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Snow Control Equipment Manufacturers Best Practices Guidelines
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SCOPE, PURPOSE AND APPLICATION OF THE BEST PRACTICES FOR SNOW CONTROL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS	
1.	The principal aim of these Best Practices is to provide guidance for interested parties on the most efficient and effective tactics practiced by snow control equipment manufacturers. They are intended to foster and build upon a spirit of co-operation and better understanding among snow control equipment manufacturers; truck and/or snow plow original equipment manufacturers (OEMs); and distributors/upfitters/installers of snow control equipment.
2.	The Best Practices are built on the experience to date of members of the NTEA Snow Control and Equipment Manufacturers Committee (SCEMC); the Best Practices reflect the views and practice of SCEMC members at the time of publication. The SCEMC is an affiliate division of the NTEA, the Association of the Work Truck Industry.
3.	These Best Practices apply to all snow control equipment manufacturers, unless specifically stated otherwise.
BEST PRACTICES GUIDELINES	
1.	Follow the truck and/or snow plow OEMs' recommended guidelines and approved model offerings (e.g., stay under the rated front and rear GAWR and within defined weight distribution percentages).
2.	Snow plow OEMs: provide weights and centers of gravity for snow plow kit offerings.
3.	The ultimate responsibility of installing snow control equipment lies with the distributor/ upfitter/installer. A weight distribution analysis is required to determine if the equipment to be installed is within the vehicle's limits for FGAWR, RGAWR, GVWR and required weight percentage for front and rear axles, and any applicable federal, state and local standards and regulations.
4.	Snow plow OEMs: provide distributors with instructions for installation and adjustment procedures for auxiliary headlamps provided with front snow plow kits.
5.	Snow plow OEMs: provide owners' manuals.

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