

## METHOD STATEMENT & RISK ASSESSMENT - Jet Washing from Mobile Elevated Working Platforms (MEWP's)

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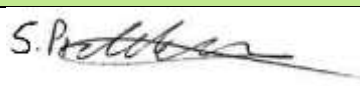
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### REGISTERING, AUTHORISING & IDENTIFYING AMENDMENTS

Any change in working methods, conditions or additional risks identified whilst work is in progress will need to be brought to the attention of the signatories below who will need to discuss the implications. Where applicable, a request to amend this document must be made to those names listed below. Any revisions will then need to be approved and communicated back to all relevant parties.

Amendments should be clearly identified within the text by a mark in the page border and a brief description below.

|                      | Name and Role                                | Signature  |
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| Approved by          |  |  |
| Approved by (Client) |  |  |

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

New Clean Dealership Specialists and its leadership team are committed to ensuring that works are carried out safely. At New Clean Dealership Specialists we not only pride ourselves on good customer service, but we also understand the meaning of working safely for you, your family, or your employees.

This method statement outlines the safe work procedure for jet washing from Mobile Elevated Working Platforms (MEWP's). The procedure includes safely setting up the pressure washer, ensuring proper drainage and cleaning the designated surfaces while maintaining clear access routes and safe working areas at all times.

### 1.1 Location:

TBC

### 1.2 Commencement Date:

TBC

## 2.0 ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The work activity will be delivered in accordance with the client's requirements, ensuring that all work adheres to statutory requirements, standards, and site rules. The designated Manager is responsible for providing the safe system of work and ensuring that all risk assessment control measures are effectively communicated and implemented by all personnel involved in the work activity.

### Responsibilities of the Manager:

- The Manager is responsible for developing and providing the safe system of work, including this method statement and associated risk assessments, to ensure the safety of all operatives.
- They will ensure that all work is planned and conducted in accordance with relevant regulations, safety standards, and site rules.
- The Manager will ensure that all operatives receive thorough briefings on the method statement, risk assessments, and the proper use of equipment.
- While not present on site, the Manager will be available for consultation and to provide guidance on any safety concerns or changes that may arise during the work.
- The Manager will establish clear procedures for reporting any accidents, incidents, near misses, or unsafe conditions to ensure they are addressed promptly.

### Responsibilities of MEWP Operators

- Operators are responsible for the safe use of MEWPs, jet washing systems, and associated equipment, ensuring compliance with both LOLER 1998 and PUWER 1998 requirements.
- Operators must carry out pre-use checks on all machinery and equipment, reporting any defects or concerns immediately before starting work.
- They are responsible for wearing and correctly using all required PPE and fall arrest equipment, ensuring harnesses and lanyards are properly secured when operating from height.
- Operators must maintain clear communication with colleagues during cleaning operations to ensure safe coordination, particularly when adjusting jet wash settings or repositioning MEWPs.
- Operators are required to stop work immediately if unsafe conditions arise (e.g., high winds, equipment failure, chemical spill) and report to the Manager.

### Responsibilities of All Personnel:

- All personnel are required to follow this method statement and the associated risk assessments, working safely at all times to protect themselves and others.
- Team members must assist new, young, or inexperienced workers in identifying and managing hazards on site, particularly when using equipment.
- All personnel must actively participate in safety briefings, toolbox talks, and any relevant training sessions to ensure a thorough understanding of the safety protocols in place.
- Everyone on site is responsible for promptly reporting accidents, incidents, near misses, and any unsafe acts or conditions according to the protocols established by the Manager.
- The team will perform the work as designed and agreed upon with the client, adhering strictly to the provided safe system of work. Any instructions that pose significant safety concerns or could lead to increased costs must be communicated to the Manager for review before proceeding.

By following these roles and responsibilities, we ensure that safety and compliance are maintained throughout the execution of the task.

## 3.0 METHOD OF WORK

### 3.1 Preparation:

- Conduct a pre-start briefing for all personnel, covering site-specific hazards, emergency procedures, and the day's work sequence.
- Brief all personnel on this RAMS document, highlighting individual and team responsibilities for safety.
- Ensure all required PPE is worn, including gloves, high-visibility clothing, eye protection, and safety footwear.
- Inspect and test all harnesses, lanyards, and fall arrest equipment, confirming they are in safe condition and within inspection dates.
- Inspect all machinery and MEWPs, ensuring they are in good working order, have valid inspection certificates, and are suitable for the task.
- Verify that all MEWPs and lifting accessories have been thoroughly examined and certified in compliance with LOLER 1998 requirements.
- Obtain the required Permit to Work and verify that all authorisations are in place.
- Confirm that all operatives are trained, competent, and authorised to operate machinery, MEWPs, and cleaning equipment.
- Identify and confirm drainage points and water pathways to ensure that runoff from the cleaning operation does not pose a slip risk or create hazards for the public, operatives, or nearby structures.
- Check weather conditions (e.g., high winds, heavy rain, freezing temperatures) to ensure they are suitable for safe MEWP use and water-based cleaning.
- Ensure all safety signage and barriers are in place to warn others of cleaning activities.
- Verify that communication equipment (e.g., radios, hand signals) is agreed upon and in working order for safe coordination.

### 3.2 Cleaning Process

- Position MEWPs securely to access the designated cladding areas, ensuring stabilisers and outriggers are deployed where required and in line with manufacturer instructions.
- Establish exclusion zones around MEWPs with barriers and signage to prevent unauthorised access. Pre-spray the cladding with Super Clean, working from the bottom upwards to avoid streaking, staining, or chemical

runs. Once pre-sprayed, reposition the MEWP to the highest point of the cladding to ensure dirty water does not run over cleaned areas.

- Maintain clear and constant communication between operatives to adjust jet wash settings and coordinate movements.
  - Example: reduce water flow and increase temperature to prevent hard water marks when drying.
  - Example: lower temperature and increase pressure to remove stubborn or heavily soiled areas.
- Ensure chemical dwell time is adequate for effective cleaning, but avoid leaving residues that may damage surfaces.
- Thoroughly rinse all chemical residues from each section, confirming the cladding is left streak-free and without detergent marks.
- Move exclusion barriers as works progress and continue systematically across the façade until all cladding surfaces have been cleaned.
- On completion, inspect all cleaned areas for quality assurance and re-treat any sections as required.
- Remove all barriers, signage, and equipment, ensuring the work area is left clean, tidy, and free from hazards.

#### 4.0 OTHER WORK CONTROLS

##### 4.1 Parking on Site

Parking arrangements will be confirmed with the Client upon arrival. All staff vehicles will be parked in designated areas only, ensuring that access routes, fire exits, and emergency escape routes remain clear at all times.

Vehicles will be positioned to minimise disruption to ongoing site activities and reduce risks to pedestrians. Any MEWPs or plant delivered to site will be unloaded and parked in accordance with the clients traffic management arrangements.

##### 4.2 Competence

The Company will ensure that all MEWP works are trained, competent on operating the MEWP, fall arrest equipment and cleaning systems.










Prior to commencement, the names of all operatives will be provided to the Client. Any additional operatives joining the project will be communicated and authorised by the Client in advance of their attendance.

A suitably trained First Aid operative will be present on site at all times, as designated by the Client, and all operatives will be briefed on the location of first aid facilities.

##### 4.3 PPE & Safety Equipment:

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EN345   | EN471<br>EN 343   | EN 388  | EN 166 F  | EN 352  | EN 361<br>EN 354 + EN 355   |

##### 4.4 Hazardous Substances (COSHH):

|   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Very Toxic  | Irritant  | Corrosive   | Dangerous for Environment   | Oxidising   | Highly Flammable   | Explosives  | Serious Irritant  | Pressurised Gas   |
| No  | No  | Yes   | No  | No  | No   | No  | No  | No  |

New Clean Dealership Specialists will provide COSHH Assessments for all hazardous material(s) that may be used.

The product that will be used for this task is: SuperClean

Waste disposal of containers will be in accordance with the specific details on the MSDS, CoSHH Assessment.

#### 4.6 Monitoring (Checks & Inspections)

Operatives will carry out continuous visual checks of equipment and work areas during the cleaning process.

Supervisory checks will be carried out to confirm compliance with the method statement and risk assessments.

Periodic audits will be undertaken by the Company Director/Manager to verify compliance with legislation and company procedures.

## 5.0 RESOURCES

### 5.1 Labour / Manpower

The works will be completed by trained MEWP operators. Labour numbers to be confirmed based on scope of works.

### 5.2 Equipment

#### Equipment to be used:

- MEWP
- DIBO Hot Presser Washer
- Extendable pressurised pole
- Soft bristle brush
- Spray bottle foamer

#### Inspection and Maintenance:

- All equipment and tools will undergo daily inspections before use, with a recorded inspection conducted weekly
- Records of all inspections will be maintained and submitted to Management.

- All equipment must have current inspection and certification in accordance with PUWER 1998 (and LOLER 1998 where applicable for MEWPs).

#### Use of Equipment/Tools:

- Only trained and competent personnel are authorised to operate, maintain, or repair equipment.
- Ensure the pressure washer and MEWP comply with relevant safety standards and manufacturer instructions.
- Appropriate PPE must be worn at all times, including gloves, eye protection, hearing protection, and harnesses when working at height.
- Fuel must be stored in approved containers in a designated safe area, away from ignition sources and work zones.
- Conduct regular checks for fuel leaks and refuel only in safe, ventilated areas away from personnel and work operations.
- Ensure adequate ventilation when operating fuel-powered equipment to prevent the buildup of exhaust fumes.
- Follow safe handling procedures for all chemical cleaning agents, ensuring they are stored, applied, and rinsed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

### 6.0 ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

- Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HSWA)
- Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER)
- Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER)
- Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 2002 (PPE)
- Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002
- Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992
- Electricity at Work Regulations 1989 (for the safe use of electrically powered tools and equipment)
- Environmental Protection Act 1990
- Water Resources Act 1991

**Note:** The specific regulations applicable will depend on the location of the work and the potential environmental impacts. It's essential to conduct a thorough environmental assessment before commencing any work.

### 7.0 EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

During the pre-task briefing, emergency procedures will be clearly communicated to all operatives to ensure a swift and safe response in the event of an incident. All personnel must be familiar with the client's site emergency arrangements, muster points and reporting requirements before commencing work.

Immediate Actions:

- Stop all work immediately, shutting down MEWPs and jet wash equipment safely.
- Secure chemicals and ensure access routes around MEWPs, barriers, and walkways remain clear.
- Report any incident immediately to the Manager and Client Representative.

Medical Emergency:

- Assess the situation and remove the injured person from further danger where safe to do so.
- Administer first aid if trained and call emergency services if required.

- Assign someone to meet emergency services at the site entrance to guide them to the incident location.

Evacuation:

- Follow the client’s evacuation procedure and proceed to the designated muster point.
- Operators will safely lower MEWPs to the ground if possible.
- Secure all equipment, hoses, and chemicals to prevent additional hazards.

MEWP/Height Rescue:

- In the event of a MEWP malfunction or operator incident while elevated, trained personnel will follow the MEWP’s emergency lowering procedure to bring the platform safely to ground level.
- Only trained and authorised operatives should carry out any rescue; call emergency services if the situation cannot be safely resolved on site.

General Emergency:

- Follow client’s general emergency procedures for fire, chemical spills, or other hazards.
- All operatives must be aware of exit routes, fire points, spill kits, eye wash stations, and first aid facilities.
- Work will be suspended if conditions (e.g., high wind, structural risk) make MEWP operations unsafe.

### 7.1 Accident Reporting

All accidents will be reported to New Clean Dealership Specialists Management, who will, after ensuring the injured person has received the required health care will enter all the details into the Company Accident book and immediately advise the Client.

All accidents will be investigated, and a report made and where appropriate, reported to the HSE in accordance with RIDDOR.

## 8.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

To assist in the assessment of the severity of the risks of the hazards, the following chart has been used to:

### RISK RATING CALCULATION CHART

| RISK LEVEL INDICATOR    | LEVEL OF INJURY ‘SEVERITY’                  |                                      |   |   |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|
|                         | Insignificant                               | Slightly Harmful                     | Harmful   | Extremely Harmful                               |
|                         | <b>1</b>                                    | <b>2</b>                             | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  |
| Highly Unlikely         | Low Risk                                    | Low Risk                             | Low Risk  | Low Risk  |
| <b>1</b>                | <b>1</b>                                    | <b>2</b>                             | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  |
| Likely                  | Low Risk                                    | Low Risk                             | Medium Risk                                       | High Risk                                       |
| <b>2</b>                | <b>2</b>                                    | <b>4</b>                             | <b>6</b>  | <b>8</b>  |
| Highly Likely           | Low Risk                                    | Medium Risk                          | High Risk   | High Risk                                       |
| <b>3</b>                | <b>3</b>                                    | <b>6</b>                             | <b>9</b>  | <b>12</b>                                       |
| INSTRUCTIONS TO WORKERS | <b>LITTLE / NO RISK = WORK CAN GO AHEAD</b> | <b>LOW RISK = WORK WITH CONTROLS</b> | <b>MEDIUM RISK = WORK WITH CARE WITH CONTROLS</b> | <b>HIGH RISK = NO WORK IS TO BE CARRIED OUT</b> |

# EXAMPLE

Severity x Likelihood = Risk Rating – **N** **RED SHADED BACKGROUND**

i.e. Highly Likely (3) x Harmful (3) = (9) High Risk Rating

| RISK ASSESSMENT CHART  |  |                              |               |  |                           |            |
|------------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------|--|---------------------------|------------|
| ACTIVITY/ HAZARD       | RISK POTENTIAL   | RISK RATING WITHOUT CONTROLS |               | CONTROL MEASURES REQUIRED  | RISK RATING WITH CONTROLS |            |
| MEWP Operation         | Falls from height, entrapment, collisions, overturning, mechanical failure | 8                            | <b>HIGH</b>   | Only trained and authorised MEWP operators to use equipment.<br>Conduct pre-use inspection including brakes, outriggers, controls, harness anchor points.<br>Ensure harnesses are worn and connected to approved anchorage<br>Follow manufacturer instructions and site-specific safe operating procedures.<br>Establish exclusion zones around the MEWP with barriers/signage.<br>Avoid overhead hazards such as power lines, structures, or protruding cladding.<br>Operate only on stable, level ground; use outriggers where required.<br>MEWP emergency lowering procedures and rescue plan to be in place.<br>Suspend operations in high wind, storms, or other unsafe weather conditions.<br>Maintain clear communication with ground personnel via agreed signals. | 4                         | <b>LOW</b> |
| Working at Height      | Falls, dropped objects   | 8                            | <b>HIGH</b>   | Use full body harnesses with lanyards correctly attached to MEWP anchor points.<br>Keep tools tethered or stored safely to prevent dropping.<br>Avoid leaning over guardrails; maintain three points of contact when accessing platform.<br>Toolbox talk on height hazards before starting work.<br>Ensure platform is not overloaded beyond rated capacity.<br>Inspect harnesses and connectors daily.  | 4                         | <b>LOW</b> |
| Use of Pressure Washer | High-pressure injury, chemical exposure, slips from water                  | 6                            | <b>MEDIUM</b> | Only trained personnel to operate pressure washer.<br>Ensure the required PPE is worn at all times<br>Avoid directing water at other operatives or passersby.<br>Maintain stable footing on MEWP platform.   | 3                         | <b>LOW</b> |

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|   |  |   |        | <p>Position MEWP to avoid overreaching or unsafe angles.</p> <p>Check hose connections and pressure settings before use.</p> <p>COSHH assessment completed for Super Clean; handle chemical according to SDS.</p>   |   |     |
| Slips, Trips, and Falls on Wet Surfaces                   | Injuries from falls, water damage to equipment   | 6 | MEDIUM | <p>Maintain tidy platform and MEWP working area.</p> <p>Direct water runoff to designated drainage points.</p> <p>Use non-slip footwear.</p> <p>Barriers/signage to warn ground personnel of wet areas.</p> <p>Ensure hoses and cables are secured and not crossing walkways</p>  | 3 | LOW |
| Environmental Impact / Water Runoff                       | Pollution, contamination of soil/water   | 6 | MEDIUM | <p>Confirm drainage points and runoff paths before work.</p> <p>Avoid using harmful chemicals near watercourses.</p> <p>Contain and clean up spills immediately.</p> <p>Inspect surrounding area for wildlife before work; minimise disturbance.</p>  | 3 | LOW |
| Manual Handling   | Strains, sprains, musculoskeletal injuries   | 6 | MEDIUM | <p>Use mechanical aids for heavy equipment where possible.</p> <p>Team lift large items.</p> <p>Break down loads into manageable sizes.</p> <p>Rotate tasks and allow rest breaks.</p> <p>Wear gloves to improve grip and reduce strain.</p>  | 3 | LOW |
| Use of cleaning chemicals and fuel (Hazardous Substances) | Chemical burns, respiratory irritation, exposure to toxic fumes, spills  | 6 | MEDIUM | <p>Conduct a COSHH assessment for all cleaning chemicals used.</p> <p>Ensure all chemicals are labeled and stored in accordance with COSHH guidelines.</p> <p>Provide appropriate PPE (e.g., gloves, goggles, masks) for handling chemicals.</p> <p>Train personnel on the safe handling, usage, and disposal of chemicals.</p> <p>Use spill containment kits in case of accidental spills.</p> <p>Use less hazardous or eco-friendly cleaning products where possible.</p>                         | 3 | LOW |
| Noise & Vibration   | Loss of Operative's hearing, likewise to other people nearby and general nuisance factor; vibration 'white finger' from handling such equipment for prolonged and frequent periods | 6 | MEDIUM | <p>Variable depending on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- nature of tool used; surfaces/materials worked on.</li> <li>- duration of time of exposure.</li> <li>- numbers of operatives involved with job rotation.</li> </ul> <p>To reduce the effects of noise, appropriate use of physical barriers and screens must be considered.</p> <p>All equipment must be maintained in good working order, serviced, lubricated, and used with mufflers and/or silencers where possible.</p> | 3 | LOW |

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|                      |   |   |               | <p>Vibration may be minimised by the ensuring that operatives only use tools for short durations.</p> <p>PPE in the form of appropriate hearing protection and gloves.</p>   |   |            |
| Emergency Situations | Injury due to MEWP failure, chemical spill, medical emergency | 6 | <b>MEDIUM</b> | <p>Pre-task briefing to cover emergency procedures.</p> <p>First aid trained operative on site.</p> <p>MEWP rescue plan and emergency lowering procedures in place.</p> <p>Fire extinguishers, spill kits, and eye wash stations available</p> <p>Evacuation plan communicated to all personnel; muster points clearly marked.</p> <p>Mobile phones available for rapid communication.</p> | 3 | <b>LOW</b> |