



- 15 Always stay in the driver's seat before moving off and when driving.
- 16 Seat belts must be worn on machines with roll-over bars or protective canopies.
- 17 **CHECK** for pedestrians before moving off and when driving. On larger dumpers there can be blind spots forward and to the opposite side of the driving position. Fit mirrors or CCTV system when required.
- 18 **DO NOT** carry passengers on the dumper.
- 19 The dumper must be driven at a speed that allows complete control of the vehicle at all times.
- 20 **Be aware that dumpers are more unstable than road and other vehicles:**
- Avoid travelling or turning across slopes, travel straight up or down.
  - Avoid the sudden application of brakes at all times but especially when travelling down a slope.
  - **DO NOT** travel on slopes that are greater than those recommended by the manufacturer.
  - When loading the skip ensure that the load is evenly distributed.
  - **DO NOT** overload, this can make the dumper dangerous to drive because of increased instability.
  - **BEWARE** of over balancing when tipping on a downward slope, particularly if the material sticks in the skip and particularly with a machine that can swivel to tip sideways.
- 21 Apply the hand brake and put gear into neutral whenever the dumper is stationary or when it is parked.
- 22 **DO NOT** jump off a dumper when it is still in motion.
- 23 **DO NOT** stand between the front and rear parts of an articulated dump truck when the engine is running, where there is danger of being crushed.
- 24 **DO NOT** alter tyre pressures in an attempt to improve traction.
- 25 Special care must be taken to avoid collision with scaffolding, mixers etc.
- 26 Be aware of the rear of the dumper with rear wheel steering.
- 27 Excavations should be marked with temporary kerbs or stop blocks to prevent vehicles being driven over the edge.
- 28 **DO NOT** drive dumpers after dark unless they are equipped with lights or the site is floodlit.
- 29 When the dumper is being loaded by an excavator or loader the driver should dismount and stand well clear.
- 30 **DO NOT** load a partially tipped skip.

- 31 Projecting loads should be securely fixed and flags should be attached. Special care should be taken to avoid these loads touching obstructions and the ground.
- 32 **DO NOT** obscure the line of sight from the driving position with the load.
- 33 **DO NOT** drive with the skip in the tipped position.
- 34 When tipping into an excavation, suitable stop blocks must be used to prevent the vehicle going over the edge. The blocks must be kept clear of spillage.
- 35 Always apply the hand brake before tipping.
- 36 **DO NOT** allow the lip of the skip to strike the ground when tipping.
- 37 **DO NOT** tip the load while the dumper is moving.
- 38 **DO NOT** use the skip in the tipped position as a dozer.
- 39 Towing brackets on the rear of a dumper are normally for recovering the machine in the event of an accident or breakdown. Towing using these brackets is not normally permitted unless the manufacturer allows this and their instructions are strictly followed.

#### **THE PETROL OR DIESEL ENGINE**

- 40 **DO NOT** smoke when refuelling. **NEVER** refuel with the engine running.
- 41 Replace the fuel caps securely on the engine and fuel container. Wipe up any spillage immediately.
- 42 Fuel containers should be in good condition and leak proof.
- 43 **DO NOT** use the dumper in a hazardous or explosive atmosphere, or where fuel has been spilt.
- 44 **DO NOT** use the machine in a badly ventilated area where exhaust fumes can build up.
- 45 **CHECK** that there is no combustible material lying on or against the exhaust system. The exhaust pipe and silencer get very hot.
- 46 In the event of a leak of fuel or oil developing, switch the engine off immediately.
- 47 If warning lights show or gauges register outside normal limits, switch off the engine.
- 48 **DO NOT** top up with coolant while the engine is running. Allow the radiator to cool before removing the radiator cap.
- 49 **DO NOT** attempt repairs. Contact the Hire Company.



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