

VLR SAFETY TAILGATE TALK

June 2016

Subject: Transporting a Machine

Date: _____

Location (garage, mm, etc...):

Instructions:

Safety Coordinators & Supervisors should use this Tailgate Talk as a guide for discussion during their safety meetings. The primary purpose of the safety meetings is to give crews the opportunity to discuss any safety related concerns they may have.

Once the meeting has concluded, the Presenter should have each employee sign this form and include their Employee ID# in the spaces below.

TGT Presenter: _____

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Tips on proper methods of securing machines and their components for safe transport. These are things that are known and practiced, but sometimes overlooked.

Tying the Machine Down

- As a rule, you should use one chain for every 8500 pounds of weight, or one chain for every 10 linear feet of cargo.
- Check all anchor points for the chains.
- Always check every chain before using it; look for cracked, bent, twisted, or stretched links.
- Check for broken or cracked side or pocket rails, support, or welds, rails bent or distorted where hooks or fittings attach, and floor rings that are nicked or gouged, worn, twisted, bent stretched, or with broken welds.
- Keep chains straight and tight.
- Be sure to flag the machine if it exceeds the width requirements for transporting.
- Check to be sure all items on the trailer and the machine are secured.
- Re-check for fluid leakages, rocks, and other debris.

Transporting a Machine

- ◇ Make sure the machine is properly chained down and balanced.
- ◇ Many governmental agencies throughout the world require that the truck driver, within the first 25 miles after beginning a trip, recheck all load securing devices and make proper adjustments.
- ◇ ALWAYS use common sense and good judgement when loading, hauling, and transporting.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Safety Tailgate Talk or any safety related concerns, please contact the VTrans Safety Team.