6.5 Machines—Equipped with Pneumatic Tires and/or Suspensions

6.5.1 Tires must be inflated as uniformly as possible to the tire manufacturer's recommended pressures.

6.5.2 Valve caps and/or valve assemblies must be securely tightened to prevent their loss or loosening in transit. Valve caps designed for the purpose of removing valve stems are prohibited.

6.5.3 Suitable protective material between tires of units and side blocking must be used to prevent chafing and damage to tire walls on all U.S. Department of Defense shipments and on such other shipments when deemed necessary by the shipper.

6.5.4 Machines/vehicles equipped with air suspensions shall have the suspension bled prior to application of chains to restrain it properly for transport. This is done to prevent air suspensions from leaking and losing pressure, causing the vehicle to lower significantly in transit and introduce an unsafe amount of chain slack.

6.5.5 U.S. Department of Defense vehicles that have a mix of spring suspensions and air suspensions may leave the air suspension intact as long as there is at least one axle with a spring suspension on the front and back of the vehicle.

6.6 Machines—Power Units and Related Components

Vehicles, including tractors, equipped with automatic transmissions must have selector levers placed in neutral position to prevent damage to transmissions. Securement of the selector levers is at the discretion of the shipper.

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