

Directive 2014/68/EU

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Directive References: Article 4 §3

Subject: Conformity assessment - Visual examination performed as part of the final assessment**Question:** For the final inspection of an assembly, what is the scope of the visual examination performed as part of the final assessment?**Answer:** For equipment already placed on the market (including those falling under Article 4 §3 or excluded from the PED), the visual examination of an assembly carried out as part of the final assessment shall cover :

- the identification of the equipment constituting the assembly,
- the joints between pressure equipment, at least one of which is category I to IV,
- the areas of the equipment that could have been altered since the placing on the market of these equipment (permanent joints, inappropriate storage, shocks, etc.).

For category I to IV equipment which have not yet been placed on the market, they must also undergo a final visual examination as part of their conformity assessment.

Note: The assessment of the integration of the assembly and its protection against exceeding the allowable limits shall also take into account the characteristics of equipment falling under Article 4 §3 or excluded from the PED.