

# CONDITIONS OF HIRE

## 1. Definitions

In these conditions of hire

- (a) The "Owner" is George Fischer Pty Ltd. A.B.N – 37 001 686 399
- (b) The "Hirer" is the person or company identified on the front hereof.
- (c) "Equipment", unless a contrary intention appears, includes all goods, articles, machinery or motor vehicles supplied by the Owner to the Hirer for a free pursuant to this contract.
- (d) The "Period of Hire" shall –
  - (i) **Commence from**
    - (A) The commencement date and time shown overleaf.
  - (ii) **Cease**
    - (B) On the owner repossessing the Equipment pursuant to Condition 8 of these Conditions of Hire.

## 2. Use Of Equipment

- (a)
  - (i) The Hirer shall at all times use the Equipment in a skilful and proper manner and shall at his own expense service, clean and maintain the equipment in good and substantial repair and condition, reasonable wear and tear expected.
  - (ii) The whole or any part of the cost incurred by the Owner arising out of any failure by the Hirer to properly clean the Equipment will be added to the invoice total.
  - (iii) The Hirer shall not permit the Equipment to be used outside the nominated location.
  - (iv) The Hirer shall not permit the Equipment to be used outside the location nominated in the hire agreement.
- (b) Before using the Equipment the Hirer shall examine the equipment and satisfy himself as to the quality and fitness for the purpose of the equipment. If in any way the equipment is defective or unsuitable for the purpose of the Hirer.
  - (i) It shall be returned immediately to the Owner with written notice of the defect or unsuitability, or
  - (ii) The Hirer shall notify the Owner who shall exchange the equipment.
- (c) The Hirer acknowledges that he is not relying upon any representations made by or on behalf of the Owner in respect of the equipment or its performance.

## 3. Freight

The Hirer shall be responsible for freight and other charges whether incurred by the Owner or the Hirer in respect of the delivery and return of the equipment **PROVIDED THAT** the owner shall be responsible for freight and other charges in respect of the equipment where it is returned due to a breakdown or failure and not by the Hirer's negligence or misuse.

## 4. Damage To Equipment And Loss Of Equipment

- (a) During the period of Hire, the Hirer shall be responsible for any loss or damage to the equipment whether such loss is caused by the negligence of the Hirer or any person under his control for any other reason whatsoever except that caused by reasonable wear and tear. The Hirer's responsibility shall continue until the equipment is repaired by the owner, or replacement cost has been paid by the Hirer.
- (b) Where the Hirer is responsible for damage to the equipment the whole or any part of the cost of replacement or repair to the equipment will be added to the invoice total.
- (c) Where equipment is not returned by the Owner by the Hirer with 2 days of the expiration of the Period of Hire the Owner may forfeit the deposit and shall be at liberty to immediately notify the police of the circumstances and may take any civil or criminal action as it deems necessary for the recovery of possession of the equipment or the current replacement cost of the equipment at the commencement of the Period of Hire. The owner shall not be responsible to the Hirer for any loss or damage, injury, fines or costs incurred or sustained by the Hirer in respect of any costs, losses or damages arising from such actions.

- (d) The Hirer indemnifies the owner in respect of all action, claims, suits, demands or expenses of the Hirer or any other person in relation to or arising out of the use or possession of the equipment by the Hirer or any person under his control during the Period of Hire.

## 5. Hiring Charges

Hiring charges at the rate specified overleaf shall apply from the commencement of Period of Hire and shall continue until the Period of Hire ceases.

## 6. The Driver

Where the equipment is attached to and towed by a motor vehicle the Hirer warrants that the Driver of the motor vehicle.

- (a) Is over the age of 21 years.
  - (b) Holds a current Motor Vehicle Driver's Licence valid in Australia for the class required by law to drive the vehicle.
  - (c) Has not been convicted of any offence relating to driving a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor or drugs or with more than the legally prescribed level of alcohol blood content and
  - (d) Has not been refused any motor vehicle insurance.
- ## 7. Breakdown And Damage To Property Of And Injury To Third Parties
- (a) In respect of all equipment, the Hirer shall, during the Period of Hire of the equipment hired, be responsible for any loss or damage to property of, or personal injury to third parties resulting from which is incidental to the use of or possession of the equipment or for any other reason whatsoever, including the use of the equipment on any public road or highway, or if the Hirer or any driver or operator of the equipment drives or operates that equipment with a licence required by any statute or regulation or fails to use any prescribed safety apparatus installed in the equipment, and the Hirer shall indemnify and keep indemnified the owner in respect of all such actions, claims, demands or expenses of the owner or any other person in relation to or arising out of the use of the equipment under this contract.

- (b)
  - (i) In the event of a breakdown or failure of equipment or defect in the equipment becoming apparent during the Period of Hire, the Hirer shall return it immediately or notify the owner.
  - (ii) The Hirer shall not repair or attempt to repair or cause any repair to be made to the equipment without the prior consent of the owner.
  - (iii) If the breakdown or failure is caused by reasonable wear and tear or a defect in the equipment at the commencement of Hire, and was not caused or contributed to by misuse or negligence of the Hirer or any person under his control, the Period of Hire shall cease on return or notification to the Owner.
- (c) In no event shall the owner be responsible for any expenditure, damages, sum for delay inconvenience or loss incurred by the Hirer arising out of any breakdown or failure and or defect in the equipment whether caused by fair wear and tear, lack of repair, negligence or any other reason whatsoever.

- (d) No conditions or warranties shall be implied in these Conditions of Hire except to the extent that any condition or warranty may be included or be implied by statute and may not be excluded by agreement. Any condition or provision inconsistent with such implied condition or warranty shall be of no force and effect to the extent of that inconsistency.

## 8. Termination By The Owner

- (a) The owner may notwithstanding the specified Period of Hire or any waiver of some previous default by the Hirer terminate this Agreement and repossess the equipment.
  - (i) If the Hirer shall fail to pay and hiring charges within two days of the due date, or
  - (ii) If the Hirer does or permits any act or thing to be done to the equipment by way of which the owner's right in the equipment may be prejudiced, or
  - (iii) If the Hirer should become or is made insolvent or bankrupt or make any arrangement or composition with his creditor or should any order be made or resolution passed for its winding up.
  - (iv) If the Hirer commits any breach of the Conditions of Hire.
- (b) For the purpose of repossessing the equipment the owner may enter into or upon any premises where the equipment may be to recover the equipment from the Hirer, without prejudice to the rights of the owner and recover from the

Hirer in respect of any claims, damages or expenses arising out of any action taken under this clause.

- (c) On the owner repossessing the equipment the determination of the Period of Hire shall be without prejudice to any claim or demand the owner may have against the Hirer in respect of any matter or thing arising out of the hire of the equipment **AND** the Hirer shall pay to the owner hiring charges at the rate appearing overleaf for the Period of Hire up to the time of repossession.

## 9. Assignment

The Hirer shall not sell, transfer, assign, part with possession, mortgage, charge or encumber any right or obligation under those Conditions of Hire without the prior written consent of the owner.

## 10. Hirer's Damage Liability

The Hirer shall be responsible for indemnifying the owner without limit against any loss or damage where in the case of all equipment.

- (i) Damage results from overloading, exceeding rated capacity, misuse, abuse or improper servicing of equipment.
- (ii) Damage is caused by misappropriation or wrongful conversion by the Hirer of his employees, servants, independent contractors or agents or by any other person to whom the equipment is entrusted by the Hirer.
- (iii) Damage is caused by the use or operation of equipment in contravention of any of these Conditions of Hire.
- (iv) Damage is caused by the use or operation of equipment in violation of any statute (Commonwealth or State) or any regulation or by-law thereunder.
- (v) Damage to tools or accessories.
- (vi) Damage to tyres or tubes.
- (vii) Damage to batteries.
- (viii) Damage to equipment occurring for any reason while being transported by any means to any location during the use by the Hirer.
- (ix) The equipment is lost or stolen.
- (x) The damage or loss is caused by the negligence of the Hirer or any person under his control or the Nominated Driver including the case of equipment attached to and towed by a motor vehicle any damage caused by the vehicle being driven in an unsafe manner.
- (xi) The equipment is used for a purpose for which it was not designed.

## 10. Termination or Expiry of the Period of Hire

Upon termination or expiry of the Period of Hire, the Hirer will, at its own cost and expense, return the Equipment to the Owner, the Hirer hereby authorises the Owner to enter onto any premises on which the Equipment is situated and to use reasonable force to recover the Equipment if the Hirer breaches its obligations under this clause.

## 11. Payment of Charges

The Hirer shall pay the Owner on determination of the Hiring Period the following:-

- The Hiring Charge.
- The amount of any loss or damage to the Equipment, subject to these Conditions of Hire.
- The amount of tolls, levies. Charges or like charges paid or payable by the Owner to any government body in respect of use of the Equipment.
- The cost of freight and other charges incurred by the Owner or the Hirer in respect of delivery or return of the Equipment.
- Any costs incurred by the Owner in repossessing the Equipment in accordance with these Conditions of Hire.
- The amount of any fines or penalties paid or payable by the Owner in respect of any traffic, parking or other offences committed by the Hirer or the Nominated Driver.

## 12. Any previous negotiations, understandings, written or oral representation, warranties, memorandum or commitments in relation to the Equipment are superseded by these conditions and no amendment to these Conditions shall bind the parties unless in writing and executed by or on behalf of the Owner. Any duplicate or replacement of the Invoice and Conditions of Hire issued to the Hirer after 14 days from the date of this invoice in respect of the hire of the Equipment shall be deemed to be signed by the Hirer.