

## BEST PRACTICE

LOCATION:	Mobile Plant	ARTICLE YEAR	2006
ACTIVITY:	Access & Egress & Working at Height	COMPANY:	Aggregate Industries
SUB ACTIVITY:	N/A	COMPANY LOCATION:	Express Asphalt Derby, Derbyshire
BEST PRACTICE No:	BP288	COMPANY TEL:	01332 664422
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:	United Kingdom		

### TITLE

**Working platform to make topping up water and oil on loading shovel safer**

### ARTICLE

An incident at another site highlighted the danger of topping up hydraulic oil and water levels on a loading shovel. The Express Asphalt Derby team carried out a safety audit on their method, which involved standing on the mudguards either side of the machine without handrails and with a drop of 1.5 metres beneath.

It was felt that a safer method needed to be introduced. Their solution was to erect a purpose-built working platform that the loading shovel could park alongside and allow an operator / engineer to safely top up oil and water levels. The platform has handrails and kickboards to prevent falls. The total cost was under £400 and it took some 24 hours to build.

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