



### OPERATIONAL SAFETY INSTRUCTION

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### Pooling of Basic Stand Equipment

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It is the responsibility of all employers to ensure that relevant OSIs are brought to the attention of their staff. However, individuals remain responsible for their own actions and those who are in any doubt should consult their Supervisor or Manager.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Bristol Airside Operations have identified an opportunity for ground handling agents to pool together and share basic stand equipment. This will reduce the number of items on a stand, reducing congestion, increasing the parking space available for larger equipment, and reducing collisions. It will also give ground handling teams confidence that the right quality and quantity of basic ground equipment is available on every stand when they arrive.

The pooled equipment is being phased in and therefore may not be available on every stand in the early stages. Contact stands will be prioritised.

#### 2. EQUIPMENT IN SCOPE

ITEM	QUANTITY PER STAND	NOTES
Chocks	6	To be stored on PIG when not in use
Cones	6	To be stored on PIG when not in use
PIGS	1	PIGs are numbered and must be left on their allocated stand



### 3. SPARE EQUIPMENT

Access to a store of spare cones and chocks to replace damaged or missing equipment is available by contacting Airside Operations.

Additional chocks for use in strong winds can be found in chock boxes located around the apron and must not be left on stand once the strong winds have ceased.

### 4. OPERATION

- The PIG ropes should be connected to the front and rear passenger steps (or a cone if only one set of steps is in use) to prevent passengers from walking underneath the wing. Some aircraft require a plastic clip to be used on the front integrated passenger steps.
- Cones and chocks must be stored on the PIG when not in use, to keep the stand tidy and prevent chocks or cones from being struck by vehicles or becoming a trip hazard.
- The PIG must be stored in an Equipment Parking Area (EPA) at the head of stand.
- Only the set quantity of chocks and cones should be stored on a stand. Only one PIG will be stored on each stand.
- Do not remove pooled equipment from the stand that it is allocated to.
- The Team Leader or Lead Agent is responsible for ensuring that pooled equipment is stored correctly at the end of a turnaround.

### 5. DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Defects on PIGS can be reported to Bristol Airport by scanning the QR code on the equipment.

### 6. WHY IS A TIDY STAND IMPORTANT?

Loose items such as chocks or PIGS that are left in hazardous areas can lead to vehicle damage or personal injury. In July 2022, a high-loader was moved from an EPA to the rear hold of a B787 and was accidentally driven over two wheel chocks that were left loose on the ground. This caused damage to hydraulic lines underneath the loader, resulting in a large hydraulic spill which took two hours to clear up. Good housekeeping can prevent accidents.



### 7. GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Any enquiries should be addressed to the Airside Operations Duty Manager, [AODM@bristolairport.com](mailto:AODM@bristolairport.com) or 01275 473705.