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1134 Safety Guidance



Using the Kerbstone Lifter

- 1. Wear your safety boots, safety helmet and gloves.
- Ensure that the item to be lifted is cleaned of all dust and debris.
- Do not attempt to lift wet items.
- Switch the vacuum pump on by operating the power switch.
- Position the lifter onto the load and activate the vacuum valve. The vacuum gauge will indicate the negative pressure. Wait until the negative pressure shows the safe working level. Do not attempt to lift until the safe vacuum is reached.
- Have the load lifted with the lifting device steering it to its final position with the steering handles.
- Only when the load is resting in its final position can it be released by closing the
- Always keep your load as close to the ground as possible.
- Take extra care when transporting a load above head height. Do not allow anyone underneath the load. Never work under a load while it is suspended.
- 10. Make sure you understand how the equipment works before you use the kerb lifter you must be aware of the potential hazards present and what precautions to take.
- 11. Do not leave a suspended load unattended; always lower it to a firm base.
- 12. Do not exceed the safe working load (SWL) marked on the kerb lifter or the lifting device.
- 13. If the vacuum gauge reading declines during the lifting process immediately lower the load to the ground. Check the equipment - if the problem is not apparent contact the hire company.
- 14. Keep hands and feet clear while lifting or lowering they could become trapped between the load, the ground or any projecting fixture.
- 15. If your equipment does not work properly, do not attempt to repair it contact the hire company hire company.

Please store this leaflet safely. It may be required for further information















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Kerbstone Lifter

The rules and procedures in force where people are at work may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment.

It is important to read all of this leaflet **BEFORE** using the Kerbstone Lifter

- 1. Plan your work and think ahead to make sure you will always be working safely.
- The battery operated kerbs lifter is designed to assist in lifting kerb stones, slabs or any object made of concrete, metal, wood and fibre, as well as sheeting, barrels, containers etc using a variety of suction cups.
- The action of this kerb lifter can cause injury or damage if the equipment is not used in a careful and controlled way. Loads should be kept as close to the ground as possible.
- Using the kerb lifter will require co-ordination between the person operating the lifter and the person controlling the lifting device. A team leader should be appointed and each member should understand the agreed commands.
- If you have not used this type of equipment before, familiarise yourself with how it works and the hazards it presents before you start work.
- You must have at least the following items of personal protective clothing: safety bots to EN345 or BS870/4972; safety helmet – EN397 or BS5240; gloves.
- This kerb lifter must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- This kerb lifter is designed for operation by one or more able bodied adults. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.













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batteries - return them to the hire 8. Do not throw away old or leaking

batteries. They will explode! 7. Do not attempt to recharge ordinary

location away from other people. dry, cool, well-ventilated and sate 6. Charging should be carried out in a

types of batteries. broduced when charging some 5. Toxic and flammable fumes are

the batteries may explode. overload the electrical circuits and while it is being recharged - you may 4. Do not use a battery-powered tool

charger into the rcd. recharging batteries. Plug the into the 230 volt socket when 3. Plug the residual current device (rcd)

instructions given. tollow any separate charging supplied by the hire company and 2. Use only the correct charger as company.

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lights indicating low or fully charged Familiarize yourself with the warning before attempting to lift a load. er Ensure the battery is fully charged

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2. Check that the suction cups are not securely fixed to the lifter.

4. Ensure the steering handles are

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weight of the lifter and the item being capable of lifting the combined ${f 3}$ Check that he lifting device is

(SWL) marked on the machine. 2. Do not exceed the sate working load

contact the hire company. damaged, do not use the kerb lifter – ednibment. If anything is found 1. Check the kerb lifter and all its

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understands the agreed commands. team assisting in using the kerb lifter Ensure that each member of the bersonal protective clothing.

will also need to wear appropriate 3. Anybody who is working near to you

require a higher level of protection. Particular jobs or environments may safety helmet; gloves.

use this kerb lifter: safety boots; that should be worn whenever you protective clothing are the minimum 1. The following items of personal

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operunctions, power cables etc. lifting device is clear of overhead 6. Ensure that the working area of the

version of the kerb lifter as shown

crane (Hiab or similar) or a wheeled need tor lifting, a vehicle mounted construction machine that can be and the load. This may be a combines weight of the kerb lifter device capable of lifting the 5. The kerb lifter will require a lifting

as rubble, rubbish etc.

4. Clear the area of trip hazards such

the exclusion zone. directly assisting with the work, enter should anyone, other than those 3. Work should stop immediately

barriers, barrier tape and signs. lifter is being used, with physical zoue around the area where the kerb ednibment. Set up an exclusion suimals away when using this 2. Keep others, especially children and

near to you or could distract you. clear and safe and that no-one is 1. Make sure that your work area is

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