

Toolbox Talk



Dumpers

Driving Dumpers

In order to drive a dumper of any category you must first be trained by one of WRG's Instructors who holds the Driver Authorisation (DA) Instructor status. Volunteers who wish to operate defined categories of plant (and to instruct others) apply to the WRG Board for authorisation. This authority, if granted, simply shows that they have been duly training, assessed and authorised to use the named plant and/or vehicles specified. Always carry your DA card for possible inspection.

Dumper Categories

Category	Description
23	Tracked Dumpers
24	Rear Steer Dumpers
25	Articulated Steer Forward Tipping Dumper
26	Rear Tipping Wheeled Dumpers

At the start of your day:

- Read the manual and safety notices attached.
- Wear Appropriate PPE (Gloves, Hi-viz, safety boots, safety glasses and Hard Hat).
- Check the site and job specification thoroughly.
- Check that you are familiar with the dumpers controls.
- If you are working near water, along a towpath and near the public you must take extra care.

Maintenance:

- Check fluid levels and tyres .
- Check also for leaks and loose bolts, belts, etc
- Allow machine to cool before fuelling.
- Fuel up at the end of day (prevents condensation and allows crud to settle).
- Grease up at end of day.

REMEMBER:

- Check your brakes before you need them not once you are halfway down a slope.
- Always check your dumper prior to driving it oil etc.
- You must have been signed off by a WRG Instructor and have your WRG DA card in order to operate the machinery with the correct category.

NOTE: Narrow Dumpers are no longer allowed on WRG sites and are not counted as part of WRGs DA scheme

Operation:

Always know your machine.

Check the brakes before driving down a slope.

If there is a problem with the dumper do not use it and make sure it gets checked by a competent person.

When loading make sure the engine is turned off and you are not sitting on the dumper and the brake is holding firmly.

Never overload your dumper.

Be aware of crush zones.

Always wear your seatbelt.

GOLDEN RULES:

The suitability of a dumper for the task must be taken into consideration. There are a number of models available and this should be considered. **Hi-skip models are rarely suitable for a restoration site.**

As operator you have a responsibility to ensure safe operation.

If in doubt about the safety of any dumper operation don't do it. Return the keys to your Leader.