

# Q+A TRIPOD (THREE-LEGGED) TANKS

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

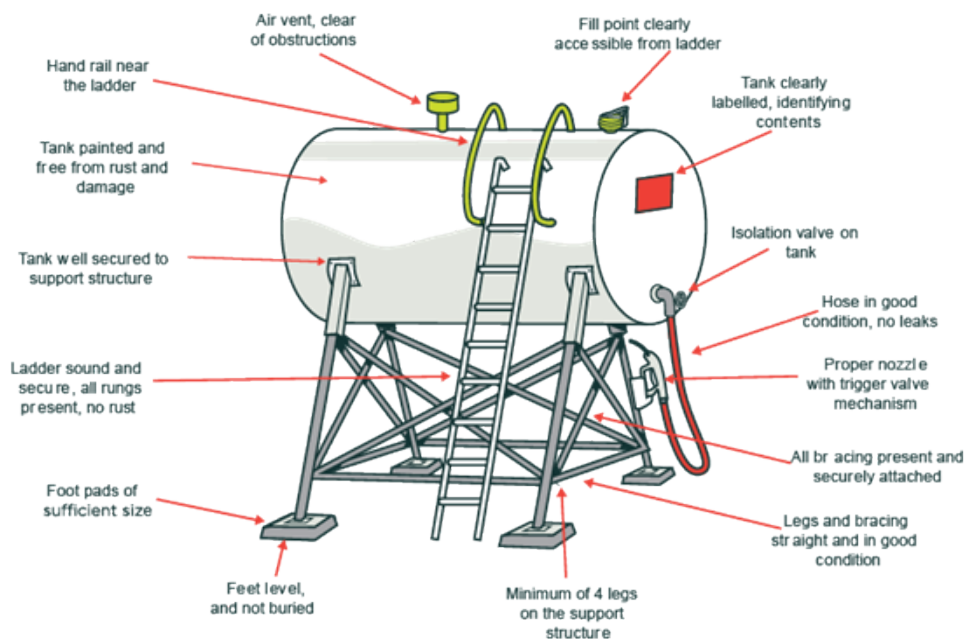
### Why is Waitomo requiring customers to replace tripod (three-legged) tanks?

Your safety, and the safety of our team, is paramount at Waitomo. That means we will always comply with the highest levels of health and safety, both at our sites and our customer's properties.

The former Department of Labour (now WorkSafe NZ) cancelled approval for manufacturing tripod (three-legged) stands for fuel tanks in 1996, but advised that existing tripod tanks could be used until they reached the end of their working life. Today, WorkSafe NZ expects that tripod tanks are no longer in use.

You are required to make sure your tank design and construction complies with HSNO design standards. Tripod-supported tanks do not comply with HSNO design standards. We want to support you to become compliant.

### What are the requirements of a compliant tank?



These new, improved tanks are more stable, and have ladders installed so our drivers can climb up safely and fill your tank.

Making modifications to your existing three-legged tank, such as welding on ladders, handles or additional legs, is not sufficient to make your tank compliant and will not meet HSNO design standards. All three-legged tanks must be replaced with a tank as shown above.

For more detailed information, see section 4 of the WorkSafe NZ guidance on [Above ground fuel storage on farms](https://worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/agriculture/chemicals-and-fuels-on-farms/above-ground-fuel-storage-on-farms/): <https://worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/agriculture/chemicals-and-fuels-on-farms/above-ground-fuel-storage-on-farms/>

### **How long do I have to replace my three-legged tank?**

Once our Operations Team has been in touch, we'd like you to take steps to make your tank compliant within one month. Our team will work with you to come up with a solution. If you don't make your three-legged tank compliant within this timeframe, we'll no longer deliver fuel to your property. Waitomo will cease all tripod tank deliveries from 31 December 2021 in line with WorkSafe NZ requirements.

### **Will you stop deliveries to my three-legged tank?**

Once our Operations Team has been in touch, you have one month to make your tank compliant. Our team will work with you to come up with a solution. After one month, if you haven't taken action to make your three-legged tank compliant, we'll no longer be able to deliver fuel to your property.

### **How much does it cost to replace my current tank with a compliant tank?**

New four-legged compliant tanks ordered through Waitomo are supplied by Mainline and vary in cost from \$3,800 to \$5,405 (excluding GST).

If you order your tank from Waitomo, we'll deliver and install the tank for free.

See the attached Mainline brochure for more information on pricing.

### **Who pays for the replacement tank?**

As the owner of a non-compliant tank, it is your responsibility to pay for a new, compliant tank if you still want to receive fuel deliveries from Waitomo. Three-legged tanks were phased out from 1996, so it is reasonable to expect that the lifetime of your tank is close to or has expired.

Remember – we're doing this to ensure your safety and the safety of our team.

### **Who will install the new tank on my property?**

If you order a tank from Mainline via Waitomo, our team will deliver and install the tank on your property for you. However, it is up to you to ensure it complies with HSNO design standards once we've installed it e.g., making sure the feet are level and not buried.

### **What if I can't afford to replace my tank? I still need fuel delivered.**

We can help you with this. If you order a tank from Mainline via Waitomo, we can set up payment arrangements for you e.g., three instalments over three months.

### **Is this a legal requirement?**

It's Waitomo's health and safety policy to comply with all WorkSafe NZ good practice guidance. On that basis, we will be requiring all Waitomo customers to replace existing tripod tanks with compliant tanks if they want to continue to be fueled by us. WorkSafe NZ's cut-off date for tripod tank deliveries is fast approaching – 31 December 2021. Waitomo will not deliver to tripod tanks after this date.

### **Have more questions?**

Our team are here to help – give us a call on 0800 922 123 and we'll sort you out.