



Use a Ground Guide Every Time!

Soldiers, sometimes little things make a big difference. Using a ground guide when you maneuver equipment can prevent equipment damage. It can also keep Soldiers safe. Using ground guides every time does make a **big** difference!

Since ground guides act as a vehicle operator's eyes, have your unit apply the following tips for safe ground guide usage:

- Train drivers to correctly use ground guides.
- Train drivers and other Soldiers how to ground guide.
- Make sure drivers stop if they lose sight of their ground guide.
- Always use ground guides when backing up and in congested areas.
- Use ground guides when traveling cross-country during limited visibility.
- Use ground guides in bivouac and assembly areas.
- Use two ground guides when vision is restricted.
- Equip ground guides with suitable lights, such as two flashlights and extra batteries.
- Ground guides will:
 - clear themselves, clear the vehicle, and give vehicle movement commands.
 - stay in the driver's line of sight.
 - keep a proper distance, at least ten yards, from the vehicle.
 - stay out of the path of travel by keeping to the side and front (or side and rear) of the vehicle, ideally on the driver's side.
 - never walk backward and never get between two vehicles.
 - only give signals to the driver.
 - use hands signals. Voice signals can be misunderstood or go unheard.