

Safety Alert

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Registration or Track Maintenance Vehicle Trolleys

Incident

This alert has been issued following identification of rail-based trolleys being used on the ARTC Network that have not been registered with ARTC. In accordance with “EPP-32-01 Track Maintenance Vehicle Registration and Operation”, any trolley that operates on the rail with a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) over 100kg needs to be registered with ARTC.

Vehicles with a GVM over 100 kg Gross Vehicle Mass are assessed by ARTC at the registration stage to ensure that they have the correct structural design, braking capability and ongoing maintenance inspections suitable to maintain the trolley fit for purpose and in a safe condition.

Any registered track maintenance vehicles are subject to auditing, maintenance compliance and are warranted by the owner to ensure that they maintain the vehicle in a fit for purpose condition.

Registration of trolleys and track maintenance vehicles can be checked by PlantGUARD via the ARTC App or by checking <https://plantguard.tech>. If you do not already have a log on, email plantguard@artc.com.au to gain access to the system.

Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS) and Safe Work Breakdowns (where applicable) are to be updated to include these additional procedures prior to the commencement of any work involving the use of rail trolleys over 100kg GVM.



Photos: Example of Rail Push Trolleys in tare condition indicating the GVM up to 1250kg.

For your action

1. Place Safety Alert on display and make copies of this alert available to people who report to you (without regular email access) and ensure that the contents of the safety alert are discussed/explained to your staff.
2. If engaging contractors, ensure they are made aware of current ARTC Safety Alerts and the track maintenance vehicles are registered with ARTC as per “EPP-32-01 Track Maintenance Vehicle Registration and Operation”.
3. Ensure a method of sign-off is obtained (eg via tool-box/safety meetings/morning briefings etc) to verify that the Safety Alert has been distributed and discussed.
4. If you have any safety concerns with this Safety Alert please speak directly to your supervisor.

Further information

- All Safety Alerts issued can be [found here](#).
- <https://extranet.artc.com.au/docs/eng/plant-equip/procedures/EPP-32-01.pdf>
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