



Autumn / winter and low adhesion operations of OTP

During Autumn & Winter, rail head conditions may become treacherous due to rail head contamination by leaves, and/or frost, ice, and snow.

The following precautions should be taken to avoid accidents, collisions and SPADs:

1. Where there is a possibility of poor rail head condition the operator should lightly apply the brake shortly after setting off and regularly during the journey to check adequate rail adhesion.
2. Speed of travel requires to be reduced, in wet or icy conditions, and especially if driving down a steep gradient.
3. Where multiple machine transit movements take place, then machines should be at least 150 metres apart in wet or icy conditions and even further apart on gradients or when towing trailers.
4. Consideration should be given to carrying lighter loads on trailers and making more trips
5. When approaching any other machine, or worksite, slow down when 100 metres away. Further movement towards the machine or worksite should take place at extreme caution.
6. Watch for deteriorating weather conditions and change the driving technique to suit.

