

AIR RECEIVERS

The Occupational Safety and Health Act, 2007 Section 69.

(1) Every air receiver shall—

(a) Have marked upon it, so as to be plainly visible, the safe working pressure;

(b) In the case of a receiver connected with an air compressing plant either be so constructed as to withstand with safety, the maximum pressure which can be obtained in the compressor, or be

Fitted with a suitable reducing valve or other suitable appliance to prevent the safe working Pressure of the receiver being exceeded;

(c) Be fitted with a suitable safety valve so adjusted as to permit the air to escape as soon as the safe working pressure is exceeded;

(d) Be fitted with a correct pressure gauge indicating the pressure in the receiver in pounds per square inch;

(e) Be fitted with a suitable appliance for draining the receiver;

(f) Be provided with a suitable manhole, hand hole or other means which will allow the interior to be thoroughly cleaned; and

(g) In a case where more than one receiver is in use in the workplace, bear a distinguishing mark which shall be easily visible.

(2) For the purpose of the provisions of subsection (1) relating to safety valves and pressure gauges, any set of air receivers supplied with air through a single pipe may be treated as one receiver: Provided that, in a case where a suitable reducing valve or other suitable appliance to prevent the safe working pressure being exceeded is required to be fitted, this subsection shall not apply unless the valve or appliance is fitted on the said single pipe.

(3) Every air receiver and its fittings shall be of sound construction and properly maintained.

(4) No person shall use in any workplace, an air receiver which does not comply with the standards set out in this section.

(5) Every air receiver shall be thoroughly cleaned and undergo a thorough examination by an approved person at least once in every period of twenty-four months or after any extensive repairs:

Provided that in the case of a receiver of solid drawn construction—

(a) The person making any such examination may specify in writing, a period exceeding twelve

Months but not exceeding forty-eight months within which the next examination is to be carried

Out; and

(b) If it so constructed that the internal surface cannot be thoroughly examined, a suitable hydraulic test of the receiver shall be carried out in lieu of internal examination, every such examination and test shall be carried out by an approved person, and a report of the result of every such examination and test, shall be in the prescribed form containing the prescribed particulars, including particulars of the safe working pressure, be signed by the person who carried out the examination or test and be entered in or attached to the general register.

(6) In this section—

“air receiver” means-

(a) any vessel (other than a pipe or coil, or an accessory, fitting or part of a compressor) for containing compressed air and connected with an air compressing plant; or

(b) Any fixed vessel for containing compressed air or compressed exhaust gases and used for the purpose of starting an internal combustion engine;

“approved person” means any person who is approved by the Director, by certificate in writing for the purpose of carrying out examinations and tests of air receivers in accordance with, and for the purposes of this section.

Any person who commits an offence under this section shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding three hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both. Where the contravention in respect of which a person is convicted is continued after the conviction, shall that person subject to the provisions of

section 110, be guilty of a further offence and liable in respect thereof to a fine not exceeding ten thousand shillings for each day on which the contravention is so continued.

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