

## Rural / Remote

# Tractors and attachments safety checklist >

Item	Yes	No	N/A	Issue / Action taken	Person responsible	Start and Completion Dates
1. Are your workers trained to operate the tractors under their control?						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are operator manuals and instructions available to operators?</li> </ul>						
2. Are tractors fitted with an approved Roll Over Protection structure (ROPS) frame or cabin where required?  You may not strictly meet the criteria for fitting ROPs. However, if workers are required to operate tractors, a risk assessment must be carried out, and if there is a risk, that risk must be controlled.						
3. Have you fitted falling object protection (FOPs) to your tractors? A ROPS cab or covered four post ROPS frame adequately complies with FOPS. It is needed if:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the tractor is used with front end loader or forklift attachments</li> <li>there is a risk of objects falling on the tractor operator</li> </ul>						
4. Are power take-offs and shafts fitted with guards that comply with Australian Standard AS1121- 1982 Guards for Agricultural PTO drives?						

Checklist continues overleaf



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5. Are PTO guard protective covers, including the master shield, kept in place on attachments when being used?						
6. Are all PTO guards maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions?						
7. Are passengers prevented from riding on tractors?						
8. Are tractors equipped with lighting for night operation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the lighting bright and clear enough to allow a clear unobstructed view of the operation being carried out?</li> </ul>						
9. Are the brakes effective for the task to be performed?						
10 While operating the tractor and attachments is there a noise problem?  As a guide: if you have to raise your voice to be heard over the noise, you may have a noise problem.  Often the exhaust system is in poor condition and is the source of excessive noise.						
11 Where there is a tractor related noise problem, have you taken action to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reduce the noise level</li> <li>use hearing protection</li> </ul>						
12 Have you checked with your safety equipment provider to ensure that the hearing protection you have is suitable for the task and meets the Standard?						
13 Is a first aid kit accessible to the machine operator?						
14 Are steps and handrails on tractors and attachments in good condition?						

## Comments

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