

Liebherr Loader Seatbelt Bracket

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1. Incident

A late model Liebherr 556 loader was operating at a Fulton Hogan sand quarry. The loader drove into the sand stockpile to fill his bucket and as he was doing so the seatbelt bracket failed and the operator was flung forward striking his head against the cab roof and windscreen. Fortunately, the operator received only a minor neck muscle strain in the incident.

The loader in question is less than a year old and the seatbelt is otherwise in excellent condition. An investigation into the failure is underway and the seatbelt and bracket have been taken by the distributor for inspection.

In the interim, we are asking that a visual inspection of the seatbelt assembly is undertaken by a competent person on any other Liebherr loaders that are operating in the business.



2. Additional Information

Although this incident was not notifiable to WorkSafe NZ, they became aware of it via the ambulance service who had been called as a precaution. WorkSafe requested the production of this alert and information back to the manufacturer.

3. Recommendations

All Liebherr loaders operating in the Fulton Hogan business have their seat belt assembly and securing bracket visually inspected by a suitable qualified person.

If any defect is discovered with the seatbelt assembly, the plant should be locked out until the defective part has been replaced.

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4. Revision History

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