



Vehicle Operations

Resuming Work with Vehicles and Plant



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RESUMING WORK WITH VEHICLES AND PLANT

When vehicles and plant have been parked or not used for a period time, they will need to be inspected prior to resuming work. Water, dust, heat and sunlight can adversely affect vehicle components causing them to be ineffective or fail.



WARNING LIGHTS THAT COULD LOOK FAMILIAR RIGHT NOW



VEHICLES AND PLANT SHOULD BE INSPECTED BY A COMPETENT PERSON

Before operating or driving vehicle or plant, a thorough inspection should be carried out by a competent person. Particular attention should be given to:

- Electrics – check that batteries are charged, and connections are secure
- Tyres – check tyre pressure, look for cracks and cuts, check tread depth
- Brakes – check discs, pads and shoes. Check that all brakes are free to move
- Lights – check all lights are working and look for damage to lens covers
- Fluids – check oil, coolant, hydraulic and brake fluid levels
- Glass – check windscreen, side windows and mirrors
- Seat belts – check seat belts for wear or damage
- Trailer/Towing – check air supply connections and fifth wheel/tow hitch
- Load Securement – check load securing equipment for wear or damages



DEFECTS SHOULD BE REPORTED AND VEHICLE/PLANT TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE UNTIL REPAIRED

DRIVERS AND OPERATORS

Drivers and operators should be fit and ready to return to driving and operating vehicles and plant

- Driving license or Operator's Certificate - in date and applicable for the class of vehicle or plant
- Training – valid, if not, book training as soon as possible
- Fit to Drive – well rested and in good health
- PPE – Available, in good condition and appropriate for the activity or task



Drivers – Check your vehicle/plant and report any defects. Report any fatigue or ill-health.

Supervisors – Ensure that all vehicles and plant are inspected and that any defects are rectified

Managers – Please put safety first and ensure that drivers/operators and vehicles/plant are ready to return to work.