



Safety Alert

Hazard Alert: 'Prestart Checks for Equipment help to prevent accidents'

A high potential incident occurred to two tyre servicemen while cleaning a 4000 R 57 tyre and rim assembly. The assembly was held vertically in the jaws of a tyrehandler and supported on the ground, when the tyre-gripping device unexpectedly fell off the tyre-lifting arm causing the assembly to fall to the ground.

The exact root cause of the failure has not been established, however this incident is a timely reminder that **prestart checks and regular servicing** must be carried out on all equipment including

- mobile machinery and their attachments e.g. cranes & tyre manipulators
- light vehicles
- hand tools – electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic and manually operated.

Particular emphasis must be applied to inspecting any load bearing tools such as

- load shifting tools such as tyrehandlers, forklifts and cranes – both mobile and fixed
- slings, chains, chain blocks, vehicle debogging equipment, steps and ladders
- vehicle jacks and stands
- Load securing equipment – tie down straps

before being used at work.

If defects are found or the equipment does not seem fit for duty **do not use it**. It must be tagged out and removed from service until it has been fully restored for safe service.

Observing these simple points can save you from serious injury

Work safely always

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