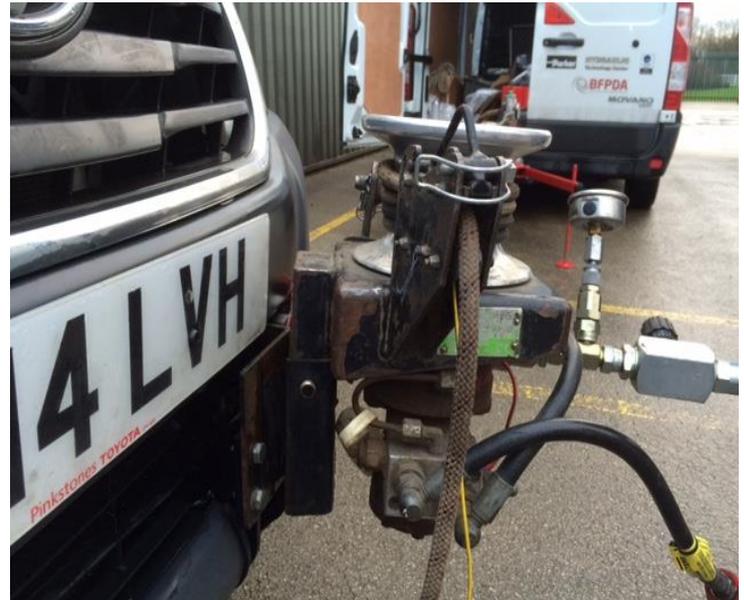


Failure of Bracket on a Vehicle Mounted Capstan Winch

WHAT HAPPENED?

- Whilst Rotec were carrying out a visual inspection and load testing of a vehicle mounted capstan winch, a bracket failed under test conditions.
- It was found that the bracket that failed had not been correctly welded
- This was an uprated load test of 350kg withstand, previously load testing was 200kg
- Following prompt communications from the Team Leader to other OHL teams another bracket failure was detected



KEY LEARNING POINTS:

- Reporting of defects in a timely manner is imperative, on this occasion due to the swift communication, a similar defect on another vehicle was detected before any incident occurred
- Again, this highlights the importance of carrying out a visual inspection of vehicle mounted winch brackets for any defect
- And before using **any** equipment, it's important to visually check for any defects and report any defects found immediately

WHAT IS HAPPENING:

- All the winches are currently being inspected and are temporarily down rated to 200kg
- All OHL teams have been made aware of the failure and their winches have been visually inspected.
- The company that carries out the winch testing has been fully briefed and will enhance the inspection on future testing to include external testing of mounting points and welds

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