

Skid plate inspection guide

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King pins and skid plates need appropriate inspection and maintenance. This is especially important where the design of the skid plate makes it difficult or even impossible for inspection to be carried out. In these circumstances the potential for corrosion and eventual structural failure and resultant detachment from the towing vehicle is a significant risk.

Operators, drivers and mechanics, as well as trailer designers, certifiers and vehicle inspectors, all need to take appropriate action to ensure trailer detachment does not occur.