

**!** Please read these instructions before using this equipment.

We thoroughly check all of our equipment prior to despatch using comprehensive pre-hire checklists.

All equipment is serviced regularly and our local engineer will contact you to arrange on site servicing or maintenance in accordance with our scheduled maintenance programme.

PPE is required for the safe operation of this equipment. As a minimum we advise the following items.



Always ensure you wear the correct PPE required by the task.

### Watch our safety videos

You can watch our safety videos on our website or app



### Your Essential Guide Bowzers

### Further Information

Copies of this guide are available on our website or from your nearest depot.

Please contact your local depot for;

- Service or repairs
- Replacement operator manuals

### Contact Us

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**Your Safety Is Our Priority.**

## ● General Information

**These safety guidelines are intended as a guide for experienced operators.**

- Detailed operating instructions relative to a specific make or model of equipment are available on request from your nearest depot.
- The operator manual and safety instructions must be read before operating this machine.
- The operator manual can be found in the designated storage compartment of the machine. If it is not there contact the nearest depot for a replacement.
- It is a criminal offence to smoke or allow smoking in this machine.
- Only use the machine for the purpose intended.
- Never attempt to modify or convert the machine.
- Only use competent, trained personnel to drive the machine.
- Do not ignore safety regulations relating to this machine.
- This machine must only be operated with fully functional safety equipment.
- Ensure you obey any age limitations relating to your site before using this machine.
- Always obey legislation relating to this equipment.
- Anyone with a disability should seek expert advice before operating this machine.
- Do not use this machine if under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- If using prescribed medication, seek advice from a Doctor before using this machine.
- All safety decals and signs must be in place and obeyed at all times when using this machine.
- Ensure the work area is clear and safe and that no-one is nearby or could distract you.
- Before starting equipment, ensure all controls are understood, in particular the stop procedure.
- After use, store the equipment safely and securely away from minors.
- **Has a risk assessment been performed for the task you are to commence?**

## ● Daily Checks

**The operator should carry out the following daily checks before operating this machine;**

**Tyres:** Splits, cuts, pressures, tread.

**Wheel Nuts:** Tightness.

**Brakes:** Function, leaks.

**Safety Guards & Locking Pins:** Undamaged and correct pins.

**Towing Eye:** Check for damage and security

**Breakaway cable:** Undamaged and clip present.

**Controls:** Function correctly, are not slippery and are clear of debris.

Ensure that all safety decals are in place and can be read clearly.

**Structure:** Condition of body and chassis.

**Bund Level (if fitted):** Check daily.

Spill kit is present for Fuel Bowersers.

**Secondary hitch (if fitted):** Undamaged.

**Jockey Wheel\Support stand:** Undamaged and operational.

## ● Operation

- **IMPORTANT** - Bowersers MUST be empty when ready for collection.
- Under no circumstances are tanks to be cross contaminated. i.e., water in fuel bowser – fuel in water bowser.
- When using a banded bowser ensure that all hoses are stored within the bund when not in use.
- When using bowser marked, 'Drinking Water Only', the water MUST be boiled before use.
- When using bowser with a semi-rotary hand pump fitted, turn off the tap supplying the pump to prevent siphoning.
- To avoid damage from frost, turn off the tap supplying the pump and operate the pump until it is empty.
- Ensure that all support legs are in use when bowser are parked.
- When bowser are full and parked on inclines the wheels should be chocked as well as having the handbrake engaged.

### Refuelling

- Take care when refuelling.
- Never refuel whilst the engine is running.
- Do not inhale fuel fumes.
- Shut down any auxiliary equipment.
- Do not refuel in closed rooms.
- Do not refuel next to open fires.
- Do not smoke when refuelling.
- Do not spill fuel.
- Catch any over filled escaping fuel.
- Clean any fuel spillages immediately.
- Ensure the fuel tank cap is replaced after refuelling.
- Fuel leaks are dangerous, repair leaks immediately.

### Parking

- Park the machine on firm level ground.
- Park the machine with the articulated joint straight.
- Return the travel lever to neutral.
- Apply the parking brake.
- Shut down the engine and remove the key.
- Lock the cabin.
- Secure the machine against unauthorised use.
- Always climb down from the machine using access steps and handrails.
- Always use three points of contact.
- NEVER jump from the machine.

### Specific Equipment

- Road towable bowser should always conform to ADR regulations for fuel transport.
- Lighting boards must be fitted and working when towing bowser on the highway.
- Water bowser featuring petrol driven attachments, should only be fuelled when the engine is off.
- Only start the engine when required.