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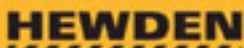
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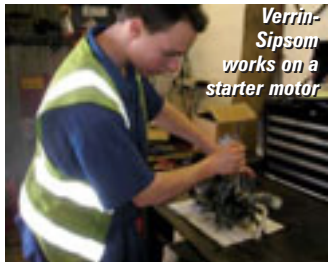


Apprentices progress with rebuilds

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Training

The two A.M.P Access apprentices rebuilding the two Nifty lift HR12, Chris Verrin-Sipsom based in Liskeard and Sam Lee based in Taunton, are on schedule to show their 'like new' rebuilt machines at SED and Access Days in May and Vertical Days in June (See page 53 C&A March). The two have got off to a strong start with the first stages of the job, including the removal of the superstructures, cleaning and removing chassis components, carrying out a detail structural inspection and then checking out which major components can be reused, rebuilt or that need replacing.



Chris Verrin-Sipsom works on a starter motor

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A daunting task lies ahead



Sam Lee pressure washes the chassis



Chris Verrin-Sipsom with his bare chassis

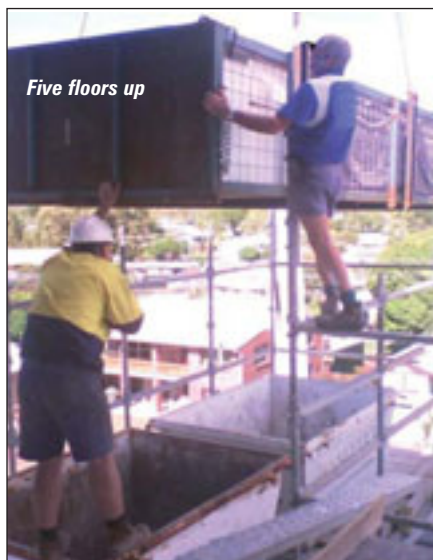
A bucket is not a platform

When three gold mine workers in New Zealand were asked to clean the grease off the boom of an excavator, they were given a front end loader to use as a form of powered access to reach to lowered boom which was around three metres above the ground.

Two of the men climbed into the loaders bucket, while the other operated the loader. When the task was complete, the driver was asked to reverse the loader, as he released the handbrake he inadvertently touched the bucket crowd control tilting the bucket, the loader also rolled forward. One of the men was trapped between the top edge of the bucket and the excavator boom. The victim was left dangling for 10-15 seconds. When the loader did reverse he fell to the ground landing on his feet then falling heavily on his face. He suffered serious face, head and internal injuries.

The New Zealand Department of Labour has published a warning against using equipment such as loaders as a form of access equipment. The cost of this accident will clearly be substantially more than the rental of a fleet of aerial lifts, not to mention the trauma and permanent injuries to the victim.

Who trained these guys?



Five floors up

With this example of poor practice it is hard to know where to begin. The two men are five floors up on a scaffold. They are guiding a 2.5 tonne load into position. One man is standing on the guardrail with no fall protection and a five metre drop to the next scaffold platform down. The other man is standing on the rim of a skip, with one hand on the load and the other is holding his two way radio. An accident waiting to happen?

New training centre for Riwal

Dutch access specialist Riwal has opened a brand new training centre close to its headquarters in Dordrecht, Holland. The new facility is aimed primarily at providing IPAF operator training, but the company also offers a number of other courses, including courses for forklift and telehandler operation.

The facility includes a training room that can accommodate two groups simultaneously, a fully equipped



One of the training room classroom areas



Hans Aarse of IPAF and Jur Kamsteeg of Riwal.

canteen and a good sized high ceiling indoor driving course to allow the practical training and evaluations to take place indoors



Riwal has a special area for practical training with racks

in the case of bad weather. The space includes sections of warehouse racking to simulate loading and unloading routines. Jur Kamsteeg, Riwal's training manager says that the centre is now carrying out up to six courses a week, as demand for the PAL card in Holland continues to grow.

A training course indoor practical session in full flow.

