Excavator Block Grab (attachment)

Excavator-mounted grab for handling blocks/pavers. Make/model not recorded – check the grab's compliance plate for its rated capacity, weight and compatible machines before use.

PRE-START CHECKS

- Confirm the grab is compatible with your excavator (pin size/quick hitch, hydraulics if fitted) and that grab + load weight is within the excavator's lift chart.
- Inspect jaws, pads/tynes, pivot pins, retaining clips and welds for cracks, wear or deformation.
- If hydraulic: check hoses and couplings for leaks or damage; couplings fully engaged.
- Rated capacity / WLL marking legible. Do not use if unmarked or damaged – contact Foothills Hire.

HOW TO OPERATE – BASIC STEPS

1. Fit to the excavator per the excavator manual; fully engage and lock the quick hitch/pins and test before lifting.
2. Position squarely over the pack, close the grab evenly, check the grip, then lift slowly a short distance to test.
3. Keep loads low, swing slowly, avoid jerky movements; set loads down on firm level ground before releasing.
4. Never travel with a raised load; never let anyone stand under or near a suspended load.

KEY HAZARDS

- Dropped or slipping loads – crushing of feet/hands.
- Excavator tip-over from overloading or swinging loads on slopes.
- Pinch points at jaws and pivots.
- Hydraulic injection (hydraulic versions).

REQUIRED PPE

- Safety boots, hi-vis, gloves, hard hat and safety glasses for anyone near the work area.

REFUELLING / POWER / CHARGING

- No fuel or power of its own. Hydraulic versions are powered from the excavator auxiliary circuit – relieve pressure before connecting/disconnecting.

STORAGE & RETURN

- Return clean, jaws closed, stored flat on the ground (not standing on end). Cap hydraulic couplings if fitted.
- Return with all accessories supplied. Report any damage, fault or near-miss at return – do not attempt repairs.

MANUFACTURER MANUAL & SDS

- **Manual:** Manual available on request (make/model to be confirmed from the attachment plate).
- **SDS:** Not applicable – no hazardous substances supplied with this item. SDS for any products you use with it (e.g. cement, paints) must be obtained from that product's supplier.

Licence / competency: Excavator operator must be competent. If the excavator is used as a crane to lift suspended loads, the WHS (General) Regulations 2022 (WA) requirements for lifting apply; a dogging licence may be required where load slinging judgement is needed.

EMERGENCY: call 000 (Police/Fire/Ambulance) • Poisons Information 13 11 26 • Breakdown or help: see the Contact page at foothillshire.com.au • Site first aider / supervisor: _____

IMPORTANT – READ BEFORE USE. This sheet is a summary only and does not replace the manufacturer's operator manual. The hirer must read, understand and follow the manufacturer's manual and all warning labels before use, and must ensure every operator is trained, competent and – where required – licensed for this equipment and task, as required by the Work Health and Safety Act 2020 (WA) and the Work Health and Safety (General) Regulations 2022 (WA). Do not use equipment that is damaged, untagged or out of inspection date – stop and contact Foothills Hire. Foothills Hire is a business name held by Foothills Industries Group Pty Ltd, ABN 38 688 848 302.