



# Safety Advice 44-2017 (UK&IRE)

## WESTERN POWER DISTRIBUTION - UNITED KINGDOM

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A Western Power Distribution (WPD) internal transport update and also a Versalift technical update following the incident where a WPD IAD (Insulated Aerial Device) fitted with a Versalift VOE36 experienced an uncontrolled movement of both buckets whilst in operation are available.

**Note:** No injuries were sustained as a result of the incident.

As a brief outline, the initial review of the incident identified a failure of a spiral roll pin.

As a result, WPD has inspected the remaining fleet of similar units in WPD (circa 30), and a further 7 units have been identified requiring remedial action associated with the spiral pins; these units have been removed from service whilst repairs are completed.

The updated WPD transport notice and Versalift service bulletin (issued as a result of the incident and subsequent inspections) are for information for companies who may operate this type of unit.

Also, there is a separate bulletin issued by the ENA UK HV Overhead Line Live Working Group.

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-  Safety Alert #44 (a) - Versalift VOE36 MHI self-levelling system inspection
-  Safety Alert #44 (b) - Versalift Service Bulletin
-  Safety Alert #44 (c) - ENA SHE Committee - Appendix 4