



## WATER BOWSER

### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & WARNINGS

It is in the interests of those operating this equipment, and for the safety of others, that these **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & WARNINGS** are carefully read and understood before operating this equipment.

### PURPOSE

1. This equipment is designed for transporting water to a variety of locations.

### PERSONAL SAFETY

2. **THE WATER IN THIS EQUIPMENT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DRINKING.**
3. This equipment is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it. It must not be operated by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
4. If the equipment is not used in a safe, careful and controlled way, personal injury or injury to others may result.
5. Be aware of the conditions of insurance before operating this equipment (see under 'INSURANCE' below).
6. Before attempting to operate this equipment you must familiarise yourself with the equipment, its controls and operating characteristics.
7. Before starting your work, think and plan ahead to ensure you, and others around you, will be working in a safe environment.
8. Exercise care when using water under pressure.
9. When using this equipment, it is recommended that the following items of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) be worn:
  - Safety footwear to EN345.
  - Appropriate waterproof gloves.

**NOTE: Other types of work, or environment, may require a higher level of PPE.**

### INSURANCE

10. You are responsible for the safe custody of this equipment whilst it is on hire, under the terms of the insurance. You must indemnify, through insurance, the hire company against loss or unreasonable damage (i.e. vandalism, etc.).
 

**Note: Some hire companies can offer insurance at an additional cost.**
11. It is the hirer's responsibility to take all necessary care to protect this equipment against theft and vandalism at all times.
12. Be aware that if you are involved in a road accident, or damage a third parties property; the insurance cover may not protect you.
 

**Note: If in any doubt concerning any aspects of the insurance cover, consult the hire company or the insurance company.**

### OPERATING AREA SAFETY

13. Before commencing work, ensure that the area you are to operate the equipment in is a safe environment. Erect safety barriers and warning signs as necessary.

14. Make sure that the work area is clear of obstructions and hazards (projections, cables, pipes, etc.).
15. Before commencing work, warn others who may be working in the vicinity of the equipment, to keep clear. If possible place safety barriers around your work area.
16. Anybody who is working near to you will also need to wear the appropriate PPE.

### BEFORE OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT

#### SAFETY CHECKS

17. Visually inspect the equipment and all its accessories for serviceability (completeness, signs of damage, undue wear, etc.). Do not use the equipment if found damaged or worn - contact the hire company immediately.
18. Before attempting to operate the equipment, familiarise yourself with the equipment. Make sure you understand their operation, purpose and function.

### OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT

#### USING THE EQUIPMENT

19. Always read this leaflet, and any others supplied with this equipment before using it.
20. Site the equipment away from electricity and other utility services.
21. Ensure the equipment is sited on firm and level ground.
22. Apply the handbrake and chock the wheels.
23. Lower the jockey wheel and secure all leg stands.
24. Ensure all hoses are securely connected.
25. Ensure all hoses are laid out with care – free from doorways, sharp edges, site traffic, etc.

#### TOWING THE EQUIPMENT

26. You must be in possession of a current driving licence and valid insurance to tow this equipment.
27. With smaller bowzers, without brakes, its total weight (equipment, plus water) must not exceed 50% of the kerb side weight (KSW) of the towing vehicle.
28. The total weight (equipment, plus water) of bowzers fitted with a braking system must not exceed 85% of the kerb side weight (KSW) of the towing vehicle.
29. The towing vehicle must have a compatible towing hook, or device, to that of the equipment to be towed.
30. Check the equipments tow bar and hitch for wear, damage and security.
31. Check the tyres for serviceability and correct air pressure.
32. Ensure the towing hitch is securely attached and locked to the towing vehicles towing hook, or device, before moving off.
33. Ensure the safety chain is fitted securely.
34. The jockey wheel, or leg stand, must be fully retracted and locked in position before moving-off.
35. Ensure the towing cable (for rear lights and indicators) is securely connected to the towing vehicle. Check for correct operation of rear lights and indicators before moving-off.

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**SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE**

- 36. Visually check the condition of the equipment at the start of each day.
- 37. Periodically, clean the equipment to ensure it is free from dust, dirt and other debris.
- 38. When the equipment is left unattended for long periods (i.e. overnight), ensure it is made secure to prevent unauthorised use or loss.

**COLLECTION & PICK-UP**

- 39. For safety reasons this equipment requires you to use a **LORRY**.

