

SR-144 – May 31, 2019 *Topic:* Approval to exit/enter work platform while elevated *Applicable units:* All Skyjack Booms (Type 3, Group B MEWPs)

## WARNING!

Failure to follow the instructions contained in this procedure, the machine Operating Manual and the jobsite rules and regulations could result in death or serious injury.

This letter serves as written approval to exit and enter a boom-type mobile elevated work platform (Type 3, Group B MEWP) onto an adjacent structure at height, provided that: this procedure complies with any Federal/State/Provincial/Local/Jobsite requirements, the occupants are properly trained, and the following criteria is strictly adhered to.

## **Operational and User Requirements:**

- 1. Prior to the start of operations, conduct a thorough site risk assessment determining that this means of access is safe and more feasible than any other means of access.
- 2. A copy of this procedure must be given to the operator and occupants. This procedure must accompany the Operating Manual at all times in the weather resistant box located on the platform.
- 3. Ensure that the operator is trained and qualified to operate this boom (Type 3, Group B MEWP). The operator must follow all the instructions and procedures contained in the Operating Manual for this specific model.
- 4. Verify the structural integrity and the conditions of the landing area (area to exit onto). The landing area must be able to support the weight of personnel, tools and materials going on it.
- 5. Occupants should not exit the platform when the wind speed exceeds 8 m/s [18 mph].
- 6. Exit onto or enter from areas with slopes less than a 4:12 pitch and that have suitable traction. A 4:12 pitch is a slope that elevates 4 units vertically for every 12 units advanced horizontally.
- 7. Position the boom so that the floor of the work platform is located adjacent to or above the landing structure. Ensure the distance between the platform and landing surface does not exceed 300 mm [12 in] in the vertical direction and 100 mm [4 in] in the horizontal direction and complies with any Federal/State/Provincial/Local/Jobsite requirements. The use of planking or other materials bridging the gap is not permitted.
- 8. Exit/enter the platform to/from adjacent surfaces through the sliding midrail or gated entrances only. Exit from or entry to the platform by climbing the guard rails is not permitted.

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9. Removing or adding weight to the platform, entering or exiting the platform, and side load forces from wind are some factors to be aware of when maintaining the platform positioning dimensions identified in step 7.

NOTE:

The potential for boom platform movement is greatest when fully-extended. In particular, when extended horizontally, the potential for both vertical and horizontal deflection increases. When extended vertically, the potential for horizontal movement increases.

10. The platform emergency stop must be depressed the entire time platform exiting/entrance at height is being performed.

## Fall Protection Requirements:

- 11. Fall Protection At all times: ALL occupants of the work platform must wear personal fall protection attached to anchorage points within the work platform. All personal fall protection equipment must comply with all applicable Federal/State/Provincial/Local/Jobsite requirements and must be inspected and used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
- 12. While exiting the platform: Personnel must remain attached to the work platform anchorage point until they have exited the platform. It is not permitted to remain tied-off to the platform after completely exiting the platform.
- 13. If the landing area is not guarded or protected to provide sufficient fall protection in accordance to all relevant Federal/State/Provincial/Local/Jobsite requirements, the use of a double-lanyard is required. When exiting the platform, personnel must be attached to the adjacent surface anchorage point before exiting the work platform.
- 14. While entering the platform: Personnel must be attached to the work platform anchorage point during the transfer process.
- 15. If entering the platform from a landing area that is not guarded or protected to provide sufficient fall protection, the use of a double-lanyard is required. Personnel must maintain 100% tie-off by attaching one lanyard to the work platform anchorage point before disconnecting the other lanyard from the anchor in the landing structure.
- 16. Do not exert forces exceeding the rated manual force while entering/exiting the platform.
- 17. It is not permitted to use the anchorages within the work platform for fall protection of personnel outside of the platform.

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