

Excavator tilts over on its side

An operator attempted to load an excavator onto a truck. One of the ramps detached from the truck and caused the excavator to tilt over to its side.



Always:

- use the securing components (such as pins and R-clips) that are supplied or recommended by the ramp manufacturer
- follow the manufacturer's instructions for correctly installing and using securing systems
- ensure that the ramps are lined up with the wheels or tracks of plant being loaded or unloaded
- ensure that the ramps are load rated and suitable for the item of plant being loaded or unloaded (including any additional attachments on the plant)
- use seatbelts when loading and unloading
- check that the ramps are not bent or cracked before use.

Never:

- use ramps unless they have been properly secured to the vehicle in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations
- use fixing components that have not been supplied or recommended by the manufacturer
- use ramps or fixing components that have been damaged
- allow people near the plant while it is being loaded or unloaded.