

CPD seminars run nationwide

As reported in the October issue of *Cranes & Access*, PASMA is running a series of CPD seminars following the publication of its Fall Protection Review, designed to ensure that all PASMA instructors are fully conversant with, and have an in-depth knowledge of, the developments in Advanced Guardrail (AGR) mobile access towers-particularly the latest generation of integral AGR towers.

The seminars, held at different PASMA training centres around the UK, are mandatory and, judging by the comments of instructors so far, extremely useful and informative.

Running from 09.30 to 16.30 each day for a maximum of 12 delegates, the series continues until early next year. More information, and a detailed schedule, from jill.couttie@pasma.co.uk



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PASMA focus

More toolbox talks

PASMA technical manager, Don Aers, has recently completed filming two more Toolbox Talks. The videos, which will be free to view online shortly are entitled:



- Mobile working platforms - low level access;
- Fall protection in mobile access towers.

The talks are part of the association's on-going commitment to providing useful, practical advice and information that can be used on site on a day-to-day basis.

Manufacturing members of PASMA

The following updated list, in alphabetical order, includes all of the manufacturing company members of the association:

Aliscaff Ltd	www.aliscaff.co.uk	Tel. 01279 406270
Alto Tower Systems Ltd	www.alto-towers.co.uk	Tel. 0845 1776644
Aluminium Castings Ltd	www.alcast.co.uk	Tel. 01579 383513
Euro Towers Ltd	www.eurotowers.co.uk	Tel. 0160 4644774
Instant Upright Ltd	www.instantupright.com	Tel. 00 353 16209300
Layher Ltd	www.layher.co.uk	Tel. 01462 475100
Lyte Industries (Wales) Ltd	www.lyteladders.co.uk	Tel. 01792 796666
Pop up Products Ltd	www.popupproducts.co.uk	Tel. 01244 833933
Towers & Sanders Ltd	www.scaffoldtowersales.co.uk	Tel: 0845 257 5991
Turner Access Ltd	www.turner-access.co.uk	Tel: 0141 309 5555
Youngman Group Ltd	www.youngmangroup.com	Tel: 01621 745900
Zarges (UK) Ltd	www.zargesuk.co.uk	Tel: 01908 641118

Practice makes perfect

This latest version of the PASMA Operator's Code of Practice is in full colour and includes the most recent legislation and guidance. In addition to its function as a stand alone document for users, their supervisors and managers, plus health and safety professionals, it is also intended to supplement PASMA approved training courses by serving as a reminder of the good practices that delegates have learnt during training.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

There are five questions that the association gets asked more than any others by far, they are:

- Q What is the safe working load of a tower?
A You must check with the manufacturer or supplier of the tower.
- Q Do I need an instruction manual to assemble, dismantle or move a tower?
A Yes, you must be in possession of the manufacturer's instruction manual before assembling the tower.
- Q What is the maximum height an alloy tower can be built to?
A Again, you must consult the manufacturer's instruction manual.
- Q I have successfully completed the Towers for Users course. Can I therefore assemble low level access towers?
A You must complete a separate course in order to be qualified to assemble low level access towers.
- Q How do I find my nearest PASMA training centre?
A Simply visit the PASMA website www.pasma.co.uk

News in brief

Training: New courses due for imminent release include 'Towers on Stairs' and 'Towers for Managers'. Work also continues on the cantilever and bridging courses.

2012 Tower Supplement: The publication of a second tower supplement in collaboration with Vertical Press and Cranes & Access is planned for early next year. Members wishing to submit images or subject matter for consideration for inclusion should send them to jill.couttie@pasma.co.uk

2012 PASMA Tower Week:

Early bird information about next year's inaugural Tower Week will shortly be posted on the association's website.

Access Industry Forum (AIF):

The Forum is already in discussions with United Business Media (UBM) about its presence at next year's IOSH Conference in Manchester and Safety & Health Expo in Birmingham.



The AIF stand at this year's Safety & Health Expo