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Fran,

A 100-year-old elevator, regardless of past maintenance efforts, is inherently unreliable due to the age of its components, outdated technology, and wear on structural and mechanical elements. As elevators are critical to building operations, understanding the expected reliability challenges of such an aged system is essential for informed decision-making.

Key Reliability Concerns:

1. Frequent Breakdowns & Unplanned Downtime

- Mechanical and electrical components deteriorate over time, leading to frequent malfunctions.
- Increased likelihood of unexpected shutdowns, requiring emergency repairs.
- Extended downtime due to difficulty in sourcing obsolete replacement parts.

2. Inconsistent Performance

- Slow and uneven operation due to worn traction systems.
- Doors may not close properly, sensors may fail, or car leveling may become inconsistent.
- Erratic behavior such as sudden stops, jerky rides, or misalignment with floors.

3. Higher Maintenance Costs & Limited Spare Parts Availability

- Older elevator components are often no longer manufactured, requiring custom-made or refurbished parts, increasing costs and lead times.
- Routine maintenance becomes more intensive and expensive due to the need for specialized labor familiar with outdated technology.
- Emergency service calls become more frequent, leading to higher operational expenses.

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