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14.3.1*

Unless otherwise permitted by 14.3.2, visual inspections shall be performed in accordance with the schedules in Table 14.3.1 or more often if required by the authority having jurisdiction.

Table 14.3.1 Visual Inspection

Component	Initial Acceptance	Periodic Frequency	Method	Reference
1. All equipment	X	Annual	Ensure there are no changes that affect equipment performance. Inspect for building modifications, occupancy changes, changes in environmental conditions, device location, physical obstructions, device orientation, physical damage, and degree of cleanliness.	14.3.4
2. Control equipment:				
(1) Fire alarm systems monitored for alarm, supervisory, and trouble signals			Verify a system normal condition.	
(a) Fuses	X	Annual		
(b) Interfaced equipment	X	Annual		
(c) Lamps and LEDs	X	Annual		
(d) Primary (main) power supply	X	Annual		
(e) Trouble signals	X	Semiannual		
(2) Fire alarm systems unmonitored for alarm, supervisory, and trouble signals			Verify a system normal condition.	
(a) Fuses	X	Weekly		
(b) Interfaced equipment	X	Weekly		
(c) Lamps and LEDs	X	Weekly		
(d) Primary (main) power supply	X	Weekly		
(e) Trouble signals	X	Weekly		
3. Reserved				
4. Supervising station alarm systems — transmitters			Verify location, physical condition, and a system normal condition.	
(1) Digital alarm communicator transmitter (DACT)	X	Annual		
(2) Digital alarm radio transmitter (DART)	X	Annual		
(3) McCulloh	X	Annual		
(4) Radio alarm transmitter (RAT)	X	Annual		
(5) All other types of communicators	X	Annual		
5. In-building fire emergency voice/alarm communications equipment	X	Semiannual	Verify location and condition.	

Component	Initial Acceptance	Periodic Frequency	Method	Reference
6. Reserved				
7. Reserved				
8. Reserved				
9.* Batteries				10.6.10
(1) Valve-regulated lead-acid (VRLA) batteries			Ensure month and year of manufacture is marked in the month/year format on each battery cell/unit. Verify tightness of battery connections. Inspect terminals for corrosion, excessive container/cover distortion, cracks in cell/unit or leakage of electrolyte. Replace any battery cell/unit if corrosion, distortion, or leakage is observed.	
(a) General	X	N/A		
(b) Marking	N/A	Semiannual	Verify marking of the month/year of manufacture on each battery cell/unit. Replace any cell/unit if alarm equipment manufacturer's replacement date has been exceeded.	
(2) Primary (dry cell) other than those used in low-power radio (wireless) systems in accordance with Chapter 23	X	Semiannual	Verify marking of the month/year of manufacture. Replace if alarm equipment/battery manufacturer's replacement date has been exceeded. Replacement date not to exceed 12 months. Verify tightness of connections. Inspect for corrosion or leakage. Replace any battery cell/unit if corrosion or leakage is observed.	
10. Reserved				
11. Remote annunciators	X	Semiannual	Verify location and condition.	
12. Notification appliance circuit power extenders	X	Annual	Verify proper fuse ratings, if any. Verify that lamps and LEDs indicate normal operating status of the equipment.	10.6
13. Remote power supplies	X	Annual	Verify proper fuse ratings, if any. Verify that lamps and LEDs indicate normal operating status of the equipment.	10.6
14. Transient suppressors	X	Semiannual	Verify location and condition.	
15. Reserved				
16. Fiber-optic cable connections	X	Annual	Verify location and condition.	
17. Initiating devices			Verify location and condition (all devices).	
(1) Air sampling				
(a) General	X	Semiannual	Verify that in-line filters, if any, are clean.	17.7.3.6
(b) Sampling system piping and sampling ports	X	N/A	Verify that sampling system piping and fittings are installed properly, appear airtight, and are permanently fixed. Confirm that sampling pipe is conspicuously identified. Verify that sample ports or points are not obstructed.	17.7.3.6
(2) Duct detectors				

Component	Initial Acceptance	Periodic Frequency	Method	Reference
(a) General	X	Semiannual	Verify that detector is rigidly mounted. Confirm that no penetrations in a return air duct exist in the vicinity of the detector. Confirm the detector is installed so as to sample the airstream at the proper location in the duct.	17.7.5.5
(b) Sampling tube	X	Annual	Verify proper orientation. Confirm the sampling tube protrudes into the duct in accordance with system design.	17.7.5.5
(3) Electromechanical releasing devices	X	Semiannual		
(4) Fire extinguishing system(s) or suppression system(s) switches	X	Semiannual		
(5) Manual fire alarm boxes	X	Semiannual		
(6) Heat detectors	X	Semiannual		
(7) Radiant energy fire detectors	X	Quarterly	Verify no point requiring detection is obstructed or outside the detector's field of view.	17.8
(8) Video image smoke and fire detectors	X	Quarterly	Verify no point requiring detection is obstructed or outside the detector's field of view.	17.7.7; 17.11.5
(9) Smoke detectors (excluding one- and two-family dwellings)	X	Semiannual		
(10) Projected beam smoke detectors	X	Semiannual	Verify beam path is unobstructed.	
(11) Supervisory signal devices	X	Quarterly		
(12) Waterflow devices	X	Quarterly		
18. Reserved				
19. Combination systems			Verify location and condition (all types).	
(1) Fire extinguisher electronic monitoring devices/systems	X	Semiannual		
(2) Carbon monoxide detectors/systems	X	Semiannual		
Alarm control interface				
20. and emergency control function interface	X	Semiannual	Verify location and condition.	
21. Guard's tour equipment	X	Semiannual	Verify location and condition.	
22. Notification appliances			Verify location and condition (all appliances).	
(1) Audible appliances	X	Semiannual		
(2) Loudspeakers	X	Semiannual		
(3) Visual appliances				
(a) General	X	Semiannual		18.5.5
(b) Candela rating	X	N/A	Verify the appliance candela rating marking or the FACU controlled candela rating agrees with the approved	18.5.5

Component	Initial Acceptance	Periodic Frequency	Method	Reference
			drawings.	
23. Exit marking audible notification appliances	X	Semiannual	Verify location and condition.	
24. Reserved				
25. Two-way emergency communications systems	X	Annual	Verify location and condition.	
26. Reserved				
27. Supervising station alarm systems — receivers				
(1) Signal receipt	X	Daily	Verify receipt of signal.	
(2) Receivers	X	Annual	Verify location and normal condition.	
28. Public emergency alarm reporting system transmission equipment			Verify location and condition.	
(1) Publicly accessible alarm box	X	Semiannual		
(2) Auxiliary box	X	Annual		
(3) Master box				
(a) Manual operation	X	Semiannual		
(b) Auxiliary operation	X	Annual		
29. Reserved				
30. Mass notification system				
(1) Monitored for integrity			Verify a system normal condition.	
(a) Control equipment				
(i) Fuses	X	Annual		
(ii) Interfaces	X	Annual		
(iii) Lamps/LED	X	Annual		
(iv) Primary (main) power supply	X	Annual		
(b) Secondary power batteries	X	Annual		
(c) Initiating devices	X	Annual		
(d) Notification appliances	X	Annual		
(2) Not monitored for integrity; installed prior to adoption of the 2010 edition			Verify a system normal condition.	
(a) Control equipment				
(i) Fuses	X	Semiannual		
(ii) Interfaces	X	Semiannual		
(iii) Lamps/LED	X	Semiannual		
(iv) Primary (main) power supply	X	Semiannual		

Component	Initial Acceptance	Periodic Frequency	Method	Reference
(b) Secondary power batteries	X	Semiannual		
(c) Initiating devices	X	Semiannual		
(d) Notification appliances	X	Semiannual		
(3) Antenna	X	Annual	Verify location and condition.	
(4) Transceivers	X	Annual	Verify location and condition.	

Note: N/A = not applicable, no minimum requirement established.

*For other than VRLA or primary (dry) cell batteries, refer to the battery manufacturer's published instructions or IEEE 450, *Recommended Practice for Maintenance, Testing, and Replacement of Vented Lead-Acid Batteries for Stationary Applications*, for vented lead-acid batteries, and IEEE 1106, *Recommended Practice for Installation, Maintenance, Testing, and Replacement of Vented Nickel-Cadmium Batteries for Stationary Applications*, for nickel-cadmium batteries.

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Committee Statement

Committee Statement: SIG-PRS requests the Correlating Committee to direct SIG-TMS to change the term "transient suppressors" in Item (14) of Table 14.3.1 to "surge protective devices (SPG)."

(STAFF NOTE: See FR-5219 on 14.3.1.)

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