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The New Haulotte H43TPX will be first seen at Intermat in three weeks time, Cranes & Access obtained the very first photographs of this machine and compare it to the only other straight boom of this size, the JLG 1350SJP.



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How low can you go?



In this month's issue we carry a letter from a manufacturer, the letter concerns an unfortunate accident that we covered on Vertikal.Net in February. The accident involved one of the company's truck-mounted lifts.

While no conclusions have yet been drawn by the authorities investigating the incident, it seems that the operator may have hit an overhead beam, crushing the cage and bending the jib. The two men in the platform fell to the ground; one was severely injured while the other was saved because he landed on his colleague.

Another tragic accident probably caused by operator error and once again the lack of harnesses? The manufacturer immediately sent representatives to help with the investigation. However, the police quarantined the machine in order to conduct their own investigation. The local media picked up the story and it was reported in the local newspaper – not surprising given that one of the men was fighting for his life.

However it is what happened after the accident that rightfully drew the venom of our correspondent. The export manager of a competitive manufacturer took it upon himself to email the local newspaper clipping, adding the name of the manufacturer, to who knows how many buyers of truck-mounted lifts.

What he was thinking or suggesting by this communication one can only begin to imagine. It certainly would not have helped the powered-access industry and is more likely to have backfired on him and his company.

The malicious spreading of bad news never reflects well on those spreading it. When it concerns a serious accident concerning a competitor's product, it is particularly distasteful. We would recommend that those receiving such missives let the sender know, in no uncertain terms, what they think of such a deplorable practice. The leaders of companies where an employee has committed such an act should take serious disciplinary action and apologise to those involved.

We have refrained from naming the individual here, he knows who he is and hopefully so does his employer.

Leigh W Sparrow

The reporting of accidents is a sensitive area at the best of times. The Vertikal press only reports when facts are fully corroborated in an attempt to stop the wide distortions and rumours that can often circulate by word of mouth or via irresponsible emails. Once all the facts are known, sensitive but truthful coverage can help educate users and possibly help save further lives or accidents.

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