

January 2021

## INTERNAL SAFETY ALERT

### 2 x Telehandler Barrel Pin Failures JCB 531-70

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DATE: 20 & 21 January 2021  
 LOCATION: Thirsk Depot NY and Davenham Depot Cheshire  
 DIVISION: RIS North Yorkshire & Cheshire West and Chester

Within a period of two days, incidents have occurred with the catastrophic failure of a loadbearing part of lifting equipment. Fortunately, no one was injured in either instance, but the telehandler was damaged as illustrated in the photos. Both telehandlers are hired from A Plant and are JCB 531-70.

The barrel pin at the bottom of the arm appears to have snapped in both incidents. This resulted in the arm suddenly dropping, twisting slightly and breaking the glass of the operator's cab.

Both incidents are being thoroughly investigated. This will include an independent inspection of the telehandlers by a third-party specialist.

Failure of a loadbearing part of lifting equipment is classified as a **Dangerous Occurrence** under RIDDOR Regulations and will therefore be notified to the Health & Safety Executive.

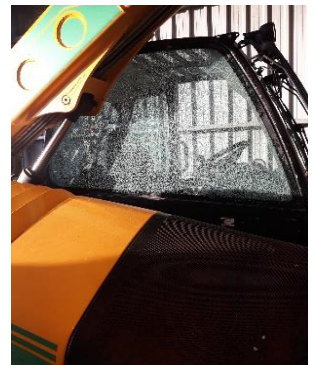
#### **WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT**

- **All telehandlers to be inspected, specifically relating to the condition of loadbearing items such as barrel pins. Ensuring they are in working order, including suitably lubricated.**
- **A review to be carried out of the operational use of these and similar items of plant.**
- **Checks to be made that service levels are in place and being adhered to.**

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