

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE USE OF CONCRETE SKIPS



The skip is designed for the transporting and pouring of concrete in conjunction with a crane or other suitable lifting equipment. The crane must be of sufficient capacity to safely transport the combined weight of the skip and its concrete load. For estimating purposes the approximate weight of concrete (subject to mix) is 2400kgs per cubic metre.

The skip should be visually inspected prior to commencing work to ensure it is free from defects or damage and is safe to use. When lifting the skip always ensure that the discharge gate is securely locked in the closed position, or for column skips, that the discharge hose is folded over the horizontal transport bars to prevent concrete falling from the skip.

Skips should be thoroughly cleaned after use to ensure there is no build up of concrete which may prevent proper operation of the discharge gate. The regular use of mould oil is recommended to assist in the cleaning operation. Where nipples are fitted, greasing should be carried out on a weekly basis.

Concrete skips are covered by Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER) and are required to be thoroughly examined by a competent person at least annually or at intervals laid down in an examination scheme drawn up by a competent person with a report being issued following the thorough examination.

Due to the harmful effect of concrete on the skin, personal protection equipment must be worn by the skip operator.



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