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Top Tips

Whether you use a wheelbarrow to mix concrete or to transport it from one place to another. It is important to select the correct one for the job.

The Tray

You have three choices: A seamless steel tray, a folded steel tray or a plastic tray.

Plastic trays are moulded from cross linked polyethylene. They do not rust and concrete does not stick to them; shovels do not cut them and a sledgehammer will not dent them. They also weigh less than steel barrows which is an added bonus when transporting a barrow full of concrete, weighing approximately 240kg.



The wheel & chassis

Whether the wheel has one or two wheels you must ensure your wheelbarrow has a good quality of wheels and bearings and the chassis is capable of carrying the weight you require of it. Also ensure the tread on the tyre is deep so you can use it in all conditions. Solid tyres dig into the ground, and are harder to wheel. Larger wheels are easier to use, and will go over bumps better. Also look for thick-walled tyres which won't suffer punctures.

Take them for a test drive

Take your wheelbarrow for a test drive preferably with a full load. Always keep your back straight and vertical when lifting and pushing a wheelbarrow. Lift with your leg and not your arms and back. Start with your legs bent and stand up taking all the weight onto your legs.

Do not overload your wheel barrow's capacity.

Always wash your wheelbarrow after use and set the wheelbarrow upside down to dry. Never let concrete harden in the tray and then try to remove it.