

Safe Working Practices:

SWP-51 FMC PRESSURE WASH BAYS

Before doing any type of work you must carry out an assessment of the task to be undertaken. This will include the equipment to be worked on, the task itself, Personal Protective Equipment requirements, the work area and environment, plus the tools and equipment required to carry out the job safely. Consult your team leader if you are not satisfied the job can be carried out in a safe manner.

For the purpose of this Safe Working Practice (SWP), this applies to all pressure wash bays.

In addition to manufacturers guidelines, the following must always be applied:

GENERAL

This Safe Working Practice is to give advice and guidelines on the pre-use inspection and use of the pressure wash bays.

- 1.0 The wash bays are the working area for all pressure washing operations (refer to SWP-01 Work Area).
- 1.1 The wash bay operative is responsible for carrying out the general pre-use inspection of the pressure wash equipment and will confirm by completing Form Q037-F. All personnel using the pressure washers must carry out their own visual pre-use inspection of hoses and spray lances before commencing any work. Check hoses and spray lance for damage and loose fittings. Report any defects immediately and do not attempt to use the pressure washer.
- 1.2 Ensure appropriate PPE is worn at all times (refer to SWP-32 PPE). Safety boots or safety wellingtons, water resistant suit, eye protection and gloves.
- 1.3 The wash bay operative will monitor the diesel fuel and Traffic Film Remover detergent (R&R pressure wash chemical) Refer to 130106PRO COSHH & MSDS and replenish as required.



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- 1.4 The pressure wash machine temperature & pressure settings have been set up by the contracting company and do not need adjustment. The access doors are locked during normal operation.



2.0 Process

- 2.1 Ensure the machine is securely plugged in and switched on.



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- 2.2 Position item to be washed in either wash bay 1 or 2 ensuring that all areas that require cleaning can be accessed.
- 2.3 The spray lance and hose should be uncoiled from the holder (thoroughly inspected before use) and made ready for use.



- 2.4 The knob on top of the lance allows for either high pressure hot water (if turned fully clockwise) or traffic film remover detergent (if turned fully anti-clockwise). The lance should be set on water or traffic film remover only and not in between before activating the lance.



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- 2.5 Once the lance setting has been adjusted to the desired position, the pressure wash machine can be switched on by turning the start switch to the on position. Now turn the hot water switch to the on position.



- 2.6 If detergent is required, turn the detergent switch to the on position.
- 2.7 Before activating the spray lance trigger, ensure that one hand is on the body of the lance and the other hand is holding the pistol grip. Two hands on the spray lance at all times.

CAUTION: when activating the trigger be aware that the high pressure will make the lance 'kick back' or 'kick up' with some force.

- 2.8 Once washing operations are complete, make sure the wash bay floor is clear of all debris and left clean. Switch off the detergent, hot water and turn the start/stop switch to the off position.
- 2.9 Coil the pressure hose and spray lance back onto the holder taking care not to damage or drop the spray lance. Once the hose and lance are secured, remove the item from the wash bay.