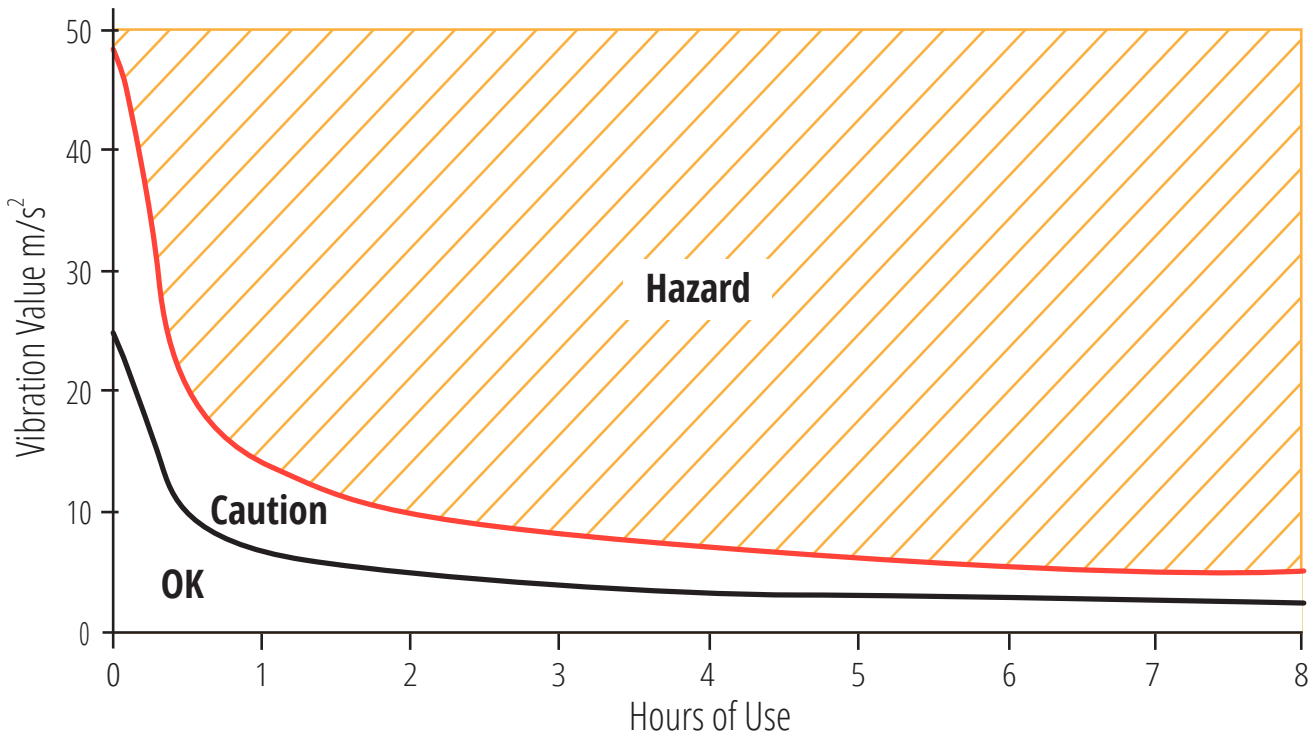
Vibration Value: _____ m/s^2

Duration: _____ hours/day

If the point of intersection falls in:

- **The "OK" range:** No further actions are required.
- **The "Caution" range:** The job remains subject to restrictions indicated on the **Caution Zone Checklist**.
- **The "Hazard" range:** Take actions to reduce the vibration hazard below this range or to the degree most technologically and economically feasible.

Vibration Value vs. Duration



The **caution curve** is based on an 8-hour energy-equivalent frequency-weighted value of $2.5 m/s^2$.

The **hazard curve** is based on an 8-hour energy-equivalent frequency-weighted value of $5 m/s^2$.