

Universal

New Spider widens the fleet

The new Falcon Spider FS290 has arrived and is ready to hire. With 29 metres of working height and able to enter through a doorway of 0.8 by 2m, it allows internal applications rarely available. Not only will the spider FS290 set up on uneven ground conditions but can give outreach of 14m with one man operation.

Universal Aerial Platforms now runs the UK's widest range of narrow access equipment for hire or purchase. For more information on the spider and any of our machines call today or visit www.universalplatforms.co.uk

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New mentoring scheme launched

PASMA's commitment to the highest standards in tower training and knowledge has resulted in the introduction of a mentoring scheme designed to ensure that new instructors have the skills and expertise necessary to deliver PASMA training to the required level. With effect from May 2007 candidates will be assigned a lead instructor who will oversee all aspects of their training, offering support and advice at every stage.

Potential instructors will continue to take the four mandatory modules, but will then be required to demonstrate to their personal mentor that they have acquired the information, facts and confidence needed to run a PASMA training course. They will do this by attending and participating in two half-day training courses themselves, and then by conducting a course under the supervision and watchful eye of their mentor.

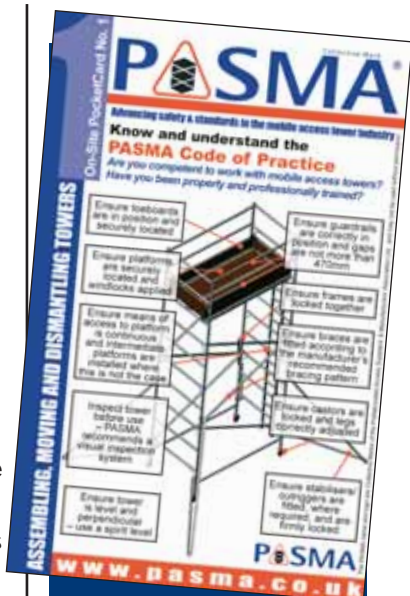
Only when the mentor is entirely satisfied with their competence and knowledge will the new instructor be allowed to deliver PASMA training.

Get mean with the mark!

PASMA is proud of its collective mark which is now prominently displayed alongside its logo. The mark distinguishes the products and services of members of the association, which is the proprietor of the mark, from those of other undertakings.

It is an indication to PASMA's various audiences that these products and services originate from a member of the association and are therefore a sign of membership.

PASMA is determined to protect its collective mark and has signalled that it will not hesitate to take action against any proven infringement. It is in the interests of all PASMA members to report any such infringements to the secretariat.



PASMA PocketCard

A handy, safety-related guide for use on site. The guide is available from the PASMA shop at www.pasma.co.uk

Only Two Ways About It!

Don't forget...there are only two methods currently approved by PASMA in co-operation with the HSE for erecting and dismantling a mobile access tower:

*The 3T Method (Through the Trap)
& The Advance Guardrail Method*



Picture by courtesy of Turner Access

Two new courses

New Manager's and Supervisor's Course

Work has begun on a new course designed specifically for managers and supervisors who have responsibility for overseeing the work of operatives on site. It will cover such things as ensuring that work is properly planned and organised, that those involved in carrying out the work are competent and properly trained, and that towers are correctly inspected and maintained.

Work at Height: the Basics

Now almost complete, this back-to-basics course has been developed for anyone working at height, irrespective of industry sector. No prior knowledge is assumed.

Starting with 'What is work at height?' it goes on to deal with the simple hierarchy for managing and selecting equipment for work at height and addresses such issues as existing places of work, means of access for work at height and personal and collective fall prevention. It makes no recommendations as to specific types of access equipment, other than to point out the factors which must be taken into account when selecting an 'appropriate' method.

PASMA Instructors - Don't miss the PASMA Seminar on Thursday 24 May!
Details at www.pasma.co.uk

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