LEARNER GUIDE



Load and Unload Plant



Training support material for: RIIHAN308F Load and unload plant



PREPARE TO LOAD AND UNLOAD PLANT



Element 1

Personal protective equipment (PPE)

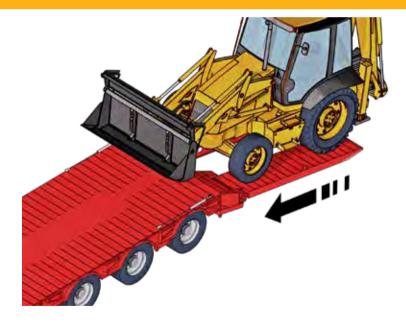
Question 2. What personal protective equipment (PPE) should you wear when loading and unloading a machine in hot weather

Answer may include but not limited to:

- hard hat
- hi viz vest
- gloves
- sunscreen
- long sleeved shirt with a collar
- safety glasses
- hard nosed boots



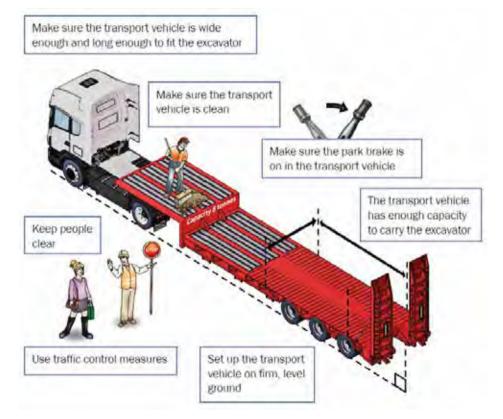
LOAD THE PLANT CORRECTLY



Element 2

Set up the transport vehicle to carry an excavator

Example of moving plant:



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After the transport vehicle and the excavator have been prepared, what steps are taken?

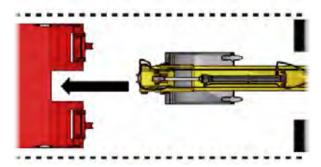
1. Raise the bucket to clear the ground.



3. Line the machine up with the ramps.

2. Drive to the loading area.





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4. Drive slowly forward until the tracks or wheels start to climb the ramp.



If visibility is restricted a guide may be required.

5. Move the bucket or attachment away from the machine to help balance the machine while climbing ramps.



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6. Lower the bucket to the vehicle deck and drive slowly forward while moving the attachment closer to the cab and supporting the front of the machine.



8. Raise the bucket until it just clears the deck and position the machine on the vehicle to make sure the load is correctly shared by the wheels.



7. As the machine rocks over onto the deck raise the bucket slowly to prevent the machine coming down hard onto the deck.



9. Move the bucket close to the operator's platform and lower the boom down until the boom weight is resting on the deck.



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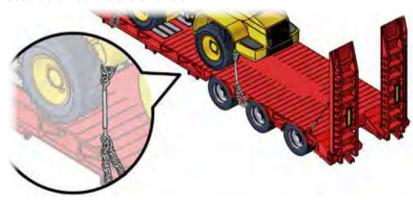
10. Switch off the machine and apply the park brake.



11. Secure the cabin.



12. Secure the machine to the vehicle.



Machinery dimensions

You need to know the weight and dimensions of the float or trailer to safely carry the plant. This will help you to know that you have the right transport vehicle to do the job.

For example: Which float would you use?

Barry Smith has been asked to transport an excavator weighing 52 tonne with a track width of 3.2 meters, the company Barry works for has two floats in the transport pool.

- A) 1 Drake widening 4x4 float timber deck and drake 2x4 dolly non widening
- B) 1 Lusty 4x8 axle steel deck widening float and 2x8 dolly widening.

1 Which float would be used?

Answer:

Barry should use the 4x8 Lusty float. A 4x4 even with the dolly is only good for 50 tonne. Legal compliance build plates on the float and will have details including gross vehicle mass (GVM) and tare weight.

[Note: Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) is the maximum total weight that a truck can apply to the ground.]

