

UNAUTHORISED REMOVAL OF STABILISER LEGS

Pop-Up Products has been made aware of the unauthorised removal of the stabiliser legs on the Pop-Up Plus machine. The machine was returned to a customer's depot following a period of hire with the stabiliser legs removed. The reason the legs had been removed was to allow the machine to be positioned closer to a wall. Pop-Up Products does not condone this action in anyway and we have strived to prevent removal by using thread-locking solution on the stabiliser leg retention bolt.

The Pop-Up Plus stabiliser system has been tested in accordance to EN 280 (Mobile Elevating Work Platform Standard) together with the Machinery Directive and the PUWER regulations. A Failure Mode Analysis has therefore been carried out and found that if the stabiliser legs were removed from the machine, the machine could still be operated. Our concern is, that by operating the Pop-Up Plus without any of the four stabiliser arms in place, it will effect the balance of the machine and could lead to overturning.

Thread-locking solution on the retention bolts was used as a means of preventing the stabiliser legs from being removed and brings the machine back in line with the Failure Mode Analysis requirements.

Therefore the removal of the stabiliser arms is viewed as a deliberate act that will affect the stability of the machine whilst in use and as such, should be deemed an act of gross misconduct. Pop-Up Products believe that if further prevention of removing the stabiliser arms is possible, it should be carried out. We have therefore released a Security Bolt Kit, which is available free of charge. Pop-Up Products will be dispatching these kits to Pop-Up Plus customers and all new machines will feature the security bolt from this point onwards.

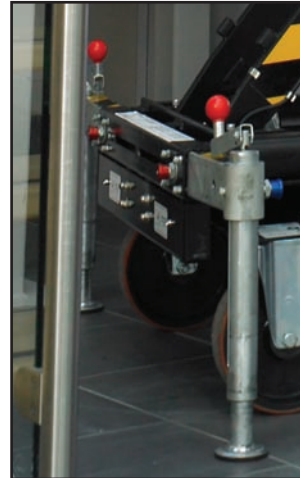
Pop-Up Products has also released a Service Bulletin for the installation of the bolt kit, which will be posted onto the Pop-Up Products website within the Helpful Stuff section. The website can be found at:

<http://www.popupproducts.co.uk>

If you require further information or help, please contact the Pop-Up Technical Team on:

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They will be pleased to answer your questions.



WARNING:
The stabilisers on Pop-Up Plus should only be used as shown in the above picture. The stability of the machine will be affected if they are not deployed fully or not deployed at all i.e. removed.

