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# Hanson UK has now become Heidelberg Materials

**On Monday 2nd October 2023, Hanson UK was rebranded to Heidelberg Materials to align with our parent company and better reflect the global scope of our business.**

The new brand identity underlines Heidelberg Materials' leading role on the path to decarbonisation in the building materials sector as well as highlighting how we are providing new opportunities for our customers through digital solutions.

While our brand name is changing, everything else stays the same. Our commitment to our customers and delivering excellence remains and, as we look to the future, we'll continue to strengthen innovation and deepen partnerships with our customers.

### So far...

I am sure by now you will have noticed; we are making progress rebranding the tipper fleet.

We want to thank you all for taking the time to remove the Hanson branding from your current fleet. In the coming months, we will look to update a select number of our

franchisees with a new Heidelberg Green sheet and then moving onto new Heidelberg decals. We are currently working through 2020 and younger vehicles.

We are 25% through in the UK with rebranding and we will be in touch to arrange more sessions.



## Vehicle Cleanliness

**Whilst on the road, making regular journeys, experiencing unfavourable weather and difficult road conditions, it is not always easy to keep on top of cleaning your HGV.**

Since your vehicle is exposed to more dirt than cars, vehicle cleaning is vital to prevent the risk of contaminating loads, protecting the environment, and spotting any defects before they become costly. Keeping reflective signs and number plates visible is a industry & legal requirement!

A clean lorry is a sign of a professional driver who takes care of their equipment, but also as important, keeping HGV safe to drive and roadworthy as outlined by DVSA.



# Tipping artic incidents?

## The Health and Safety at Work Act legislates for responsibilities regarding health and safety

If drivers fail to operate a tipping vehicle safely, both operator and driver may be responsible for serious, or even fatal, injuries

Employers and managers have the responsibility to ensure a safe system of work for tipping a return load are in place on the site, and to take reasonable and practicable precautions to ensure the health and safety of all who may be affected by the activity

All drivers also have a responsibility for their own health and safety, and that of other who may be affected



Vehicle carrying sand overturned on stock yard. Ground was not maintained well, causing the vehicle to overturn.



The driver reversed into the stockpile and when he tipped his load, it pushed the vehicle over.

## Winter Working Guide

### Driver Responsibilities:

- Check the weather forecast
- Check your vehicle
- Plan ahead

### Additional daily safety checks

- **Tyre Tread** Worn tyres reduce traction by 30-50%
- **Frozen Brakes** Check the lines aren't frozen
- **Windows/Windscreen/Mirrors/Wipers** - Clear of snow and clean to ensure good visibility
- **Fluid Levels** - water, oil, power steering, brake fluid, anti-freeze fluid, windscreen wiper fluid & AdBlue, are all topped up
- **Exhaust** - clear of snow
- **Vehicle and trailer body** - remove as much snow as possible from the cab, body, windows, lights, reg plate, and doors

### Correct equipment - be prepared

- De-icer and scraper
- Warm clothing
- Torch
- Shovel and salt/sand
- Road Atlas
- Extra food & drink
- mobile phone charger

### Hazardous conditions

- **Snow & ice**
- **Slow down** - reduce speed
- **Drive smoothly** - loss of control can be caused by sudden braking, accelerating or turning
- **Breaking area** - stopping distance can increase by up to 10 times compared to good conditions
- **Black Ice** - be aware, this can be invisible
- **Alternative Route** - plan alternatives routes as a back-up plan

## Updates

### Back to Work 2024

Back to Work 2024 information will be distributed to franchisees in the coming weeks

### F.O.R.S.

DRM's will be requesting a copy of your up to date F.O.R.S. accreditation certificate before year end

### Driver Handbook

Heidelberg drivers handbook can be found here:

### Track IT

New for tippers in 2024 - a new tablet will replace the current cadis device

