

# Essential Tractor Safety Checks

## Initial Checks

- Good general condition
- Sitting level on ground
- Tyre condition/inflation
- No fluid leaks
- Number plates visible and clean

## Driver

- Trained and competent
- Fit to drive
- Follows safety rules
- Valid licence
- Valid insurance
- Appropriate PPE
- Not fatigued

## Windscreen and Side Windows

- All in place
- Undamaged and clean
- View not obscured e.g. by stickers etc.
- Windscreen wipers present and in good condition
- Valid tax and Insurance disc

## Mirrors

- All mirrors in place
- Clean and in good condition
- Correctly aligned

## Lights and Indicators

- All in place
- Undamaged
- Clean
- Correct colour
- Working

## In Cab Checks

- Controls clearly marked
- Controls working
- Seat in good condition
- Seat adjusted for driver
- Safety belt used [if fitted]
- Dashboard – all warning lights working
- Wipers and Washers working
- Hand brake working
- Steering and brakes working correctly
- Split brakes linked and working
- Horn, demister and temperature controls [where fitted] working correctly
- Cab clean
- Cab floor clear of any obstructions
- High-Visibility jacket/vest(s) accessible in cab

## External Checks

- Cab/Roll bar in good condition
- Check all fluid levels (oil, coolant, windscreen wash, brake fluid)
- Sufficient fuel and fuel cap secure
- Check radiator
- Check Hydraulic hoses
- Steps undamaged and clean
- Doors in place and handle working
- PTO drive guarded (U-guard)
- Hitching equipment in good condition



## Tyres and Wheels

- Tyres correctly inflated
- Tyres have correct tread depth
- Tyres undamaged: No abrasions, bulges or tears
- Wheel nuts all in place, correctly fitted and secure

## Safe Parking

- Park in a safe area
- Apply parking brake
- Place in correct parking gear
- Lower attachments to ground
- Switch off engine
- Remove key
- Dismount facing tractor

## Passengers

- Carry passenger(s) in passenger seat only
- Safety belt used [if fitted]
- High-Visibility vest(s) for passenger in cab
- No children under 7 years\* allowed

\*HSA  
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