

ARE YOU BUYING FARM MACHINERY?



MACHINERY INCLUDES

1. Tractors
2. Telehandlers
and Man Baskets
3. Vacuum Tankers
4. Lifting Machinery
& Accessories
5. Diet Feeders
6. Post Drivers
7. Mowers
8. Forage Harvesters

This is **NOT** an exhaustive list



STOP AND THINK

Will this machine do the job I want without risks to health and safety?

Check it is:

- safe when supplied - for its use and maintenance; and
- free from obvious defects e.g. missing or damaged guards etc.





WHAT SHOULD I LOOK OUT FOR WHEN I AM BUYING MACHINERY?

- Check
 - » Dangerous parts are adequately guarded
 - » All round visibility to reduce blind spots
 - » Suitable roll over protection
 - » Seatbelts
 - » Safe working loads
 - » Maximum operating height - avoid overhead lines
 - » The need for an integrated man basket to work at heights
 - » Ease of maintenance – routine, blockages, tyre changing
- Check it has CE marking and a copy of the EC Declaration of Conformity.
 - » If not, ask the supplier if this is required
 - » Whilst the CE Mark (in use since 1993) indicates the machine is safe and complies with the Essential Health and Safety requirements, ALWAYS check for yourself to see if the machine is safe.
- Check that the supplier has explained what the machinery is designed to be used for and what it cannot be used for.
- Check an instruction manual (in English) is supplied which includes instructions for safe use, assembly, installation, commissioning, safe handling, adjustment and maintenance.
- Check
 - » the precautions you need to take to deal with remaining risks
 - » what training you require
 - » what routine servicing, inspection and thorough examination is required
 - » data on health risks such as noise and vibration levels, dust or fume emissions
 - » Check that any warning signs are visible, in English and easy to understand.
- For a custom-built machine, arrange for a trial run so you can be shown the safety features and how they work.

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Remember:

Never assume that machinery is safe just because it has a CE mark. Always check for obvious defects and damage.