

2,500T CRAWLER CRANE FOR MAMMOET

Dutch international crane and heavy lift company Mammoet has taken delivery of its first 2,500 tonne Liebherr LR 12500-1.0 crawler crane. The crane was announced in 2022 with the first unit delivered to Sarens last April. It boasts a variety of boom, jib and counterweight configurations, including the heavy-duty wide 'High Performance' Boom which has a maximum length of 120 metres and can be extended to 156 metres by adding luffing jib sections on top. A 162 metre main boom configuration is also possible. The maximum tip height of around 210 metres is achieved with 100 metres of main boom and a 108 metre luffing jib. The massive crane has a working width of 14.9 metres, while the tracks are 18.55 metres long and 3.18 metres high.

The crane's derrick boom and suspended ballast pallet come from the 3,000 tonne LR 13000 as do most of the counterweight slabs. It also adopts the LR 13000's B0 version allowing it to operate without derrick ballast. The variable suspended ballast radius is infinitely adjusted by the crane management system. Power is supplied by two Liebherr six cylinder diesels with a redundant design, in order to ensure availability in the case of a breakdown or servicing.



TWO NEW GROVE RT CRANES

Grove has unveiled two new Rough Terrain cranes - the 65 tonne GRT765 and 80 tonne GRT780. Due to be launched later this year, the GRT765 will replace the RT765E-2 while the GRT780 replaces the RT770E and the GRT880.

The **GRT765** features a four section 38.5 metre full power main boom compared to 33 metres on the current model, topped by a 10.1 to 17.1 metre bi-fold swingaway extension which can be offset by up to 45 degrees for a maximum tip height of 58.5 metres. The crane has 6.9 tonnes of counterweight with optional hydraulic removal system. Total weight is 42.4 tonnes, while the overall width is three metres. The cab on both models is 76mm wider than its predecessors, with 20 degrees of tilt, an increased glazed area and a three camera system for improved all round visibility. Operations are managed via a 12 inch touchscreen CCS display, common to all new Manitowoc group cranes.

The **GRT780** will feature a 47.3 metre five section full power boom and offers the same 10.1 to 17.1 metre swingaway as the GRT765 for a maximum tip height of 67 metres. The standard counterweight is just under eight tonnes, which can be increased to 9.3 tonnes for additional capacity in the stability area of the chart. The crane's total weight is 45.1 tonnes or 46.5 tonnes with the larger counterweight. The overall width is three metres.

Both cranes are fitted with the same winch/hoist, offering a single line pull of 7,800kg for fast cycle lifting and set up and feature the Grove MAXbase variable outrigger system, monitoring and automatic load chart calculation. They are also the first Grove RTs to offer the Grove Connect telematics and fleet management system.



NEW 66T ELECTRIC RT SCISSOR

Chinese manufacturer XCMG has announced an electric version of its new 66t XG2225RT Rough Terrain scissor lift, the XG2225ERT. The new models have working heights of 22 metres, with a maximum platform capacity of 750kg on both the main platform and the 2.7 metre long roll out deck extension. When the extension is fully deployed the 4.59 metre by 2.25 metre retracted platform converts to a massive 7.29 metre long deck. Drive is possible with platform heights of up to 18 metres/20 metre working height.

The overall length when stowed is 4.95 metres with an overall width of 2.46 metres and an overall height of 3.86 metres or three metres with guardrails folded. Overall weight is just under 14,400kg. As with the diesel powered model, the unit has four wheel drive and steer, and auto levelling jacks as standard. The unit is powered by a 48 volt 630AH lithium ion battery pack.

The first units of both the electric and diesel models are due to start shipping in late August and should be available for delivery in Europe in early October.

Working height	22m
Platform capacity	750kg
Platform retracted	4.59m x 2.25m
Platform extended	7.29m x 2.25m
Overall width	2.46m
Overall length	5.59m
Overall height stowed	3.86m
Overall height G-rails folded	3.0m
Total weight	14,389kg



JCB NEW 360 TELES

JCB has unveiled the first models in a new series of 360 degree telehandlers - the 26 metre/5,800kg 558-260R PRO and the 21 metre 558-210R PRO. They replace the company's 555 series launched in June 2019, its first entrance into the 360 degree market. The new machines feature more capacity, new styling and improved cab comfort.

Power comes from a Stage V JCB Dieselmex diesel driving a Bosch Rexroth two speed hydrostatic transmission for a top road speed of 40kph.

As in the original models the machines feature individually configurable X-type outriggers with one touch set-up and stowage and eight degrees of chassis levelling either side of horizontal. Total weights are similar to the units they replace at 17,960kg and 19,400kg respectively. The new cab includes a heated air suspension seat, standard air conditioning and an upgraded display screen, as well as a 'Safety Pack' with side and rear cameras and a white noise reversing alarm.

The units come with a 'Clearview' carriage with Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) attachment recognition for easy attachment changes. Attachments include standard forks, a 5.5 tonne winch, a 5,500kg carriage mounted hook and a 2,000kg capacity two metre jib with winch. A 2.4 x 4.4 metre integrated work platform with 1,000kg platform capacity is also available with a four metre extension reducing the platform capacity to 400kg. A wide range of buckets and a fork rotator can also be specified.



MANTALL TELESCOPIC BOOMS GO ELECTRIC

Chinese aerial lift manufacturer Mantall has introduced battery powered versions of its new mid to top end telescopic boom lifts - the 66ft HT220JE, the 87ft HT285JE and 107ft HT350JE. Only basic specifications are currently available, however the HT285JE has a rising pivot point, three section boom and articulating jib, while the HT220JE is a straight telescopic with jib. The HT220JE is available with four wheel drive, while the larger units appear to be two wheel drive only. All three have two wheel steer.

The 66ft model comes with a lead acid battery pack as standard with a lithium battery option, while the two larger machines have 80 volt/460AH lithium battery packs as standard. Diesel 4x4 equivalents of the two larger machines are available.

The basic specifications

	HT220JE	HT285JE	HT350JE
Working height	22m	28.5m	34.5m
Max outreach	14.65m	21.6m	19m
Maximum platform capacity	300kg	454kg	454kg
Outreach with max cap	14.05m	21.0m	18.4m
Unrestricted capacity	230kg	300kg	300kg
O/A Width	2.75m	2.8m	2.49m
O/A Length	11.1m	12.05m	15.3/13.1m*
O/A Height	2.75m	2.8m	3.0m
Total weight lead acid	11,500kg	N/A	N/A
Total weight lithium	11,000kg	18,350kg	19,500kg

*jib tucked under



SWEDISH HOIST INVESTIGATION REPORT

The Swedish Work environment agency - Arbetsmiljöverket - has issued a final report on the fatal hoist incident in Sundbyberg, Stockholm, Sweden last December in which five people lost their lives.

It states that the hoist was originally installed on the 24th of August and inspected by an accredited inspector. As the project continued, the mast was extended, first in November and then again on December 5th, in order to allow the hoist to reach the ninth floor.

Its investigation found that five bolts and nuts that hold the mast sections together were missing and most critically all four bolts were missing between two of the sections, without them the push joints were simply not strong enough to support the forces applied when the 2.5 tonne loaded hoist car went above the unbolted section.

It seems that when the height was extended on December 5th, a tower crane lifted a run of three pre-assembled mast sections into place at a time, and that the installation crew only checked the connection between the added sections and the existing mast, and failed to spot the missing bolts between the sections above.

The investigation report said: "The accident occurred when the load on the mast, where the four nut and bolt assemblies were missing, became greater than the structure could hold, leading to the mast sections separating and the hoist car falling to the ground. The accident was therefore caused by failure to perform relevant safety inspections on the mast and thus not picking up the missing bolts."

The report recommends that an investigation be launched into how safety measures applied in the hoist assembly process can be improved, while also looking at how risks involving construction hoists are managed.



HIAB HI-EFFICIENCY CRANES

Loader crane manufacturer Hiab has launched the eX.Hipro series - a new range of energy efficient, medium duty loader cranes. The four model range includes the eX.Hipro 142, 162, 192 and 232.

Hiab says the cranes are designed for maximum energy efficiency, productivity and ease of use while minimising environmental impact. They are 'Electric Vehicle ready' and offer up to 30 percent energy savings due to a new pressure compensated, load sensing hydraulic system optimised for high oil flow.

While the eX.Hipro cranes are readily compatible with electric vehicles, if they are installed on a diesel chassis they feature engine controls with Dynamic RPM and Automatic Start/Stop functionality for further energy savings. Other features include Hiab's SpaceEvo intelligent control system combined with an Olsbergs V200 valve for simultaneous multi-function operation, as well as a two year standard warranty and a five year warranty on structural components.



The eX.Hipro 162



eX.Hipro 192

Model	Capacity @	Outreach	Tip height
eX.Hipro 142	3,900kg@3.5m	8.0m	10.8m
eX.Hipro 162	4,450kg@3.5m	8.2m	11.2m
eX.Hipro 192	5,600kg@3.1m	12.8m	11.0m
eX.Hipro 232	5,400kg@3.5m	17.4m	19.5m

190FT SINOBOOM

One of the first 190ft Sinoboom TB58RJ Plus telescopic boom lifts to be shipped has landed in Australia. The TB58RJ Plus - announced last year in China - has a five section telescopic boom, topped by a two section eight metre telescopic jib with 120 degrees of articulation, providing a working height of 59.9 metres with a maximum platform capacity of 454kg. The maximum outreach is 24.4 metres with the unrestricted capacity of 300kg or 20.1 metres with the maximum 454kg.



The new machine has an overall width of 2.49 metres when stowed or just over five metres when extended. The overall length is just over 20 metres with the jib out or 14.6 metres with it tucked under, while the stowed height remains at 3.1 metres. The 360 degrees non-continuous slew is surprising for a machine of this size while the overall weight is 27,600kg. Power comes from a Yuchai/China Stage 4 diesel and four wheel drive, four wheel steer, a seven inch display screen and secondary guarding are all standard.

HAULOTTE'S MYCOMPANION

French aerial lift manufacturer Haulotte has launched its 'MyCompanion' programme. By scanning a unique QR code on a sticker or decal on the machine, operators, service engineers or other interested parties can instantly access a wide range of information such as maintenance manuals, spare parts catalogues, machine documentation, operator manuals, visual inspection checklists, weather forecasts and control overview videos.

Marine Fargeton of Haulotte said: "This is not an app you download, you simply scan the QR code and immediately access a website optimised for mobile browsing. It's easier and quicker than an app."

MyCompanion QR codes - unique to each machine - are now available from Haulotte.



Scanning the code on the side of a machine

HOEFLON UK

Dutch spider crane manufacturer Hoeflon has appointed Crowland Cranes as its UK distributor, trading as Hoeflon UK-Crowland.

The company will be responsible for new crane sales as well as replacement parts and technical service for all Hoeflon cranes in the UK. The move follows the split with its previous distributor Foster Cranes in February. Andy Cahill has also returned to Crowland Cranes as sales manager having left Foster Cranes after its split with Hoeflon.



Peter Issit (R), owner of Crowland and Gert van Hoef, owner of Hoeflon sign the agreement

ZOOMLION TEAMS UP WITH PB

Chinese manufacturer Zoomlion and German big scissor lift manufacturer PB have announced a long-term partnership to develop sales of Zoomlion aerial work platforms across the German speaking region.

The agreement will kick off with an initial inventory of new machines in Germany of several hundred units in order to offer short delivery times. The agreement will officially launch at Platformers Days in September where the two companies will have a joint stand.

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IPAF GLOBAL SAFETY REPORT

IPAF has released its 2023 Global Safety Report in a digital format. The report examines the primary causes of major injuries and fatalities while using various forms of powered access, including aerial work platforms, mastclimbers and construction hoists.

While they are among the very safest working at height equipment, safety still depends on properly trained staff, an awareness of what is safe and what is not, as well as properly maintained equipment and effective management and supervision.

IPAF members - including manufacturers, rental companies, distributors, contractors and users - are encouraged to use the IPAF online accident reporting platform to help the association identify emerging safety trends and challenges. By analysing the data IPAF can take steps to help improve problem areas.

C&A opinion: This latest report is truly an excellent and useful piece of work. The well laid out and useful document and data is readily available to anyone who takes the time/bothers to go on line and download it - Non members included.



TADANO DELIVERS FIRST BATTERY RT

Tadano has delivered its very first 25 tonne all-electric Revolt eGR-250N Rough Terrain crane to Japanese major contractor Taihei Dengyo for work in the construction of a new power station in Himeji - between Okayama and Osaka in Japan - over the next two years.



The company, which aims to be as sustainable as possible, has sign written the message 'World's First Full Electric Crane' on the back of the counterweight.

VERSALIFT MERGES EUROPEAN OPERATIONS

Time Manufacturing has merged its Versalift European sales and support organisations - Versalift UK, Versalift Ireland, Versalift Denmark, Versalift Sweden and Versalift Norway - into a single entity, Versalift Europe. Versalift France now comes under the wing of France Elévateur/Movex, while its other company Ruthmann is unchanged by the move.

As part of the change the company has appointed Martin Lybæk Christiansen as managing director, who has carried out a similar role for Versalift Denmark since June 2022, having joined Versalift as chief financial officer in January 2018.



Martin Lybæk Christiansen



(L-R) Uwe Strotman of Ruthmann, Roman Rariy of Time Manufacturing, Martin Lybæk Christiansen of Versalift Europe and Charles Goffin of France Elévateur

SINOBOOM TO BUILD IN EUROPE FOR EUROPE

Sinoboom is making plans to start building European boom and scissor lifts at its plant in Poznan, Poland and over the next 12 to 18 months will convert from its current dedication of producing ANSI models for the USA to building all of its models destined for sale in Europe. Visually this will see it switch from building all red machines for North America to blue machines for Europe.

The plant has an ultimate capacity of around 10,000 units a year depending on the product mix and the current tooling and processes. Production of the North American machines will be moved to a new plant being built in Mexico. Over the past two years or so the facility has been building a local supply chain and is now approaching 70 percent non Chinese content in value terms. This includes pumps and control units from Germany, valves, electric motors and other hydraulic components from Italy, fabrications, wiring and hoses from Poland, while scissor stacks and telescopic boom counterweights come from India.

The catalyst for building US machines at the plant in Poznan was brought about by the imposition of US import tariffs and now the upcoming threat of high tariffs from the European commission. However, Sinoboom says that it fits with its ambition to build machines local to where they are to be sold and used.

The official launch will take place at Bauma next year with most, if not all of the machines on display being European built.

Cranes & Access visited the plant earlier this month and will provide a detailed overview in the next issue.



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WOLFFKRAN TAKES OVER IN NORWAY

WOLFFKRAN

Wolffkran has acquired all of the equity in its Norwegian crane sales & rental joint venture, Wolffkran Norge. The business was set up in November 2021 as a 50/50 venture with Mikkelsen, based at a yard shared with Mikkelsen's crane business, Bluecrane. After a successful startup Wolffkran Norge has been loss making apparently due to current market conditions, a factor which triggered the two partners' mutual decision for Wolffkran to take over the business.

The company will continue to be led by managing director Frank Kvam together with chairman Sven Jung, while the Mikkelsen directors will step down with their places taken by Wolffkran group chief executive Duncan Salt and managing director of Wolffkran Germany, Andreas Kahl.

COKE CRANE

Three men were arrested after 3,000kg of cocaine was discovered hidden in an All Terrain crane arriving at the port of Moerdijk in the Netherlands last month. The five axle crane was imported from South America in late June.

The Zeeland-West-Brabant Seaport Police had been investigating a company in the Moerdijk port that imports heavy equipment from South America and decided to inspect the crane, finding the stash with a street value of around €220 million. Those arrested included a 64 year old from Oosterhout, a 43 year old from Westmaas and a 32 year old from Cambodia. One is the company owner that imported the crane.



The crane with the seized cocaine in front



IS ADBLUE AFFECTING RELIABILITY?

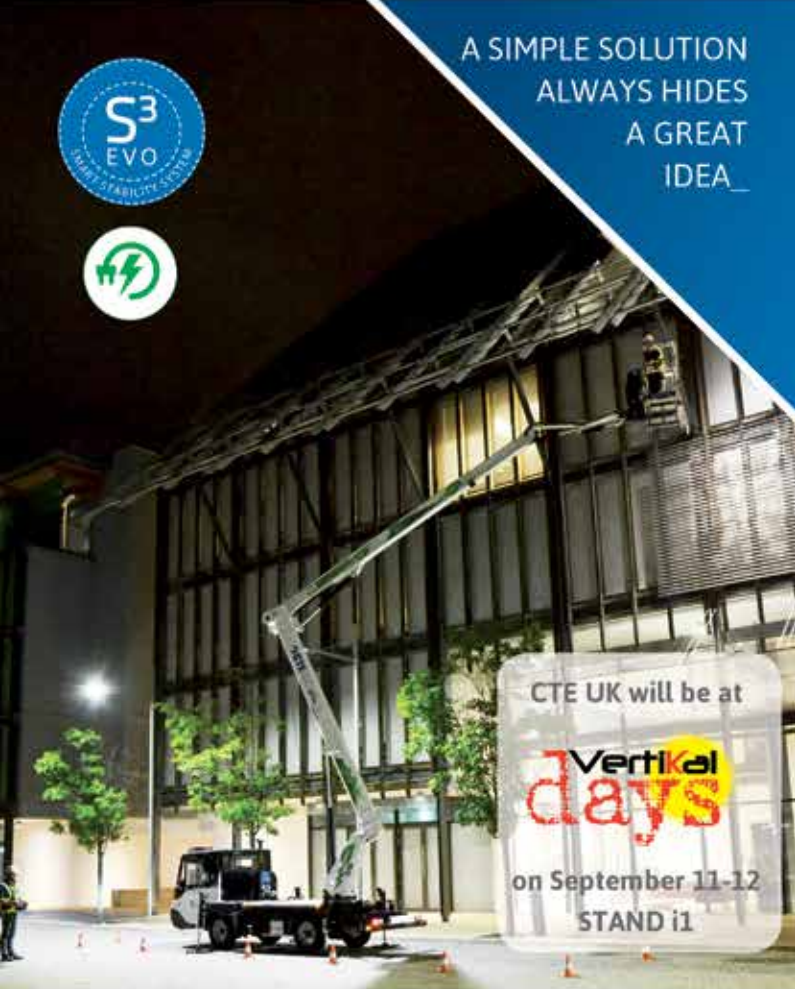
ESTA, the European Association of Abnormal Road Transport and Mobile Cranes, is urging members and other crane owners to report any problems with the AdBlue additive in their diesel-powered equipment, such as cranes and SPMT transporters. AdBlue - a mixture of water and urea - reduces nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions through Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR). Some crane rental companies have reported more than a 30 percent increase in on-road breakdowns which they attribute to AdBlue usage.

ESTA director Ton Klijn added: "As a first step, we are gathering information, and we will then consult with the members of the European Regulations Workgroup and decide on the next steps."



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FINANCIALS ROUND-UP

Tadano - Vestas partnership

Tadano has signed a global collaboration deal with Danish wind turbine manufacturer Vestas to develop nacelle cranes for its 15MW V236-15 offshore turbines. The turbine has 115.5 metre blades and are designed to generate power at wind speeds from three to 31 metres a second. The specifications for the cranes have not been disclosed, with no indication on whether a design has even been agreed yet. A formal signing ceremony was held at the Danish Embassy in Shibuya, Tokyo, attended by Vestas head of procurement Raphael Huot and Tadano chief executive Toshiaki Ujiie.



Another acquisition for Herc

US based Herc Rentals has acquired Durante Rentals of New York. Durante was established by John Durante and Christopher Jones in 2009 and offers a range of equipment including aerial work platforms and telehandlers. It has expanded rapidly over the past 15 years through organic growth and acquisitions. Durante operates from five locations in New York, including the HQ in New Rochelle, one in New Jersey and four locations in Delaware that trade under the Iron Source branding, which Durante acquired last May.



Mollo acquires in Brescia

Italian rental company Mollo Noleggio has acquired Brescia based aerial lift rental company Albatros which trades as Albatros Piattaforme. Founded in 2003, Albatros runs a wide range of equipment including booms, scissor lifts, spider lifts, truck mounted lifts, spider cranes and light duty truck cranes from its location in Poncarale on the south side of Brescia. The acquisition takes the number of Mollo locations to 60.



Flat half for Alimak

Swedish international hoist and mastclimber group Alimak has reported a flat first half, both in sales and order intake. Total revenues for the six months to the end of June were SK3.54 billion (€304.8 million) up 0.4 percent on the same period last year, which was a record first half. Order intake declined 3.7 percent to SK3.52 billion (€302.9 million). Pre-tax profits came in at SK364 million (€31.3 million) six percent higher than last year.



Venpa takes Locatop

Italian rental company Venpa, the main element of the GV3 group, has acquired Bologna based sales and rental company LocaTop. Founded in 2004 by Carlo Cazzola, LocaTop runs a fleet of 1,600 units including aerial work platforms and mobile cranes from 16 locations in Emilia-Romagna and Lombardy with more than 100 employees. Revenues last year were €25 million with an EBITDA of €10 million.

Venpa which includes nine other companies: Torinoleggi, Tecnoalt, Elevateur, Sichel, MinoEge, Rental Sud, Nolotecnica, Vlog and Audax Doo, has a combined fleet of more than 4,000 machines and 35 branches in Italy and three in Croatia. It has around 300 employees and generated revenues last year of €71 million with an EBITDA of around €25 million.



United closes Oz deal

US based United Rentals has completed its acquisition of Orange Hire - one of the largest regional earthmoving and traffic control rental companies on the east coast of Australia. It agreed the deal in mid May with the shareholders of owner Arcadia Capital - Leigh Oliver and Sam Walker - which have owned it since December 2020.

The existing Orange Hire management team will stay on board with no immediate operational changes planned.

Advanced moves into Swindon

UK rental company Advanced Access Platforms has acquired Swindon based Tiger Plant from owners Stuart Morgan and Andrew Rohrer in an all-cash purchase deal. Founded in 2016, the company is a general rental company with a fleet of around 140 units including telehandlers up to 17 metres, forklifts, a few booms and scissor lifts, along with excavators, rollers and dumpers.

The deal takes the Advanced Access operational and training locations to seven, across Southern England and the South Midlands. Tiger Plant will continue to operate as a standalone entity with its own management team, including managing director Shane Sherbourne - who joins the company following a year in a similar role with McGovern Plant Hire - and operations manager Tom Green who has been with Tiger for more than two years.



Montana acquisition for REIC

REIC (Rental Equipment Investment Corp) has acquired Bigfork Rentals of Bigfork, Montana from owners Steve & Annie Ricci. Big Foot runs a wide ranging fleet that includes aerial work platforms, telehandlers and forklifts as well as tools and general equipment covering the Flathead and Lake County markets north west of Butte, Montana. This is REIC's 21st acquisition since Kevin Fitzgerald set it up in 2014 and the ninth since the ownership was transferred to Kinderhook Industries in 2022.

REIC is based in Kalispell, Montana, with 'group' companies running aerial lifts, telehandlers, earthmoving equipment, generators, compressors and other small equipment with a specialist HVAC division. It now operates from 54 locations - 48 in the US and six in Canada.



SkyHigh acquires Holland Lift parts

Tjaco Sussenbach and his company SkyHigh has acquired the replacement parts inventory held by scissor lift manufacturer Holland Lift, which closed its doors last summer. The residual inventory - 150 pallet loads of parts and components with a sales value of around €1.5 million - includes fabrications, hydraulic cylinders, gear hubs and PLCs etc.

EMBARGO TRIAL SUSPENSION

In the UK crane rental companies have been facing increased road travel challenges due to overzealous enforcement of movement time restrictions. The Gwent Police in South Wales has now lifted travel embargoes for a three month trial period for cranes with a Gross Vehicle Weight of 80 tonnes or under. The Police will monitor the traffic impact during this period and based on the results, restrictions may be dropped permanently and the areas covered expanded.

The trial has some strict conditions:

It only applies to cranes with specially designed permanent chassis built purely for lifting operations ie regular All Terrains. Truck mounts are excluded but they are generally not covered by the embargo anyway. They must not have an overall width of more than three metres and the overall length must be less than 26 metres.

The trial is subject to regular reviews over the three months and crane owners must comply with any additional embargo rules. To join the trial companies must submit their company name, transport manager's name and contact information to George.john@Gwent.police.uk

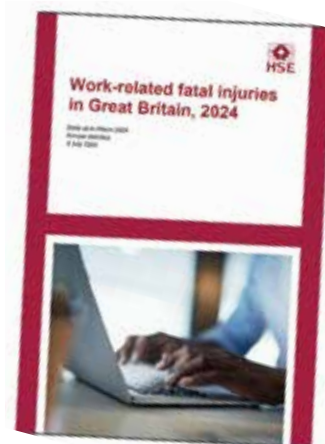


UK JUMP IN FATAL FALLS

The UK's Health and Safety Executive has published the latest statistics on the number of fatalities at work, which show a 22 percent rise in fatal falls from height. In total, 50 people lost their lives in the UK last year compared to 41 the previous year. The last time fatal falls were at a similarly high level was in 2007/08, while this year's statistic are 35 percent above the yearly average.

The greatest increase - 44 percent - was among the self-employed, rising from 18 deaths last year to 26 this year, exceeding the number of fatalities for employees for the first time.

Due to the poor quality of accident reporting the Access Industry Forum has been unable to determine if the increase is due to faulty equipment, a lack of training or negligence. It has called for a simplified reporting system to accurately identify the causes of fatal workplace accidents.



IPAF'S FIRST PRESIDENT DIES

John Barker, the Founding President of the International Powered Access Federation and former managing director of Simon Access, passed away earlier this month, he was 88. See page 73.



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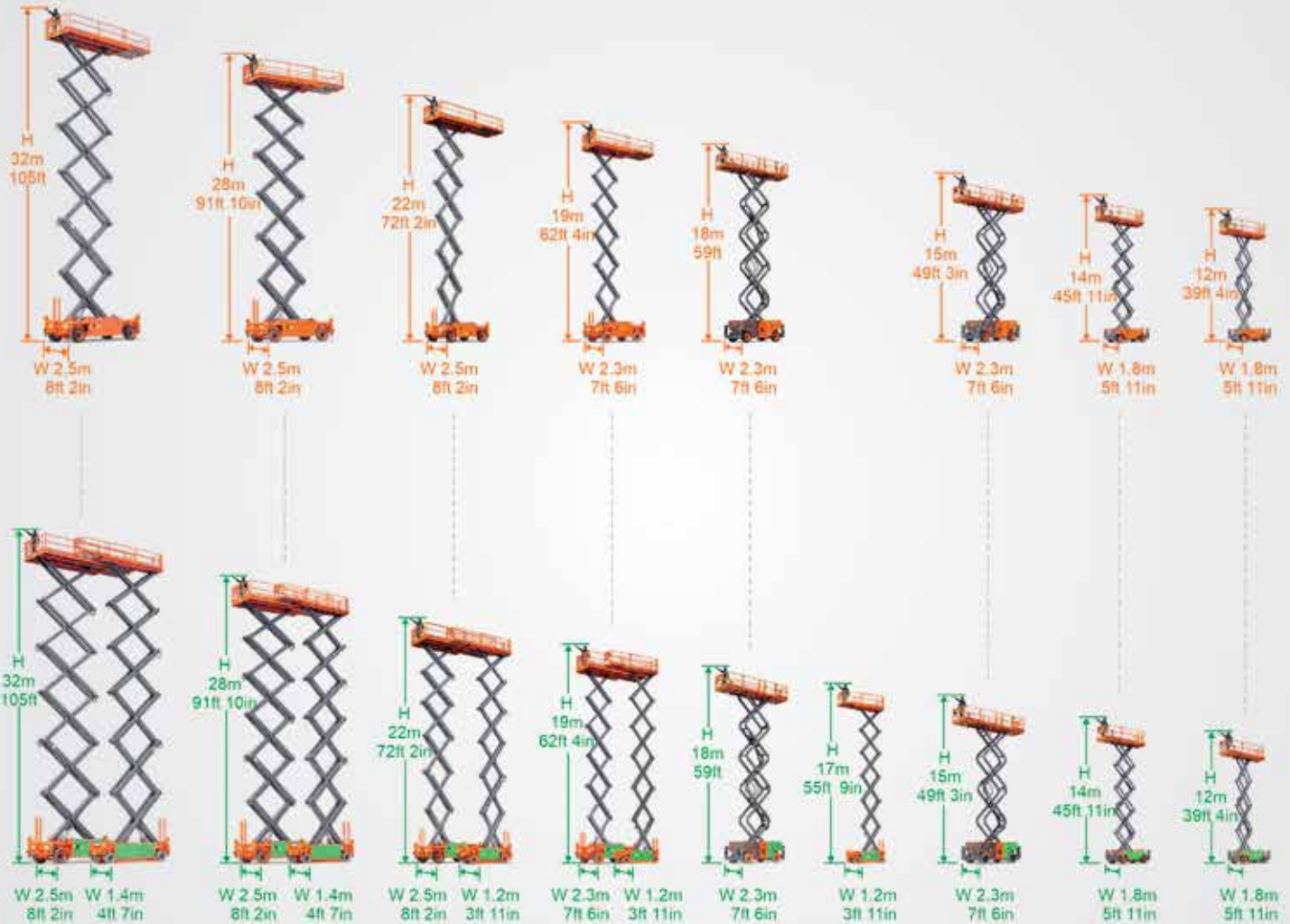


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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Time Manufacturing

restructures European Versalift operations into Versalift Europe and appoints **Martin Lybæk Christiansen** as managing director



Martin Lybæk
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Kai-Uwe
Zanner

■ **Mantall** launches electric versions of its 66/88 and 100ft telescopic boom lifts

■ **Terex** launched the long boom TRT 80L 80t Rough Terrain crane

■ The **Swedish** authorities issue a report into December's fatal hoist incident

■ **Hiab** launches the eX.Hirpos range of four mid duty loader cranes

■ **Hoeflon** appoints **Crowland Cranes** as UK distributor

■ 190ft **Sinoboom** TB58RJ telescopic boom arrives in Australia

■ The **CPA** appoints **Steven Mulholland** as chief executive



Steven
Mulholland

■ **Haulotte** launches 'MyCompanion'

■ **IPAF** releases its 2023 Global Safety Report

■ UK's **Berry Cranes** takes a 6t **Böcker** AK 42 truck crane

■ **Wolffkran** buys out Norwegian joint venture partner **Mikkelsen**

■ **Manitowoc** appoints **Core Machinery** as an EnCore partner in Arizona

■ Three arrested after 3,000kg of **cocaine** found in a crane in the **Netherlands**

■ US's **Engineered Rigging** appoints **Jay Holt** as director of assets and engineering



Jay
Holt

■ **ESTA** seeks feedback on possible reliability issues related to **AdBlue** usage

■ **Tadano** and **Vestas** to develop nacelle cranes for offshore wind turbines

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■ Gwent Police lifts **Embargo** restrictions on cranes under 80t GVW

■ UK falls from height fatalities at work increased 22% in 2023

■ **Steve Moody** of **GTAccess** is to retire later this year



Steve
Moody

■ UK's **Tracked Carriers** appoints **Kevin Keogh Crane Services** as Irish dealer

■ Italy's **Polita Autogru** takes a 300t **Liebherr** LTM 1300-6.2

■ The **CPA** funds The National Construction & Agricultural Theft Team

■ **AEM's** 'Manufacturing Express Bus' sets off on a 10,000 mile tour in the USA

■ Germany's **SE Design** takes a 21m **Oil & Steel** Octopus 21 spider lift

■ UK's **King Lifting** takes a 230t **Liebherr** LTM 1230-5.1

■ UK based **Plantool Hire** joins the **Access Alliance**

■ **John Barker, IPAF's** first president and industry pioneer, has died



John
Barker

■ Hungary's **Tamá s Zsolt** takes a 700t **Liebherr** LTM 1650-8.1

■ German company **Hofmann** takes an 800t **Liebherr** LR 1800-1.0

■ French company **NET85** takes five **Easy Lift** spiders

■ **Genie** appoints **Matthieu Muller** as German regional parts manager and **Stephan FranBen** as territory sales manager N.Germany.



Matthieu
Muller



Stephan
FranBen

■ Italy's **F.I.M Noleggi** takes a 45m **Multitel** MJ450 truck mount

■ Germany's **Rolf Herbold** takes a 90t **Liebherr** LTM 1090-4.2

■ **CTE's** technical manager, **Martin Stevenson**, has retired



Martin
Stevenson

■ Germany's **Schmidbauer** takes its third 80t **Tadano** AC 4.080-1

■ **Smart Platforms** takes UK's first all-electric **Klubb** E-tech KL26 and six KL21b van mounts

■ Hungary's **Mamut Daru** takes a 10t **Raimondi** T187 flat top tower crane

■ Germany's **Paul Becker** takes a 75m **Ruthmann** T 750 HF truck mount

■ **The Port of Dover** has taken a 104t **Liebherr** LHM 550 mobile harbour crane



Rupert
Aaron Scott

■ Industry veteran **Rupert Aaron Scott** has died

■ UK based manufacturer **CPL** achieves **Iveco's** Gold standard status

■ **OZ Lifting Products** launches a wireless control option for its hoists

■ German company **Safar** takes a 220t **Tadano** AC 5.220-1

■ UK based **React Access** joins **Access Alliance**

■ US based **MEC** has appointed **Pete Gibbes** as national account manager



Pete
Gibbes

■ **Hammer Lifte** takes five **Easy Lift** spiders

■ Ireland's **Balloo Hire** adds more **Sinoboom** booms and scissors

■ **LGMG** and **Trackunit** partner up

■ Canada's **Northbank Civil** takes a 160t **Tadano** GTC-1600 telecrawler

■ Spanish company **Jofemesa** takes four 18m **Easy Lift** R180 spiders

■ **Kran Völkl** takes a 150t **Liebherr** LTM 1150-5.3 and a 50t LTC 1050-3.1 City crane

■ **LEEA** appoints **Matthew Barber** as director of membership



Matthew
Barber

■ Italy's **Faresin** appoints **Warwick Ward** as UK distributor - diesel telehandlers

■ **Jekko** appoints **Kolex** as dealer for Slovakia and Czech Republic



Ben
Dobson

■ UK's **Foster Cranes** appoints **Ben Dobson** as business development manager - South East

■ Dutch company **Kraanverhuur T. Pater** takes 150t **Grove** GMK5150XL

■ **XCMG** Brazil celebrates 10 years and its 23,456th machine

■ Italy's **E.G. Galasso** takes a 37m **Palazzani** XTJ 37+ spider lift

■ UK division of **WernerCo** launches 'BoSS QuickPod' podium platform

■ **Rahul Seth** has been seconded to the **IPAF** board of directors



Rahul
Seth

■ **Mammoet** begins assembling its new 6,000t SK6000 crane

■ Germany's **Härzschel Kranverleih** takes a 100t **Tadano** AC 4.100L-1

■ **Palazzani** appoints **Access Worx** as distributor for South and Eastern Australia



Ashishkumar
Tiwari

■ **MyCrane** appoints **Ashishkumar Tiwari** as sales director India

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