

# LEARNER GUIDE



## Self-propelled Compactor

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Conduct self-propelled compactor operations

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# Introduction to Self-propelled Compactor



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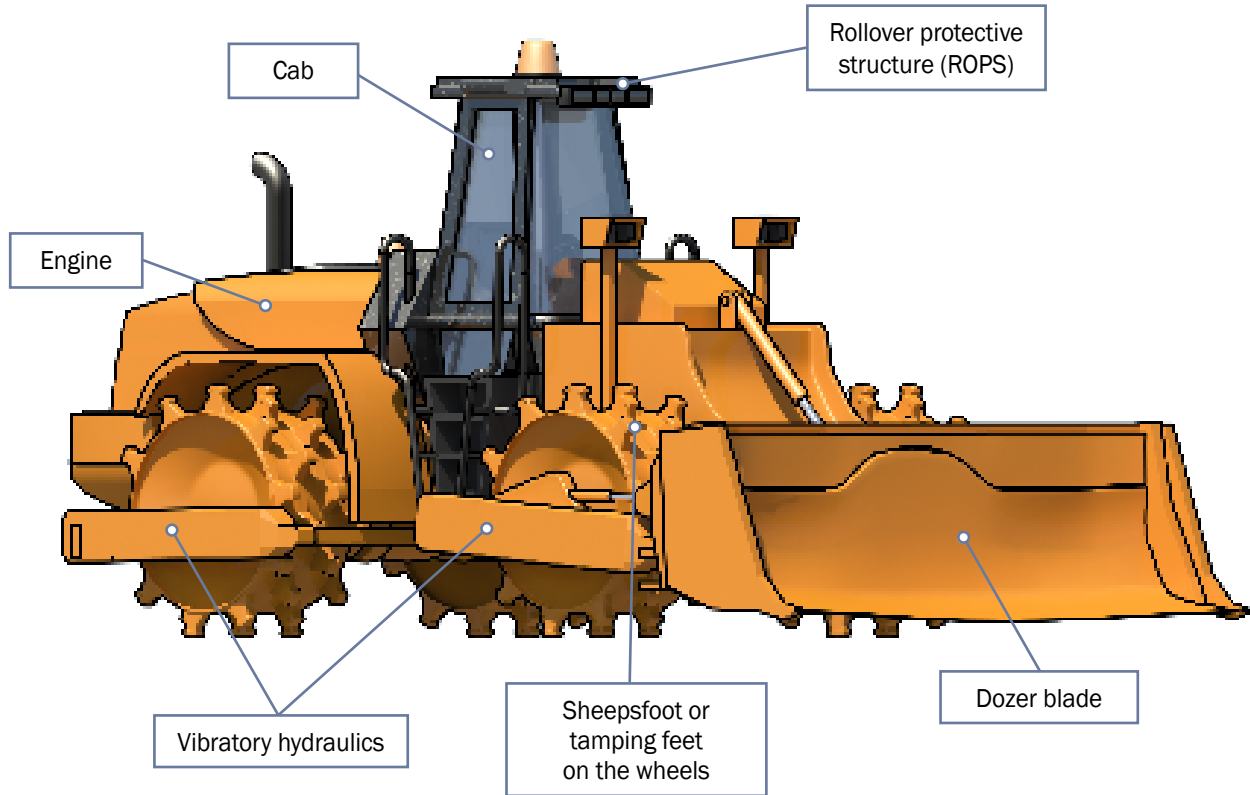
A self-propelled compactor is a self-propelled, tamping foot drum, wheeled machine, used to compact a variety of types of construction materials. It can operate at relatively high speeds and may have a dozer blade mounted on the front-end of the machine allowing for dozing, filling and compacting versatility. The tamping feet on the wheels of the machine may vary in size, shape and depth.

### What industries do you use a self-propelled compactor in?

- Civil construction



## An example of a self-propelled compactor



## Self-propelled compactors

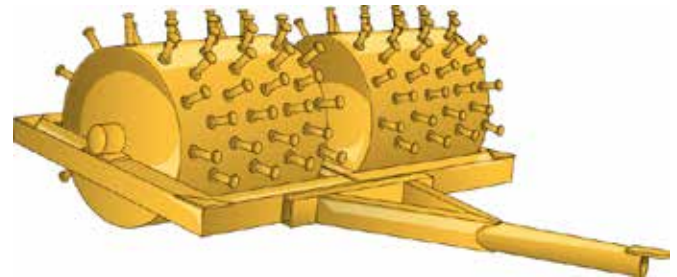
Four wheel (steel drum) articulated self-propelled compactor with dozer blade



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## Towed compactors

Single sheepfoot drum compactor



# Operate self-propelled compactor

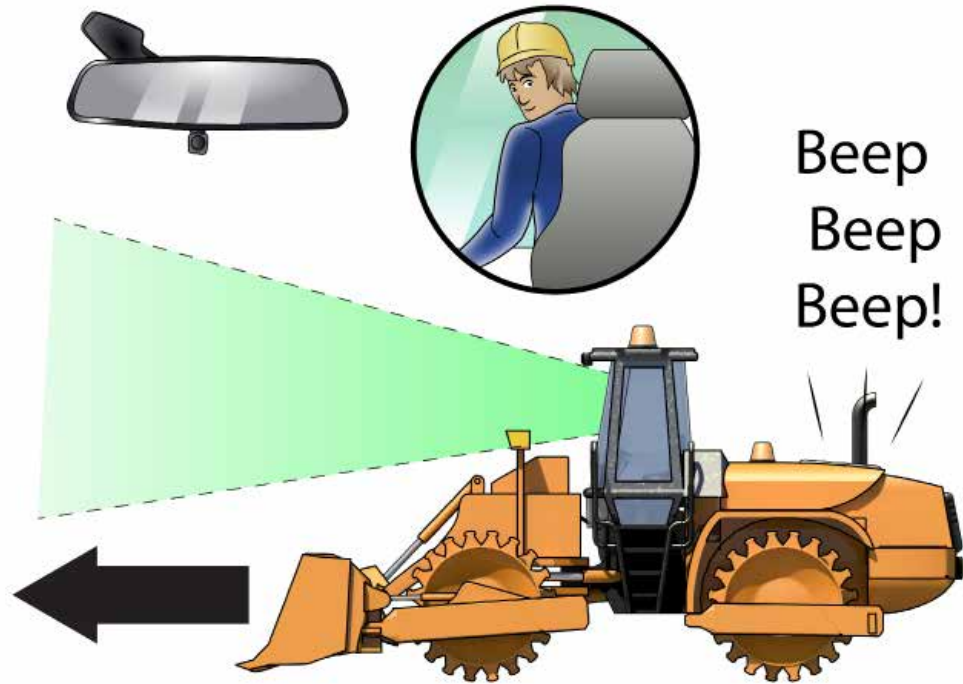
## Element 2



**QUESTION 37**

What do you do before moving a self-propelled compactor which has been stationary?

1. Sound the horn once.
2. Check the way is clear and there is no one near the self-propelled compactor.
3. Make sure the reversing alarm has started before you move in reverse.

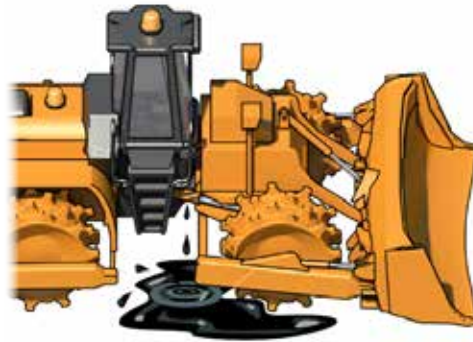




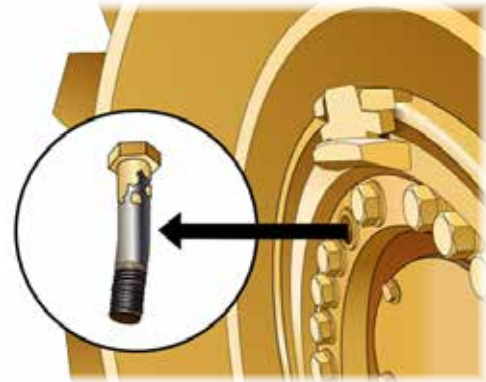
**QUESTION 39**

What pre-operational checks do you do before using the self-propelled compactor?

Look for leaks under the machine



Check drum condition and nuts



Check hydraulic systems (including attachments)



Check the fuel gauge to make sure the self-propelled compactor has enough fuel



Check power steering fluid

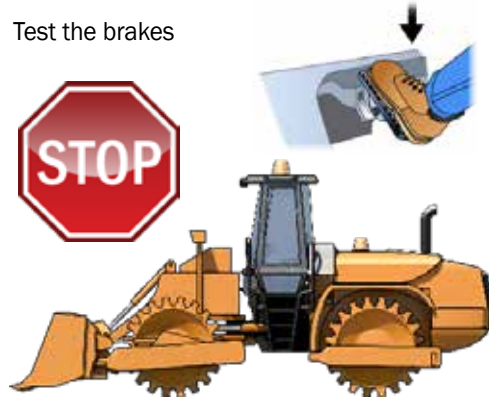


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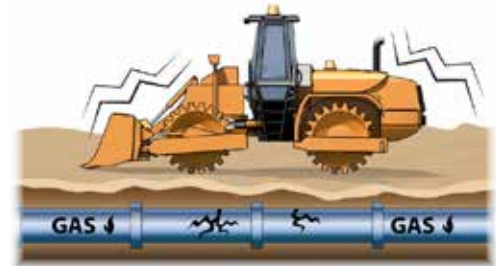
**QUESTION 48**

What kinds of tests should you do before using the self-propelled compactor?

Test the brakes



Test the self-propelled compactor's functions. For example, the vibrator. (Do this **away** from underground services).



Test the controls in a safe place



Test the steering in a safe place



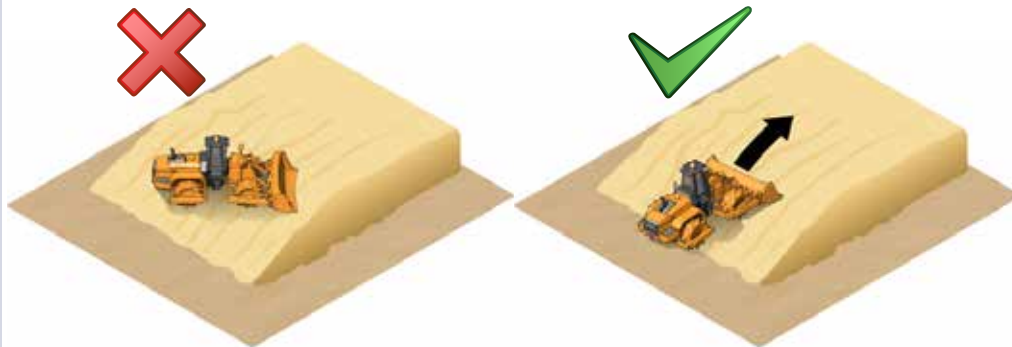
Drive the self-propelled compactor a short distance to make sure it's okay



**QUESTION 55**

Which way should you travel when driving on sloping ground?

Go straight up or down the hill, not at an angle.

**QUESTION 56**

A hydraulic hose starts to leak fluid.  
What do you do?

1. **Stop** working.



2. **Remove** the key.



3. **Tag out** the machine.



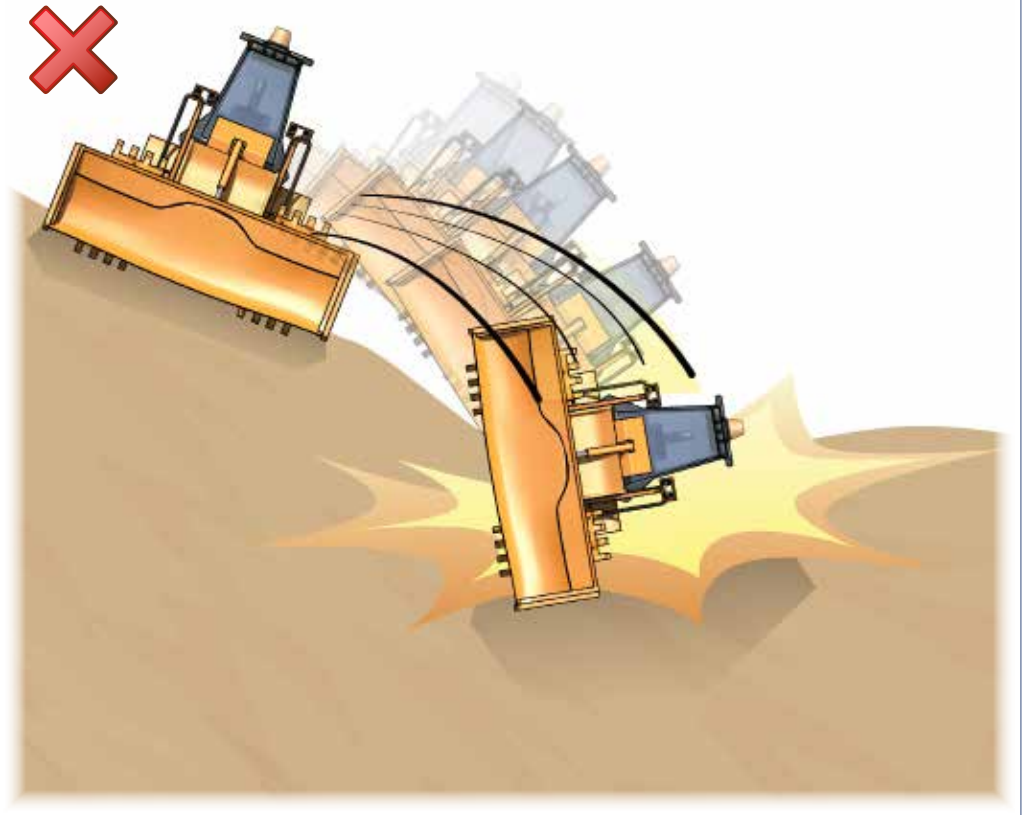
4. **Report** to your supervisor.  
Have the hose replaced.



**QUESTION 57**

What is the danger of driving a self-propelled compactor sideways along a slope or hill?

The self-propelled compactor might tip over.



**QUESTION 58**

You need to travel over a rocky or bumpy surface.

What speed do you drive at?

Drive slowly to keep the self-propelled compactor stable.

**QUESTION 59**

What is the risk of changing gear while you're driving the self-propelled compactor up a slope?

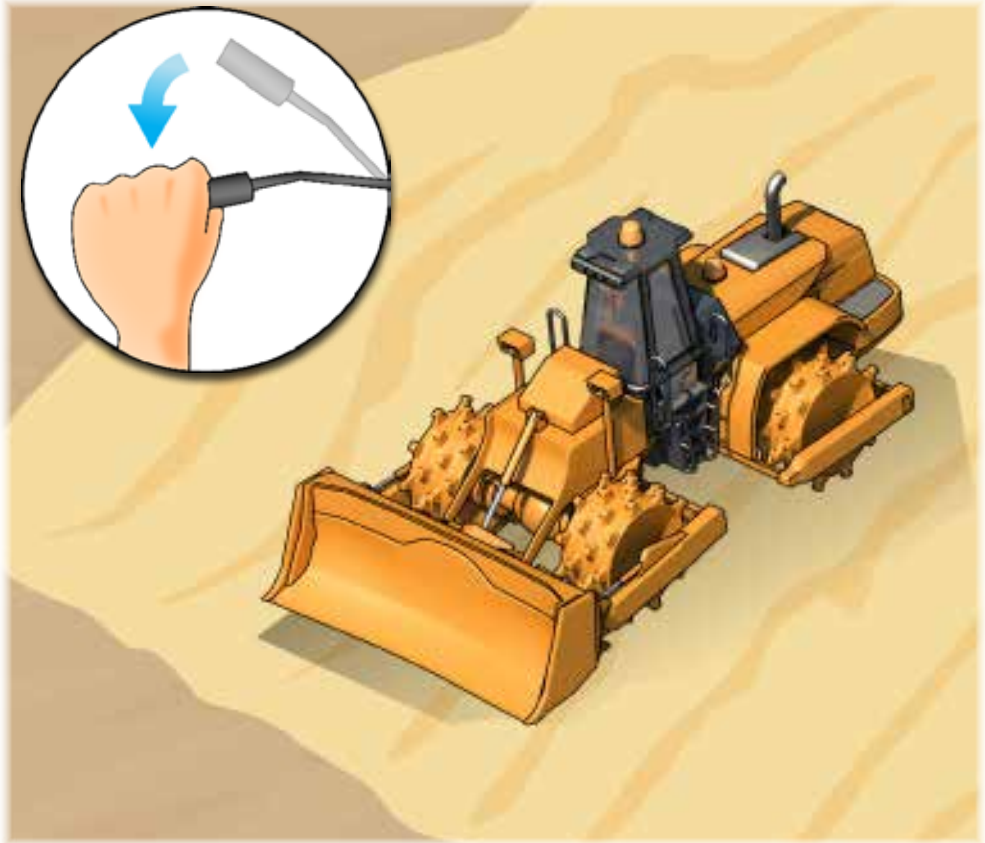
If you miss the gear the brakes may not be able to hold the self-propelled compactor. You may lose control.



**QUESTION 60**

Which gear do you use when travelling down a steep slope?

Use the lowest gear you can.

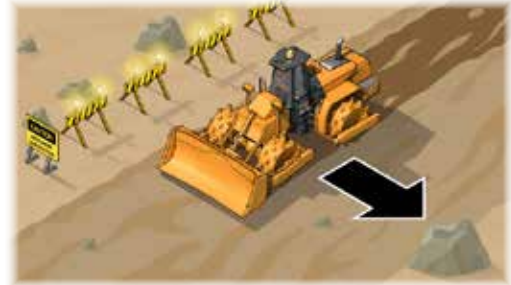




**QUESTION 61**

How do you compact a surface using a self-propelled compactor?

- Start from the outer or lower edge and move towards the centre of the surface you want to compact



- Do a forward and reverse pass and overlap on each pass



- Turn the self-propelled compactor around
- Turn the vibrator off
- Go back in the opposite direction
- When the self-propelled compactor starts to walk out, the surface is properly compacted.



**QUESTION 65**

How does a static self-propelled compactor compact soil and material?

The static self-propelled compactor uses its weight and the rolling action of the drums.

