

The Golden Circle

The Golden Circle was a phrase that was developed many years ago to give the driver of an emergency vehicle a reminder to walk around the vehicle before driving off to assure “All is Clear and Secure”. Each driver should develop their own methodical and systematic walk-around, which is consistent and thorough. Things that should be looked for during this walk around are:

1. Hood latches and other type latches including hose bed covers are properly secured.
2. Assure that all equipment is secured to the vehicle (i.e., spanners, ladders, jumper-lines, safety equipment etc.)
3. All compartment doors are properly closed.
4. All exterior passengers are seat belted in and are wearing the appropriate safety gear.
5. All caps (i.e., fuel, discharge & suction) are properly tightened.
6. Put chocks away.
7. Clear all items from the running boards.
8. All tires are inflated and are not damaged.
9. Assure that there is adequate clearance before proceeding by looking for obstructions underneath, on top, in front, behind or on either side of the vehicle. Also assure that the garage door is up all the way.

These tips will help minimize damage to facilities, your vehicle, and the vehicles of others.