## **LEARNER GUIDE**



# Belly Dump Truck



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# Introduction to Belly Dump Trucks



#### Introduction to belly dump trucks

This guide covers belly dump trucks. A belly dump truck is a machine used to carry materials from one place to another. You can load a belly dump truck with a number of machines including excavators and loaders.

The belly dump trucks covered in this guide are **on-highway** and **off-highway** trucks, such as diesel-mechanical and diesel electric drive. On-highway types are a prime mover and trailer. Belly dump trucks are usually articulated.



Off-highway

On-highway





A **belly dump truck** discharges it's load through the bottom of the body. Dumping is controlled by a set of doors referred to as clam shells or hatches.

#### What industries do you use a belly dump truck in?

- · Civil construction
- · Coal mining

- Extractive industries
- Metalliferous mining

On-highway









# Plan and prepare for belly dump truck operations



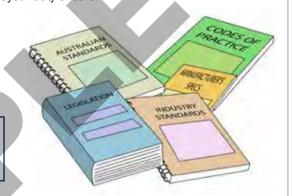
What are the National Work Health (WHS) and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Acts about? The Acts explain how to keep your workplace **safe** and **healthy**. They explain what you need to do to meet your duty of care.

#### For example:

You must make sure you do earthmoving work in a way that won't put yourself or others at risk. You must use earthmoving equipment according to instructions.

#### Note:

Check your state requirements as Acts may vary from state to state



#### **QUESTION 2**

Under WHS/OHS laws, what are your responsibilities while working? You must work in a way that is safe. You must not risk the health and safety of yourself or others.



Which plans do you follow so you know how to do the job properly?



#### **QUESTION 8**

What are quality requirements?

The quality requirements tell you the standards you must meet when doing earthmoving work. They tell you what you need to do and how to do it to satisfy the customer.

You may need to follow Codes of Practice, regulations, national standards etc.





#### **Calculations**

#### Working out how much material you need

The work plan has an area which is 4 metres  $\times$  20 metres that must be covered by a layer of road base of 150 mm depth.

How many square metres of road base are to be laid? How many cubic metres of road base will you need?



### **Step 1:** Work out the square metres

To work out the square metres, multiply the Length (L) by the Width (W).

 $L \times W = Square metres$ 

 $4 \text{ m} \times 20 \text{ m} = 80 \text{ square metres}$ 

This can also be written as: 80 m<sup>2</sup> or 80 square metres

#### Step 2: Convert millimetre thickness to metres

Convert the layer thickness from millimetres to metres.

To do this divide the layer thickness by 1000

150 mm ÷ 1000 = 0.15 m

### Step 3: Work out the square metres

Multiply the square metres by the layer thickness to get the cubic metres.

80 square metres × 0.15 metres

= 12 cubic metres

This can also be written as: 12 m<sup>3</sup> or 12 cubic metres

#### Answer:

There are 80 square metres of road base to be laid. You will need 12 cubic metres to cover the area to 150 mm depth.

What kinds of information do you need before starting work?

Plans - what you need to do
Specifications - rules and details about the job
Operational details - how you will do the job
Quality requirements of the job - the standards you are expected to meet.

#### **QUESTION 10**

When planning your job, why do you need to know what other people are doing on site?

- To make sure you will not get in the way of other jobs being done
- To make sure you know what others are doing near where you must work.



What does the safety plan tell you?

The safety plan tells you how the worksite intends to meet all the safety rules. It tells you:



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What does the safety plan tell you?

How to use tools, plant and equipment safely



Emergency procedures and exits



How to park safely and where to park



How to control hazards and risks



What is the hand signal used if you want another vehicle to stop?

A raised hand with the palm facing the vehicle you want to stop.



#### **QUESTION 40**

The driver's view is limited from a belly dump truck. Signals are used to warn other drivers and people when the truck is going to move.

What horn signals do you use before:

- a) Starting the engine?
- b) Moving forwards?
- c) Reversing?

a) Starting the engine – **1 beep** of the horn.



b) Moving forwards – **2 beeps** of the horn.



c) Reversing –3 beeps of the horn.



Wait 5 seconds after beeping the horn before moving off

When operating a belly dump truck on a job site you need to plan the operations with other equipment.

Why?

To prevent lost time waiting for a clear road.



To maintain a safe operating distance between machines.



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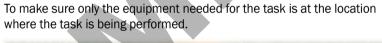
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Why?

To keep trucks and mobile equipment spread out around the job site.



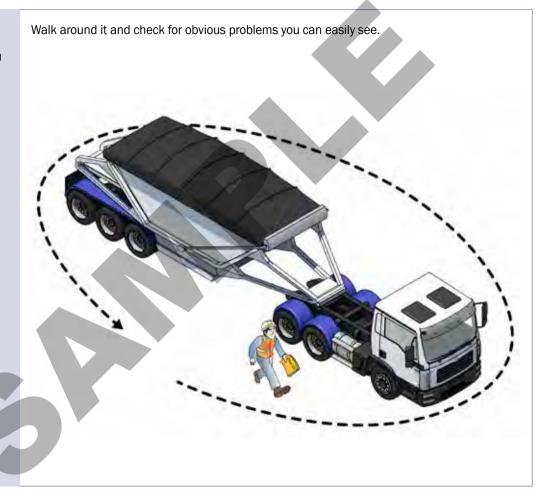




## Operate belly dump truck



What is the first check you do on the machine?



How do you test the retarder operation?



If all of the brakes on the belly dump truck fail, how can you stop the truck? Change to a lower gear to slow down. Drive the belly dump truck into a ditch, soft area, gutter or up a ramp or embankment if you can.

You only do this in an **emergency** when you have **no** other choices.



What does the belly dump truck have that warns people you are going to drive forwards or in reverse?



Your truck is empty.

Why do you have to give way to loaded trucks and scrapers?

Because you can stop and turn your empty truck more easily.

This is because loaded trucks are heavier than unloaded trucks, so it takes longer for them to stop.



## Load, haul dump materials



Why is it important to position the belly dump truck in a good position for loading?

So the loading equipment can load the belly dump truck as quickly as possible. It's also safer.



#### **QUESTION 85**

Why should you stay in the belly dump truck's cabin while it's being loaded?

You must stay in the cabin so the person loading the truck knows where you are. If you stand outside the truck you could be hit and injured if the load spills on to you.





What kinds of loading equipment might you use to load a belly dump truck?

You might load a belly dump truck with:

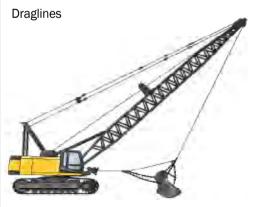






Face shovels





Why should you obey the spotter's directions when dumping a load?



#### **QUESTION 100**

Why do you close the clam shell or hatch before you travel?

To prevent any material which may be stuck in the body from falling out during travel.



End of Load, haul and dump materials section