

Toucan provides a lift for Caterpillar

New stock picker provides productivity gains for Caterpillar Marine Power

The worldwide demand for engines from Wimborne based marine engine manufacturer Caterpillar Marine Power Ltd



continues to expand even in these recessionary times. The increased number of units being produced has meant the manufacturing plant has had to take every opportunity to improve efficiency.

Adrian Cartwright, Operations Manager for Caterpillar Marine Power remarked "After a review of our manufacturing process, we identified we could benefit from improving the way we picked our component stock items. Previously we had tended to store frequently used items at low level and those used less at higher level. When we needed to access these parts we had to use mobile steps. This is an inefficient way to operate and there are also health and safety implications when trying to pick heavier items."

Locators supply and maintain a comprehensive range of access equipment including scissor lifts and vertical and articulating boom lifts. They proposed a JLG Toucan stock picker which has a platform capacity of over 200kg and lifts to over 6 metres for the application at Caterpillar Marine Power.

Sarah Wilkins, Area Sales Manager for Locators commented "The productivity gains and safe working practice when using a stock picker are frequently overlooked. This equipment can make a significant contribution to improving efficiency and reducing costs by saving operator time." Adrian added "Our operators have found the machine very easy to use and appreciate how much easier their stock picking has become. We are very pleased with our purchase."



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