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GOING UP IN THE WORLD

A history of Simon Engineering, the development of the powered access industry and a lifetime as an engineer, by Denis Ashworth

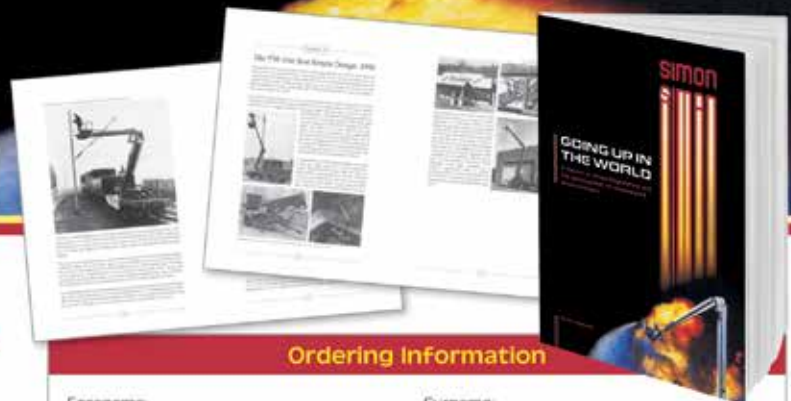
Ashworth was a keen engineer and from an early age found himself in at the very start of the modern powered access industry.

His book is an unusual combination of autobiography and history of Simon Engineering Dudley, a pioneer of the powered access industry and at one time, the world's largest manufacturer of aerial lifts.

The coffee table sized book, is highly readable and includes around 150 photographs and drawings from the very beginning of the industry. It is a 'must read' for anyone who is interested in powered access, the hydraulic equipment industry or in comparing modern day engineering challenges with those of an entirely different era.

The book is available direct from the publishers at £19.50, plus £4.50 postage and packing.

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Access the inaccessible

PASMA's Hire & Assembly membership category includes companies that provide rental, consultation, specification, design, assembly and dismantling services for advanced mobile access tower builds.

The flexibility of configuration, strength - combined with lightness, and speed of assembly and dismantling - mean that these towers are the ideal solution for accessing height in a variety of more challenging and demanding situations.

All Hire & Assembly members employ trained specialists who have successfully completed the PASMA Towers for Professional Riggers Course, a five day intensive course incorporating daily examinations and practical assessments. Completing the course ensures that



the riggers undertaking the work have the experience and expertise necessary to build large, complex and advanced towers to agreed specifications.

These members also stock components that conform to industry standards EN1004 and BS1139-6, so that their customers know that they are working with safe, compliant equipment. For more details of PASMA Hire & Assembly members visit www.pasma.co.uk

AIF National Conference 2019: Access for Life

Held every three years, the national conference of the Access Industry Forum (AIF), the alliance of the 11 principal trade associations and federations involved in work at height, will take place on Thursday, 14th November, at the AJ Bell Stadium in Manchester. Focusing on the future of working at height, Access for Life will bring together a diverse line up of expert speakers to address the issues and topics set to shape the future height safety agenda. They include representatives from the HSE, RoSPA, the Health & Safety Lawyers' Association, the Office of Product Safety and Standards and the All Party Parliamentary Group for Working at Height (APPG).

The conference is aimed at anyone with responsibility for setting, implementing or advising on height safety, or directing and managing work at height on a day to day basis. From company directors and managers to health and safety professionals - across a wide range of industry sectors - the Forum says this conference has something for everyone. To register your interest and receive 'early bird' details, email info@accessindustryforum.org.uk

The Forum comprises:

ATLAS, BSIF, EPF, FASET, IPAF, IRATA, Ladder Association, NASC, PASMA, SAEMA and WAHSA.



Knowledge Exchange

This year's Health & Safety Event will be at the NEC, Birmingham, from the 9th to the 11th of April and will incorporate the Knowledge Exchange Theatre in which panels of experts take part in interactive question and answer sessions with the audience on a wide range of pertinent health and safety topics.

PASMA will be represented in the Working at Height & Preventing Falls sessions on all three days. The times are as follows:

Tuesday, 9 April: 11.00 - 11.30

Wednesday, 10 April: 13.45 - 14.15

Thursday, 11 April: 13.45 - 14.15

PASMA Mobile App

Free to download, the PASMA Mobile App provides a huge range of practical information that can be used on a day to day basis to support safety, enhance competency, and speed and simplify the whole process of information gathering. The App provides:

- Access to manufacturers' instruction manuals.
- The opportunity to check for information in the PASMA Code of Practice.
- An easy and fast route to finding PASMA training centres and rental companies.
- Access to the latest tower news and developments.
- The ability to upload tower images.



The App delivers the help users need - instantly, on-site at the touch of a screen.

Diary dates

As part of the Access Industry Forum, PASMA will also exhibit at the following events in 2019:

- The London Work at Height Seminar, The Guildhall, 12th July.
- Health & Safety North, Event City, Manchester, 8th to the 9th October.
- The AIF National Conference, AJ Bell Stadium, Manchester, 14th November.



Making Safety Work

The 2018 Annual Review is still available for download from the PASMA website. The 24 page document reports on all aspects of the association's work and includes a full list of PASMA members.



For more information about the Access Industry Forum (AIF) and the No Falls Foundation charity for working at height, please visit www.accessindustryforum.org.uk and www.nofallsfoundation.org