

Skip Handler

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Technical Test – Practical

RESOURCES

Required

Machine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skip Handler
Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities for vehicle travel and parking • Uneven but firm terrain • Flat, firm area to allow lifting and placing of skips/bodies and the tipping of loads • Structure with limited headroom
Other equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items to create restrictions for manoeuvring • Items to create a restricted headroom environment
Loads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully loaded and empty skips or bodies
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The skip handler selected for the test must be able to carry fully loaded skips or bodies, in serviceable condition and conform with current legislation • There should be sufficient area to allow total vehicle travel for a distance of at least 1 Kilometre • The operator's manuals for the skip handler must be available • All lifting accessories must be fit for purpose and certificated • The weight of all loads must be known

ACTIVITY

Instructions

Sequence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity 1 must be undertaken at the start of the test • Activities 5 and 6 may be undertaken in any order • Activities 7 be incorporated with activity 5 • Activity 8 may be incorporated with activity 6 • Activity 10 must be undertaken at the end of the test <p>The test must be completed within a given time. The specifications' section gives further information.</p>
Preparing for work	1 Complete all manufacturers' pre-start and running checks
Travelling & manoeuvring (refer to specifications)	2 Prepare the vehicle and skip handler for road travel (loaded and unloaded) 3 Travel to the relevant work area (loaded and unloaded) and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – travel over uneven terrain – undertake tight left- and right-hand turns
Setting up for work	4 Position, prepare and set the skip handler and load for each lift
Working tasks (refer to specifications)	5 Pick up an empty body or skip and carry out activity 2. On completion, deposit the skip/body at a different location 6 Pick up a fully loaded skip/body, secure in preparation for road travel and carry out activity 3. On completion, tip a load from the skip/body at a given position 7 Place a skip/body within a confined space. The vehicle is to be reversed in a straight line prior to entering the confined space 8 Retrieve a loaded skip or body from a restricted headroom location
Completing work	9 Stow all equipment and return the vehicle to the park position
Shutting down	10 Park the vehicle and carry out shut-down and securing procedures
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The vehicle must be driven for a distance of at least 1 Kilometre for activity 6 • The vehicle must be driven for a minimum distance of 10 metres before placing the skip/body within the confined space for activity 7

Activity measurements

Confined space restriction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No wider than the width of the vehicle plus 900 mm
Skip/body placing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 800 mm of a given position
Headroom restriction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearance of half of the height of the skip/body (being used for that activity)
Test timings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test must be completed within 1 hour and 45 minutes

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Basic details	Test ref.	Candidate name
	Tester name	Candidate ref.
	Tester ref.	Date of test
	Make and model	Start time of test
		Duration

MANDATORY		Correctly carried out during the test?	Y / N
Preparing	1 All pre-start and running checks (or responses to relevant questions)		
Travelling	2 Vehicle and skips/bodies set for road travel		
	3 Stabilisers fully stowed and locked		
	4 Skip/bodies locked/clamped to vehicle bed prior to movement		
	5 Travelled accordingly with the environment		
	6 Restrictions and hazards cleared		
Setting up	7 Area checked and safe prior to setting up for lifting and depositing loads		
	8 PTO/Hydraulic drive system engagement conformed with procedures		
	9 Stabilisers systems set and utilised		
	10 Ensured vehicle was level prior to lifting loads		
	11 Select and assess the appropriate lifting accessories		
Working	12 Vehicle stability maintained at all times		
	13 Securely connected lifting accessories and mechanisms		
	14 Vehicle and skip/body integrity and stability maintained at all times		
	15 Loads did not contact any obstructions		
	16 Lifted and placed all loads in a controlled manner		
	17 Loads secured and stable on vehicle bed		
	18 All skips/bodies sheeted/netted/covered to ensure to spillage of material		
	19 Tipped load at given point		
Completing	20 Skips/bodies placed at given points with tolerance		
Shutdown	21 Re-configured from lifting to travelling duties		
	22 Parked in appropriate place		
Other	23 All shutdown and securing procedures		
	24 Legislation, manufacturers' and health and safety requirements complied with		
	25 Test completed within the given time		

All of these items must be awarded

Achieved / Not achieved

FAULTS

Candidate incorrectly carried out the following:

Fault Mark Penalty

Travelling and manoeuvring	1 Vehicle mounting and dismounting		1	
	2 Full observation before moving and reversing		3	
	3 Full observation whilst travelling and reversing		2	
	4 Engaging transmission drive smoothly from rest		1	
	5 Gear ratios appropriate for travel speeds		1	
	6 Travel speed matches ground type and conditions		2	
	7 Lifting accessories kept clear of the ground (where applicable)		1	
Working tasks	8 Positioning of vehicle for retrieving skips/bodies		2	
	9 Each load lifted clear of surface and checked for integrity		2	
	10 Drawing the vehicle in line with the skip/body		2	
	11 Sequence of using hydraulic/lifting controls		2	
	12 Smooth use of the steering, braking and hydraulic controls		1	
Not exceeded 8 penalties			Total penalties	
				Achieved / Not achieved

