



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q. What do I need to check before hiring a digger?

A. The first thing to check is your access, 9 times out of 10 - your job will have a restriction of some sort such as width or height. You need to check what restrictions you may have carefully – remember if the ground is not level where you need to get a machine through a gap, it will tilt to one side. Also remember to include drainpipes or outside taps.

You then need to work out what size machine you need, once you have determined your access work out what you have to achieve, for example how deep you have to dig or how much soil needs to be excavated. Do you need to move the excavated soil, if so would a dumper be the best method.

Q. What do I need to check before digging?

A. You need to check for underground obstructions and services such as gas, electricity, water and telephone before starting any excavation. Even a small mini digger will damage these services.

Q. I need to dig a trench along a wall, is this possible?

A. All our excavators have boom offset which will move the boom up to 80 degrees left and 60 to the right - this reduces the slew radius in diameter, and allows parallel digging with fences and walls

Q. Will the tracks damage my drive?

A. All our mini diggers are on rubber tracks to save damage on block paving on tarmac. However in hot weather tarmac can become soft so it may be advisable to put boarding down to protect it.

Q. I have a concrete drive, will a mini digger break this up?

A. If the concrete is very thin you might get away with it however it is probably advisable to speak to us about hiring a hydraulic breaker. We can supply hydraulic breakers to fit most of our machines,

Q. Am I responsible for the machine whilst it is on hire?

A. Yes, you are responsible for any damage or the theft of any excavator or machinery on hire to you. You can often add this to your household insurance for the hire period.

Q. Do you supply skips?

A. Yes we can supply you with skips.



Q. Do I need a license to operate a machine?

A. No, there is no legal requirement for an operator to hold a license, however most construction sites will require an operator to have certificate such as the CPCS or CMPE before they are allowed to work on that site.

Q. I have no experience driving a mini digger or dumpers is this a problem?

A. No, we will run through all the controls and the safe operation of the machine when it is delivered.

Q. I cannot find the answer to my question?

A. Then contact us on 01270 250362