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THIS ISSUE WILL INCLUDE FEATURES ON:

VAN AND SMALL TRUCK MOUNTED PLATFORMS

As vehicle supply and long component lead times begin to ease, we look at how manufacturers in the sector are faring and adapting. We also report on key developments and product launches across the van and truck mounted platform spectrum.



CRAWLER CRANES AND HEAVY LIFTING

We take a look at some of the latest developments in the crawler crane market along with new product launches, the move toward electric power, supplier updates and interesting heavy lift applications.

OFFICIAL VERTIKAL DAYS 2023 SHOW GUIDE

Our comprehensive show guide to Vertikal Days 2023 will be the centre point pull-out in this issue. Returning for a third time to the East of England Arena, Peterborough on 10th and 11th May, every exhibitor will be included along with details of products and services on display in this 54 page guide. We have a number of new exhibitors making their debut as well as some returning after gap of a few years. There will be plenty of new products and innovations coming to the show along with wide range of services including used equipment and electronics, software, battery and replacement parts suppliers.



EXHIBITION ROUND-UP The APEX access show moves back to Maastricht on June 6-8 - we'll take a look at what visitors can expect. The IRE show and European Rental Association's annual convention will run alongside.

CONEXPO 2023 REVIEW Conexpo returns as normal having been the last exhibition before the pandemic hit in 2020, Held in Las Vegas as usual Conexpo is North America's biggest equipment exhibition so there there will be plenty to see and learn. We'll bring you a review of the cranes, powered access and telehandler sectors.



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ONLINE FAMILIARISATION AND SAFETY VIDEOS

Multitel Pagliero has published 35 video tutorials on the correct use of its truck mounted platforms - 34 on individual models plus on general one on safety regulations.

The tutorials - available in Italian, English, French or German - can be accessed via a QR code on each model. The tutorials include the correct and safe use of the particular machine, followed by stabiliser set up and stowage, the power take-off, cab functions along with ground and platform controls. In total, each tutorial lasts between six to eight minutes and is supplemented by icons and notes for more complete and detailed information. A separate safety video covers inspection of the work area, the relevant PPE required, the importance of reading and understanding the manual and correct stabiliser/outrigger set up. The company is now working on video tutorials for its spider lift models.



USING A TELEHANDLER AS PLATFORM COSTS £123K

When a member of the public spotted two men working from the bucket of a telehandler on a building site in Littleborough, Manchester, UK, they took photographs and sent them to the Health & Safety Executive.

Inspectors visited the site and issued the contractor Hoyle Developments with a Prohibition Notice for inadequate scaffolding and other issues. Inspectors had visited the site four times in the previous three years finding numerous issues, including unsuitable controls for work at height and had issued multiple Prohibition Notices and Improvement Notices. But last month the Rochdale based company was fined £120,000 plus £3,165.15 in costs.



Not a cheap alternative

WHO TRAINED THEM THEN?

Spotted in the English Midlands, two men working on a conservatory roof for which access is always a challenge. They have used horizontal ladder staging - without guardrails - supported on one side by a ladder fitted with a single ladder jack and on the other - the apex of the conservatory roof - with a substantial cantilever on the other side. The risks are clear.



ELECTROCUTION SURVIVOR EXPLAINS WHAT HAPPENS

Australian farm worker Bradley Richardson is one of the few people to have survived what is a normally a fatal high voltage electric shock. He is now helping train others to avoid his harrowing experience.

In 2018 Richardson was lubricating a scissor lift on a farm near Clare, South Australia, he raised the scissor's platform in order to reach the lubrication points and cycle the lubricant through the pivot pins, but had not noticed, or had overlooked, the high voltage power line overhead until contact was made with it, causing 19,000 volts to run to earth through him. The shock repeated three times over the next few seconds before he was able to break away - or the power supply cut out.

He was rushed to hospital and spent the next seven days in a coma. He lost both legs, suffered organ damage and has undergone more than 20 operations since then. He now uses a wheelchair and prosthetic legs and has experienced a long and painful recovery. After going through a period of deep depression he has started working with Worksafe SA with a campaign to help prevent others from making similar errors.

Speaking of his experience he says: "It blew both my feet totally apart, burnt most of my body - 35 percent of my body had to be skin grafted. It's the most insane heat you'll ever feel. It's horrible. You could smell the hair and the flesh burning off me."

"It doesn't matter how long you've been doing your job. Pay attention every single time. Don't be complacent. Understand that it will hurt. A lot of things in this industry will kill us. We've learned to live with that but we need to live with it, not die from it."

"I didn't want to start doing this until I was ready to and while I was going through such hardcore depression over it. I still have my down days, but now I have more good ones than bad."



Bradley Richardson today