

# Hose ramp – HR3 - technical information

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# 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This policy describes the hose ramp HR3s carried on pump ladders (PLs) and pumps (Ps) and explains their use, maintenance and testing.



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## 2 Description

- 2.1 Four hose ramps are carried on each PL and P.
- 2.2 Designed to provide protection to hose whilst allowing a method of safe passage for vehicles.
- 2.3 Provides protection for up to two hose lines up to 70mm in diameter.
- 2.4 Each hose ramp has two jigsaw designed connectors on one side; the male plug fits securely into the female socket to allow any number of hose ramps to be connected together.
- 2.5 **Technical details:**
- Weight: 14kg
  - Size: L855 x W302 x H84mm
  - Materials: Natural rubber
- 2.6 Newer hose ramps have reflector strips on each side to make them more visible.
- 2.7 Some older type hose ramps were painted for the same purpose. Historically hose ramps carried on PLs and Pumps were painted yellow and hose ramps carried on hose layers were painted white. The HL hose ramps have been withdrawn from service and replaced by hose bridges.

## 3 Safety precautions

- 3.1 Full structural firefighting PPE is to be worn with hi-viz jerkins when using this equipment.
- 3.2 Warning signs should be deployed anytime hose ramps are used. The use of lighting and traffic cones should also be considered.

## 4 Operating instructions

- 4.1 Hose lines should be protected using hose ramps anywhere that hose crosses roadways where vehicular traffic will still be moving.
- 4.2 The ramps should be laid inline with the wheels of oncoming traffic.

- 4.3 The hose ramps can be laid individually or with any number connected together. If connecting more than one hose ramp together; work away from the male connector side, so that the female connector of the hose ramp being laid drops onto the male connector of the hose ramp that has already been laid.
- 4.4 When hose ramps are used warning signs, traffic cones and lights if necessary, should be used to warn oncoming drivers of the hazard.

## **5 Maintenance and testing**

- 5.1 Inspection frequency
- On acceptance.
  - After use.
  - Quarterly.
- 5.2 Inspect hose ramp for damage paying particular attention to the condition of the connectors; abrasion damage can be disregarded unless excessive.
- 5.3 After use wash down with water to remove any detritus and/or road salt that may have accumulated before re-stowing.
- 5.4 To clean, wash with soapy water and rinse, pay particular attention to the condition of the reflective strips if fitted (newer type).

## **6 Defects**

- 6.1 Hose ramps are a Category B item under the vehicle and equipment contract.
- 6.2 Defects should be reported on POMS, part number: S9278

## **7 Associated material**

- 7.1 To be read in conjunction with the following material where necessary:
- Policy number 274 – Delivery hose 45 and 70mm – technical information
  - Policy number 540 – Manual handling operations procedure
  - Policy number 707 – The control of infection and infectious diseases policy.
  - Policy number 724 – Appliance inventories and operational readiness
  - Policy number 752 – Sign – police accident/slow (stand alone) – technical information
  - Policy number 753 – Traffic cones – technical information
  - Policy number 979 – Rescue – NOG
  - Policy number 985 – Operational safety management - knowledge skills and competence – NOG
  - Policy number 1000 – Fire contaminants

## Document history

### Assessments

An equality, sustainability or health, safety and welfare impact assessment and/or a risk assessment was last completed on:

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### Audit trail

Listed below is a brief audit trail, detailing amendments made to this policy/procedure.

Page/para nos.	Brief description of change	Date
Page 1	Responsible work team changed from Engineering Fleet and Equipment Team to Fleet Liaison Engineering and Equipment Team.	30/10/2012
Throughout	Premier FireServe has been updated to 'the service provider.'	12/12/2012
Section 7 Throughout	Associated material added. Reviewed as current.	26/06/2014
Page 4	'Subjects list' table - template updated.	05/01/2015
Throughout	Minor amendments made throughout document, please read fully to familiarise yourself with the latest version.	13/06/2017
Page 1	Owner title updated to 'Technical & Service Support'.	12/01/2018
Section 7 Throughout	Policy number 724 - Appliance inventories and operational readiness, added. Reviewed as current.	25/11/2020
Throughout	All cross references to cancelled policies have been updated.	07/03/2022
Throughout	Cross references updated.	24/06/2022
Section 7	Additional references added. Reviewed as current.	23/01/2024

### Subject list

You can find this policy under the following subjects.

Equipment - Operational	Hoses and hosereels
Operational procedures	Procurement
Technical information	

# Freedom of Information Act exemptions

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