



The basics

- The 57-Seater Buses and Line Haul Trucks travel in convoy.
- Line Haul trucks travel via convoy between Tabubil and Kiunga each day.
- Between 3 and 10 trucks can travel in each convoy.
- The convoy is accompanied by a Tyre Truck and vehicle.
- The leading escort vehicle displays the number of trucks in the convoy. Flashing lights ensure the escort vehicle is easily visible.
- The escort vehicle maintains contact with the first and last truck.
- Convoys do not give way to passing traffic, except for emergency vehicles (police and ambulance).

Convoys are used primarily for controlling movement of trucks and buses along the highway.



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*Convoy
procedure*



Vehicle travel distances:

- escort vehicle travels between 500 metres to 1 kilometer in front of the first truck/bus
- distance between each truck/bus is between 200 to 500 metres.

Flashing Lights

- escort vehicles display **RED**, **GREEN** and **ORANGE** flashing lights
- each bus displays double blinking lights
- the last bus in the convoy displays two **GREEN** flashing lights
- Team Leader bus travelling separately displays two **GREEN** flashing lights and is escorted by a separate vehicle

Convoy Warning Flags

- prime movers display **RED** flags
- last Truck/Prime Moves in the convoy displays a **GREEN** flag

Highway Road Intersections

- escort vehicle stops and waits for the first truck to come into view before continuing to prevent traffic entering between the convoy escort and the trucks
- escort vehicle parks in the middle of the intersection with flashing lights on to stop oncoming traffic until all trucks have passed

All drivers must take extra care when approaching a special convoy. Examples of special convoys include:

- explosive containers - usually accompanied by police
- wide or heavy load – accompanied by its own escort vehicle

Your Obligations

- when approaching a convoy, drive to a safe location and stop – never stop around a blind corner
- do not overtake slow moving trucks travelling in a convoy
- observe the Escort Vehicle board displaying the number of buses / trucks in a convoy
- watch for the final truck displaying a green flag or bus with green flashing lights indicating the convoy has passed and the road is free for traffic flow
- do not drive between convoy vehicles - if you find yourself driving between convoy vehicles, pull over to a safe location and allow all the trucks to pass before you proceed



The purpose of convoys are to avoid incidents and increase safety awareness.