

## INTRODUCING A MAJOR NEW HOSE SERVICE

As operators try to ensure that they comply with the **European Pressure Equipment Directive** on best engineering practice relating to delivery hoses, finding the most efficient way to manage this requirement is becoming more and more critical. At present, most operators do not have a **“competent person”** who can certify hoses as being fit for use and so all hoses have to be inspected by an outside agency to ensure compliance. To help companies save some of the significant costs involved, we are **offering courses at Waterhouses** where operators' employees can be trained so that they can carry out this inspection at their own workshops.

The major attraction of the course will be that companies, should a hose related accident take place, be able to show that they had **taken every reasonable precaution** to prevent the accident occurring.

The course will last for a day and on a successful conclusion a certificate will be issued. To find out more details about the course **please contact either Steve Beswick on 07875 340139 or Jeff Morris on 07813 642006.**

## USED POWER TAKE OFF'S FOR SALE

We have a wide range of units available to suit ZF and Volvo gearboxes with a variety of specifications. These units are available at **significant cost savings** over new. All can be converted to dual output if required.

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| - ZF manual gearbox .         | Qty: 2 |
| - ZF auto gearbox .           | Qty: 2 |
| - Volvo auto/ manual gearbox. | Qty: 4 |

For more information **please contact John Robinson on 07813 968055.**



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## TANK TOP SAFETY

As some of you will know, the **HSE** is re-launching their **“Prevent falls from vehicles”** campaign, and this topic is obviously now a major concern to the HSE. Their website quotes figures of 1600 injuries and 4 fatalities last year as a result of falls from vehicles.



One of the points in the HSE campaign is that when a vehicle is being specified, it is most important that serious consideration is given to the prevention of falling. Of course, many operators already do this, and as you can see from the photograph, this operator has shown that he takes tank top safety very seriously. This is not a new tanker, but one which we have completely refurbished and repainted as well as fitting the “boxing ring” safety rails. The power pack is a reconditioned unit supplied and fitted by ourselves.

Although one usually thinks in terms of falls from the top of a tanker, which obviously can be fatal, other less serious accidents occur when the **driver has to climb on to the tractor chassis** to connect/disconnect the airlines etc. To overcome this problem on tankers, we have designed a **pivoted beam** that carries the connections and this can be swung to the side of the chassis for connecting and disconnecting the couplings. In this way, **the driver does not need to climb on to the tractor**.

This photograph shows the connection bar lowered and it is then swung through 90 degrees so that it travels in the vertical position. We have had one on test for a while and a **major operator is now having all his trailers fitted** with this device when they come in for repainting.



All operators need to see whether they have done all that they can to prevent falls and if you would like some advice on whether there is perhaps more that you can do, **please call Alan Speak on 07855 960955**.

## PAINT SHOP PROGRESS



As you can see, work is well under way with the huge new 60m x 20m paint shop that we have under construction. When completed, we will be able to undertake an even greater range of work, including full length rail carriages. The project is on schedule and is programmed for completion in August. This obviously represents a major investment for WG Tankers but we feel that it is only by continually re-investing can companies prosper in the future.

We are very pleased to say that our paintshop has recently **achieved ISO 9001/2000 BSEN quality assurance certification**. This will open up further painting opportunities, particularly in the defence industry. To find out more about our paint shop facilities **please call Peter Slater on 07969 900 275**.