

SAFETY ALERT

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Dumper Throttle Pedal Incident

What happened?

In the early hours of the morning of 20/11/2018 a hired 6 ton Wacker Neuson DW60 Cabbed Dumper was being driven by an agency operative who collided with a Pelican Traffic management Column whilst travelling on the public highway.

The operative reported the incident to his supervisor claiming that the accelerator pedal had stuck down which resulted in him mounting the footpath and colliding with the column before coming to a stop.

Immediate action taken

The dumper was quarantined by the supervisor prior to escalating the incident. The dumper supplier was notified and an investigation was carried out in conjunction with the manufacturer.

Manufacturers and supply chain actions

The manufacturer has issued a service bulletin to all owners to carry out modifications to the throttle pedal and rubber floor matting as described in the bulletin.

Our Supply Chain partners will contact all sites with these dumpers to arrange the modifications to be carried out.

Preventative actions to be taken

- Plant & Fleet Services are working with our supply chain to only supply modified machines in the first instance.
- If you currently have this type of dumper on your site (DW60, 90 and 100 cab dumpers) and are concerned that the modification has not been carried out, please contact Richard Mason via e-mail (richard.mason3@balfourbeatty.com) who will verify if the modifications have been carried out and if not will arrange for them to be done.
- Projects to ensure that competencies are appropriate for the operation of plant with a particular focus when is a driving license required for work on the public highway.



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