Securing a Machine for Transport

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

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- Inspect all anchor points and tie-down locations for visible signs of damage.
- Always inspect every chain before use. Look for cracked, bent, twisted or stretched links.
- Keep chains straight and tight. Ratchet binders are recommended.
- Be sure to flag and permit the machine if it exceeds the width and length restrictions for transporting according to federal/state/local regulations.
- Ensure that all items on the trailer and the machine are secured.
- Check load and trailer for fluid leakages, rocks and other loose debris.

Transporting a Machine

- Ensure the machine is properly chained down and balanced.
- Many governmental agencies throughout the world require the truck driver, within the first 25 miles (40.2 km) after beginning a trip, stop and recheck all load securing devices and make adjustments as necessary.
- ALWAYS use common sense and good judgment when loading, hauling and transporting machinery.

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