

## ARE YOU BS 8620 READY?

The **NEW BS 8620 LYTEPOD** from Lyte Ladders & Towers is **fully tested and certified** to the new Low Level Work Platform standard.

Lyte's **UK manufactured BS 8620 low level work platform** means you can ensure your fleet is fully compliant to the latest standards when working at height.

## PAS 250 TRANSITION TO BS 8620

### Q: What is happening to PAS 250?

PAS 250:2012, the first Publicly Available Specification for low-level work platforms is transitioning to BS 8620:2016.

### Q: What is the difference between PAS 250 specification and BS 8620 standard?

BS 8620 builds on the work started with PAS 250; the transition to BS 8620 includes a dimensional change to side protection and a change to two tests.

### Q: Are my PAS 250 podiums now obsolete?

No, you can keep using PAS 250 podiums, there is no need to change product immediately.

### Q: My current podium fleet does not contain PAS 250 approved product, shall I wait for BS 8620?

PASMA's advice is if your current fleet includes non-compliant stock you should consider upgrading these to PAS 250 compliant product immediately. BS 8620 product should start to be available by April 2017, and we would expect users to update their procurement policies once BS 8620 product is available – PAS 250 product is not obsolete and is preferential to any non-compliant product.

### Q: Should I replace my PAS 250 podiums once BS 8620 product is available?

PASMA's advice for users is that they do not need to stop using PAS 250 compliant products immediately, but when these products are replaced, they should be replaced with BS 8620 type approved products. PAS 250 approved podiums meet

benchmark standards set for strength, access, stability and rigidity and provide an acceptable level of protection for product users.

### Q: Why was PAS 250 needed?

Designs that emerged for this type of low level work platform (LLWP) have been developed in the absence of a formal standard. Whilst the majority of LLWPs provide a safe solution to low level access, there are aspects of some products that could be improved by adherence to relevant and specific design criteria. Therefore PASMA, the Prefabricated Access Suppliers' and Manufacturers' Association, sponsored the development of a PAS to provide minimum safety and performance criteria for these products.

### Q: What products does PAS 250/BS 8620 cover?

Low-level work platforms with one working platform with side protection for use by one person with a maximum working platform height of less than 2.5 m. These products are commonly referred to as podiums or pulpits.

### Q: What is PAS 250?

PAS 250 is a Publicly Available Specification for a low-level work platform with one working platform with side protection for use by one person with a maximum working platform height of less than 2.5 m. These products, commonly referred to as podiums or pulpits, became extensively used following the implementation of The Work at Height Regulations.

### Q: What is a Publicly Available Specification?

A Publicly Available Specification (PAS) is a sponsored fast-track standard driven by the needs of the client organizations and developed according to guidelines set

out by BSI. Key stakeholders are brought together to collaboratively produce a BSI-endorsed PAS that has all the functionality of a British Standard for the purposes of creating management systems, product benchmarks and codes of practice. After two years the PAS is reviewed and a decision is made as to whether it should be taken forward to become a formal British Standard.

### Q: Must all PAS250 compliant products have an "anti-surf" design?

No. It is not possible for PAS 250 to specify that all LLWP's must be designed with anti-surf devices. Anti-surf is the commonly used expression used to describe a feature that automatically prevents a LLWP being moved when there is someone standing on the platform. In some confined space work applications, it is necessary to have full multi-directional manoeuvrability of the podium which is normally supplied by the use of 4 wheels. However, all the wheels must be fitted with effective braking devices which can be operated by the user. Where such conditions of use do not exist then the use of anti-surf podiums has a valuable safety advantage.

### Q: Do all PAS250 compliant products have stabilisers?

No. PAS250 has requirements for the equipment's stability against overturning, sliding and when climbing and descending. How this stability is achieved is not specified to permit innovative design. Some podiums may have geometry and dimensions that provide the stability. Others may have stabilisers that are positioned by the user. And some podiums may use ballast (weight) which is built into the structure or positioned on the structure, to provide the stability. Alternatively, some designs may use a combination of these methods to stabilise the structure.



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