

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

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A historical description of the preventive maintenance programs in the New York State Department of Transportation was presented.

The time when all PM was performed by operators; the evolution to structured services; and the future, when all PM, including lubrication, oil and filter changes will be done by skilled mechanics, were described.

This concept is based on the assumption that the best preventive maintenance instruments are the eyes and ears of a highly skilled mechanic.