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THIS ISSUE WILL INCLUDE:

TRUCK MOUNTED AND ALUMINIUM CRANES

We will take a look at some of the latest developments in this sector where commercially mounted traditional truck mounted cranes are making a bit of a comeback, while the 'aluminium truck crane' sector continues to grow and spread. If you have news or information to add, we'd love to hear from you.



VERTICAL LIFTS AND MAST BOOMS

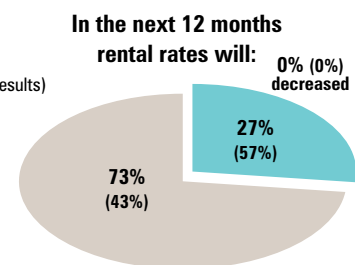
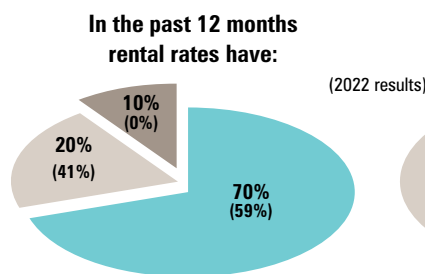
Given the increasingly wide choice of work platforms with a telescopic mast for elevation, we take a look at mast type lifts, which fit between low level work platforms and small slab scissor lifts, along with the latest mast boom developments and new entrants coming into what was a niche market.

THE UK AND IRELAND RENTAL RATE SURVEY FOR 2024 AND PROGNOSIS FOR 2024

After a tough year for many rental companies, the annual C&A survey provides an indication of latest crane, access and telehandler rental rate trends as well gauging the mood of the sector both looking back and into 2025 and how it may influence rental company capital expenditures in the year ahead.

LOOK BACK AT 2024

We take a look back at both the lifting industry and world events in another eventful year!



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NEW CHAIRMAN OF MCWP & HOIST INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Cameron Reid, managing director of Alimak, has been appointed the new chairman of the Mast Climbing Work Platforms (MCWP) & Hoist International Committee succeeding Kevin O'Shea who becomes vice chairman.

The committee aims to promote the safe and effective use of Mast Climbing Work Platforms and Construction Hoists worldwide through technical expertise, guidance, and training to meet industry standards and regulations.

Speaking of his new role, Reid said: "The expansion of safe and effective use of mast climbing work platforms and construction hoists is critical as demand grows worldwide. Our committee is focused on increasing the number of certified instructors and training centres globally. By expanding our reach and resources, we aim to ensure the highest safety standards across the industry and reinforce IPAF's commitment to operational excellence."

His vision as chairman includes enhanced safety through IoT (Internet of Things) based real time monitoring, providing operators with data on factors like safe working loads, wind conditions and equipment status, as well as automatic alerts for untrained operators and overdue maintenance, aiming to reduce accidents. Innovations in materials and modular designs will lead to stronger, lighter and more adaptable machines, improving efficiency and safety on site. Reid also supports a shift towards energy efficient designs and recyclable materials, prioritising sustainability as a key driver for the sector's future.

Emphasising the importance of training, Reid plans to ensure initiatives keep pace with technological advancements and support global standardisation for safer, more efficient operations.

Reid added: "Regular inspections, rigorous maintenance and clear compliance with local and national standards are fundamental for a safer industry. Our committee will actively work to provide guidance and resources that support these standards."

IPAF mast climber and hoist manager Angel Ibanez, added: "With Cameron stepping in as the new chairman, the committee is set to enhance its efforts to truly represent the voice of this industry on a global scale. Cameron's extensive professional experience will undoubtedly enable him to carry on the outstanding work achieved by his predecessor, Kevin O'Shea, while injecting fresh momentum with the full support of the IPAF team."

Cameron Reid



SAFE METHODS OF ISOLATION ON AERIAL WORK PLATFORMS

In collaboration with the UK Health and Safety Executive (HSE), IPAF has developed guidance on the safe methods for isolating platform controls on aerial work platforms. The HSE is currently investigating an incident involving an aerial work platform, which highlighted the fact that isolating controls at height could pose a hazard to platform occupants.

The emergency stop control has been used for as a form of engine stop and isolation for many years, initially on older machines to prevent entrapment and accidental control operation. However, as standards and designs have evolved, this method may no longer be the safest option.

For machines with an 'engine on/off' control at the platform control console, operators should use this to switch off the engine during normal operation, unless the manufacturer advises otherwise. If no such control is available, operators should follow the manufacturer's instructions for isolation.

It is the user's responsibility to select the correct work platform for the task and conduct a suitable risk assessment. The HSE supports this guidance and encourages IPAF to share it with aerial platform users.



ENTRIES OPEN FOR IAPAS 2025

Taking place in Dublin March 13th The International Awards for Powered Access 2025 (IAPAs) are now open for entries and bookings are available for the IPAF Summit.

The IAPAS feature 13 award categories, covering a range of areas including new products, innovations, sustainability, safety, and workplace equality and diversity. Winners will be chosen by an independent judging panel of five industry experts. The award ceremony will follow the IPAF Summit, which will offer presentations, industry discussions and networking opportunities.

IAPA Categories:

- Access Rental Company of the Year
- The Sustainability Award
- The EDI Award
- Contribution to Safe Working at Height
- Innovative Technology Prize

- Digital Development Award

Lifetime Achievement:

- Lifetime Achievement Award

Product of the Year Awards:

- Mast Climbing Work Platforms & Hoists
- Scissor Lifts & Vertical Mast Platforms
- Self-Propelled Booms & Atrium Lifts
- Vehicle and Trailer Mounted Lifts

IPAF Member Companies and Individuals Only:

- IPAF Training Instructor of the Year
- IPAF Training Centre of the Year



(L-R) IPAF President Karel Huijser, Said Shabana of Electroelsa and event host Alexandra Legoix