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# SAFETY ALERT

## HAULOTTE H16TPX BOOM TYPE EWP

Please find attached a Safety Alert issued by Workplace Health and Safety Queensland following an incident on a Gold Coast construction site dated August 2012.

Also attached is the Haulotte Service Bulletin #101 issued in May 2011 which highlights this issue and focusses on the importance of Jib linkage inspection.

If you have this type of boom in your fleet you would have been aware of the safety bulletin and already taken appropriate action. However please ensure your team members are aware of this most recent incident.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact Haulotte Australia direct: Andrew Delahunt 1300 207 683, E: [adelahunt@haulotte.com](mailto:adelahunt@haulotte.com)

Thank you.

Regards

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**SERVICE BULLETIN #101**

**From:** Product Safety Department Date: May 5th, 2011

**Subject:** Jib linkage Inspection

**Models Affected:** H16TPX/HB44J, HA120PX, HA12IP/HA33JE, HA15IP/HA43JE, HA16PE,  
HA16PX/HA46JRT, HA16SPX/HA46SJRT, HA18PX/HA51JRT,  
HA18SPX/HA51SJRT

**Part Affected:** Jib linkage 138P236920

Dear Customer,

With the utmost concern to ensure quality and safety of our products, we would like to draw your attention to a progressive component failure which was either missed or ignored during the routine inspection process set out in the manual supplied with the product.

As with products of this type, it is possible to subject the jib/link to high shock loads via contact with fixed objects or the like. In the event that the operator/owner has a suspicion that such a contact has taken place, the whole mechanism from the link back to the basket must be carefully inspected with particular attention being paid to the link which is the subject of this bulletin, including the metal casting linkage that could crack in the area as shown in the pictures below. As a matter of normal precaution, it is recommended that the link should be checked during the routine inspection.



**In the event that the jib linkage is found to be damaged, the machine should be put out of service and the link replaced without delay, before using the machine again.**

Haulotte Services® is at your disposal for further information and assistance in carrying out the inspections and part replacements as necessary.

Please note that any incident must immediately be reported to Haulotte Service Department at the following email address: [ihumphreys@haulotte.com](mailto:ihumphreys@haulotte.com)

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## Workplace Health and Safety Queensland

**SAFETY ALERT****Haulotte elevating work platform failure****Purpose**

The purpose of this safety alert is to highlight risks associated with a failed cast steel linkage on an elevating work platform (EWP).

**Background**

A worker received severe injuries when he was ejected from an EWP on a construction site on the Gold Coast. The incident involved a Haulotte H16TPX boom type EWP, manufactured in 2008.

**Contributing factors**

The linkage between the fly jib and boom catastrophically failed and allowed the platform to drop so that it hung vertically (refer Photograph 1). Photograph 2 shows a close up view of the failed linkage. The linkage on this particular model is manufactured from cast steel.

**Action required**

As a matter of urgency, all Haulotte boom type EWPs with a linkage similar to that shown in Photograph 2 are to be inspected by a competent person.

If cracks, excessive wear or other damage are found, then the EWP is to be removed from service. Haulotte Australia Pty Ltd is currently investigating the issue. Owners should seek guidance from the manufacturer on inspection criteria and remedial measures to be taken. Haulotte Australia can be contacted on 1300 207 683.

**Further information**

The [Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011](#) (PDF, 1.43 MB) imposes health and safety obligations on a person(s) conducting a business or undertaking, whether as an employer, self-employed person, designer, manufacturer, supplier or owner of plant. Further information may be obtained from the following codes:

- [How to Manage Work Health and Safety Risks Code of Practice 2011](#)
- [Plant Code of Practice 2005](#)

Visit [www.worksafe.qld.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au) or call the Workplace Health and Safety Infoline on 1300 369 915 for further information.



**Photograph 1** – General view of EWP with platform hanging vertically



**Photograph 2** – Close up of failed linkage



