

Snorkel secondary guarding system now fitted as standard

10 September 2015 by Snorkel

Snorkel, the global manufacturer of aerial work platforms, is pleased to announce that effective 1st September 2015, all new Snorkel boom lifts with platform heights of 40-feet (12.1m) and above, will be fitted with Snorkel Guard™ as standard.

Unveiled at The Rental Show 2015, Snorkel Guard™ is the company's secondary guarding solution. Designed in-house by Snorkel's engineering team, the simple, mechanical system features a spring-loaded rail that sits above the upper control panel which cuts out machine operations when compressed, for example, in the case of the operator being involuntarily pushed against the controls.

The operator can override Snorkel Guard™ using a switch in the platform, in the event that the system is activated in error. Additionally, when Snorkel Guard™ is activated, the lift can be operated from the lower control panel.

Snorkel Guard™ has undergone extensive field-testing and has already received high praise from a major global contractor, who favors the simplicity of Snorkel's design over other more complex systems on the market.

Matthew Elvin, Snorkel CEO, said "Snorkel Guard™ is a robust and simple design which does not add any complexity to the lift, yet offers an additional level of protection for the operator. Operator safety is paramount, which is why we have rolled out the system as a standard feature globally, as well as offering it as a retrofit solution."

All new-build Snorkel boom lifts with platform heights of 40-feet (12.1m) and above will be fitted with Snorkel Guard™ as standard from 1st September 2015. In addition, the Snorkel Guard™ system can be easily retrofitted to most Snorkel booms in the field.

Available globally, the retrofit kit can be ordered via Snorkel Customer Services or official Snorkel distributors. For regional contact details, visit www.snorkellifts.com.

Source: Snorkel