

Skyjack Introduces Two New Guarding Options



Skyjack's two new secondary guarding options, which protect operators if a problem situation occurs, can be fitted to its new products or retrofitted to existing fleet of telescopic and articulating booms manufactured in or after 2006.

The Skyjack SG-M system features a low-weight protective steel structure designed to reduce the possibility of the operator's being held against the controls if the boom accidentally contacts an obstruction.

The SG-E also offers a sensor bar that instantly stops all functions when pushed and initiates an audible siren and high-intensity flashing beacon. If the bar is released within one second, the siren and beacon will cease, and the selected function will return. If pressure is applied for more than one second, the siren and beacon will continue to activate, stopping the engine and halting all functions until it is reset.

"We understand that there is no 'one size fits all' solution when it comes to such precautions," said David Hall, Skyjack product manager Europe. "However, we recognize that this new measure, although not mandatory, has a role to play. The UK government's Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has welcomed secondary guarding but has also noted that no one system is appropriate for all job functions. By offering a choice of options it broadens the appeal of secondary guarding to a wider range of customers, who may consider it a worthwhile investment."

Working closely with UK rental firm Select Plant Hire provided Skyjack with industry insight in designing the two secondary guarding options. Select Plant Hire also contributed to the project by providing an arena for testing the systems in the field.