

Safe Working Procedure (SWP) Vehicle Washing



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The objective of this Safe Working Procedure (SWP) is to ensure that exterior vehicle cleaning is carried out safely, minimizing the risk of accidents or injuries to any personal involved or others who may be affected by any acts or omissions. This SWP should be followed by all individuals engaged in fallen stock vehicle cleaning.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

					
Waterproof clothing (Overalls, Jackets etc.)	Waterproof / Steel Toe Capped Footwear	Safety Gloves	Protective Eyewear	Hi – Visibility Clothing	Hearing Protection

Protective Glove Standards

A	Abrasion Resistance	3	Persons washing vehicles must ensure they wear protective gloves provided or gloves which meet the standard detailed in the table (Left). The level of protection achieved in the EN388 tests are marked on the gloves as a series of numbers and letters next to a hammer pictogram (Right).	
B	Blade Cut Resistance	3		
C	Tear Resistance	3		
D	Puncture Resistance	4		
E	Straight Blade Cut	X		
F	Impact Resistance	N/A		

Safe Working Procedure

- Vehicles driven in a forward-facing direction into the wash bay, where required partially drive onto the plinth to ensure water can drain from the vehicle bed.
- Once parked ensure the vehicle is isolated, the handbrake applied.
- Drivers must not leave vehicles unattended with the keys in the ignition during washing.
- Driver to remove the cap from the water release valve at the rear of the vehicle, this will allow excess fluid and water to escape during cleaning of the rear bed of the vehicle.
- Driver should then carry out a pre inspection of the pressure washer to ensure it is free from any visible damage prior to use.
- Viriphor 2.8 diluted at a rate of 1:50 of water has been prefilled prior to the drivers arrival.
- The exterior of the vehicle can then be cleaned, drivers to remain a safe distance from the nozzle, operating the pressure washer from the trigger and plastic handles provided maintaining hold with two hands at all times. Pressure washer aimed only at areas to be cleaned and trigger released once finished.
- The rear door of the vehicle can then be opened following the below process:
 - Disengage any locking devices.
 - Pull bar provided to release anchors which keep the door closed.
 - Safely lower the door manually to the ground.
 - Where doors are mechanical engage any switches provided to lower the door once unlocked.
- Access the rear of the vehicle using the ramp steps.
- Do not begin pressure washing until in the back of the vehicle, standing with both feet on the bed.
- The pressure washer can be used to clean the winch in situ without coming into contact with the winch itself, where required to handle the winch this should only be done by handling the hook component and not the wire cable.
- The vehicle should then be cleaned from front (vehicle cab end) to back (drop down door) to allow water to escape down the incline and out through the water release valve.
- From the back of the vehicle pressure wash the ramp while down.
- Dismount from the rear of the vehicle using the ramp steps.

