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## Dropped load costs \$393,500

OSHA has fined Timken Steel \$395,000 following an incident at its Gambrinus plant, in Canton, Ohio in May, in which a 500kg load was dropped onto an employee due to the failure of a hook safety latch. The man was left seriously injured with a fractured left foot and several broken bones. The fine is a result four safety citations, one wilful, one repeated and two serious.

This is the company's second serious OSHA violation this year and as a result it has been placed in the agency's Severe Violator Enforcement Programme. Howard Eberts, OSHA's area director said: "This worker is lucky to be alive. We also observed conditions where workers could have fallen or lost limbs. It is unacceptable that the company has repeatedly been cited for the same hazards. Timken Steel's

safety and health programme has major deficiencies that need to be addressed immediately."

Timken spokesman Joe Milicia said: "We have no higher priority than workplace safety. Our goal is for every employee to return home safely at the end of each day, so we have moved quickly to take corrective actions and will work closely with OSHA to eliminate all issues."

## Genie apprentice programme kicks off

The Genie Academy apprentice programme has started in the UK with its first two recruits. Teenagers Bradley Mason and William Marshall were selected from among thirty-six candidates from colleges across the UK.

They are the first apprentice field technicians to benefit from the support of the academy as part of their three-year National Vocational Qualification Level 2 apprenticeship course in Plant Maintenance. The academy plans to recruit two new candidates every two years.



William Marshall with Dave Stretch and Andy Sutton of Genie and fellow apprentice Bradley Mason

## Mutual certification recognition

Canada's BC Association for Crane Safety and the Irish further education and training authority An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna (SOLAS), have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the mutual recognition of each other's crane operator certifications. The initiative is intended to improve the mobility of crane operators between Ireland and British Columbia and other Canadian provinces that accept the BC certification.



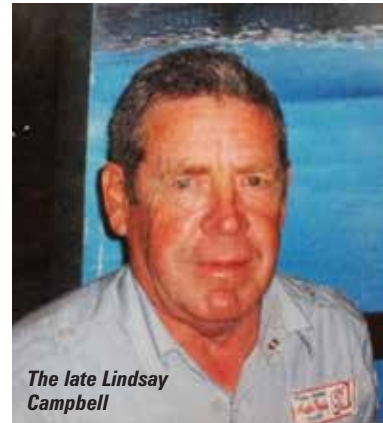
## Working from a bucket costs £200,000

Fines and costs approaching £200,000 have been awarded against South Coast Skips Ltd after two of its employees - Lindsay Campbell, 66 and Adam Markowski, 25 - were dumped out of a bucket they were working from in 2012. The company's sole shareholder Kevin Hoare, 65, of Fareham was also given a suspended prison sentence.

Campbell died from his injuries while Markowski broke both legs in the fall. The two were working at the company's premises in Ford, West Sussex, and had been lifted in a loader bucket to around nine metres to carry out electrical work when the bucket tipped forward, dropping them onto the concrete yard.

A boom lift was on site but out of service, while an attempt to use a basket on a forklift truck failed because it couldn't reach. The investigation found that health and safety documents and risk assessments had not been updated since 2006, while employees had not received any form of safety training making the documents that did exist redundant. Employees said commenting on unsafe working practices was likely to lose you your job. On one occasion Hoare had been driving a forklift truck with employees in a basket six metres up when it slipped, but no one fell out that time. One witness claimed that Hoare's attitude was "just get on with it, if you don't like it then get out."

In his defence Hoare said that Campbell was in charge at the time of his death and that he had not been on the site. He added that £100,000 has since been spent on improving health and safety. The judge handed down a £65,000 fine plus £25,000 costs along with a £106,000 towards the prosecution's costs. He also gave Hoare a 12 month prison sentence, suspended for 18 months. He added: "While Campbell had taken the unsafe decision to use the digger, his death would not have happened without a culture of unsafety running through this business".



The late Lindsay Campbell



## Who trained them then?

Spotted in San Jose, California, a man using the old fork lift and a stack of eight pallets to carry out work on a sign. They have a further seven pallets ready to add extra height if and when needed.