

# Working Platforms for Tracked Plant

The new, *Working Platforms for Tracked Plant*, guide covers the design, construction and maintenance of platforms from which to operate tracked plant such as crawler cranes and piling rigs. The book has been instigated by the Federation of Piling Specialists in an attempt to help reduce the number of accidents caused by the overturning of cranes and piling rigs due to a poor working platforms and highlights safe practices, while helping reduce unnecessary or excessive expenditure.

With 47 pages including appendices, the guide is concise and easy to read (for a technical publication) and covers all aspects from site investigation to design, construction, maintenance and inspection. It also includes design calculations along with completed

examples from different subgrades. It presents the subject in a format that will prove useful to crane hire companies, safety officers and site managers, as well as consulting engineers and designers.

The book has been produced and monitored by a steering group representing several major contractors and foundation



specialists and has been supported by manufacturers such as Liebherr, Cassgrande and Bauer. It provides an excellent reference work for anyone involved with using or providing heavy tracked

equipment for work on new or disturbed ground.

The guide costs £35 and is available from BRE bookshop, Watford WD25 9XX. A £9 discount is available for FPS members.

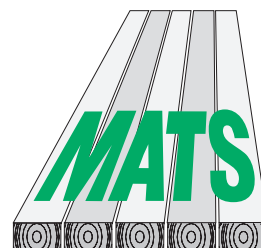
## Crane Hire - The Plimsoll Portfolio Analysis

Plimsoll Publishing recently produced the fourth edition of its report into the UK's Crane Hire industry, '*Crane Hire - The Plimsoll Portfolio Analysis*'. This is a work of considerable length and detail, which attempts to give an overview of the health of the industry in an easy-to-understand format. It also presents company specific data using the Plimsoll chart - an assessment measure which analyses and weights sales growth, trading stability, profitability, working capital, gearing and liquidity.

'*Crane Hire - The Plimsoll Portfolio Analysis*' serves as a health check of the UK crane hire industry and detailed statistical analysis, is based on 37 companies, and is professional in providing a general picture. However, the lack of meaningful and accurate information on so many companies leaves big gaps in the report, which may disappoint a potential reader looking for the low-down on a particular business or trying to determine the future of the industry. If you want a high level snapshot, this report does its job, but you will have to dig much deeper to get the full picture.

The report is available from Plimsoll publishing 01642 626400.

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