

Learning Outcomes for N116 Dragline

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| Have a basic understanding of the industry, the dangers of working in the industry and their responsibilities as an operator | Explain the structure of the course and the need to comply with your instructions at all times • Explain that the industry is very dangerous and that only safe working practices will be adopted throughout the course • Personal safety is not just the absence of physical injury, can be affected by noise, vibration and can lead to lost time, lost income, expense for the employer etc • Explain Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, PUWER Regulations, MHSWR, COSHH, Noise at Work, Work at Height Regulations, CDM Regulations, Vibration at Work Regulations, risk assessments, method statements, and other relevant legislation • Remind learners that operators have moral obligations, legal obligations and environmental obligations • Explain reporting structures, the importance of good communication on site (colleagues, management, and other workers on site) |
| Have a working knowledge of the manufacturer's handbook for the particular machine to be used | Explain the importance of the manufacturer's handbook and that it will be used throughout the course. Stress that it has to be used in alliance with all relevant legislation |
| Be able to locate and identify the major components of the machine and explain their functions | Explain the different types of components • Explain the function of the components and how they all contribute to the safety and operational integrity of the machine • Ground suitability • Explain power units • Hydraulic systems • Hoisting gear / ropes • Safety locking devices and pins • Guards • Rams • Jibs / buckets • Boom • Drag chain / cable • Fairlead • Hoist cable • Dump cable • Suspension ropes • Undercarriage • Tracks • Slewing arrangements • ROPS / FOPS • Emergency stops and other safety systems etc |
| Be able to locate and identify key controls and explain their functions | Explain the different controls and their functions • Explain how correct and sympathetic use of the controls can ensure safety of the machine and help prolong machine life by reducing wear and tear • Refer to the manufacturer's handbook, codes of practice, decals etc |
| Conduct all pre-operational and running checks in accordance with manufacturer's and legislative requirements | Explain the importance of pre-operational and running checks and legal implications of using a machine without having checked it. Go through the sequence of checking. Maintenance procedures in line with manufacturer's handbook, check sheet, defect reporting procedure, relevant documentation including the inspection certificate / certificate of conformity |



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| Identify and maintain PPE appropriate for dragline use | Explain that PPE should include the following: Impervious safety boots, ear defenders, face / eye protection, dust mask if appropriate, impervious gloves, hard hat overalls etc |
| Conduct all necessary safety checks at the work area and set for excavating duties | Explain and demonstrate the following fully: Walk the site and highlight or remove any hazards • Underground hazards • Overhead cables • Ground conditions • Confirm that the condition of the site is safe to work in • Machine positioning • Equipment / size of bucket / type • Spoil placing / segregation • Drag clevis position • Placement of loading vehicle • Report any hazards that cannot be removed • Set out warning signs and barriers • Exclusion zones • Working positions • Eliminate reversing tasks |
| Prepare the dragline for travel / use and operate machinery safely and efficiently | Explain and demonstrate all safety procedures to be adopted including: • Correct starting procedure • Mount and dismount the machine • Travel controls and position • Visibility • Identify and report any defects • Correct loading procedure • Correct procedure for adjusting / changing different attachments • Follow all safe working procedures • Set up exclusion zone around dragline • Waste Disposal arrangements • Check electrical safety • Overhead / underground services • Identify maximum outreach and stability • Radio protocol and signals |
| Travel over varying types of ground – uneven surfaces, inclines, rough ground | Explain and demonstrate procedures to be adopted including: • Identification of hazards • Ground conditions • Working area • Routes / direction of travel • Slopes / inclines • Traction / adhesion • Environmental considerations / minimise impact |
| Manoeuvre in restricted areas | Explain and demonstrate all safety procedures to be adopted including: • Negotiating tight / restricted areas • Obscured vision / blind spots • Noise / fumes • Height restrictions • Ground and vicinity protection |



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| Excavation of various types of ground and placement of material into hoppers and vehicles | Explain and demonstrate procedures to be adopted including: Machine positioning • Vehicle stability • Segregation / disposal of spoil • Productive stages of operation • Measuring levels / centres • Signals / communication • Loading hoppers • Overspill kept too minimum • Cleanliness of loading area |
| Various types of material and rope adjustment | Explain and demonstrate procedures to be adopted including: • Bucket types • Manual handling • Preparation and security • Clevis positions in relation to best practice and manufacturers recommendations |
| Environmental considerations | Explain and demonstrate procedures to be adopted including: Designated washout areas • Clear visibility • Communication system – signals etc. • Noise • Vibration • Ground contamination • Ground damage • Fuel spills • Fumes • Flying debris |
| Storage – Loading - unloading and transport of dragline and attachments | Explain and demonstrate the following: Allow power driven implements to slow down Check condition of hoses – attachments etc. Correct / secure storage of attachments Compatibility Refer to manufacturer's handbook Security |
| Carry out all end of work and shut down procedures | Explain and demonstrate procedures to be adopted including: Shut down procedures and machine security Clean machine thoroughly after use to avoid corrosion, facilitate maintenance, prevent personal contamination Inspect machine for signs of wear and damage |

*The learning outcomes listed should not be considered in isolation and may be added to in order to accurately reflect the learner's duties and working environment