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Post Installation Report

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Barn Close Play Area

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Inspection Scope for RPII Annual Inspectors

This document outlines the RPII scope for inspections undertaken by the Inspectors listed as Indoor and Outdoor Annual Inspectors (where relevant) on the RPII Register of Inspectors when undertaking inspections.

Inspections are undertaken with reference to the standards listed in this preamble only; where no date for the standard is given it will be the standard that is current at the time of inspection except where overlap periods are granted by the standards committee when standards are updated. The information contained in reports is provided to assist the owner/operator in fulfilling their responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standard. Other standards referenced within the listed standards do not form part of the inspection, unless they are also explicitly listed here.

For the avoidance of doubt, references to compliance relate only to those aspects that can be assessed visually or manually, within the limitations of a non-dismantling, non-destructive inspection, and without the use of specialist equipment.

The following standards define the technical framework within which inspections are carried out; not all requirements within these standards can be verified during an inspection. The following standards are relevant to all installations of equipment that are publicly accessible to users; this includes public parks, pay and play parks, schools, nurseries, public houses, holiday parks, indoor play centres, farm parks etc. All equipment used or employed in publicly accessible areas should meet with the requirements of the relevant standards (listed below):

> BS EN 1176 Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 11 Playground equipment intended for permanent installation outdoors & indoors.
>
> BS EN 1176 Part 7 - ‘Guidance on Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Operation’ (this document gives guidance to the owners/operators of the facility on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of playground equipment, excluding ancillary items).

In the United Kingdom the National Foreword forms an important part to the understanding and implementation of the recommendations set out in this document. It clarifies the application of the document within the UK as best practice guidance, as the document has been used since its initial publication. Therefore, in the UK this standard (BS EN 1176 – Part 7) contains no requirements and needs to be read and implemented as guidance, with the use of the term ‘shall’ therefore becoming a recommendation, as in the term ‘should’.

Domestic play equipment falls outside of the scope of BS EN 1176 and has its own standards (BS EN 71 series – Safety of Toys). Where domestic equipment can be identified this will be acknowledged in the report; any comments will be made using the principles of BS EN 1176 as guidance only, rather than as a formal assessment of compliance.

When water play items, including spray parks, are inspected any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will refer to EN 1176. We have not assessed these against the requirements of EN 17232 (Water play equipment and features).

Other equipment that is not clearly identified as unsupervised or domestic (natural play, self-build equipment etc.) will be assessed for compliance with the relevant standard listed below:

> **BS EN 15312** Free access multi-sports equipment
> **BS EN 14974** Skateparks
> **BS EN 16630** Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment
> **BS EN 16899** Parkour equipment (plus RPII/API guidance notes)

Annual and Post Installation inspections will take into consideration compliance with these current standards, and defects related to wear and vandalism. Items not listed in the report have not been included in the inspection. The inspection will cover the playground equipment and the active area (that area which is obviously part of the playground), nominally up to three metres around, the fence line if closer, or other areas as agreed.

Operational inspections only take into consideration defects related to cleanliness, equipment ground clearances, ground surface finishes, exposed foundations, sharp edges, missing parts, excessive wear (of moving parts) structural integrity, wear and vandalism. Routine visual inspections relate only to the most obvious defects such as broken or missing parts, litter, vandalism and issues created by severe weather conditions (the intention is to identify hazards created by storm damage).

All inspections are non-dismantling, non-destructive and do not include any structural, toxicology or impact assessments defined in the standard; however, the inspector will undertake a basic manual stability check appropriate to a visual

inspection and if equipment fails under manual load, or any other hazard is identified as an unacceptable risk, the owner/operator will be notified as soon as practicably possible.

The inspector will access all reasonably accessible equipment and will assess all reasonably accessible parts above the standing surface. For the purposes of this inspection, “reasonably accessible” means accessible without the use of specialist access equipment, tools, or unsafe working practices. Where it is not possible to access parts of the equipment without employing an alternative means of access the report will record the action required by the owner/operator to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment.

Ancillary equipment will be assessed using the inspector’s knowledge and experience of the standards named in this document. (Note: Ancillary items are not included in the specific equipment-type parts of the EN 1176 series; hence they are not assessed for compliance with EN 1176 series and are subject to a general safety assessment).

The owner/operator is responsible for the overall safety of the equipment and area.

The inspector will not undertake any of the following works unless specifically agreed in writing at the time of order:

> Checking the depth and underlying structural integrity of any surface areas and/or carrying out any testing of the impact attenuating properties of any surfaces; the identification of any corrosion, rot or other deterioration in any apparatus or equipment other than by an external inspection; the inspection of any equipment (or part thereof) that is beneath the playing surface (loose-fill materials may be moved to expose foundations); tightening any bolts, hinges or other fixing devices on any apparatus or equipment; assessing or inspecting any electrical installations contained on any site and/or apparatus and/or equipment; assessing or inspecting any water supplies and/or water features and/or any associated computerised systems (including carrying out any programming); where planting or trees are mentioned in the report no assessments of toxicity, suitability or condition are undertaken – the owner/operator should have suitable inspections provided by a competent person.

The owner/operator should have a ‘design risk assessment’ provided by the manufacturer/designer of the area for the equipment and location in which the facility is installed.

The operator is responsible for managing risks of their provision and is required by law to carry out a ‘suitable and sufficient assessment’ of the risks associated with a site or activity. This inspection shall be considered as contributing to the operator's discharge of this responsibility.

The details contained within the report are a snapshot of the condition at the time of inspection only and subsequent events may affect the condition of the facility. Suggested remedial actions are based on the knowledge and experience of the inspector and/or that of the inspection company. The owner/operator should always seek the advice of the manufacturer or a competent person when undertaking repairs and/or modifications to equipment.

Responsibility of the Owner/Operator The owner/operator has overall responsibility for the safety, management, and ongoing maintenance of the play equipment and surrounding area. This includes ensuring that equipment is appropriately installed, inspected, maintained, repaired, and managed in accordance with the relevant standards, manufacturer guidance, and applicable legislation

Inspections undertaken by RPII Annual Inspectors contribute to the owner/operator’s discharge of these responsibilities but do not replace the requirement for the owner/operator to carry out suitable and sufficient risk assessments, routine monitoring, and maintenance, or to act on identified defects and recommendations. Responsibility for initiating or undertaking any actions arising from this report rests solely with the Client.

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The operator is responsible for following the guidance of the relevant standards. The standards give guidance on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of the various types of facilities. The inspection guidance is listed in Table 1, with an indication of which parts will be included in an RPII Annual or Post-Installation Inspection. The relevant standards also contain additional parts which the operator should follow.

Inspection recommendations of relevant standards **Inclusion or exclusion within this table does not imply an exhaustive assessment; all inspections and checks are subject to the limitations described within this methodology. Refer to relevant standards for full text**	**Annual Main**	**RPII Annual/ Post Installation Inspection**
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of equipment (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of foundations (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of playing surfaces (see note 2)	✓	✓ [2]
6.1 d) Compliance with the relevant parts of the standard and or risk assessment (see note 3)	✓	✓ [3]
6.1 d) Effects of weather	✓	✓
6.1 d) Presence of rot, decay or corrosion (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Assessment of repairs made or added or replaced components (see note 4)	✓	✓ [4]
6.1 d) Excavation or dismantling/additional measures	✓	✗
6.2.1 Assessment of glass reinforced plastics (see note 5)	✓	✓ [5]
6.2.1 Inspection of one post equipment (see note 1)	✓	✓ [1]
6.2.4 Undertaking the Operators inspection protocol	✓	✗

NB: The clause numbers in table 1 are taken from BS EN 1176 - Part 7:2020. The content is equally applicable to all other relevant standards listed herein. Playgrounds contain a range of equipment from different manufacturers and installed over a number of years; operators should implement any guidance provided by the manufacturer. Item specific detail is not readily available to RPII Playground Inspectors, whose report contributes to the operator's overall inspection responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standards. RPII Annual Inspectors may, where readily available, refer to manufacturer installation instructions for general context, but do not check against these in full on any item as inspections are focused on compliance with relevant standards and maintenance defects; the responsibility for ensuring that installation instructions are adhered to lies with the owner and the installer.

[1] A manual test only is undertaken for stability. Wear and instability are only detectable where readily apparent without dismantling or destruction and without the use of tools, excavation or specialist equipment. Rot and corrosion are tested or with a hammer and/or steel rod. Decay in timber may exist which can only be found with specialist equipment.

[2] Only the visible condition and dimensional compliance of surface extent is considered. Neither testing of impact attenuating properties nor measurement of the thickness of bound surfaces are undertaken on RPII annual inspections.

[3] The inspection assesses compliance where this can be tested on site using manual methods without dismantling, destruction and without the use of tools or specialist equipment.

[4] The operator should use manufacturer's recommended parts, or equivalent. We are unable to verify if such parts have been used, and any subsequent change in quality or performance.

[5] Visible glass fibres will be noted in reports. The operator is responsible for repairs or replacement.

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Risk Assessment Matrix

			Scores in the report are multiplication factors of Likelihood x Severity					
			Severity>>					
Likelihood	Very High probability, if the situation is not addressed an accident is almost certain.	5	Very High	VL (5)	L (10)	M (15)	H (20)	VH (25)
	High probability an accident is probable without any added factor.	4	High	VL (4)	L (8)	M (12)	H (16)	H (20)
	Moderate probability an incident is foreseeable.	3	Moderate	VL (3)	L (6)	L (9)	M (12)	M (15)
	Some probability, requires a combination of factors to take place.	2	Low	VL (2)	VL (4)	L (6)	L (8)	L (10)
	No significant probability; lightning strike, freak accident.	1	Very Low	VL (1)	VL (2)	VL (3)	VL (4)	VL (5)
				Very Low	Low	Moderate	High	Very High
				1	2	3	4	5
				No injury likely e.g. damaged or soiled clothing, minor bruising, grazes	Minor injury, laceration or bruising requiring first aid only	Injury requiring medical intervention e.g. cuts requiring stitches	Serious injury including concussions or fracture of long bones	Severe injury involving a potential life changing injury or fatality
				Severity>>				

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Note 1: The total risk scores included within our reports are a multipication factor of the calculated Likelihood and Severity of each finding. Both Likelihood and Severity are given a number between 1 - 5 as shown on the matrix above and these two numbers are then multiplied together to give the total risk score that is shown against defects on the report. Total risk scores can be divided in both directions, i.e. a total risk score of 12 could be a Likelihood (3) x Severity (4) or Likelihood (4) x Severity (3).

Note 2: When we inspect we only see a snapshot of the current condition of the equipment. It is the operators responsibility to ensure that there is a continuing level of maintenance to keep the equipment in good working order and the site fit for use.

Barn Close Play Area

Inspection Ref: 3172928 Site Ref: 142582

Inspected: 13-August-2026 - 11:06 by Liam Last (RPII Annual Inspector)

Risk Assessment: 9 Low Risk



Location:
The site is located in an area of public open space and is overlooked by a number of properties in the local community.
Disabled Access:
Some accessible features - The area includes limited accessible elements; however, aspects of the layout, surfacing, or equipment may present barriers to use for some people with disabilities without reasonable adjustments or assistance.

8 - Low Risk

Item: Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Surface Type: N/A
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 4



Finding 1

The surface or parts of the surface is / are unestablished and may be slippery in wet conditions. Some of these areas make up the impact areas of the equipment where a suitable impact attenuating surface is required - Ensure an appropriate surface is established

Finding 2

There are a large amount of stones and rubble within the soil - Remove

Finding 3

NOTE - Landscaping works were unfinished at the time of inspection - Complete works

Finding 4

There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface - Reinstate surfaces to level

4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Bench
Manufacturer: Kompan Ltd
Surface Type: Grass
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: N/A
Surface Area Compliance: N/A

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

4 - Very Low Risk

Item:	Bench
Manufacturer:	Not Identified
Surface Type:	Mixed Surface
Item Quantity:	1
Equipment Compliance:	N/A
Surface Area Compliance:	N/A
Total Findings:	1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

8 - Low Risk

Item:	Mini Basket Swing
Manufacturer:	Kompan Ltd
Surface Type:	Mixed Surface
Item Quantity:	1
Equipment Compliance:	Yes
Surface Area Compliance:	Yes
Total Findings:	1



Finding 1

NOTE - the pivot points have been installed marginally over 1300mm (1335 and 1370mm). Technically the item should be assessed to BS EN 1176 Part 2 and this would result in some minor compliance issues, however as the discrepancy is so marginal, we have assessed to BS EN 1176 Part 1 as this is the intended design. On this basis the item was found to be satisfactory - no work required. -

6 - Low Risk

Item: Spring See-Saw
Manufacturer: Kompan Ltd
Surface Type: Mixed Surface
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

4 - Very Low Risk

Item: Misc Springer
Manufacturer: Kompan Ltd
Surface Type: Mixed Surface
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

9 - Low Risk

Item: Multi Play (Toddler)
Manufacturer: Kompan Ltd
Surface Type: Mixed Surface
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: No
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 3



Finding 1

The item has been installed marginally too high which has resulted in the platform height being in excess of 600mm (650mm) and technically, the height of the barriers are now insufficient to meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1. This is however a very low risk technicality and no remedial action is recommended as it has not affected the risk assessment of the item - No action required given the risk assessment

Finding 2

The item has exposed edges and corners that are sharp, or with a radius of less than 3mm, and does not meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - 4.2.5 on all of the barrier tops - Refer to manufacturer

Finding 3

The side of the slide is damaged - Refer to contractor

8 - Low Risk

Item: Belly Swing
Manufacturer: Kompan Ltd
Surface Type: Mixed Surface
Item Quantity: 1
Equipment Compliance: Yes
Surface Area Compliance: Yes

Total Findings: 2



Finding 1

A suspension fixing is not flush against the post - Refer to contractor

Finding 2

There are projecting bolt thread(s) present - Refer to contractor

4 - Very Low Risk

Item:	Misc Item
Manufacturer:	Kompan Ltd
Surface Type:	Mixed Surface
Item Quantity:	1
Equipment Compliance:	Yes
Surface Area Compliance:	Yes
Total Findings:	1



Finding 1

Bolt cap cover/s missing - Provide missing bolt cap covers

4 - Very Low Risk

Item:	Crawling Tunnel
Manufacturer:	Kompan Ltd
Surface Type:	Mixed Surface
Item Quantity:	1
Equipment Compliance:	Yes
Surface Area Compliance:	Yes
Total Findings:	1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

4 - Very Low Risk

Item:	Stepping Stones
Manufacturer:	Kompan Ltd
Surface Type:	Mixed Surface
Item Quantity:	1
Equipment Compliance:	Yes
Surface Area Compliance:	Yes
Total Findings:	1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

6 - Low Risk

Item:	1 Bay Mixed Seat, 1 Cradle, 1 Flat
Manufacturer:	Kompan Ltd
Surface Type:	Grass Matrix Tiles
Item Quantity:	1
Equipment Compliance:	Yes
Surface Area Compliance:	Yes
Total Findings:	1



Finding 1

This item is satisfactory - no work required -

Findings information

8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item:	Ancillary Items - Site General	**Risk Level:**	L - Low Risk
Manufacturer:	Owner/Operator	**Surface:**	N/A






Finding: The surface or parts of the surface is / are unestablished and may be slippery in wet conditions. Some of these areas make up the impact areas of the equipment where a suitable impact attenuating surface is required

Action: Ensure an appropriate surface is established

8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: N/A







Finding: There are a large amount of stones and rubble within the soil

Action: Remove

0 - Risk Assessment not Undertaken (Finding 3)

Item:	Ancillary Items - Site General	**Risk Level:**	N - Risk Assessment not Undertaken
Manufacturer:	Owner/Operator	**Surface:**	N/A





Finding: NOTE - Landscaping works were unfinished at the time of inspection

Action: Complete works

8 - Low Risk (Finding 4)

Item: Ancillary Items - Site General
Manufacturer: Owner/Operator
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: N/A







Finding: There are trip hazards at the edges of the surface

Action: Reinstate surfaces to level

8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item:	Swings - Mini Basket Swing	**Risk Level:**	L - Low Risk
Manufacturer:	Kompan Ltd	**Surface:**	Mixed Surface









Finding: NOTE - the pivot points have been installed marginally over 1300mm (1335 and 1370mm). Technically the item should be assessed to BS EN 1176 Part 2 and this would result in some minor compliance issues, however as the discrepancy is so marginal, we have assessed to BS EN 1176 Part 1 as this is the intended design. On this basis the item was found to be satisfactory - no work required.

Action:

6 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Toddler)
Manufacturer: Kompan Ltd
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Mixed Surface





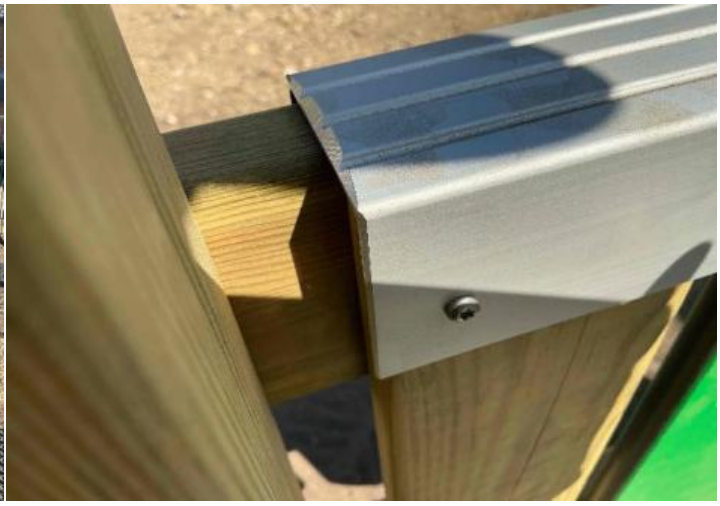


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Action: No action required given the risk assessment

9 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item:	Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Toddler)	**Risk Level:**	L - Low Risk
Manufacturer:	Kompan Ltd	**Surface:**	Mixed Surface



Finding: The item has exposed edges and corners that are sharp, or with a radius of less than 3mm, and does not meet the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 1 - 4.2.5 on all of the barrier tops

Action: Refer to manufacturer

8 - Low Risk (Finding 3)

Item:	Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Toddler)	**Risk Level:**	L - Low Risk
Manufacturer:	Kompan Ltd	**Surface:**	Mixed Surface







Finding: The side of the slide is damaged

Action: Refer to contractor

8 - Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Swings - Belly Swing
Manufacturer: Kompan Ltd
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Mixed Surface







Finding: A suspension fixing is not flush against the post

Action: Refer to contractor

8 - Low Risk (Finding 2)

Item: Swings - Belly Swing
Manufacturer: Kompan Ltd
Risk Level: L - Low Risk
Surface: Mixed Surface







Finding: There are projecting bolt thread(s) present

Action: Refer to contractor

4 - Very Low Risk (Finding 1)

Item: Other - Misc Item
Manufacturer: Kompan Ltd
Risk Level: V - Very Low Risk
Surface: Mixed Surface







Finding: Bolt cap cover/s missing

Action: Provide missing bolt cap covers