

SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- Specific safety requirements can vary between different plant items.
- Compliance for on-road registration does not guarantee compliance with this rail standard and vice-versa
- Always review plant related risks during your pre-work brief

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## PP139.1 - General Plant Requirements

The provision of safe and effective Plant and Equipment is of the utmost importance to ARTC and as such all existing or prospective plant hire suppliers, contracted or casual, are required to comply with a number of fundamental Occupational Health & Safety requirements with respect to plant intended for use within the rail corridor, or at other ARTC locations.

All operational plant supplied for use at ARTC sites shall at a minimum:

- Operate within the guidelines of the Rail Safety Act 1993
- Be covered by a structured plant maintenance program
- Comply with the requirements set out in PP139.1
- Utilise a suitably formatted daily pre-start inspection report to be completed by the operator, &
- Be in compliance at all times with the relevant OH&S Acts and Regulations for the state of operation (including operator certification where required)



Operational plant in use or intended for use at ARTC sites may be subject to on-site inspection by ARTC personnel (or its agents) in accordance with the PP139F-05 Onsite Plant Inspection Report.

Defective items of plant may be stood down from operation or refused entry to site.

While this information has been provided to over 110 of our registered plant hire providers; on site audits are still identifying safety critical defects in plant currently in use on ARTC work sites.

As per the Plant & Equipment Hire Procedure FPPP-013, it is the responsibility of the ARTC employee engaging these plant hire providers to ensure they comply with these safety standards. Failure to do so may result in project delays, equipment damage, safety incidents or injury to personnel.

Take 5, and pose a few simple and timely questions to the supplier prior to engagement which may enable you to confirm their understanding of these procedures. These questions could include:

1. Are you aware of the ARTC procedures for General Plant Safety Requirements?
2. Does your machine comply to all the applicable items?
3. Do you have competent ticketed operators for this equipment?
4. Do you conduct documented daily pre-start inspections on your equipment?
5. Is it registered to operate on track - do you have a TOC waiver? (where applicable)

Ongoing audits of suppliers and work sites are being conducted by the Risk and Compliance team and the Plant & Equipment team, however this does not cover the vast number of plant hire activities undertaken on a regular basis.

This information and a copy of the PP139.1 procedure is available at the following web page or from your local Plant Coordinator:

[http://extranet.artc.com.au/engineering\\_plant equip\\_ex.html](http://extranet.artc.com.au/engineering_plant equip_ex.html)