



OSTEN LIFT REPRESENTATIVES IN LITHUANIA

Replacing old lifts and renovation

Soviet-era lifts are reaching the end of their service life. We show how to tell a real solution from a cosmetic patch-up, and how to install a modern lift even in a narrow old shaft.

Risk assessment under LST EN 81-80

Individual payment schedule for HOAs

24/7 emergency assistance

Why it matters now, and what a real replacement gives you

Most apartment-building lifts in Lithuania were built in the Soviet era and designed for a 25-year service life; most have now been in service for 30–40 years. Once that period is exceeded, the owner must carry out a risk assessment under the standard **LST EN 81-80** (the Lithuanian edition of EN 81-80): an unsafe lift must be dealt with immediately, otherwise within five to ten years, depending on the priority of the defect.

~500

lifts in Vilnius are 35–56 years old

100

of them may have to be shut down soon for safety reasons

40

planned to be shut down if the lifts are not renewed

Source: publicly released data (tv3.lt). A similar situation is likely in other Lithuanian cities, including Klaipėda.



The same shaft, the same building: on the left the old lift before replacement, on the right the new one after.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

As the photo above shows, a real replacement changes not only the finish but also the mechanics, safety and service life. If your building's lift was installed before the 2000s, it has probably already exceeded or will soon exceed its 25-year design life; the earlier the inspection is done, the more time and choices you have, instead of reacting to a forced shutdown.

When to modernise, when to replace

The decision is driven not by emotion or the lowest price, but by an objective assessment of the mechanical condition and the shaft.

Modernisation is suitable when

- The shaft and main mechanical structure are in good condition.
- The risk assessment (LST EN 81-80) shows local, not systemic, deficiencies.

Full replacement is suitable when

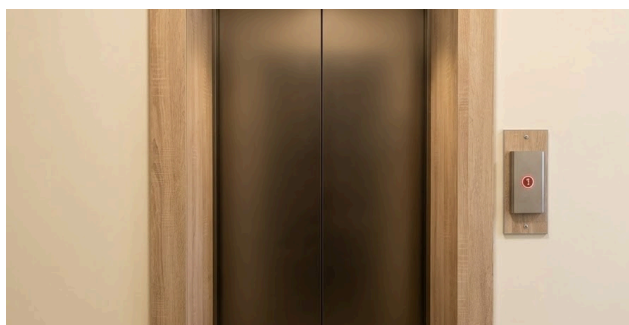
- The mechanical condition is critically worn (machine, ropes, guide rails).
- A larger car meeting accessibility standards is wanted.

— The stairwell view changes too



Before

A Soviet-era opening and doors, with worn mechanics behind them.



After

A new opening, doors and finish: we renew these together with the technical part.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN CHOOSING A CONTRACTOR

Ask for a technical specification, not just a price: it must clearly state what exactly is being replaced. Under Article 6.698 of the Civil Code of the Republic of Lithuania, installation work carries a warranty of at least 5 years; insist that this is put in writing.

Process and payment

For housing associations of apartment buildings that need a new lift, we agree an individual payment schedule. A transparent process from inspection to maintenance after the works.

— How a replacement works

- 1 Free inspection**
We inspect the existing lift, shaft and mechanical condition.
- 2 Risk assessment under LST EN 81-80**
If the lift has exceeded its 25-year service life, defects and priorities are determined.
- 3 A clear written proposal**
It states exactly what is being replaced, and the service period is guaranteed.
- 4 Replacement or modernisation**
Work follows the agreed schedule, disturbing residents as little as possible.
- 5 Maintenance and 24/7 emergency assistance**
The lift stays under our maintenance, with up to 45 min. response in an emergency.

— Payment

First part

on signing the contract

Remainder

on an individual payment schedule

Your schedule

agreed with the association board

Together with the installation of a new lift, a **5-year maintenance contract** is concluded: one partner is responsible for both the equipment and its day-to-day operation.

The offer applies to housing associations of apartment buildings. Terms and schedule are agreed individually; exact terms are provided with the proposal after the free inspection.

ADVANTAGES OF CHOOSING BALTIC LIFT SERVICE

We install new OSTEN lifts throughout Lithuania, and we provide maintenance and emergency assistance in Western Lithuania: fast response, personal service, not corporate bureaucracy. We hold permanent licence No. 46 for the maintenance of hazardous equipment. A clear, transparent proposal: you always see what exactly is being replaced and why.

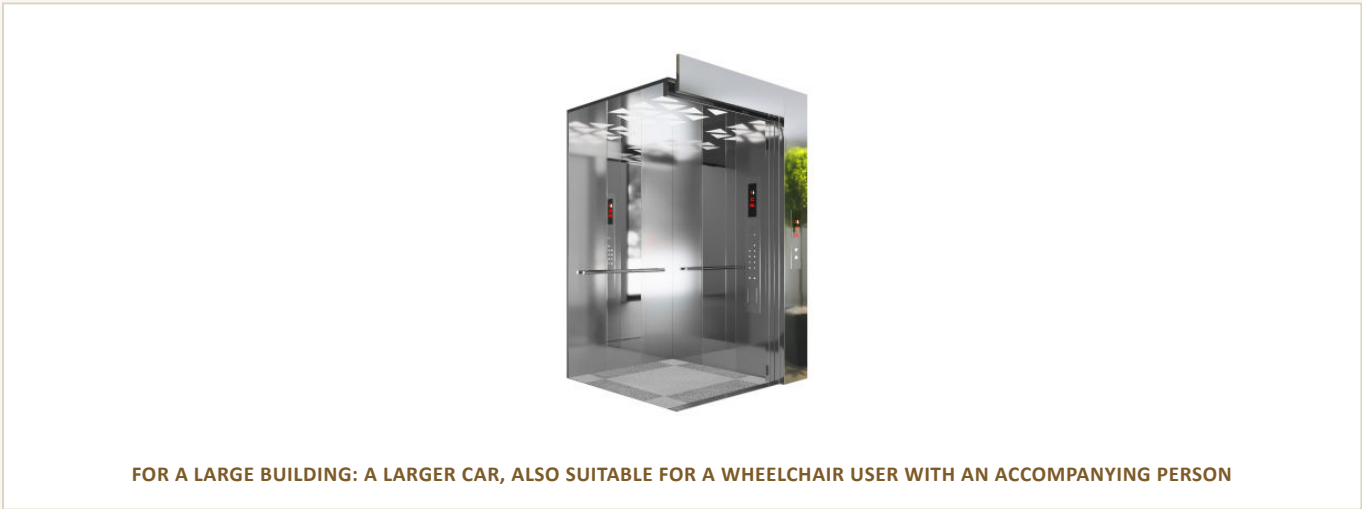
Solution examples

The OSTEN standard passenger lift series is the most commonly chosen solution when replacing an old Soviet-era lift. Dimensions are adapted to the existing shaft, and the interior finish can be customised.



Medium-sized building

630 kg · 8 passengers, the most commonly chosen size in medium-sized apartment buildings (see the table below)



— Full series for comparison

CATEGORY	LOAD CAPACITY	PASSENGERS	SPEED	POWER	MAX. CAR AREA
Small building	450 kg	6	0.5–1.75 m/s	1.5–5.3 kW	1.3 m ²
Medium-sized building	630 kg	8	1–2 m/s	3.9–8.6 kW	1.66 m ²
Larger building	800 kg	10	1–2 m/s	5.4–10.8 kW	2.0 m ²
Large building	1000 kg	13	1–2 m/s	6.7–13.4 kW	2.40 m ²
Very large building	1600 kg	21	1–2 m/s	11–27.8 kW	3.56 m ²

Next step

Not sure whether your building's lift needs a risk assessment under LST EN 81-80? Not sure whether to modernise or replace? Get in touch: we will come, inspect and tell you clearly, with no obligation.

In every written proposal we state exactly what is being replaced and what service period we guarantee, so that you can make an informed decision.

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