

DAF Vehicle Sanitisation Review

There is a perception that HGV haulage vehicles, international and domestic, pose a greater risk than domestic Passenger or Lights Goods vehicles due to the nature of use of these vehicles.

The current procedure has been sense checked for being fit for purpose in relation to safety and effectiveness

- 1) Ensure that there is a sufficient supply of suitable surface sanitiser that can be used in the cabs of vehicles
- 2) Was the use of micro fibre cloth or blue roll effective?
- 3) What alternatives/additional measures might be required?

These controls measures were found to be effective however in consideration of the concerns, further risk controls measures are/can to be applied.

Associate Behaviours: When working on a vehicle, Associates must have enough sanitising product with them to perform the correct level of sanitisation.

Associates must never enter a vehicle without first performing the correct sanitisation process, exterior and wearing the correct PPE.

Responsible Associate behaviours must be a No.1 priority for Heads of Business.

Owning the Sanitisation Process

If an Associate is not 100% certain that they were the last person to occupy the cab of a vehicle, they must assume that the vehicle needs to be sanitised before entering.

What to Sanitise on a Vehicle?

When attending a roadside breakdown, the customer/driver must be advised to open the windows of his cab to ventilate for as long as possible whilst the technician is on route. The driver should be advised to remove personal items, such as food products, electronic devices and as much as possible, tidy the inside of the cab to reduce the risk of too much disturbance of belongings.

When a vehicle comes into the garage, open the windows and doors to the cab to allow a reasonable period of ventilation. The driver should be advised to remove personal items, such as food products, electronic devices and as much as possible, tidy the inside of the cab to reduce the risk of too much disturbance of belongings.

External Touch Points

Using an isopropyl alcohol-based sanitiser and micro-fibre cloth wipe the following external exterior touch-points of the vehicle:

- Door handles
- Door Frames
- Grab Handles
- Grille Catches
- Suzie lines – (only when appropriate)
- Coupling Devices – (only when appropriate)

Internal Touch Points

Prior to entering a vehicle, technicians must wash/sanitise their hands. This will help stop the transmission of the virus to and from the vehicle and anything else that is subsequently touched.

A fresh seat cover should be placed on the driver's seat. If there's a need to sit or work on other seats in the cab; covers should also be put in place.

Using an isopropyl alcohol-based sanitiser and micro-fibre cloth wipe the following key interior touch points of the vehicle:

- Steering Wheel
- Hand Brake
- Gear Selector
- Interior door handles
- Radio and infotainment controls
- Push Start button or key slot
- Steering column stalks
- Elbow Rests
- Seat belt and seat belt dock
- Interior door frames
- Seat Adjustment controls



Image to be replaced with Truck cab interior

Use of aerosol sanitisation is now being recommended as an additional protection against the disturbance of particles in the cab. The following procedure is in addition to the above, not instead of.

Important Note: The HSE have mandated against the use of fogging as an alternative to sterilising touch-points.

How to Use Aerosol Sanitiser in a Vehicle

To ensure products are fit for purpose and safe to use in confined spaces, only use Group approved aerosol products.

Remove heavy soiling, grit and dirt from foot wells prior to commencing procedure

- Start the engine
- Ensure the windows are closed
- Turn on the air conditioning and set to maximum cooling
- Set fan to full speed
- Set the air intake to recirculate
- Select the dash vents and direct the airflow towards the centre-back of the cab
- Open the glove-box and plug in the seatbelts
- Open the driver's door and spray the aerosol in the direction of the passenger side footwell, close the door and repeat with the passenger side door into the drivers footwell, close the door.
- Each spray blast should take approx. 30 secs, therefore 1 minute in total

- Allow the sanitiser to circulate and dwell for 5 minutes with all the door and windows closed
- Before getting back in the cab, open the doors and allow the cab to fully ventilate and dry for a few minutes.
- Give each of the touchpoint a spray and leave treated areas to air dry rather than wipe dry to maximise the efficacy.

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In Summary

Once we have finalised discussions with a supplier of a suitable product range, we will advise further in respect of costs and ordering

Due to the HSE stance on fogging, and our own cleansing procedures, we do not recommend the use of fogging machines in vehicles or premises. The only exception is the current post-COVID case precautionary fogging process undertaken by a Group approved specialist.

A full procedure guide will be issued to all DAF technicians and Service personnel via My Safe Centa, these will include operating instructions and safety guidance