

MINING TRUCK SAFETY TIPS

Whether you call it a Mining Truck, Off-Highway Truck, Haul Truck or another name, it's the size of an apartment building and only for off-road use. The size alone means taking extra precautions for safety, which begins by conducting a pre-operation walkaround inspection before every shift. Operators should read the Operation & Maintenance Manual to learn about all safety warnings, then follow these safety tips.

Mount and dismount the truck only at locations with steps and/or handholds. Always use three points of contact.

Buckle the seat belt. Always stay seated while operating the controls.

Know the blind spots on the truck. Also, be aware of other equipment, stockpiles and weather conditions that can cause restricted visibility when operating.

Be aware of overhead power lines. Never raise the truck bed near power lines.

Load the truck on level ground and do not overload, especially the front of the bed.

Watch for falling rock from mine walls and berms above and debris scattered along the mine road.

Follow all traffic patterns, speed limits and traffic rules specific to the mine site.

Dump on level ground and avoid unloading on soft or uneven ground that could cause the truck to slip, sink or turn over.

Position the truck with the rear tires at the toe of the berm (when dumping over).

Make sure the berm is mid-axle height or half the wheel height of the machine in use.



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