

## **Ridgeway drop bottom bin**

### **Safety notes**

- It is the purchasers responsibility to ensure a risk assessment is completed by a competent person prior to using this drop bottom bin to control the risks and produce a safe system of work
- Operating instructions and your safe system of work must be followed at all times
- Always ensure the load is evenly distributed in the bin
- Ensure the FLT is suitable for use with this drop bottom bin by checking the rating plate for the weight of the skip plus the load to be carried
- Ensure FLT forks are of the minimum length as indicated on the rating plate
- Keep clear of all potential crush areas at all times to avoid injury
- The bin must only be loaded onto the FLT when it is on the ground, in the closed position with the catch engaged
- Never attempt to open the base by hand

### **Operating instructions**

- Set forks at correct width for fork pockets
- Raise forks to correct height
- Drive FLT forwards until forks are fully engaged
- Loop the safety retaining chain around the vertical section of forks ensuring it will not interfere with any moving parts and attach the hook to the bin via the chain retainer with as little slack as possible in order to prevent forward movement of the bin
- With the skip raised off the ground to allow sufficient clearance to clear the floor, commence travel to the disposal area with full reverse tilt applied
- Whilst travelling make sure you have good forward vision
- At the discharge point apply hand brake, select neutral, return forks to level position and raise the drop bottom bin so it clear the waste container
- Drive forward so that middle of bin is over the edge of the waste container
- Gently lower the bin onto edge of container to disengage release catch
- Gently raise the bin so door opens slowly and waste is released
- When the bin is empty raise forks so that open door is clear of container
- Reverse away from container
- Gently lower bin to floor level
- The door will close as bin is lowered down and release catch will re-engage
- Raise bin again slightly to ensure release catch is engaged before driving away

**Maintenance**

- Any damage which could adversely affect operation must be reported to a supervisor who can then make the decision if it is necessary to contact Ridgeway for advice
- Check safety chain & hook for signs of damage

**Castors**

- If this unit has been supplied with castors, these will need to be fitted before use
- Fixed castors should be fitted to the front and swivel to the rear of the skip
- Raise the bin off the floor, ensuring the skip is in the closed position with the handle engaged and handle retainer is secured
- Fit the castors to the castor plates using the fixings provided
- Working from the side of the bin, do not work directly underneath