

## 10. Safety instructions and Maintenance

### 10.1 Safety instructions

The operator has to take corresponding safety precautions that will exclude dangers to persons and material by rotating drive shafts or their components.

- On working on the drive-shafts the **drive has to be in quiescent condition** – set down engine and secure, so that the drive can't be activated unauthorised by a third person.
- Installation, assembly and maintenance work may be performed only by **competent personnel**.
- When installing and disassembling and when transporting of the drive shafts don't reach into the joints to avoid contusions caused by **tilting flanges or components**. Take suitable measures to avoid that drive-shafts-shares **slide apart unintentionally** and cause injuries or damage.
- Fast mode or/and long shafts should be lined with protection devices like safety shackle and guard and protected against touching or point potential dangers explicitly out.
- Don't place weights onto shafts in standstill, don't place, hang or fasten tools or other objects on the shafts.

The user or operator has to observe the legal safety regulations and has to make arrangements before beginning the maintenance-work.

To avoid damages or dangers observe the following **basic information**:

- The permitted **operating speed** may not be exceeded.
- Don't exceed the permitted **angle of deflection**.
- In case of shafts with **length extension** the maximum permitted X-value may not be exceeded. It is recommended to use 1/3 of the complete length extension.
- The drive shaft has to be checked regularly for modified **running noises** and **vibrations** and if necessary to check the changing of the **joint slackness** and of the length extension in standstill.
- The **balance status** of drive shafts may not be changed.
- Don't make modifications or unauthorized repairs without the **written approval** of the manufacturer, as dangers for humans and material result and any claim of warranty becomes void.
- Drive shafts may not be cleaned with **pressure water** or **steam jet** to avoid damage of the seals and to prevent the penetration of water and dirt.
- When cleaning don't use **aggressive cleanser**.
- **Protect plastics-coated profiles** and sliding surfaces against mechanical, thermal and chemical damages. Sliding surfaces for seals have to be covered before colouring.
- The drive shafts may only be installed in fluid or solid media with written approval of the manufacturer.
- **Local heating** of the drive shafts (e. g. flame cleaning of colour residues) must not be carried out to avoid significant changes of the true running characteristics.

### 10.2 General maintenance information

ELBE drive shafts will be delivered as fully finished power units, are ready for use greased and balanced. To guarantee the characteristics specified in the documentation the condition upon delivery may not be changed.

The maintenance-cycle of the drive shafts depends particularly on the application conditions.

Above-average load, variations in temperature and the effect of dirt and water render it necessary to observe shorter maintenance intervals to guarantee the safe and efficient application.

We recommend coordinating the inspection intervals of the drive shafts with the ones of other machine parts or with the service inter-

vals of the machine or of the vehicle.

Inspection and maintenance are required at least once a year.

Application field	control and maintenance intervals Joint	length extension
Commercial vehicles in street application	50.000 km or 1 year	maintenance-free
Commercial vehicles in street- and territory application	25.000 km or 6 months	maintenance-free
Commercial vehicles in pure construction-site and territory application	10.000 km or 1 month	maintenance-free or 100 hours
Earth-moving and construction machines	250 operating hours or 1 month	maintenance-free or 100 hours
Stationary plant and machines construction	500 operating hours or 3 months	maintenance-free or 3 months