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Casing pulling checklist

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Tick each line before and during a casing pull.

Plan

- [ ] Casing record in hand: OD, nominal weight, grade, connection
- [ ] Wall, ID, drift, body yield and joint strength taken from the checked casing table
- [ ] String working limit worked out (lesser rating ÷ design factor)
- [ ] Free point found and cut depth chosen above it
- [ ] Fluid weight in the hole known
- [ ] Buoyed weight of the free pipe worked out
- [ ] Extra pull to break free estimated
- [ ] Pull needed is under the string's working limit
- [ ] Pull needed is under the jack's design pull and relief setting
- [ ] Wellhead, cellar bridge or mats rated for the full reaction load

Site

- [ ] Well control barriers confirmed and pressure behind them known
- [ ] H2S checked; monitors on site if it could be present
- [ ] Room for the jack, the power unit and laying pipe down
- [ ] Crew briefed on the plan, the limits and the stop signal

Pull

- [ ] Slips and inserts match the casing OD
- [ ] Relief set to the planned figure
- [ ] Slack taken up slowly; wellhead watched for movement
- [ ] Pull brought up in steps, each one recorded
- [ ] Pull at first movement recorded
- [ ] Joint tally kept: number, length, condition

After

- [ ] Recovered length compared with the record
- [ ] Any pipe left behind noted with its top depth
- [ ] Job record written up

Check every figure against your own pipe records before you pull.