

Dry riser inspection checklist

The six-monthly visual inspection under BS 9990. Tick pass or fail and note what you found.



Building / address _____ Riser reference _____ Number of floors with outlets _____

Inspected by _____ Date _____ Date of last annual pressure test _____

Inlet, at ground level

Check	Pass	Fail	Notes
Inlet cabinet reachable: not blocked by parked vehicles, bins or stored items	☐	☐	
Cabinet opens: key or padlock available on site, door not seized	☐	☐	
Glass panel and cabinet undamaged	☐	☐	
Blank caps and chains fitted on every coupling, caps not seized	☐	☐	
Couplings clean and not painted over	☐	☐	
Dry riser inlet signage present and readable	☐	☐	
Drain valve at the base closed and undamaged	☐	☐	

Landing valves, one row per floor

Floor	Cabinet reachable and opens	Valve closed, no leak	Cap and chain fitted	Signage present	Notes
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Top of the riser and pipework

Check	Pass	Fail	Notes
Air valve at the top present and undamaged	☐	☐	
Visible pipework free of damage, leaks and corrosion	☐	☐	

- **A visual inspection is not the annual test.** BS 9990 also requires the riser to be pressure tested once a year, charged to 12 bar and held for 15 minutes. That needs a pump, a fire service approved hose and a specialist.
- **Report failures the same day.** A riser the fire service cannot couple to or charge is a serious gap in a building that depends on it. Tell your fire risk assessor.
- Keep this sheet with the riser records and the last test certificate.