

Operator falls from machine and breaks collarbone

A machine operator was undertaking routine maintenance in the engine compartment of a Tigercat 1075b forwarder. The Tigercat bonnet lifts and tilts forward, automatically locking into a 'safe' open position with a retaining catch-bar.

The machine operator had completed the maintenance work and went to close the bonnet while still standing up on the band tracks.

Because the bonnet is heavy and difficult to move from this position, he went to pull it up with both hands, as the catch-bar was still engaged, the metal handle ripped free from the hands and he slipped and fell.

He fell onto the metal band tracks and then onto the ground.

He suffered a broken collar bone as a result of the fall.

He is now fit enough to return to work and is expected to make a full recovery over the next few months. We thank him for reporting the incident helping us to create and deliver this important safety message.



SLOW DOWN!

ALWAYS USE 3 POINT CONTACT

#1
Look before you step

Step squarely

Use handholds

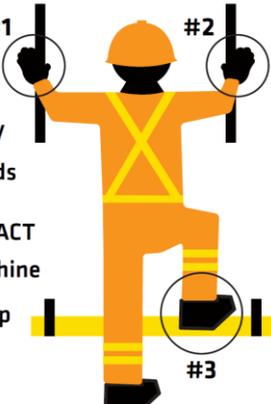
MAINTAIN 3 POINT CONTACT

Wait till machine makes a complete stop

Never jump

#3

I CAN PREVENT SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS!



Slips trips and falls are the cause of 50% of all major injuries; they are the most common cause of injury by far. The consequences of falls from machines, due to the height and the type of terrain we work on, can be very serious.

Always maintain 3 point contact when accessing and leaving your machine.

The manufacturers operator manual for the 1075b forwarder recommends that the bonnet of this machine is opened and closed from the ground, standing in a firm position, down in front of the machine.



Always follow the instructions in the manufacturers machine operator manual, they are written with your health and safety in mind.

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