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#051

**Further to Safety Alert #048 issued on 26 October 2023 when an Operative suffered a deep cut to their left thumb requiring hospital treatment, when the engine hatch of Wacker Neuson Remote Control Vibroplate Compactor DPU80rLec670 fell, the following is an update.**

## What we know

The gas strut on the engine panel did not hold the hatch in the open position, resulting in it falling and injuring the Operative.

Following a site visit, the manufacturer has identified that there is an issue with the gas strut that holds the cover open.

The gas strut did not have any gas within the cylinder body resulting in it falling suddenly and not in a controlled slow manner.

The gas strut had been fitted upside down and not in the fully vertical position.

## Actions taken

- Manufacturer and GAP Hire representative attended site for incident meeting.
- Manufacturer inspected compactor and is to issue a report with findings.
- Investigation ongoing.



Find this alert in the Biosite app using ref #051

## What you must do

**With immediate effect**, quarantine and return to EKFB stores all Wacker Neuson Remote Control Vibroplate Compactors DPU80rLec670.

Arrange for Wacker Neuson to inspect the compactors to ensure they are fit for purpose.

Compactors are only to be used by personnel who have undergone User training.

Ensure that when compactors are lifted, they are lifted using the single lifting point on top of the compactor and not by fork tines directly underneath and in contact with the base of the compactor.

Brief the contents of this Safety Alert out to your Teams.



Single lifting point in raised position to enable lifting by other plant