

OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, & HEALTH AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

PRODUCT RANGE/ACCESS PLATFORMS

Operation

1. The product must be positioned on level ground.
2. Position the forks to the correct distance apart to locate into fork pockets.
3. Remove fork pocket heel pins from access platform.
4. Drive forks into fork pockets.
5. Insert fork pocket heel pins directly behind the heel of fork and attach safety lynch pin into hole provided.
6. Models with gates automatically lock once raised and unlock when placed on level ground.
7. Operation and use of variable reach truck (telehandler) is covered by publications from the Health and Safety Executive.

Maintenance

1. The access platform should be inspected weekly for general condition with particular attention paid to:
 - A – All weld points
 - B – Wear & distortion of fork pockets and heel pin attachments.
 - C – Any damaged components
 - D – Lock & latches
2. General surface rusting especially in critical areas should be treated with proprietary inhibitors, primers and paint on a regular basis.
3. All hinges, latches and locks must be kept lightly greased.
4. Damage or failure must be reported or rectified immediately prior to re-use of access platforms.
5. This product is certified for twelve (12) months from the date of manufacture after which it is the customer's responsibility to have the product re-tested at an approved testing facility or inspected and logged in a register by a competent person as advised by the HSE.

Health and Safety

1. The manager of the department or section where the attachment is to be used must be responsible for ensuring the operators are fully conversant with the attachment, its operation, maintenance and that the heel pins are fitted correctly.
2. The forklift handbrake must be applied when elevating and lowering the access platform and when in use at all times.
3. Ensure that mast is kept in the vertical position.
4. Ensure that the Heel Pins are correctly inserted, retained and positioned in relation to the heel of the fork prior to each use and every use.
5. Always make sure the access platforms maximum load is not exceeded.
6. The forklift driver must remain seated and in control at all times whilst the access platform is in use.
7. The driver must ensure a slow, uniform pace is maintained, at ground level, whilst moving and positioning the access platforms and keep clear of obstructions.
8. It is recommended that a safety harness is used at all times and personnel attach themselves to the Platform via the harness loop provided.
9. The access platform must not be re-positioned whilst in the elevated position.
10. Keep hands and fingers clear of all moving parts so as to prevent trapping.
11. Operation and use of this product is covered by the H.S.E. guidance note PM28 Third edition "Working Platforms on Forklift Trucks".

The Operator should ensure that the above product is used for the purpose that it has been designed, tested and intended to do and no deviation to this occurs. If in doubt, consult your fork truck dealer or approved attachment supplier.