

World wide webbing

A new on-line store has been launched offering the sale of a wide range of lifting slings to the lifting and access industries. www.lifting-slings.com offers a range of slings with capacities up to six tonnes, which have been colour coded for easy buyer and user identification. All products are CE marked and comply with BSEN1492-1:2000 (duplex), or BSEN1493-2:2000 (round) and come with a certificate of conformity.

Products include, duplex webbing slings, seamless round slings, ratchet load restraints and manual chain hoists, and following the placement of an order, are despatched for next working day delivery to most of mainland UK. Slings for lifting applications outside the stock range can be made to order.



JD Neuhaus claims that it has increased the performance of its Profi Ti air hoists by up to 50 per cent overall, with higher efficiency and reliability for end-users. The latest hoists offer capacities from 3.2 to 16 tonnes and lift heights up to three metres and have been designed without protruding control hoses and other components, which could otherwise be damaged when used for vertical lifting.



A patented motor lubrication system provides a continuous supply of grease during motor operation for minimum servicing and maintenance, while all hoists have been designed for 100 per cent duty rating. *Pictured is the Profi 6Ti version.*

Smooth as silk

Quadrant Engineering Plastic Products from Belgium is targeting heavy equipment producers with the launch of its new non-stick lubrication material. The company says that it developed its Nylatron 703 XL nylon product in answer to the growing demand from producers for a lubrication-free material that minimises or even eliminates 'stick-slip' influences, such as those caused, for example, by a crane's sliding linear boom movements.

The company says that in addition to low coefficients of friction, which are consistent at virtually every point over its useful range, the material offers a combination of high-strength and stiffness, as well as high wear-resistance. Of particular benefit to material handling equipment producers, however, is Nylatron's zero 'stick-slip' during initial and continuous movements. Italy-based loader crane producer, Fassi, represents the first commercial use of Nylatron 703 XL.

Mini monitor

UK firm, FOLLOWiT UK, has developed what it claims is the smallest GPS locator device on the market for the protection of assets such as plant machinery. Approximately the size of a matchbox, the Followit locator is a powerful security device which issues either a text alarm or alarm to a dedicated telephone number should the machine be moved without permission.



The device can also be used in conjunction with a web-based mapping and reporting solution, which provides a 'live tracking' function, the current location of the vehicle, a closest post code function, historical reports and recognition should the vehicle enter congestion charge zones. The compact device is battery operated and fits into a waterproof magnetic pouch that can be easily hidden on a machine.

The basic locator unit also provides an array of practical functions, such as the ignition status of the vehicle, its current location, regular interval requests, speed and direction, over speed notification, exceeded specified boundary notification, a panic alarm and a voice communication function with the vehicle (one way).



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