



Safety Bulletin 131

Safety Alert – Liftlux Scissor Lifts

(Mobile Elevating Work Platform)

An incident occurred recently, that could have resulted in a fatality. Two operatives were in the platform of a **Liftlux scissors hoist model type SL260-25DS**. The scissors hoist was being elevated to its working level, when the chassis of the base unit appears to have buckled. This caused the hydraulic hoses to disengage / fracture which resulted in the platform slowly descending approximately 10m to ground level. Fortunately no one was injured, but the potential for a very serious accident is clear.



Buckled Chassis



Investigations with suppliers and manufacturers are in progress to establish the full cause(s) of the incident; however, all sites should take the following action immediately:

- ✚ **All Liftlux Scissors Hoists Type SL260-25DS** are to immediately be put out of service and removed from site ASAP. Until the unit(s) can be removed, the controls should be isolated and a warning sign displayed stating 'Danger Do Not Use This Equipment'.
- ✚ **All other Liftlux Scissors Hoists** – The supplier is to be contacted to arrange for any Liftlux Scissors Hoist on the project to be inspected within a maximum period of 7 days from the date of this alert. The inspection must be carried out by a competent person, i.e. an experienced plant fitter and must include a detailed inspection of the chassis for any signs of failure / deterioration / fatigue or corrosion to its structure including all welds and connections etc.
The inspection and confirmation that the unit is safe to use must be recorded in the machines inspection/maintenance log book.

Any units found defective must be put out of service and site management/ health and safety team advised. Any units not inspected within 7 days of this alert should also be put out of service.

If you require any further information, clarification or assistance with the above, then please do not hesitate to contact us:

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