

LOADING RAMP

Guidelines for the safe use
and maintenance of the
Cherry Products
Loading Ramp

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INTRODUCTION

This manual is a guide on how to safely use and maintain the Cherry Loading Ramp.

Please be aware that only experienced or suitably competent staff members should undertake the use of the Loading Ramp.

The Ramp owner is responsible for the following:-

- Maintenance and structural checks.
- Experienced or suitably competent staff members who will use the ramp should sign and date that they have read and understood this document. The ramp owner should keep a record/list of approved employees.
- To ensure user training is undertaken, with particular attention to the safe practices.
- To ensure the supplied QR code sticker is placed on the ramp for quick onsite reference to this document.
- Keep a copy of this document on site and make it available to staff members.

A digital version of this manual is available via the QR code

SAFE PRACTICES AND USER GUIDELINES

Section 1

- Follow company health and safety guidelines regarding the appropriate PPE.
- Check the ramp for any defect before use.
- Ensure the ramp is on level ground.
- Ensure the ramp isn't near any power lines.
- Ensure there is enough room to manoeuvre and line up straight before engaging with the ramp.
- Check the weight limitations of the ramp against the machine/vehicle weight.
- Look at the ramp grip bars, ensure these are not slippery before loading. Causes can include;- weather (wet/frost/ice/sun), mud, oil/fuel leaks. If there is evidence and the wheels/tracks could slip, rectify before use.
- Set the desired height of the ramp before loading. Disengage the landing gear adjustment leg handle once the desired height is achieved. With heavy loads, be aware that the machine/vehicle to be loaded/unloaded will alter in height as the load moves.
- Ensure the machine/vehicle to be loaded/unloaded is mechanically safe to use on the ramp. This should include but is not limited to:- walk round checks, ensure the brakes and drive train work as per the OEM manual.
- Ensure the operator of the machine/vehicle to be loaded/unloaded has the correct training and fully understands the controls along with the limitations of the machine/vehicle.
- Ensure the area is clear of pedestrians as per the site risk assessment. Also, do not allow anyone to be near the machine/vehicle when it is likely to be moved or operated.
- When using the ramp, select the machine/vehicle low transmission gear/speed. Slow speed enables greater control and traction.
- Avoid driving near the edge of the ramp.
- For larger/over size machine/vehicle use a competent banks person to assist with directions to keep the machine/vehicle safe and inline.
- Do not disembark the machine/vehicle when on the ramp.
- Avoid walking on the ramp. If walking on the ramp is the only option, handrails should be fitted, take extra care and always hold on to the side rails.
- If loading/unloading tracked equipment, be aware of the balance/tipping point, as the machine will move in a less controlled manor over the hump.
- When moving the ramp, use an appropriate lift capacity fork truck. (We recommended 5 tonne or more). There are tine slots provided. Be mindful of the size, travel backwards and use competent banks person to assist in providing the operator with additional information about the surroundings.

MAINTENANCE AND STRUCTURAL CHECKS

Section 2

- The ramp should be clean of any spilt oils or grease. Use a mild detergent and/or pressure washer to clean.
- The ramp should be clean of any mud which could cause a slippage of wheels/tracks. Use a mild detergent and/or pressure washer
- Corrosion should be treated with a rust inhibitor and repainted
- All grease points should be attended to once a month
- Visual inspection of the ramp should be carried out monthly by a competent person. This should include looking for damage, bent steelwork and weld integrity.
- The area in and around the ramp should be kept tidy to allow safe passage of both vehicle and staff loading/unloading.



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