HSE Safety Alert: Liftlux Scissor Lifts

WHAT HAPPENED

HSE published an information bulletin on recent structural failures of the main support chassis on Liftlux models SL260-25 and SL 245-25 scissor lifts.

During the incidents cracks propagated across the entire width of the chassis causing the machines to collapse.

Following these incidents a number of machines of the same model but different ages were withdrawn from service and inspected. On many of the these machines cracks were found that could potentially have led to similar failures.

No similar failures have yet been identified in Liftlux models 210-25 and 205-25, although because these models are of a similar design, they should also be subject to the action detailed by the HSE information bulletin.

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

If you have one of these machines and have not completed the inspection as required by the manufacturers' bulletins released recently, you should immediately withdraw it from service so that it can be examined by a competent person.

For more details see:

http://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/liftlux-scissor-lifts.htm

(Although, the HSE information bulletin was published on 2/10/09, it has been summarised on safequarry as it's thought that these types of scissor lifts may be in use in within the industry)

LOCATION: ACTIVITY: SUB ACTIVITY: CONSTRUCTION/DELIVERY SITE

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