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Youngman BoSS X3 Pop-Ups

There has been a recent industry incident where a Pop-Up platform failed to stop elevating even after the operator released the controls and pressed the emergency stop button. The platform continued to rise through a ceiling causing part of the ceiling to collapse which injured a colleague.



The operator had been trained and was experienced in the use of the equipment. The operator had also carried out a full daily pre-use check that included testing of the emergency stops.

Youngman have issued a product advice notice regarding this type of machine and believe that the most probable cause is excess heat at the contactor points, possibly attributed to excess current being drawn as a result of a drop in battery charge.

Youngman have identified the serial numbers of all machines manufactured before 2012 and is directly contacting purchasing customers which could include hire companies.

Mandatory Action Required

Quarantine any Youngman BoSS X3 Pop-Ups, note the serial number and contact the supplier to establish if the unit requires remedial action.

If similar types of unit are in use produced by another manufacturer sites should contact the supplier to confirm that the supplied equipment cannot suffer the same type of failure.

When operating this type of equipment users should:

Complete a full Pre-Use Inspection which should include the Emergency Stop buttons
Maintain the battery charge above 20% to prevent a potential voltage drop.



If you require further information please contact your local SHE Advisor