

General Driving Standards

There have been a few recent incidents regarding lack of general good driving standards:

Tachograph manipulation

Recently a driver was caught by VOSA during a spot check. This is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. The haulier was suspended during investigations. Please ensure this practice is not happening in your organisation.



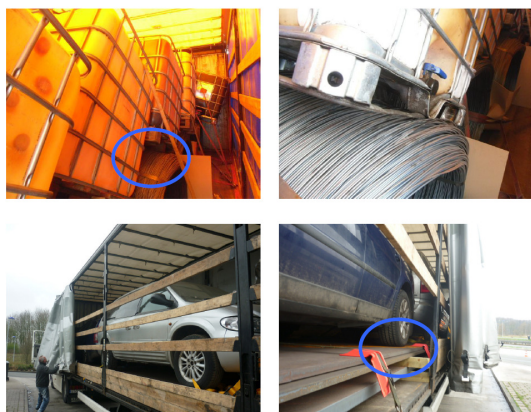
Co loading

We issued the below bulletin in April.



UNAUTHORISED CO-LOADING

Please be reminded that unauthorised co-loading is forbidden.



Hauliers found guilty of co-loading will be penalised

AB12.10 Co-loading
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This is absolutely unacceptable. Hauliers will be penalised heavily if found to be carrying other goods on Tata loads.

Summer alert

It is the time of year again when we issue our annual Summer Alert bulletin. Please ensure this is distributed to all Drivers/Hauliers.

Roof pole locking mechanism and Defect reporting

Accompanying this newsletter is a Proactive bulletin concerning the risks of opening trailer roofs with the locking pin release cord and the benefits of preventive regular maintenance.

Please ensure your Drivers/Hauliers are made aware of this bulletin and adhere to the advice given.



Sliding Roofs, Roof Poles and Roof Maintenance

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Roof Pole

- Allows a driver to open and close his roof, from the ground.
- Avoids working at height and the risk of falling from height



Locking pin release cable

- Commonly misused by drivers. It is not there to push the roof open or pull the roof closed
- It is only used to release to locking pins before the roof is slid
- **You pull the roof closed with it...it breaks...you fall**

Roof Maintenance and Defect Reporting

Proactive servicing and lubricating of sliding roofs has many benefits:-

- Reduced effort required by the driver (manual handling)
- Remove the risk of climbing to fix a problem (working at height and falling)
- Reduced time (wasted time from struggling and then repairing damages)
- Reduced cost through reduced lost time and potential injuries



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Sharing best practice

- A few of our hauliers implement spot checks on drivers and trailers on sites and at quays, checking for trailer park brake compliance, trailer defects, drivers having the correct equipment etc. This is a very positive and proactive step and should be encouraged throughout all our hauliers.
- Another of our hauliers has implemented the below check sheet into their Driver's cab unit so the Driver can check they have the correct equipment prior to arrival at Tata.

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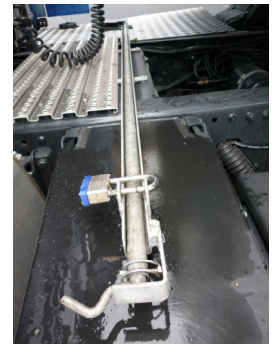
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Safety Solutions

Striving to meet standards always comes with its challenges. Below are examples where hauliers have thought “outside the box” to find a simple and cost effective solution to a problem.

Roof Pole Storage

- A common complaint from drivers is that the roof poles are stolen when tied on to the back of their tractor units.
- A haulier has developed a simple case which is sealed with a padlock, positioned on the tractor unit to overcome this issue.



Reversing Alarms

- To avoid the expense of retro fitting a reversing alarm to the unit, a haulier has invested in a reversing alarm built into the reversing light bulb.
- Activated when the reversing light is on, the device emits an audible warning to those in proximity to the vehicle.

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