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# Impact of Cost per Unit...



Whatever your application, the **key to profitability** is to get the job done as **efficiently as possible** by achieving the **lowest cost per unit** of material moved — getting the most productivity with the least amount of input.



# What is the best machine for these applications?

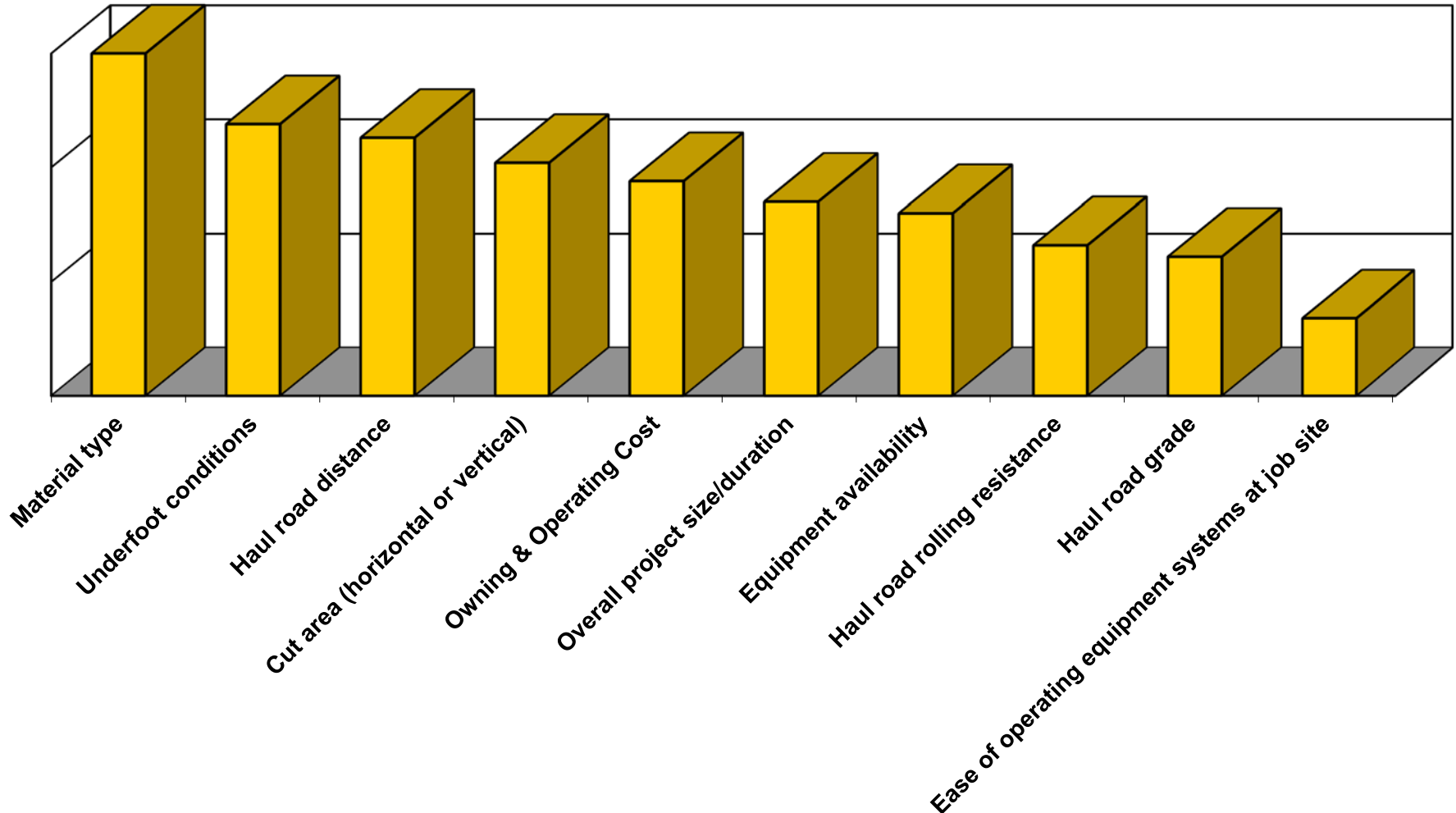
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There is **NO ONE SPECIFIC** earth moving system that represents the lowest cost per meter **for all jobs.**



# Customer's Job Characteristic Ranking

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# Discover the right hauling system for the work you do...

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1. What type of material?
  - *Dirt, sand, gravel, rock, etc.? Densities?*
2. What are the underfoot conditions?
  - *Dry or wet? Smooth or Uneven?*
3. How much material has to be moved?
  - *How many tonnes? How many m<sup>3</sup>?*
4. How far do we have to move the material?
  - *What is the total job cycle distance?*
5. What are the job site time/ production requirements?
  - *Time (months, years)? Production (tons/ h, m<sup>3</sup>/ year)? Fuel Consumption (liters/ ton, liters/ hour, etc.) Rates (paid by ton moved/ equipment hour)?*

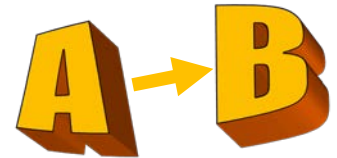


# System Selection

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4 POINTS

- ☐ Identify required **system utilization**.
- ☐ Expend the **minimum** amount of **energy to move** the **maximum amount** of material.
- ☐ Move materials over the **shortest possible distance**
- ☐ **Move** the materials **once**



# During a machine walk around, how do I know if I have the correct tire air pressure?

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## Correct Tire Pressure

2 – 2.5 lugs contacting the ground

## Tire Pressure too high

1 – 1.5 lugs contacting the ground

## Tire Pressure too low

3 – 4.5 lugs contacting the ground



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# Influence of Pressure on Average Tire Life

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## Inflation Pressure

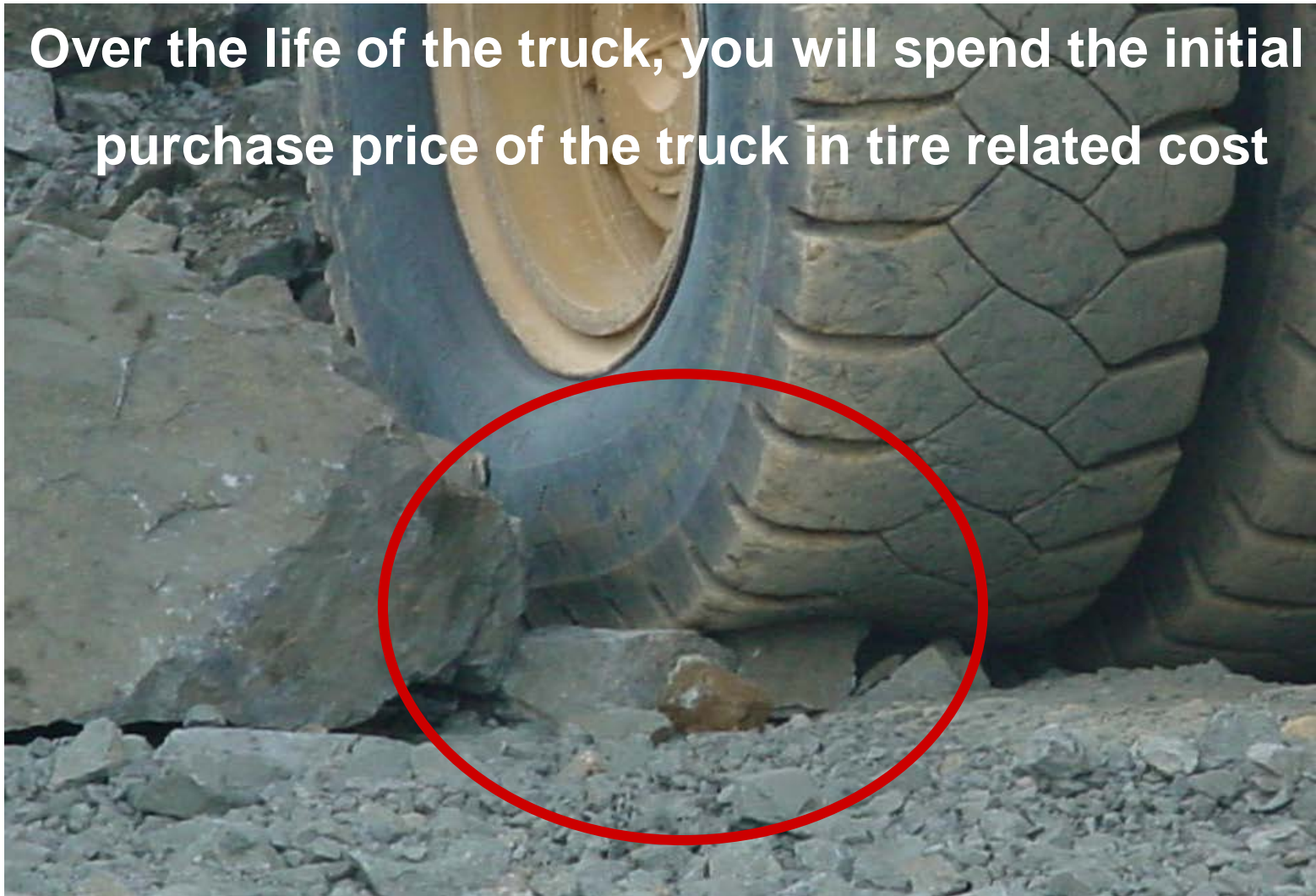
## Life Reduction

Recommended Pressure	0%
10% Under Inflated	-10%
20% Under Inflated	-25%
30% Under Inflated	-70%
20% Over Inflated	-10%

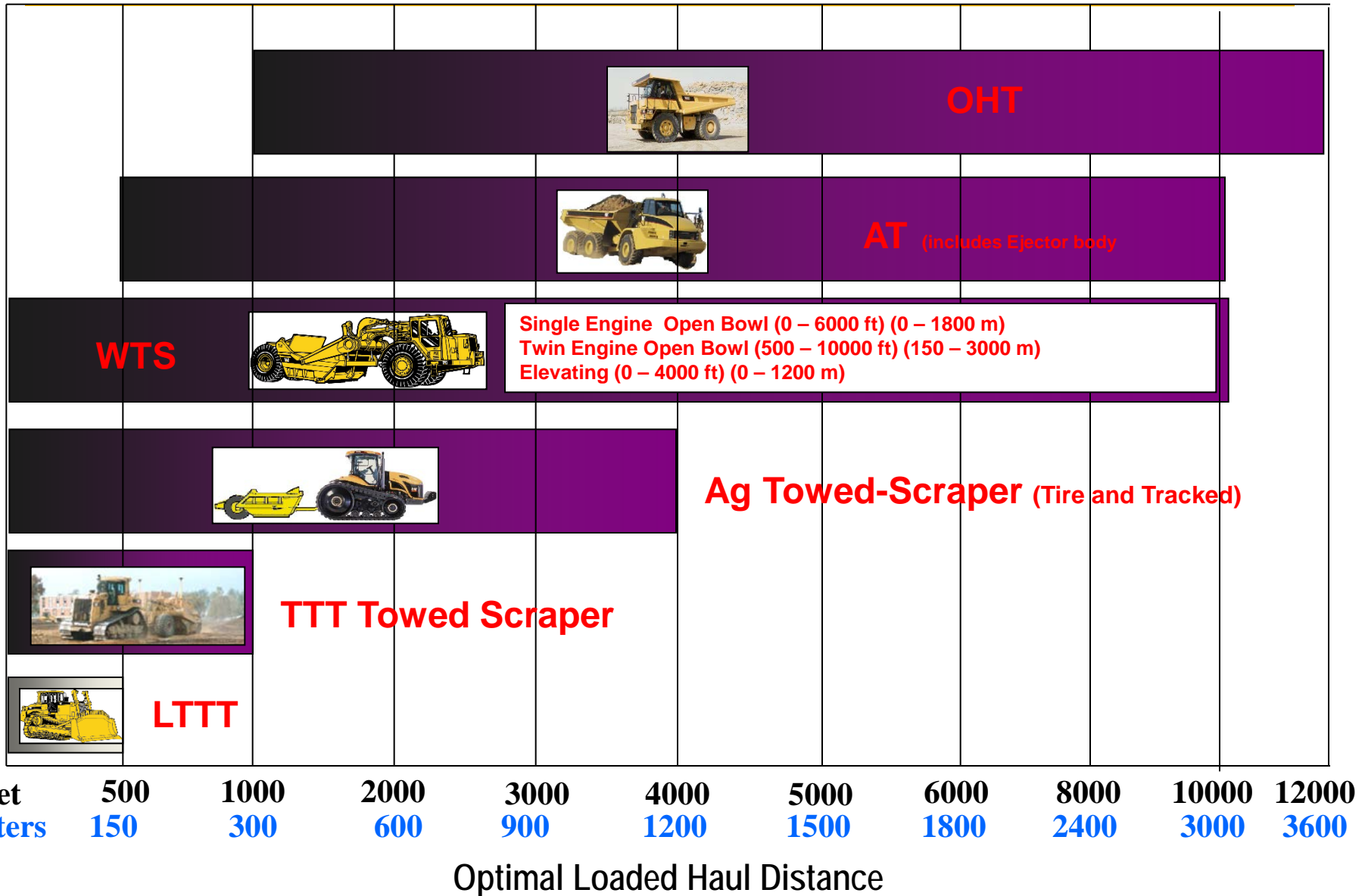
# Equipment Tires

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Over the life of the truck, you will spend the initial purchase price of the truck in tire related cost



# Recommended Loaded Haul Distances





# Dozer Track-type Tractors - Slot Dozing



- 152 m (500 ft) max. push
  - 5 & smaller 30m (100 ft) max.
  - D6 – D8: 76 m (250 ft) max.
  - D9 – D11: 152 m (500 ft) max.
- Push in 1<sup>st</sup> Gear
- Big Loads/ Slow Push
- Avoid 3R when Returning
- Minimize reverse distance
- Avoid track slip
- Steer with tilt cylinders
- Avoid sharp turns



# Dozer Operating Techniques

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- Make steering maneuvers in reverse
- Minimize time and distance in reverse
- Avoid 3rd gear tramming
- Tram in forward gear (2/3 throttle 2nd gear)
- Carry blade close to ground when tramming and ripping
- 1st gear when ripping (2/3 throttle)
- Use proper ripper tip and shank angle
  - Back for penetration
  - Forward for ripping (pins tractor to the ground)

# Slot Dozing

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- Windrows trap the material for larger blade loads
  - Increases blade load 10-30%
- Dimension of Slot
  - $\frac{3}{4}$  to full height of blade
    - **NEVER** higher than blade
- $\frac{1}{3}$  blade width between slots
- Use it whenever you can!





# Slot / Berm Dimensions

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- Height

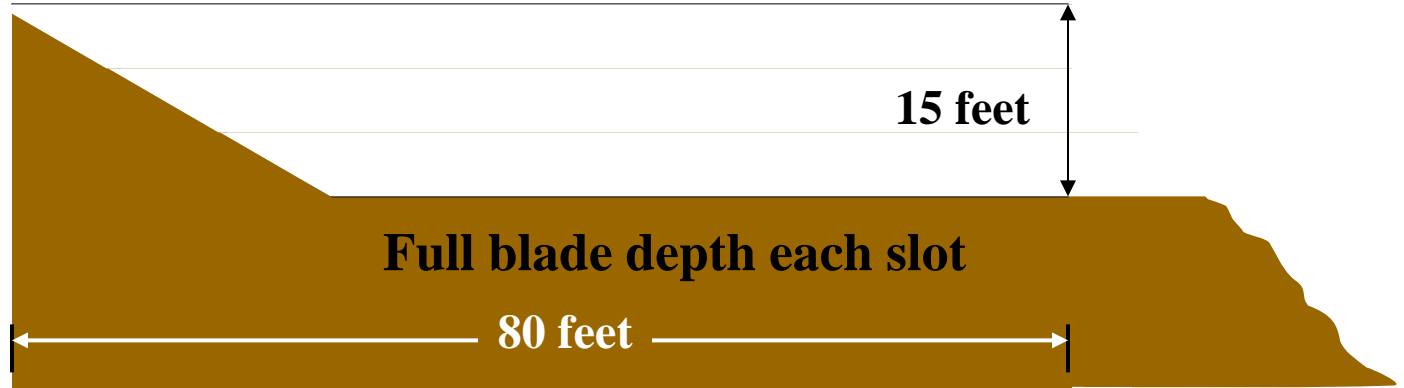


- Width

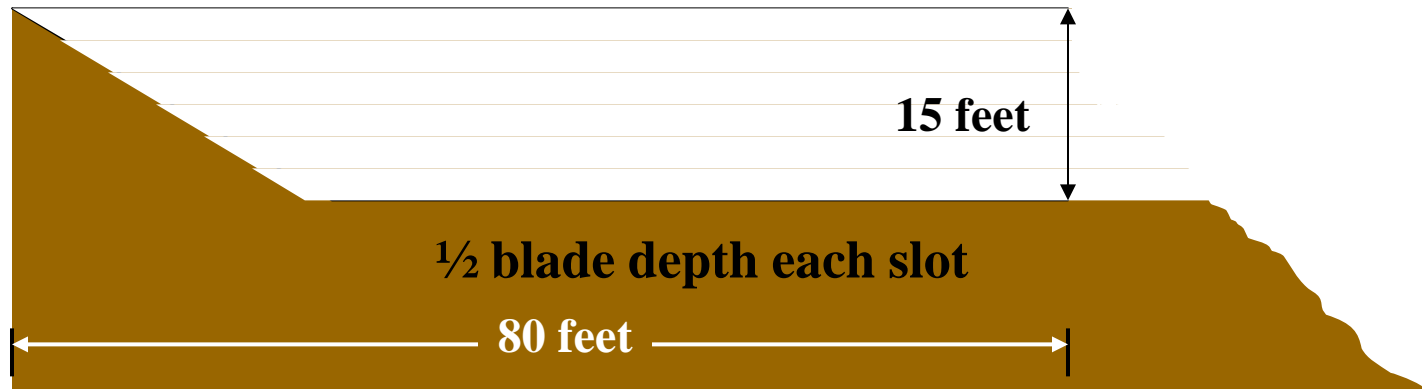
# Slot Depth – ½ blade vs full blade

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- Deeper slot = fewer passes, more efficient



- Fewer passes =
  - less fuel
  - lower GET cost
  - lower cost on undercarriage



# Dozer Operating Techniques

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- Back Each Pass



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- Back to Front



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# Dozer Windrow / Berm Cleanup

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  - Less efficient
  - Straight dozing
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- Criss-cross method
  - More efficient
  - Fill blade on angle to slot
  - Steer into slot with blade tilt cylinders
  - Use existing berm to hold material in front of blade



# Dozer Ripping Techniques

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- Rip in 1st gear
  - 1-1½ mph @ 2/3 throttle
- Plan ripping pattern
- Rip downhill whenever possible
- Rip as deep as possible without excessive track slip
- Use deceleration to avoid track slip
- Use proper shank height adjustment
- With ripper at depth, ripper frame should be parallel to ground
- Lift ripper before turning or backing up

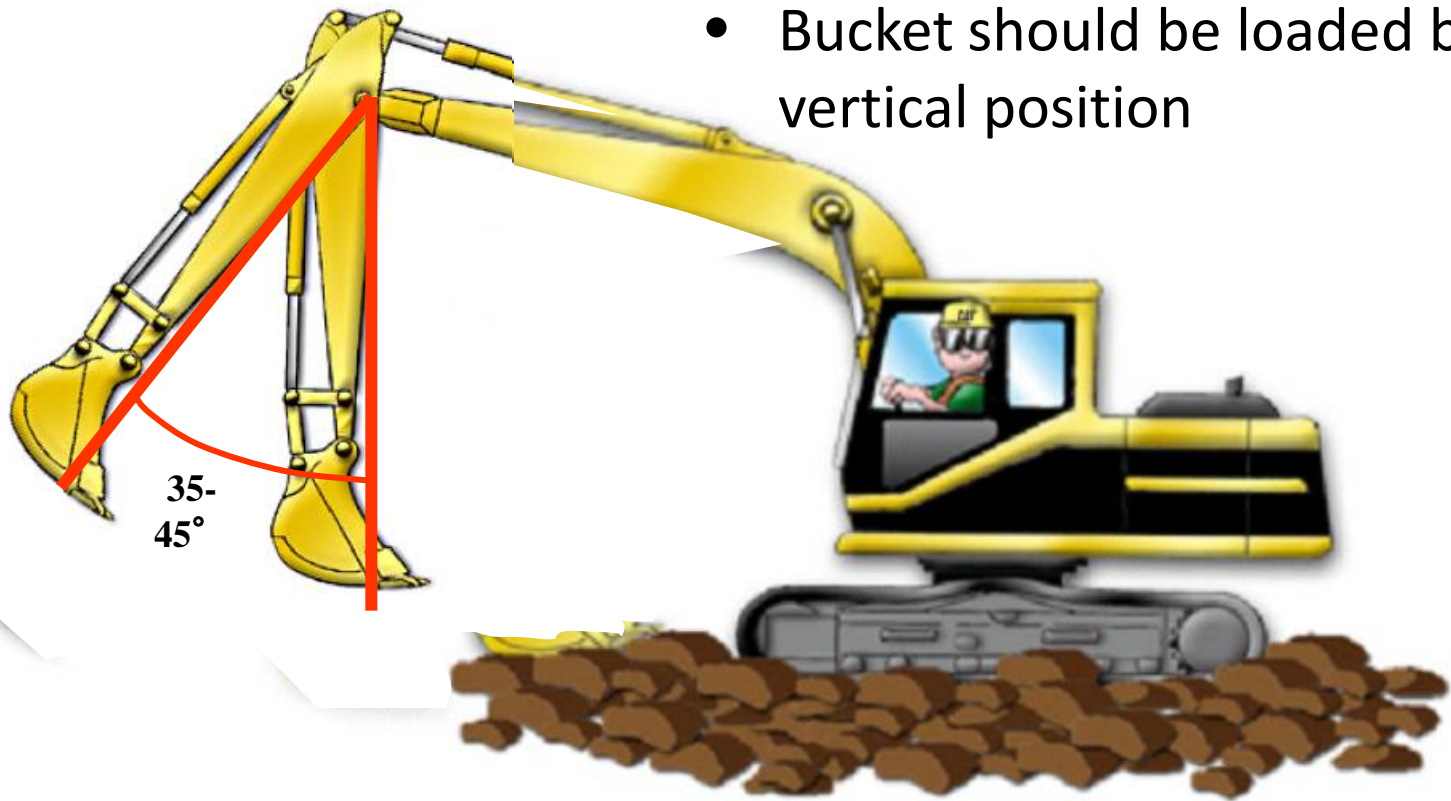




# Excavator Proper Digging Range

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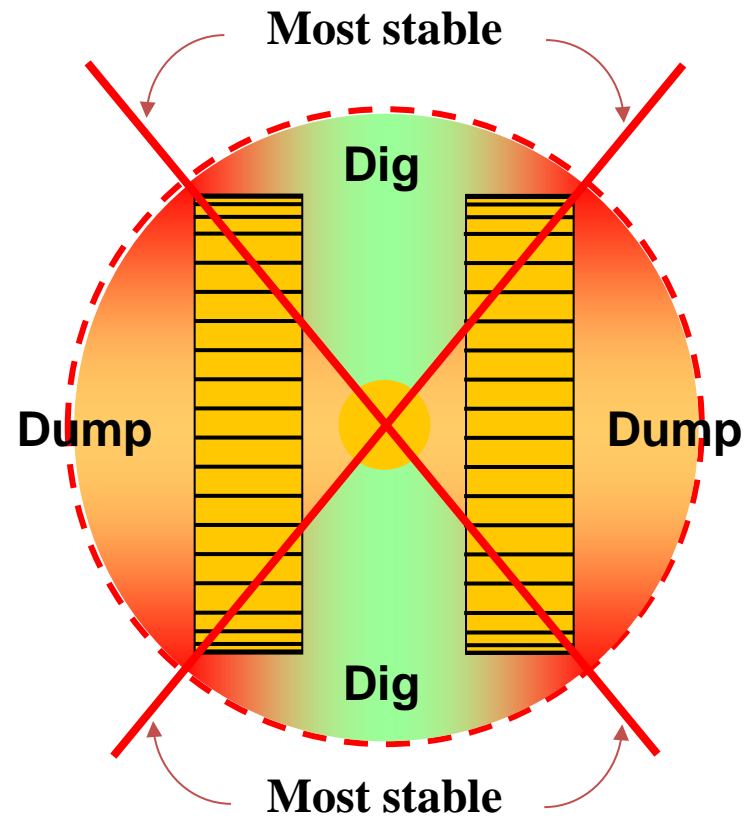
- 35°-45° out from vertical to the vertical position
- Bucket should be loaded by vertical position



# Excavator Digging Positions

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- Larger platform = better stability
- Optimum:
  - Dig to front or rear
  - Dump to sides
- Long reach
  - Dig along diagonal



# Hydraulic Excavator

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- Three ways to increase productivity:
- 10 – 15% higher productivity when bench is correct height vs too high
- 15 – 20% higher productivity when trucks are spotted on the floor below the excavator vs trucks on same bench
- Shorten swings
  - 5% higher productivity when excavator swings 60° vs 90°
  - Possibly 35% more productive when excavator swings 15° vs 90°



# The Cost of a Poor Pass Match (Bucket & Truck Size)

## 40 ton (Short Ton) Off-Highway Truck Example

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	49T Excavator	74T Excavator
Bucket Capacity	2.69 m <sup>3</sup>	3.80 m <sup>3</sup>
Load Cycles to Achieve Target Payload	8	6
Maximum Trucks Loaded per Hour	23	30
Maximum Trucks Loader per 10 Hour Shift	230	300
Maximum Production per 10 Hour Shift	7747.2 Tonnes	10944.0 Tonnes

### Assumptions:

- Target payload is 36,572 kg
- Weight of crushed stone is 1600 kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- Average load cycle (with exchange time) is 20 seconds

“Making do” with a smaller excavator with poor pass match results in 29% less production.

# Excavator Parameters

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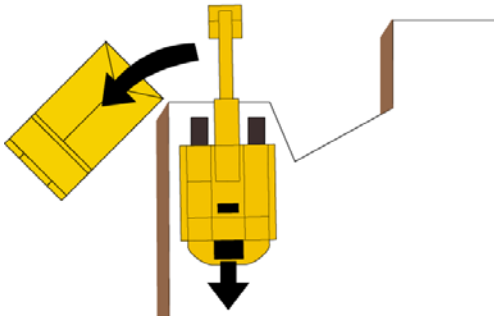
<b>Optimum bench height</b>	Length of stick, or between truck side-rail and dovetail
<b>Cycle times</b>	18 - 24 seconds (avg. 21 seconds)
<b>Bucket fill factor in well-shot rock</b>	80 – 110%
<b>Most efficient pass match</b>	4 – 6 passes

**Bucket Face Time 5 – 7 Seconds**

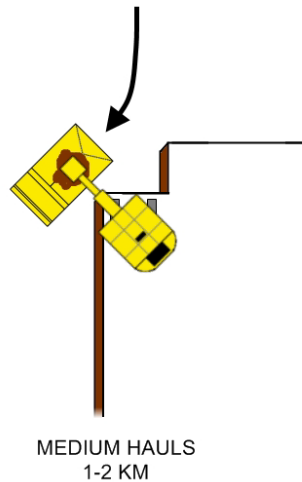
# Loading Methods

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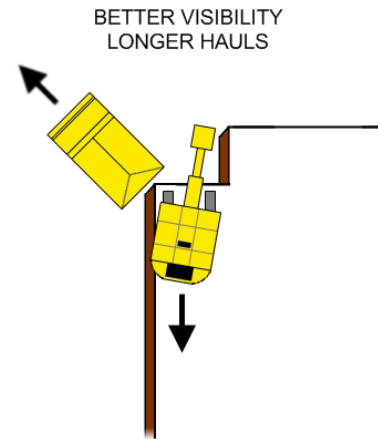
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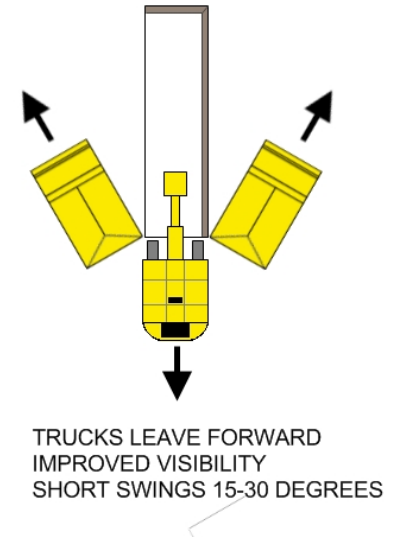
MODIFIED DRIVE-BY



OVER THE RAIL



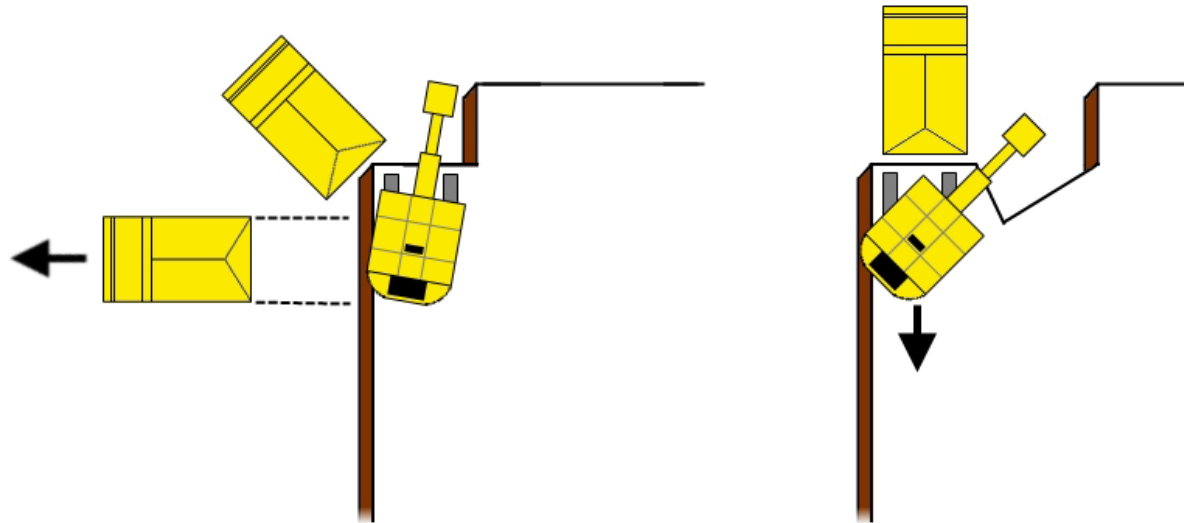
SAME LEVEL LOADING WITH TWO TRUCKS



# Loading Methods

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## Out of the Pocket



# “DRIVE BY” LOADING TECHNIQUE

## \*1/4 MILE (400M) OR LESS HAULS

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- **Pros**

- Most widely used truck loading method
- Truck pulls straight in
- Not a lot of operator training required
- Good for quick, short cycles
- Used to get the trucks moving
- Truck fill factor not as important and truck cycle times

- **Cons**

- Potential Bunching
- Swings of 90° to 120°
- Poor tech. for benches with weak angle of repose.
- Keep stick at 90° when dumping
- Indexing of tracks is a must
- Visibility loading truck
- Poor load positioning
- Large sized buckets can take longer to dump
- Limited bench width





# DRIVE BY LOADING

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# “PARTIAL DRIVE BY” LOADING TECHNIQUE

## \*1/4 MILE (400M) TO 1/2 MILE(800M) HAULS

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- **Pros**

- Shorter swings of 30° - 90°
- Quicker loader cycles
- Truck can pull straight away and not turn
- Better visibility
- Better load positioning
- A bit better if you have a weak angle of repose

- **Cons**

- Potential Bunching
- Operator forced to back up
- More operator training required
- Potentially longer truck transition times
- Large sized buckets can take longer to dump
- Limited bench width





# PARTIAL OR MODIFIED DRIVE BY LOADING TECHNIQUE

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# “90° OVER THE RAIL” LOADING TECHNIQUE

## \* 1/2 MILE(800M) OR LONGER HAULS

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- **Pros**

- Longer Hauls
- Better for weak angles of repose
- Keeps truck tires off of bench and out of the debris
- Truck fill factors more important than cycle times
- Much better load positioning

- **Cons**

- Longer loader cycle times
- Swings of 90°- 120°
- Longer truck transition times
- More in-depth operator training
- Trucks may have to turn when fully loaded
- Restricted bench widths



# 90° OVER THE RAIL LOADING TECHNIQUE

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# “OUT OF THE POCKET” LOADING TECHNIQUE

## \* SUITABLE OF ALL HAULS

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- **Pros**

- Can be used on all Hauls
- Shorter swings of 15° - 30°
- Can load from both sides of the truck
- 2<sup>nd</sup> truck can get positioned while first one is being loaded
- Minimal truck transition times
- Excellent for truck fill factors and load positioning
- Trucks can pull straight away
- Much wider bench width
  - Minimizes excavator tramming

- **Cons**

- Trucks have to back up a bit
- Much more operator training required
- Trucks have to be on good footed materials





# Out of the Pocket

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# “SAME LEVEL” LOADING TECHNIQUE

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- 180° Over The Rail



- 180° Through The Gate



- Out Of The Pocket





# “SAME LEVEL” LOADING TECHNIQUE

## “180° OVER THE RAIL”

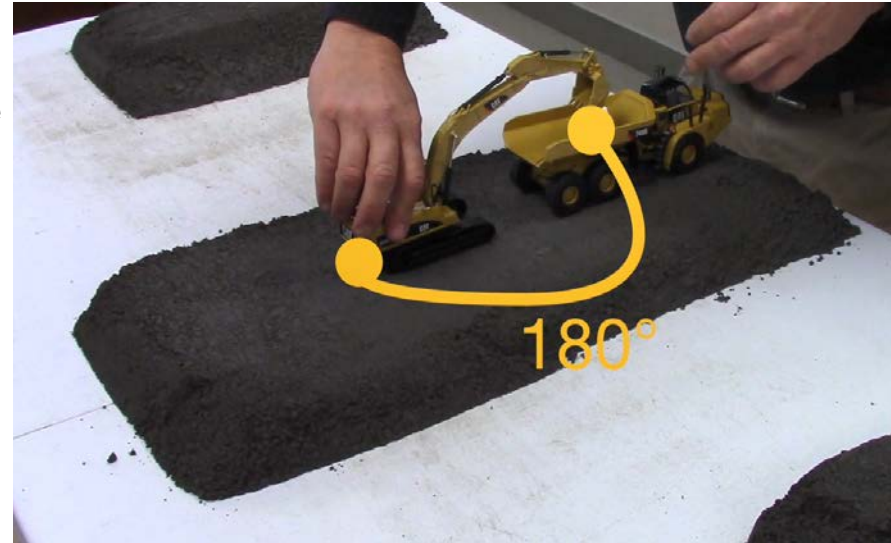
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- **Pros**

- Good visibility into bed
- Better truck load fill factors
- Better truck load positioning
- Great for working along roads and narrow areas
- Minimizes real-estate needed
- More focus on precision and perfection rather than production and performance

- **Cons**

- Most time consuming truck loading technique
- Longer truck transition times
- Trucks usually have to back up a greater distance



# “SAME LEVEL” LOADING TECHNIQUE

## “180° THROUGH THE GATE”

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- **Pros**

- Can reduce loader cycle times by a few seconds

- **Cons**

- Must have the real estate to set up this way
- Trucks may have to turn under a load
- Must **NEVER** swing a loaded bucket over the operators station



# “SAME LEVEL” LOADING TECHNIQUE

## “OUT OF THE POCKET”

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- **Pros**

- Shorter swings of 15° - 30°
- Can load from both sides
- Minimal truck transition times
- Excellent for truck fill factors and load positioning
- Trucks can pull straight away
- Flexibility to keep trucks on same side while loading if site restricted
  - Set up more like a drive by technique

- **Cons**

- Must have the real estate to set up this way
- Trucks may have to turn under a load
- Must **NEVER** swing a loaded bucket over the operators station



# Loading Methods

Out of the Pocket





# Wheel Loaders

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<b>Optimum bench height</b>	Just above Boom/Bucket Pin at Full Hoist Position
<b>Cycle times</b>	30 – 38 seconds (avg. 35 seconds)
<b>Bucket fill factor in well-shot rock</b>	80 – 100%
<b>Most efficient pass match</b>	3 – 5 passes

**Bucket Face Time 9 – 12 Seconds**

# Wheel Loaders - Load & Carry System

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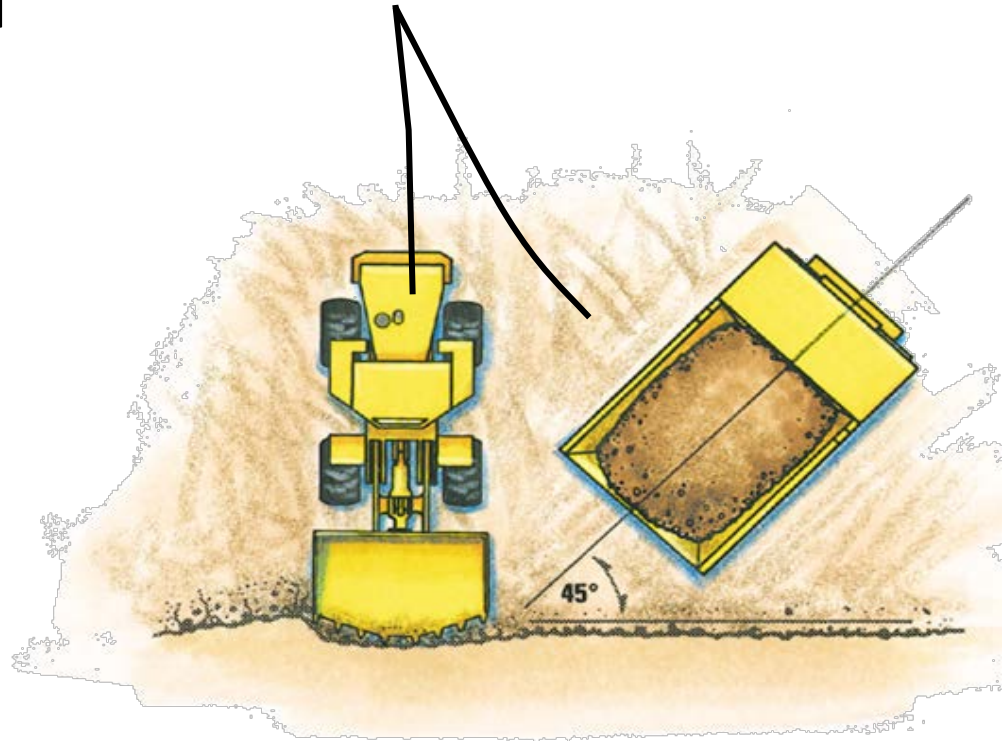
- Max Loaded Haul: 76 m (250 ft) – 152 m
  - SWL 100' Max
  - MWL (938-980): 250' Max
  - LWL (988 - 994): 500' Max
- Load in 1st Gear
- Load Straight Into Face
- Face Height Never Above Boom/Bucket Pin at Full Raise
- Carry Bucket Low
- Use Proper Speeds for Road Conditions
- Minimize Bucket Height When Dumping



# Loader Operating Tips

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- Position loader 1-1½ wheel revolutions from face to truck
- Enter pile straight on
- Keep frame straight when digging
- Transmission in 1st gear when digging
- Use tight V pattern
- Work face 1½ to 2 buckets wide
- Spot trucks at 45°

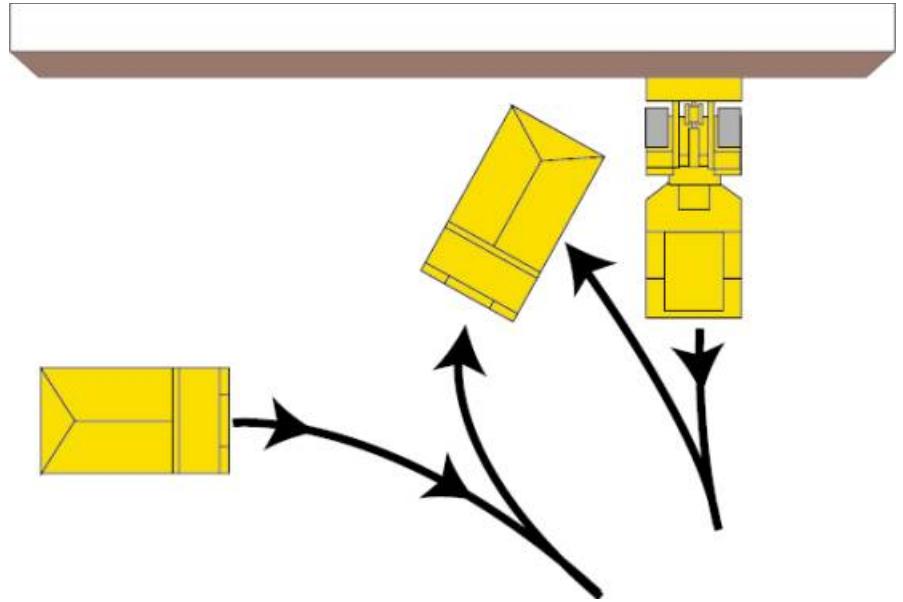


# Truck Exchange

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Truck exchange time:

- Elapsed time from when loaded truck receives last pass until next truck receives first loading pass
- Exchange time:
  - Good - 30 seconds or less
  - Acceptable - 42 seconds

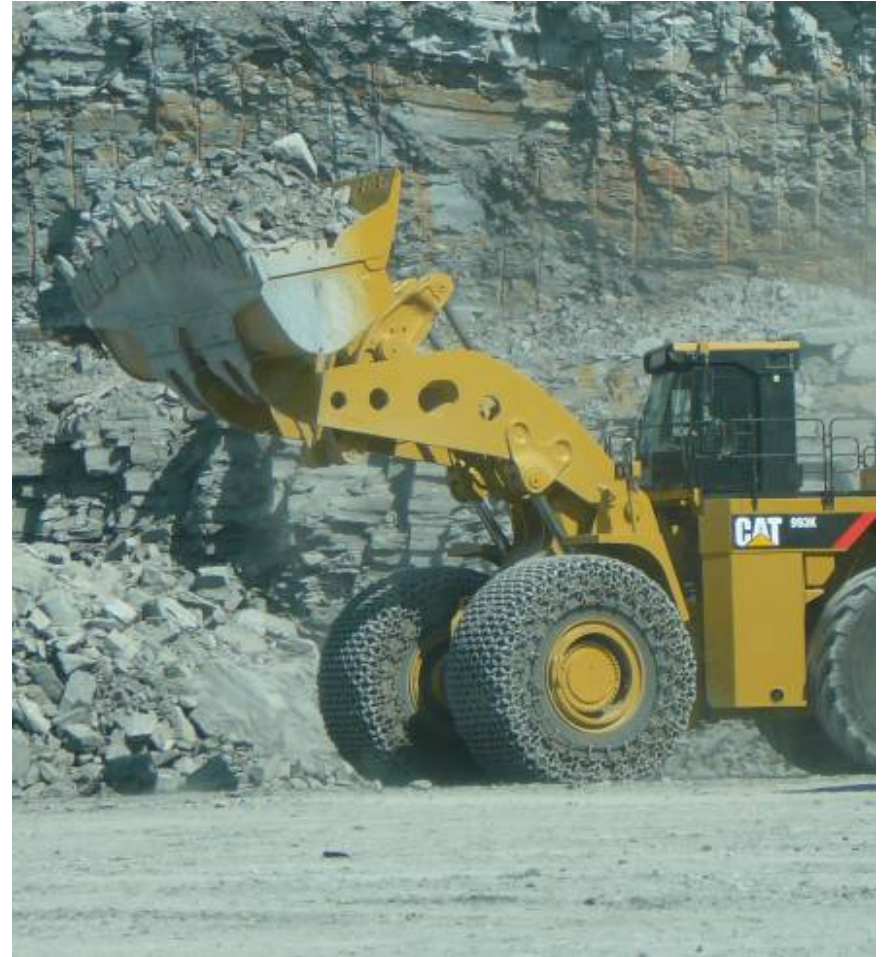




# Loader Operating Tips

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- Loading time in face below 12 seconds
- Lift bucket before crowding
- Bucket should be full when lift arms are horizontal
- Spot trucks with a loaded bucket
- Pad bed when loading oversize rocks
- Avoid tire spin/engine lugging
- Maintain smooth floor, good drainage



# Loader Operating Tips

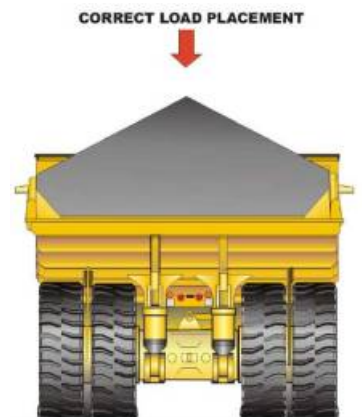
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- Wet rocks cut tires easier
- Keep loose rocks off the floor
- Clean floor between trucks
- Minimize wait time
- Minimize truck maneuvering when loaded
- Keep rear tires of truck off pile
- Never operate a bare edge



# Load Placement

- Should be centered
  - **Front-to-back, side-to-side**
  - **Truck Payload System/VIMS**
- Shifted to front
  - **Front brakes, bearings, tires, steering, hydraulic hoist, body rest pads and canopy**
- Shifted to rear
  - **Final drive, rear tires**
  - **Unstable payload, spillage**
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  - **Final drive, bearings, hoist cylinders, and pivot bore areas**
  - **Unstable payload, spillage**



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