



Operator's Product HandBook

# TransLoc™ & Interloc™

## Water Cartage Tanks



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No patent liability is assumed with respect to the use of information contained within this manual. While every precaution has been taken in the preparation of this manual, TTi assumes no responsibility for errors or omissions.

**Thank you for purchasing a TransLoc™ Heavy Duty Modular Water Cartage Tank (TransLoc) or InterLoc™ Fully Drainable Chemical Tank (InterLoc). These modular units will provide many years of reliable service when operated and maintained in accordance with this manual.**

TTi manufacture 3,000 litre TransLoc modular tanks designed specifically for transporting potable water only.

The fully drainable 2,500 litre InterLoc modular tanks are suitable for transporting a range of chemicals – almost any liquid except fuel and harsh chemicals. Ask for a copy of the TTi Compatibility Chart to confirm suitability of the InterLoc for your needs. TTi recommends that if fluids other than water are to be used in the InterLoc, the unit should be designated solely to that fluid, to avoid any risk of cross-contamination from different products.

Each tank type module interlocks to its adjoining unit while remaining a separate tank. The modules can be plumbed to drain independently or together, with the InterLoc modular system capable of carting different chemicals on the one load.

This manual describes the operation, driving stability, and maintenance procedures applicable to all units, noting additional requirements to options where necessary.

All TTi TransLoc/InterLoc tanks are rotationally moulded from quality polyethylene, purpose-designed and manufactured to high standards. The TransLoc/InterLoc is a truck or trailer-mounted tank transportation system.

Each TransLoc/InterLoc module is supplied complete, tested, and ready to go.

The owner is responsible to ensure that the equipment is operated in accordance with this manual, with Australian WorkSafe requirements, applicable road rules and local council regulations. TTi is not liable for any loss, injury or death resulting from the failure to observe all safe working regulations as required by law.

Included with your TransLoc/InterLoc unit are the following documents:

- Operator's Handbook (this manual, which includes the Warranty Registration Card)
- Tank Quality Check Form. This is your verification that the unit has been quality checked, and verifies the serial number affixed to the unit.

## Safety

This manual is intended for use by personnel experienced in the use of this and similar equipment. Read and understand this manual before attempting to operate or perform routine maintenance on this equipment. Your safety is of prime priority.



**A WARNING** highlights an essential operating or maintenance procedure, practice, condition or statement, which, if not strictly observed, could result in injury or death of personnel, or long-term health hazards.



**A CAUTION** highlights an essential operating or maintenance procedure, practice, condition or statement, which, if not observed, could result in damage or destruction of equipment.



**A NOTE** highlights or clarifies an essential systems description, operating or maintenance procedure, condition or statement.

## General Safety Instructions

1. The TransLoc unit is designed and manufactured solely to carry water or benign fluids. Under no circumstances should it be used for any other purpose. It must never be used for transporting fuel or harsh chemicals.
2. The InterLoc unit is designed and manufactured solely to carry water or other fluids. Under no circumstances should it be used for any other purpose. It must never be used for transporting fuel. Confirm suitability with the TTI Compatibility Chart.
3. Only authorised and trained personnel are to operate this equipment. Operators must have read and fully understood this manual before operating the TransLoc/InterLoc modules.
4. Do not operate this equipment while under the influence of alcohol or any drugs that could impair your capabilities in any way.
5. The TransLoc/InterLoc must be supported and secured on a flat surface, as specified in this manual. In particular, each InterLoc module must be correctly supported, ensuring the sump does not take any weight. The unit must be secured on a flat surface, as specified in this manual.
6. Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) must be worn when refuelling or operating a pump associated with transferring fluid to or from your TransLoc/InterLoc. Exposure to excessive noise over an extended period can cause impairment or loss of hearing.
7. Avoid diesel or unleaded petrol contact with skin and eyes, and avoid breathing vapours or mists. Refer to the relevant Safety Data Sheet (SDS).
8. Ensure the capacity of the vehicle is suitable for the loaded mass of the TransLoc/InterLoc. Refer to the vehicle's operator manual for safe working loads and relevant safety instructions. Do not exceed the carrying and braking capacity as specified by the vehicle manufacturer. As a guide, one litre of water weighs one kilogram (kg), therefore a full 12,000 litre TransLoc four-module unit will weigh in excess of 12,500kg.
9. The TransLoc/InterLoc tank is a confined space. Ensure compliance with OH&S requirements if entering the tank.
10. Be aware of the height of the TransLoc/InterLoc when mounted on a vehicle. Keep clear of overhead obstructions, such as bridges, low-hanging tree limbs and power lines.
11. Appropriate working at heights OH&S requirements must be followed if accessing the top of the tank is required.
12. TTI recommends the LiquidLocker baffle system be used in TransLoc/InterLoc tanks.
13. All hoses and pipes attached to the TransLoc/InterLoc tanks must be flexible, to prevent damage due to vibration from pumps and motors. Rigid pipes must not be coupled directly to the tank.
14. For TransLoc/InterLoc tanks fitted with 3" outlets, additional venting is required to prevent internal negative pressure. This can be achieved by loosening or opening the tank lid.
15. The TransLoc/InterLoc must never be left unattended while being filled.
16. Care should be taken at all times, particularly when operating on rough or steep terrain. Drivers should be aware of fluid surge affecting the centre of gravity.
17. The TransLoc/InterLoc has safety labels affixed to various locations on the unit. These labels should be kept clean and legible, and replaced if damaged.
18. Any unauthorised modifications to this equipment may affect its function and create a serious safety risk. Any unauthorised modifications will void any warranty on the unit.
19. Failure to observe the above safety precautions could void your warranty.

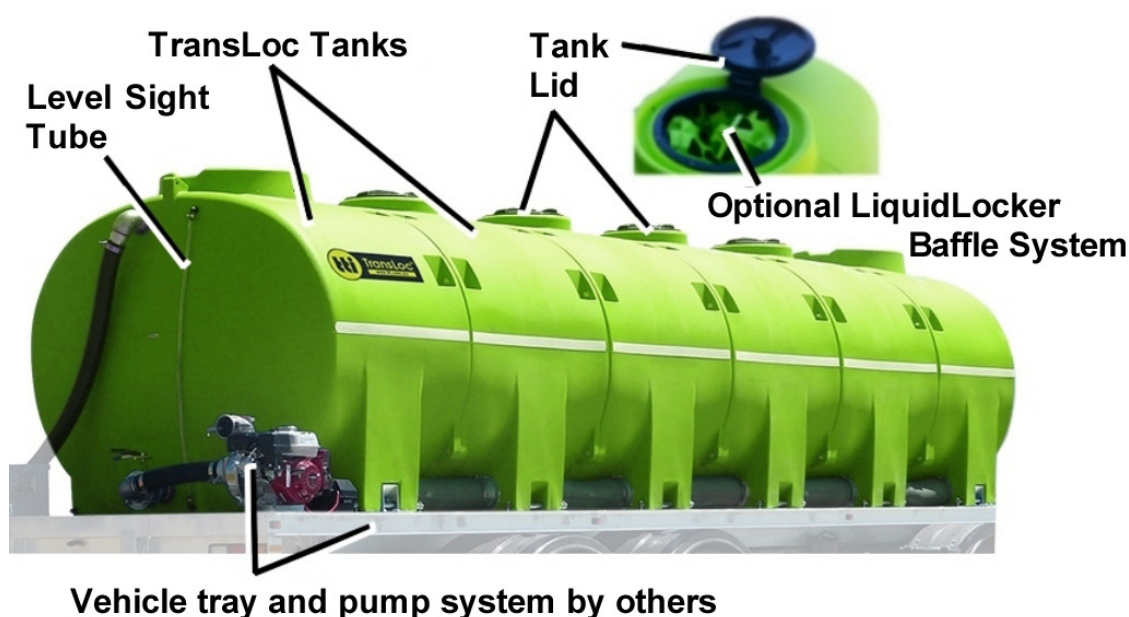
## General Information

### Specifications

Tank	Heavy duty UV stabilised chemical resistant polyethylene tank (3,000 litre – TransLoc; 2,500 litre – InterLoc)
Standard Equipment	Tank lid, rim and seal assembly
	Galvanised steel mounting frame (InterLoc)
	Galvanised mounting pins (InterLoc)
Options	Translucent and opaque tank colour range
	LiquidLocker <sup>™</sup> Baffle Safety System
	Galvanised mounting pins and wedges (TransLoc)
	2 x 6" connections between modules (TransLoc)
	Water level sight tube

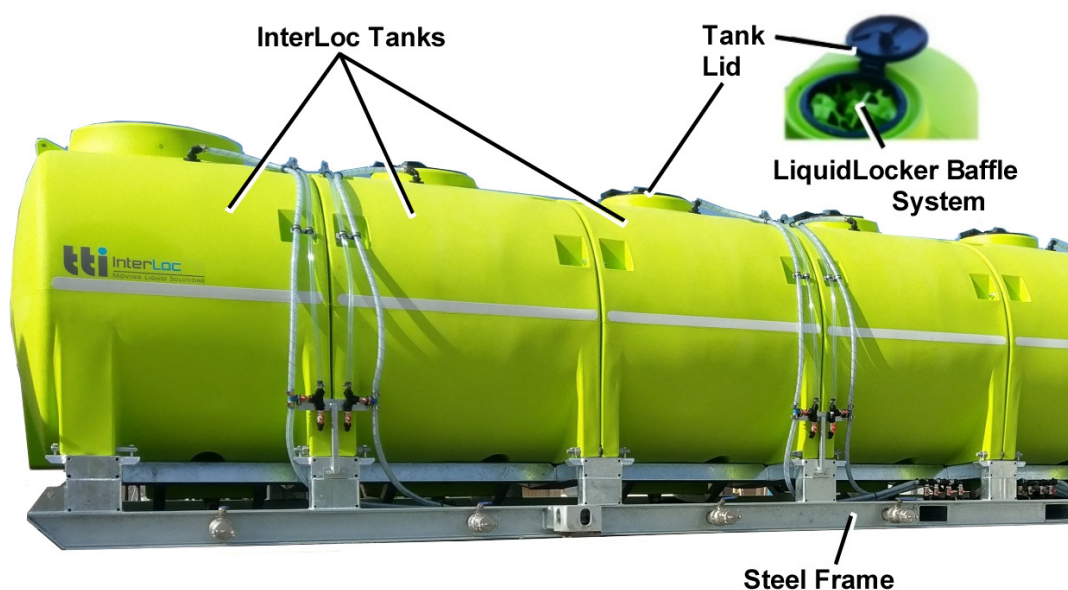
### Description

The TTI TransLoc is designed to carry water and benign fluids safely and effectively. The InterLoc is designed to carry water and other fluids safely and effectively. The TransLoc and InterLoc modules have the following features, refer to Figure 1 and Figure 2 respectively.



*Figure 1 – TransLoc Component Identification (six-unit variant shown)*





**Figure 2 – InterLoc Component Identification**

## **Tank**

All TTI tanks are constructed from UV stabilised, chemical resistant, virgin material polyethylene. Due to the rotational moulding process, there may be a small variance in the overall dimensions of the tank, therefore, calibration markings should be used as a guide only.

The TransLoc/InterLoc comes in our standard opaque Safety Green, with a range of translucent and opaque colours available as an option.

## **TransLoc Modules**

A specific design feature is our tank feet on the TransLoc, enabling easy and quick mounting to any tray surface.

## **InterLoc Modules**

The extra thick tank wall structure provides a load capacity of up to 1.3 Specific Gravity. Each tank incorporates an integral sump at the base of the tank.

## **LiquidLocker Safety Baffle System**

The LiquidLocker baffle system within the tank demonstrates measurable improvements in braking performance and dynamic stability and controllability. LiquidLocker baffles are recommended for tanks from 600 litres and above. The system has been independently tested, with the report available upon request.

## **Tank Level Indicator**

An optional level sight tube is fitted to the rear of the tank and provides an accurate level indication of water within the tank.

## **Steel Frames**

The InterLoc tank modules are supplied with a standard, fully welded steel frame, hot-dip galvanised for long-lasting protection and incorporates forklift pockets. The steel frame's length is dependent on the number of modular InterLoc tanks purchased.

## Machine Limitations

The TransLoc/InterLoc tanks are subject to operating limitations. It is the operators' responsibility to ensure that this equipment is being operated safely and within these limitations.

## Driving Stability

The TransLoc/InterLoc tanks are heavy when filled with fluid. To maintain stability while operating this unit:

- Ensure the vehicle tyres are inflated to their correct pressure at all times. Underinflated tyres can cause excessive lateral motion of the tyre, which may cause a rollover.
- Allow extra room for braking and turning when the tank is full.
- Ensure any side gradient (slope) is accounted for, especially when the TransLoc/InterLoc tank is full, as the unit will have a higher centre of gravity.

## Operating Instructions

### Before first use

Your TransLoc/InterLoc tank is delivered fully assembled. Before use, it needs to be set up using the following instructions:

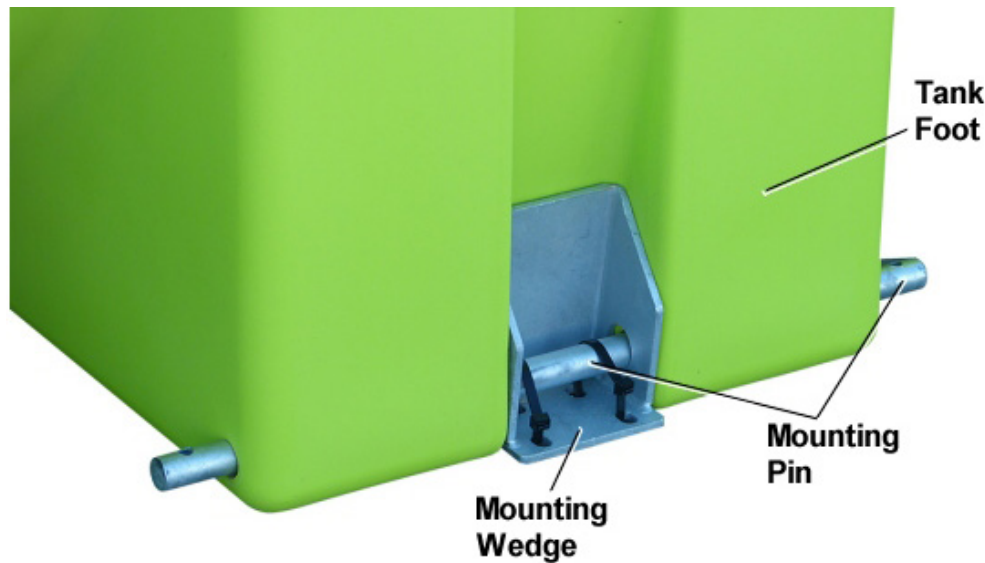
- Complete the warranty registration online at [www.tti.com.au/warranty-registration](http://www.tti.com.au/warranty-registration), or use the Warranty Registration Card at the back of this handbook.
- Store this handbook, along with the Tank Quality Check Form in the provided leather pouch, in a safe and easily accessible place for future reference.



**NOTE: The operator must fully understand all aspects of this handbook. Do not use the TransLoc/InterLoc tank until you have read this handbook.**

- Read and thoroughly understand this handbook, paying particular attention to all safety requirements, before using the TransLoc/InterLoc for the first time.
- Check that all fittings are secure following transit and are not damaged in any way.
- Inspect the tank for any damage or abrasions.
- Mount the TransLoc tanks onto the vehicle, ensuring each modular unit is fully supported on a flat surface. Ensure all feet are secured correctly with the supplied mounting pins and wedges, refer to Figure 3.
- For InterLoc tanks supplied without the skid frame, it is the owner's responsibility to ensure the tank is mounted in such a manner as to prevent the sump from bearing any weight, even when empty. Failure to comply with this may lead to structural damage to the sump, which will void any warranty.
- Mount the InterLoc tank with the optional skid frame onto the vehicle, ensuring it is fully supported on a flat surface. Tanks without the optional steel frame must be mounted in such a way as to ensure the sump does not bear any weight. Secure the tank and/or steel frame to the vehicle using suitable mounting devices that will take the weight of a full InterLoc tank.
- TTi recommend installing the LiquidLocker baffle system to minimise fluid surge during transportation.





*Figure 3 – TransLoc Mounting System*

## Filling the Tank



**CAUTION:** The TransLoc unit is designed for water and other benign fluid use only. It must not be used for harsh chemicals or fuel. The InterLoc unit must not be used for fuel.

- The TransLoc/InterLoc tank is filled by gravity from a supply, such as an overhead standpipe or supply hose as follows:



**NOTE:** Where optional TransLoc tank interconnection has been fitted, filling can be undertaken using any of the tank top openings.

1. Remove the filling lid from the tank's top opening.
2. Position the TransLoc/InterLoc unit's top-mounted fill point under the standpipe or lift up and suitable secure a supply hose.
3. Open the standpipe or supply hose valve and allow fluid to flow into the tank.



**CAUTION:** To prevent overflow, do not leave the filling operation unattended.

4. An optional sight level tube is fitted to the tank, providing a visual indicator of the level of water in the tank. If a sight level tube is not fitted, observe the water level directly in the tank. When the tank is filled, close the supply's valve.
5. Upon completion of filling, replace the tank's filling lid.
6. Where the tank modules are not interconnected, repeat the above procedure for the next tank.

## **TransLoc/InterLoc Operation**

The TransLoc/InterLoc is supplied with an MBSP fitting at the base of the tank to connect to your discharge system. When so connected, the control of flow may be regulated by the discharge system.

## **Maintenance**

Your TransLoc/InterLoc requires minimal maintenance but regular cleaning and checks will ensure safe and reliable service over its lifetime. Periodic checks and inspections will identify any potential issues, enabling timely rectification and minimising downtime.

### **Periodic Checks**

The following checks and cleaning operations should be undertaken on a regular basis. The frequency of these activities will depend on the nature of the operating environment and the operational hours of the TransLoc/InterLoc unit.

1. Clean the unit and inspect it for any signs of damage or wear. Replace any safety labels if they are damaged or illegible.
2. Check all hoses, fasteners and fittings are firmly secured, tighten if necessary.
3. If the TransLoc/InterLoc is to be stored for an extended period, ensure the tanks and all pipelines are empty and are not pressurised. Store the unit in a clean, dry and well-ventilated area.

## Risk Assessment

Task	Hazard	Risk	Control Measure/Mitigation
<p>Ensure tank is mounted correctly on vehicle and do not overload vehicle.</p> <p>Partially fill the tank with water &amp; test the tank or pumping system, if necessary, before use</p>	<p>Load not secured; overloaded vehicle; manual handling; slips, trips or falls; fingers jammed; overhead powerlines - electricity; leaks; tank in a confined space</p>	Medium	<p>Read/follow decals on the tank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow safe manual handling techniques;</li> <li>Don't lift on your own if &gt; 20kg, bend knees &amp; keep back straight;</li> <li>Keep fingers clear</li> <li>Keep tank at least 8m away from overhead powerlines</li> <li>Keep water away from electrical sources</li> <li>Make sure tank mounted securely to comply with relevant codes of practice and transport authority requirements;</li> <li>Don't exceed vehicle load limit; follow state legislation &amp; AS 2865: 2001 confined space</li> <li>Chassis mount frame to be designed by licensed Truck Body Engineer if used on public roads</li> </ul>
Check weather and ground conditions for stability	Manual handling; ground instability	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow safe manual handling techniques as above.</li> <li>Drive cautiously to suit ground and weather conditions.</li> </ul>
Fill the tank with water/ other fluids using a pump, hydrant, hose or similar apparatus	Manual handling; slips, trips or falls; ground instability; weather conditions; falling from height; use of chemicals	Medium	<p>As above 1 &amp; 2;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure fall prevention strategy exists if on the tank;</li> <li>Whilst on the back of a vehicle filling the tank - work platform or handrails in place &amp;/or the person filling the tank is secured with a safety line or harness fall arrest system in place. Follow MSDS.</li> </ul>
Check that transport vehicle is safe before use, i.e. where applicable: wheel nuts, tyre pressure and condition, bearings, tow hitch, have been serviced, etc. Driving and using the water tank from a vehicle - take into account the sway of water in the tank when driving.	As above; loss of load; heat & cold; noise; exceed load limit of vehicle; hose entanglement; exhaust fumes; terrain & slopes.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above</li> <li>Wear clothes to suit heat &amp; cold;</li> <li>Wear hearing protection if noise &gt;85 dBa;</li> <li>Follow the manufacturer's safe operation instruction for the vehicle and pump/spray unit;</li> <li>Don't overload - water weighs 1kg for every 1 litre;</li> <li>Secure unit to vehicle;</li> <li>Keep hose attachments tidy;</li> <li>TTi recommends LiquidLocker Baffle System to control liquid surge.</li> </ul>
Clean up, maintenance & storage	As above	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above;</li> <li>Store unit in a dry, well ventilated area.</li> </ul>

# Warranty

## Warranty Policy

TTI will, at its option, repair or replace without charge any part covered by this warranty that is found to be defective in material and/or workmanship within twenty (20) years after the date of sale to the original retail purchaser.

Upon request, the customer will make the defective part available for inspection and/or return the defective part to TTI, transportation charges prepaid. All parts and components are covered by this warranty.

## What this Warranty Does Not Cover?

This warranty does not cover:

1. defects caused by depreciation or damage caused by incorrect mounting, normal wear, accidents, improper maintenance, improper use or abuse of the product, alterations or failure to follow the instructions and warnings provided.
2. Any charges for making service calls, clean-up time and transport charges.
3. The use of non-genuine parts on equipment supplied by TTI. This will automatically negate any warranty.

## How to Obtain Service Under this Warranty?

Warranty service can be arranged by contacting your dealer, or by contacting TTI directly on 1800 816 277.

Proof of warranty registration and date of purchase may be required to verify warranty coverage. Any defective parts returned to TTI must be accompanied by a Return Goods Note. This form can be obtained by contacting Product Support on 1800 816 277 or emailing [ProductSupport@tti.com.au](mailto:ProductSupport@tti.com.au)

## Warranty Limitations

Warranty limitations are as follows:

1. There is no other express warranty. Any warranty that may be implied from this purchase including merchantability and fitness for purpose is hereby limited to the duration of this warranty and the extent permitted by law. Any and all implied warranties are excluded.
2. TTI will not be liable for any incidental, consequential or special damages and/or expenses in connection with the purchase or use of this equipment, to the extent permitted by law.
3. Only the warranty expressed in this limited warranty shall apply and no dealer, distributor or individual is authorised to amend, modify, or extend this warranty in any way. Accordingly, additional statements, whether oral or written, do not constitute warranties by TTI, and should not be relied upon.











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