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Handbrake Interlocks



Further to an industry survey carried out in 2016, ALLMI has released Guidance Note 024 concerning the fitment of Handbrake Interlocks. Produced by ALLMI's Technical Standards Committee, the document is aimed at a wide range of key individuals within the lorry loader industry, including owners, operators and persons conducting Thorough Examinations. It starts by looking at the legalities surrounding the subject, as well as the equipment and safety related issues which Handbrake Interlocks

guard against. The document then goes on to provide guidance on retro-fitting, alternative systems where applicable, and the actions required of a Thorough Examiner, should a Handbrake Interlock not be in place.

For a free copy of Guidance Note 024 'Handbrake Interlocks', please contact ALLMI.

Election time

As the UK's only trade association devoted to the lorry loader industry, ALLMI has recently concluded its annual election process for the positions of chairman and Operators' Forum chairman.

Having both successfully retained their positions, Mark Rigby of Palfinger importer, T H White, will now serve a 12th consecutive term as chairman of the association, whilst Steve Frazer-Brown of David Watson Transport makes it 12 years in a row as chairman of ALLMI's fleet owner division.

Following his reappointment, Mark Rigby said: "It has been an honour to serve as ALLMI chairman over the last 11 years. I've been privileged enough to oversee a significant number of changes and developments during that time, and I am pleased to say that the association's level of activity and profile continues to rise year on year. I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to continue working on behalf of the membership and in conjunction with the ALLMI board. We're all striving to improve standards and bring about positive change to the industry, and 2017 will see us taking further steps forward in this regard, ensuring that good practice remains at the absolute forefront of our sector."

Steve Frazer-Brown added: "It is a great privilege to be elected as Operators' Forum chairman once again, as the position allows me to represent fleet owners on the ALLMI board and to work with the Forum Executive Committee on so many important issues affecting the safe use of lorry loaders. 2016 was a big success for ALLMI, but the association never stands still or rests on its laurels and so I'm delighted that, through the election process, members have given me the opportunity to play a role in ensuring that this progress continues."



Lorry Loader Technical Files



ALLMI Guidance Note 025 was released in January and looks at the subject of 'Lorry Loader Technical Files' (commonly referred to as Build Files).

The guidance explains the legal requirements for this documentation to be in place, by whom the information needs to be held and for how long, as well as which parties should have access to it. It then details the required content of a Technical File, from order confirmation and technical calculations/drawings, through to commissioning reports/paperwork, specification details, and handover documents.

ALLMI technical manager and chairman of the association's Technical Standards Committee, Keith Silvester explains: "This is yet another piece of valuable guidance produced by ALLMI's Technical Standards Committee which has been extremely busy in recent months. Whilst the document is primarily aimed at installers of

loader cranes, it is also of significance to owners and operators, those performing Thorough Examinations and national enforcing authorities. Development of the guidance stems from recurring industry enquiries and issues on this subject, which suggested that clarification was needed regarding exactly what a Technical File should contain. We hope this document enables a consistent approach across the industry, and we would encourage all those involved with lorry loaders to contact ALLMI for a complimentary copy."

ALLMI Guidance Notes

Handbrake Interlocks and Lorry Loader Technical Files are just two of the latest additions to ALLMI's wide-ranging series of Guidance Notes, which spans numerous aspects of lorry loader use. A full list of the notes can be seen below, and readers are encouraged to contact ALLMI for further information on any of these documents or subject areas:

- GN001** Guidance for Life Expectancy of a Lorry Loader
- GN002** Second-hand Lorry Loaders
- GN003** Guidance for the Purchase of Second Hand Lifting Attachments
- GN004** Regulations and Standards
- GN005** Guidance for Lorry Loader Installers and Operators
- GN006** Guidance Note for Hiring of a Lorry Loader
- GN007** Guide to Lorry Loader Purchase

- GN008** Bridge Bashing Regulations
- GN009** Trailer Mounted Loader Cranes
- GN010** Thorough Examination & Testing of Loader Cranes
- GN011** In-service Structural Inspections
- GN012** Non-Destructive Testing
- GN013** Stabiliser Forces
- GN014** Guide for the Purchase of Chassis Suitable for a Loader Crane
- GN015** Guidance for Calibrating Reduced Capacity Areas

- GN016** Guidance for the Supply & Use of Remote Controls
- GN017** Guidance for Employee Induction
- GN018** Implications of BS7121 Safe Use of Cranes - Part 4: Lorry Loaders
- GN019** Interim Maintenance & Inspection of Lorry Loaders
- GN020** Reporting of defects arising from a Thorough Examination of a Loader Crane
- GN021** Determining the Sail Effect for Wind
- GN022** Correct Identification of Appropriate Types of Stabiliser Beam Locking Device
- GN023** Protocol for Provisional Overriding of Safety Systems
- GN024** Handbrake Interlocks
- GN025** Lorry Loader Technical Files