# **RISK ASSESSMENT OF PLANT**

Applicable to the following Skyjack models:

SJ46AJ	95 000 343 & Above
SJ51AJ	95 000 343 & Above
SJ63AJ	95 300 001 & Above

DATE OF ASSESSMENT : January 22, 2019	PLANT DESCRIPTION: ARTICULATING BOOM – SKYJACK MODEL SJ46-51-63AJ SERIES	ORGANISATION: SKYJACK AUSTRALIA.
Preliminary Assessment for Review	RISK ASSESSMENT METHOD USED: SAFETY REVIEW	ADDRESS: 1/35 Honeycomb Drive Eastern Creek NSW 2766

This Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment has been prepared based on information available at the date of publication. The assessment must be reviewed by all stakeholders and revised:

- (a) Having regard to the options and general arrangement of miscellaneous equipment/facilities that may be provided on the plant according to the end users requirements or specification.
- (b) According to the particular circumstances under which the plant is used and maintained.
- (c) As new hazards are identified or as risks are reassessed.
- (d) As new or revised control measures are implemented.
- (e) As and when work procedures are altered

Although every attempt has been made to identify reasonably foreseeable circumstances no guarantee as to the completeness of this assessment is implied or provided.

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		measures ALREADY implemented	H = High		Yes/No			
		implemented	E = Extreme					
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1	General		1		,			
1.1	Persons could be injured when following a poor system of work in relation to the operation of this device.	Operating manual provided [Part Number 158022AC-A July 2012] detailing specifications, limitations and residual hazards associated with the operation of	Н	Prepare a documented system of work having regard to the operating specification and limitations as detailed in the owners operating manual.  AND	Yes	MGMT		
		the machine.		Verify that the procedure (including maintenance) covers all modes of operation of the Unit and is a practicable solution.  AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Instruct and train the operator in its use.  AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Ensure operator's manual is with the EWP at all times.	Yes	MGMT		
1.2	Persons could be injured if the device is not suitable for the required task.	Machine specifications are included in the manual [Page 61-64].	Н	Ensure that the unit is adequately rated in terms of capacity, height and reach, rated inclination and mass; having regard to the required task, the site conditions and the environment AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Source another machine if the specifications do not match the requirements for the task	Yes	MGMT		
1.3	Persons could be injured or injure others when operating the unit without sufficient information, instruction, training and supervision.	Operating manual provided [Part Number 158022AC-A July 2012] detailing specifications, limitations and residual hazards	Н	Ensure that all standard work procedures (SWP's) are effectively implemented AND	Yes	MGMT		
	3 3	associated with the operation of the machine.  Warning in manual [Page 8].		Ensure that the operator(s) have read and understand the training and instructions (which must include Manufacturer's and local information).	Yes	MGMT		
1.4	Injury as a result of site specific hazards.	General requirements and general list of site specific	Н	Ensure operators are able to identify particular hazards that may be	Yes	MGMT		

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	which could cause injury or illness)	Describe the risk control	M = Med.		practicable?	whom	completed	
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		implemented	E = Extreme					
			NA = Not Applicable					
		hazards included in manual [Page 9].		encountered at the site and implement actions to ensure that they are addressed by appropriate means.  AND				
				Ensure operators conduct a site hazard assessment before use AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Ensure Operators implement appropriate systems to eliminate the hazards or adequately control the risks associated with the hazards identified.  AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Ensure operators feedback information relating to new hazards identified so they may be reviewed and measures implemented in a training package.  AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Ensure that if operators are uncertain how to address a particular site hazard that they seek advice from a competent person.	Yes	MGMT		
1.5	Persons could be injured if the unit is operated by persons under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.	Warning in manual forbidding the operation of MEWP if operator is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.	Н	Ensure that operators do not use the unit while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.	Yes	MGMT		
1.6	Persons could be injured if the operator's performance is inhibited by poor health or medication with side effects.		Н	Instruct the operator that he/she must report to the supervisor if suffering poor health and safe operating performance could be affected.	Yes	MGMT		
1.7	Persons could be injured if the operator's performance was inhibited by excessive fatigue.		Н	Implement a system to ensure that operators do not work excessive or continuous shifts and manage peak demands.	Yes	MGMT		
1.8	Persons could be injured if the operator's vision is impaired by bright lights in close proximity.		М	Instruct the operator to in relation to the sighting of lights.	Yes	MGMT		

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1.9	Persons could be injured if the unit is operated during storms.	Warning in manual [Page 8], stating machine is not to be operated during lightning or storms.	н	Ensure that the unit is not operated during storms or if storms may arise when carrying out the required task	Yes	MGMT		
1.10	Persons could be injured if the unit is operated indoors without adequate ventilation.	Warning in manual regarding refueling and operation procedures [Page 27 & Page 50].	Н	Ensure that the unit is operated only in well-ventilated areas.	Yes	MGMT		
1.11	Persons could be injured if equipment is operated while not wearing appropriate PPE.	Requirement specified in AS2550.10.  Warning in manual regarding the use of PPE [Page 8].	Н	Provide specification for appropriate PPE including gloves, safety glasses, hard hat and safety footwear as appropriate.  AND Instruct operators on the requirements for its use.	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		
				AND Ensure PPE is inspected and certified on a routine basis.	Yes	MGMT		
1.12	Persons could be injured due to exposure to UV.		М	Develop and provide specification for appropriate UV protection and its use. AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Provide UV protective equipment AND Instruct operators on the requirements for its use.	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		
1.13	Injury due to "horse play" or inappropriate use.	Warning in manual forbidding horseplay or stunt driving [Page 8].	Н	Ensure operators do not engage in horse play or stunt driving AND Ensure that only properly trained personnel use MEWP	Yes Yes	MGMT/OP MGMT		
1.14	Injury due to unauthorised use.	Unit is provided with key lock switches at ground controls.  Warning in manual stating only	Н	Ensure that the unit is locked before leaving unattended AND Ensure that the machine is not lent or	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		
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		trained and authorized personnel to operate MEWP [Page 13].  Warning in manual regarding locking on machine to prevent unauthorized use [Page 9].		sub-hired to any unauthorized person AND Ensure that only authorized personnel use the MEWP	Yes	MGMT		
1.15	Personnel injured due to missing or illegible safety signs.	Pre-operational inspection includes checks of safety decals.  Note in manual noting that all safety signs and decals are legible and in place [page 7].  A list of decals and the corresponding locations is included in the operators manual [section 2.18].	М	Conduct pre-operational checks as described in manual AND Maintain signs and replace as necessary	Yes	MGMT		

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		measures ALREADY	H = High		Yes/No			
		implemented	E = Extreme					
			NA = Not Applicable					
2	Structural Failure							
2.1	MEWP could collapse as a result of design or manufacturing fault.	Designed, manufactured and tested by SKYJACK to the requirements of the design standards and directives in the	М	Ensure that the unit is registered with SKYJACK Australia AND Periodically check for the existence of	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		
		country where the MEWP is sold.  Specifications provided in		routine Safety Alerts that may be issued by the manufacturer or the representative. AND				
		operators manual [Page 61-64].		Routinely inspect the MEWP by a competent organisation external to operator.  AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Monitor local Hazard Alerts and Incident Safety Notices and examine these to determine if they are or could be relevant to the MEWP.	Yes	MGMT		
2.2	Structural failure due to influences from load combinations not taken fully into account	Specification provided on nameplate.  Operation of MEWP interlocked so that it cannot be operated on slopes outside the specified	Н	Ensure that the machine is only operated within the specification detailed in the operating manual and in accordance with industry standards and AS2550.10;	Yes	MGMT		
		limit.  MEWP fitted with load sensing system.		Ensure each person required to operate the machine has been trained and assessed in accordance with the High Risk Work (WP) assessment instrument.	Yes	MGMT		
		Warning provided on the machine and specification provided in manual [Page 63].		Ensure the machine is isolated to prevent unauthorised use at the end of each work shift.  AND	Yes	MGMT		
		Safety decal fitted in platform detailing acceptable horizontal load combinations [Page 77].		Verify expected loading and confirm it is less than Rated Capacity AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Verify operating slopes	Yes	MGMT		

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No.	(the situation or parts of plant which could cause injury or illness)		L = Low M = Med.	control measure	control measures practicable?	Action by whom	the necessary action has been completed	
		Describe the risk control measures ALREADY	H = High		Yes/No			
		implemented	E = Extreme		100/110			1
			NA = Not Applicable					
		Safety decal fitted in platform detailing the maximum rated capacity and number of personnel and equipment load which is acceptable.		AND Verify wind loads anticipated in service.	Yes	MGMT		
2.3	Structural failure due to thermal expansion of hydraulic oil if MEWP is left fully extended for a long period.	All load bearing cylinders fitted with counter balance valves which provide thermal relief.	М	Ensure that hydraulics is maintained in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.	Yes	MGMT		
2.4	Structural failure due to dynamic loading	Speeds provided in manual [Page 61].	М	Ensure that the unit is not operated near drop offs or kerbs AND	Yes	MGMT		
		Warning in manual regarding the risks of drops offs and kerbs [Page 9].		Ensure that the system speeds are set to the specifications provided in the manual.  AND	Yes	MGMT		
		Unit extensively tested and analysed using dynamic modelling		Ensure that the MEWP is maintained in a manner to minimize the excessive backlash between components	Yes	MGMT		
2.5	Structural failure due to operation on a slope greater than the design slope	Tilt alarm fitted which alerts operators if slope exceeded.	М	Ensure the tilt alarm is checked as per pre-operational checks in manual AND	Yes	MGMT		
		Sensor securely mounted in protected area and external damage causes an open circuit (alarm) condition.		Ensure the MEWP is operated within the rated slope limitations listed in the manual	Yes	MGMT		
		Instructions provide explaining how to recover from an inclined position [Section 3.11]						
		Tilt Sensor test specified in service manual [Page 34]						
2.6	MEWP could collapse as a result of poor structural/mechanical condition	Pre-start checks include checks of general structural and	Н	Inspect the machine in accordance with the instructions outlined in the service	Yes	MGMT		

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	which could cause injury or illness)	Describe the risk control	M = Med.		practicable?	whom	completed	
		measures ALREADY implemented	H = High E = Extreme		Yes/No			
			NA = Not Applicable					
	due to fatigue/wear	mechanical items and are included in manual [Page 65].  Warning in manual [page 11] not to operate machine if it is not working properly or if any parts are missing or damaged.		manual. AND Undertake major inspection per AS2550.10 at end of design life.	Yes	MGMT		
2.7	Persons could be injured by the unit if operating in poor mechanical or hydraulic condition.	Preoperational checks listed in manual [Chapter 65].  Warning in manual [page 11] not to operate machine if it is not working properly or if any parts	Н	Ensure that the unit is checked, repaired and maintained by a competent person in accordance with the checklists contained in the operation manual, AND Modify maintenance program according	Yes	MGMT MGMT		
		are missing or damaged.		to use AND Instruct the operator/competent person to report all faults to management.	Yes	MGMT		
				AND Ensure all inspections, servicing, replacement of parts and modifications are entered into logbook. AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Use equivalent replacement parts AND Log replacement.	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		
2.8	Due to accidental impact – unintentional activation of controls	Safety control (constant pressure foot-switch) provided which must be depressed for any MEWP movement via joystick control.	Н	Implement system to ensure adequate reporting of all incidents in relation to machine AND Ensure that all incidents in relation to the	Yes	MGMT MGMT		
		Emergency stop switch located at both platform and ground controls.		machine are reported and acted on.				
		Control switches automatically						

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		·	E = Extreme  NA = Not  Applicable					
		return to neutral when released						
2.9	Failure due to unauthorized alteration or interference.	Note provided in operators manual [Page 11] prohibiting unauthorized modification	Н	Seek advice for all modifications/repairs considered during life of machine. AND Ensure that no additions or alterations	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		
				are performed on the platform without written approval from SKYJACK engineering department.				
2.10	Structural failure because of loose or missing fasteners.	Preoperational checks included in manual [Section 2.3] which includes checks of fasteners and	Н	Provide a logbook for use by the operator and service personnel AND	Yes	MGMT		
		pivot pins.		Ensure that the unit is checked, repaired and maintained in accordance with the checklist contained in the operation & service manuals, by a competent person AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Results are entered into the logbook.	Yes	MGMT		
2.11	Structural failure due to loose or missing pivot pins	Preoperational checks included in manual [Section 2.3] which includes checks of fasteners and pivot pins.	н	Ensure that pre-operational inspections are performed and the results documented AND Perform regular maintenance checks as listed in the operator's and maintenance manuals	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		
2.12	Persons could be injured as a result of fatigue failure – road transport.	Inspection procedures provided.  Pre-operational inspection list provided with instructions	М	Inspect the machine in accordance with the procedures specified in manual [Page 65]. AND	Yes	MGMT		
		provided in section 2.8.  Tie-down points provided on		Ensure the operators are instructed to properly stow unit prior to transportation.  AND	Yes	MGMT		
		MEWP chassis.		Ensure the platform is restrained during transportation.	Yes	MGMT		
2.13	Injury as a result of excess water/debris in platform and/or booms.	Open platform provided.	М	Ensure that MEWP is properly stored and protected against the environment.	Yes	MGMT		

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		implemented	E = Extreme					
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		Pre-operational inspections included in manual regarding condition of MEWP.		AND Ensure that annual checks are performed before returning the MEWP to service.	Yes	MGMT		
2.14	Injury as a result of collision with other vehicular traffic.		L	Implement a traffic management system AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Ensure the MEWP is not driven on public roads	Yes	MGMT		
				Ensure a traffic management system is enforced, should the EWP be exposed to vehicular traffic.	Yes	MGMT		
2.15	Injury due to collision with buildings etc.		Н	Ensure spotters are used in areas where clearances are reduced AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Ensure that trained personnel are provided and used to provide emergency assistance as required in operators manual.	Yes	MGMT		
2.16	Structural failure due to overload.	Load sensing system fitted which does not permit platform movement if the platform load exceeds 110% of the rated capacity.	Н	Ensure that the rated capacity is not exceeded AND Audit the mass of the personnel and equipment carried in the platform on a regular basis.	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		
		Warning in manual not to exceed the platform rated capacity [page 9].		regular basis.				
		Platform rated capacity listed in table 4.5 [page 66].						
		Rated capacity decal fitted on platform which details the rated capacity and the number of personnel permitted.						

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			NA = Not Applicable					
2.17	Structural failure due to excessive wind.	Maximum wind speed stated in operators manual, warnings in manual regarding the fitting of bluff bodies which may increase loads due to wind. [Page 9].  MEWP designed and tested for a wind speed of 12.5m/s.	н	Ensure that operators do not exceed the limits listed on the platform and in the operator's manual.  AND  Ensure that the operators do not carry bluff bodies which increase the wind load.  AND	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		
				Ensure banners or other advertising is not attached to the platform at any time.	Yes	MGMT		
3	Overturning							
3.1	Persons could be injured as a result of instability or overturning – on excessive slope	Chassis tilt alarm provided.  Instructions included in operations manual regarding site checks prior to deploying unit [Page 11].	Н	Ensure that the MEWP is operated within the rated slope limitations specified on the name plate AND Ensure that the tilt sensor is maintained in a proper working order at all times.	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		
3.2	Persons could be injured as a result of instability or overturning	Tilt alarm fitted to machine which warns the operator if the permitted chassis inclination is exceeded.	Н	Train operators in respect of proper siting and precautions necessary to ensure stability.  AND  Audit work practices accordingly	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		
3.3	Overturning due to collapse of support surface	Instructions included in operations manual regarding site checks prior to operating MEWP [page 7].  Maximum allowable ground pressures included in manual [Page 64].  Wheel load decals fitted to MEWP [Section 5].  Additional notes in AS2550.10	Н	Ensure the unit is not set up on rough, soft or otherwise hazardous surfaces AND Seek advice regarding ground/surface capacities as necessary	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		

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		implemented	E = Extreme		103/140			
			NA = Not Applicable					
		Maximum wheel load included in manufacturer's plate.						
3.4	Overturning as a result of setting up on uneven surfaces	Tilt alarm provided.  Warning in manual that MEWP is to be elevated only on firm level surfaces [page 9].	Н	Ensure that operators are trained relating to proper setup, including the necessity to set up on flat surfaces within the limits specified both fore and aft and sideways on the nameplate.  AND	Yes	MGMT		
		Test procedure specified in service manual		Ensure operators follow these requirements AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Ensure that operators follow the instructions given in the operators & service manuals regarding site checks, special limitations and service information.	Yes	MGMT		
3.5	Overturning due to overloading the platform	Unit stability tested in accordance with the requirements of EN280/AS1418.10.	Н	Ensure that the rated capacity is not exceeded and personnel observe the load sensing system alarms and understand their meaning.  AND	Yes	MGMT		
		Rated load indicated on platform and data plate.		Conduct a weight audit on a periodic basis	Yes	MGMT		
		Picture of data plate included in manual [Page 83].						
		Warning in manual not to exceed the maximum rated capacity [page 10].						
	·	Load sensing system fitted which does not permit platform movement if the platform load		Page 12 of 25				

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		exceeds 110% of the rated capacity.						
3.6	Overturning due to high wind loads.	Maximum wind speed stated in operators manual, warnings in manual regarding the fitting of	Н	Ensure that bluff bodies are not carried or fitted to the platform AND	Yes	MGMT		
		bluff bodies which may increase loads due to wind. [Page 9].		Ensure that the MEWP is not operated in high wind gusting above the rated speed.  AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Monitor wind forecasts on a regular basis AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Ensure that operators observe the restrictions relating to single person only use outdoors.	Yes	MGMT		
3.7	Pushing or pulling objects with platform.	Warnings provided in manual [Page 10] not to use MEWP as a crane and not to push or pull	Н	Ensure that operators do not exert lateral force greater than that specified AND	Yes	MGMT		
		objects or lift chassis off the ground (2 individual warnings).		Ensure that operators do not push or pull objects with platform	Yes	MGMT		
3.8	Due to tyre failure.	Foam filled tyres fitted on MEWP  General Maintenance and	Н	Check tyre/wheel condition as per manual AND	Yes	MGMT		
		inspection schedule details checks of Wheel/Tire assembly [Page 65].		Ensure that tyres are replaced with OEM parts	Yes	MGMT		
3.9	Due to incorrect tyre specification.	Specification and warning provided in manual [Page 63].	Н	Ensure that only the correct specification tyres are used	Yes	MGMT		
3.10	Due to operation on a truck or similar device.	Warning in manual forbidding the operation on a truck or similar device [Page 10].	Н	Ensure that the unit is only operated on firm ground capable of adequate capacity and never on vehicle or similar	Yes	MGMT		
3.11	Due to loss of wheel.	Note in manual to check wheel nut torque as part of pre- operational inspection [page 25].	М	Ensure that pre-operational inspections are conducted as per manufacturer's instructions.	Yes	MGMT		
3.12	Overturning due to operator falling out of platform while attached the harness	Fall arrest overturning test performed in accordance with	М	Ensure that personnel do not climb on the handrails	Yes	MGMT		

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	& lanyard	AS1418.10 requirements.		AND Do not drive over rough terrain at speed. depressions at speed AND	Yes	MGMT		
3.13	Due to safety limit switches being overridden	Note in manual [page 10] warning not to disable limit switches.	Н	Wear a harness with energy absorber.  Ensure operators or maintenance personnel do not alter or disable limit switches.	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		
		Warning decal fitted to MEWP prohibiting any modification or altering of safety switches.						
4	Control malfunction & uncontrolle							
4.1	As a result of control malfunction.	Emergency stop switches fitted at upper and lower control stations.	М	Ensure that control cubicle is clear and free of tools and equipment that could jam controls  AND	Yes	MGMT		
		Pre-operational checks included in operators manual [page 66].		Verify condition and operation AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Check operation of Emergency-stop switches every day before use	Yes	MGMT		
4.2	Due to contamination of hydraulic system.	Hydraulic filters fitted.  Maintenance manuals detail service intervals for hydraulic filters under section Hydraulic Maintenance.	М	Maintain hydraulic filters as per manual instructions	Yes	MGMT		
4.3	Accidental knocking of controls.	Constant pressure foot-switch provided which must be pressed for controls to be activated.  Emergency stop provided.	М	Maintain control console.	Yes	MGMT		
		Lower controls positioned to minimize the risk of accidental activation.						

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			NA = Not Applicable					
		Note in manual not to wear loose fitting clothing [page 9].						
4.4	Control conflict using emergency power system.	Lower controls override upper controls, manual lowering does not rely on a power source.	М	Ensure operators are familiar with the emergency lowering procedures prior to operating the MEWP AND Ensure that ground personnel are	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		
				always available to perform emergency operations if required.				
4.5	Due to safety switches being overridden.	Warning in manual prohibiting the alteration or disabling of limit switches, safety switches or interlocks [Page 10].	Н	Ensure that safety devices are not tampered with	Yes	MGMT		
4.6	Unintentional activation of controls due to entanglement of hoses or cables with joystick.	Warning in manual regarding the danger of entanglement of hoses and cables around controls [page 9].	Н	Ensure operators engage the emergency stop when they have reached the desired work location as instructed in the manual.	Yes	MGMT		
		Constant pressure foot-switch must be depressed before movement will take place.						
5	Hydraulic							
5.1	Failure of cylinder or hose resulting in platform movement	Cylinders fitted with load holding valves.  Preoperational check provided in	L	Ensure the pre-operational checks are performed and documented by operators prior to use of the MEWP	Yes	MGMT		
		manual [Section 2.3]		Ensure that the machine is withdrawn from service and repaired if the platform position is not maintained or there are signs of hydraulic leaks.	Yes	MGMT		
5.2	Injury as a result of a high pressure hydraulic leak	Warning in service manual	М	Ensure that personnel are properly trained and aware of the hazard.	Yes	MGMT		

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Hazard No.	Hazard Description - (the situation or parts of plant which could cause injury or illness)	Is there any risk?	Risk L = Low M = Med.	Proposed SUPPLEMENTARY risk control measure	Are the control measures practicable?	For Action by whom	Confirmation that the necessary action has been completed	Notes
		Describe the risk control measures ALREADY implemented	H = High E = Extreme		Yes/No			
			NA = Not Applicable					
6	Crushing/Trapping Hazards		•					
6.1	Crush injury as a result of operation – either travelling or raising.	Motion alarms fitted which provide an audible alarm when the MEWP is travelling and/or lifting and lowering.	Н	Ensure that operators, observe the surroundings and travel at appropriate speeds AND	Yes	MGMT		
		Warnings in manual [page 10].		Ensure that ground personnel are available to observe and take corrective action if necessary.  AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Ensure they are familiar with emergency operation procedures	Yes	MGMT		
6.2	Crush injury due to inadvertent operation.	Constant pressure foot-switch provided which must be pressed for controls to be activated.  Pre-operational inspections list checks for platform and lower controls [Page 66].	М	Conduct pre-operational function checks per the manual [Page 66]	Yes	MGMT		
6.3	Ground personnel crushed whilst machine is operating	All motion alarm fitted.  Warning in manual to ensure that there are no personnel or	Н	Ensure that the all motion alarm is maintained and working as part of preoperational inspection  AND	Yes	MGMT		
		obstructions in the path of travel, including blind spots [page 10].		Ensure that personnel remain clear of the platform when in use.	Yes	MGMT		
6.4	Persons exposed to vehicular traffic.	See 2.15	NA	and place in miles in doo.				
6.5	Persons crushed whilst performing maintenance.	Instructions included in operations & maintenance manual regarding blocking the	Н	Train operators to be aware of these hazards AND	Yes	MGMT		
		booms prior to conducting any maintenance and/or checks [Section 3.12].		Ensure maintenance personnel always prop the scissors when performing maintenance.	Yes	MGMT		
7	Slips, trips, falls	- 3			<u>.                                    </u>		1	
7.1	Falling from the platform	Non-slip flooring and standard access provided.  Warning provided regarding	Н	Ensure that access points and platform floor are maintained and free of obstacles, slick surfaces and slip resistant.	Yes	MGMT		

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		Describe the risk control measures ALREADY implemented	H = High		Yes/No			
		·	E = Extreme  NA = Not  Applicable					
		climbing on guardrails [Page 10].		AND Observe instructions in manual.	Yes	MGMT		
7.2	Stepping out of elevated platform	Refer to requirements per AS2550.10, see clause 5.9 and figure 5.9(B).	Н	Ensure that operator egress at heights is prohibited unless in an emergency and there is a safe means to do so.  AND	Yes	MGMT		
		Warning in manual [page 10] not to sit, stand or climb on the guard rails.  Warning in manual not to		Ensure that the operator does not egress from the basket at height unless secured via a twin lanyard assembly to a secure anchor point on a fixed structure AND	Yes	MGMT		
		regarding staying within the guardrails [Page 9].		Refer to requirements per AS2550.10, see clause 5.9 and figure 5.9(B)	Yes	MGMT/OP		
7.3	Use of step ladders or stools in platform	Warning in manual not to use ladders or other devices to increase the platform height	M	Ensure that operators do not use any means to gain additional height AND	Yes	MGMT		
		[page 10].		Ensure the correct machine is used for the particular task at hand	Yes	MGMT		
7.4	Falling whilst performing maintenance checks.	Pre-operational checks able to be performed at ground level.	М	Ensure that appropriate equipment is used during maintenance where access at height is required.	Yes	MGMT		
7.5	Fall whilst accessing the platform.	Platform able to be accessed from ground level.	M	Ensure that operators do not access the platform when elevated.  AND	Yes	MGMT		
		Warnings throughout manual to always use three points of contact while accessing the platform [Page 11].		Ensure that operators follow the instructions provided in the operator's manual when accessing the platform.	Yes	MGMT		
7.6	Falling through the platform gate.	Gate is self-closing & self- latching in accordance with AS1418.10 clause 2.5.6.	Н	Amend pre-operational checks [Page 66] to include check of gate function and condition.	Yes	MGMT		
		Check of gate operation included in pre-operational inspection [page 30].		Ensure that the gate is free to close and automatically latches before use.				

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Hazard No.	Hazard Description -	Is there any risk?	Risk	Proposed SUPPLEMENTARY risk control measure	Are the control	For Action	Confirmation that the necessary	Notes
110.	(the situation or parts of plant		L = Low	Control moderate	measures	by	action has been	
	which could cause injury or illness)	Describe the risk control	M = Med.		practicable?	whom	completed	
		measures ALREADY	H = High		Yes/No			
		implemented	E = Extreme					
			NA = Not Applicable					
7.7	Falling through guard rails which have not been properly locked in place	Guard rails are permanently attached to platform.	NA					
8	Falling Objects			l				
8.1	Ground crew or passerby being struck by falling tools or objects	See also AS2550.10	M	Barricade area from public access AND	Yes	MGMT		
		100mm high toe guards provided on platform in accordance with AS1418.10 clause 2.5.4		Ensure that materials are not supported on the guardrails or exceed the confines of the platform.	Yes	MGMT		
9	Electrical Hazards							
9.1	Persons could be injured due to contact or approach to live electrical apparatus	Legislative requirements to maintain clearances  Warnings in AS2550.10	Н	Ensure persons observe the limits of approach as specified by regulation and as indicated on the signs attached.	Yes	MGMT		
		Warning in manual and table of clearance distances [page 8].						
		No-Go zone clearance sign fitted to platform and base						
9.2	Use in Storms	See 1.9 above.						
9.3	Electric shock due to fault with AC power supply		Н	Ensure that all AC installations are certified or performed by suitably qualified personnel in accordance with AS3000 wiring rules.	Yes	MGMT		
				Check the condition of the AC Power supply on a routine basis	Yes	MGMT		
				Ensure that the supply is appropriately protected	Yes	MGMT		
9.4	Short circuit batteries with jewelry or watches	Note in manual not to wear watches or jewelry [page 9].	М	Ensure that operators and maintenance personnel do not wear jewelry or watches whilst operating or maintaining the MEWP.	Yes	MGMT		

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		Describe the risk control measures ALREADY implemented	H = High E = Extreme		Yes/No			
			NA = Not Applicable					
10	Fire or Burns							
10.1	Work in and explosive atmosphere.	Warning in manual regarding operation if hazardous environments [Page 10]	М	Ensure MEWP is not operated in an explosive or hazardous environment AND Ensure MEWP is not operated with	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		
		Warning provided in manual regarding hazards associated with charging of batteries. [Page 26]		flammable or explosive liquids on or within the platform.				
10.2	During refueling	Warning in manual [Page 50].	M	Ensure refueling procedures listed in manual are followed when refueling.	Yes	MGMT		
10.3	During battery maintenance	Note in manual [Page 26] Also see 9.4 above.	M	Ensure that battery maintenance is performed by competent persons in accordance with established SWP's.	Yes	MGMT		
10.4	Carrying fuel or other explosive substances in platform		Н	Ensure no explosive materials or fuel is stored on platform during operation.	Yes	MGMT		
10.5	While checking engine components	Warning in manual [page 27] to beware of hot engine components.	М	Ensure operators are trained in performing necessary checks and are aware of the hazards.	Yes	MGMT		
11	Driving Transport & Handling							
11.1	Injury as a result of accumulated deterioration during long term storage.	Preoperational checks and inspections specified in manual [Sections 3-1-2,3-1-3, 3-1-4]	М	Ensure that an annual inspection is comprehensively performed before returning the unit to service.	Yes	MGMT		
11.2	Injury from unsecured vehicle	Tie down lugs fitted to chassis and are marked.  Instructions for transportation included in manual [pages 51].	M	Ensure that the unit is secured in accordance with the requirements in the manual	Yes	MGMT		
11.3	Injury loading/unloading from vehicle	Instructions for loading & unloading included in manual [pages 51].	Н	Ensure that the loading ramps are adequate to support the machine and the gradient is less than the maximum gradeability AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Ensure that the transport vehicle and ramps are secured to prevent rolling/shifting	Yes	MGMT		

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		measures ALREADY implemented	H = High E = Extreme		Yes/No			
			NA = Not Applicable					
11.3.1	Injury releasing brakes	Instructions provided in manual on correct procedure for releasing brakes [Page 54] which includes warnings regarding slopes.	M	Ensure that the unit is secured and not on a slope before releasing the brakes	Yes	MGMT		
11.4	Lifting the unit	Machine weight provided on nameplate.  Machine mass listed in specifications [Page 61].  Instructions for loading & unloading included in manual [pages 51].	М	Ensure that only the designated lift points are used during lifting and that all rigging is appropriate for the task	Yes	MGMT		
12	Maintenance							
12.1	Injury during hydraulic maintenance from pressurized sources	See 5.2 above.						
12.2	Strains/sprains when removing or performing certain maintenance aspects of the Unit.		L	Establish appropriate work procedures for all anticipated maintenance issues arising AND Periodically review these SWP's.	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		
12.3	Persons may be injured as the result of poor maintenance and/or adjustment procedures.		L	Supplement the manuals with concise criteria in respect to: Hazard warnings as detailed herein and as identified during periodic safety assessments and updates as suggested in manual reviews AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Ensure that the unit is tested by a competent person prior to being returned to normal service after repairs and/or adjustment of critical components or systems.	Yes	MGMT		
12.4	Persons injured handling heavy or unsupported items		М	Instruct personnel in respect of proper maintenance procedures including the	Yes	MGMT		

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		Describe the risk control measures ALREADY implemented	H = High E = Extreme		Yes/No			
			NA = Not Applicable					
				necessity to support items during maintenance.				
12.5	Persons injured due to exposure to pinch points/shear points		L	Instruct personnel in respect of proper maintenance procedures.	Yes	MGMT		
12.6	Repair personnel crushed by falling platform during maintenance		Н	Ensure personnel are trained in correct repair procedures	Yes	MGMT		
12.7	Repair personnel sustain burns as a result of short circuit between jewelry and watch during battery maintenance.	See 9.4 above.						
13	Emergency Procedures							
13.1	Injuries exacerbated as a result of incorrect emergency retrieval procedures.	Instruction in manual [Page 55].  Decal fitted which explains the emergency lowering procedure.	М	Ensure that persons are available at ground level and are familiar with the operation of the controls to effect retrieval.	Yes	MGMT		
13.2	Injuries exacerbated as a result of insufficient communication procedures or equipment.	, , , ,	Н	Establish and audit routine emergency procedures AND	Yes	MGMT		
	от оданритота:			Ensure that all operators are equipped with portable communications equipment where necessary.  AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Establish protocols and procedures to ensure a timely and appropriate response in emergencies.  AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Ensure all operators report in when attending site and on a routine basis thereafter.	Yes	MGMT		
13.3	Injuries exacerbated as a result of working solo.		Н	Ensure that workers do not work solo AND	Yes	MGMT		
				Establish protocols and procedures to ensure a timely and appropriate response in emergencies AND	Yes	MGMT		
1				Ensure all operators report in when	Yes	MGMT		

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Hazard No.	Hazard Description -  (the situation or parts of plant which could cause injury or illness)	Describe the risk control measures ALREADY implemented	Risk L = Low M = Med. H = High	Proposed SUPPLEMENTARY risk control measure	Are the control measures practicable?	For Action by whom	Confirmation that the necessary action has been completed	Notes
		шропопо	E = Extreme  NA = Not  Applicable					
				attending site and on a routine basis thereafter. AND Ensure that trained personnel are available to observe operation in areas where there is reduced clearance and are available to effect emergency retrieval if necessary.	Yes	MGMT		
14	Other							
14.1	Persons injured using toxic chemicals or flammable materials in platform.	Open Platform provided	М	Ensure operators are aware of the hazards specific to the material being used.	Yes	MGMT		
14.2	Due to failure to observe or rectify safety upgrades from manufacturer.		Н	Ensure that the owner of each machine is registered with the manufacturer.  AND Periodically check the status in respect of safety bulletins or upgrades applying to the machine.  AND	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		
				Ensure that safety upgrades provided by the manufacturer are implemented. AND Ensure the manufacturer is advised	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		
14.3	Operators hearing damaged as a result of excessive noise.	Sound pressure level does not exceed 103dBA.	M	when the machine is disposed of.  Ensure that if noise exceeds acceptable levels that either ear protection is worn and/or the operators are removed from the noisy environment.	Yes	MGMT		
14.4	Persons injured due to unrecognized hazard.	Preliminary Hazard ID prepared provided.	М	Update hazard ID as necessary AND Implement Risk control measures as necessary having regard to the hierarchy of control measures available.	Yes Yes	MGMT MGMT		

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# NOTES:

1. SKJ: Skyjack Australia

2. MGMT: Refers to the person legally responsible for the use of the unit; it generally means the employer, the company or the legal entity that has responsibility under the Health and

Safety legislation in the State or Territory in which the unit is being used.

3. OP: Is the operator, authorized by management and responsible for the operation and preoperational inspection and use of the unit.

4. OWNER: Is the person or organisation that owns the unit and is responsible for its condition and state of repair.

# **GENERAL NOTES:**

1. This Risk Assessment has been prepared for Skyjack Australia for the subject plant and is not transferable to other plant or parties.

- 2. Item Numbers refer to hazards, which can exist if the unit is not adequately maintained e.g. Guards not fitted, gauges fail to correctly display readings etc. The measures listed to control risks arising from this type of hazard can include reference to operating procedures. Operating Procedures cannot make the operator responsible for inadequate maintenance/repairs etc but is only intended to ensure that the procedures include the need for the operator to report any faults detected.
- 3. This Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment document has been prepared based on information available at the date of publication. In order to ensure this Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment, Risk Control document is **both accurate and complete**; "Management of the Unit" must review it:
  - (a) According to the particular circumstances under which the plant and/or process is used and maintained,
  - (b) As new hazards are identified or as risks are re-assessed,
  - (c) As new or revised control measures are implemented,
  - (d) As and when work procedures are altered.

Although every attempt has been made to identify reasonably foreseeable circumstances, no guarantee as to the completeness of this assessment is implied or provided.

- 4. "Preliminary" is placed in this document to indicate that the Controls listed in Columns C and E are a practicable way of controlling the risks arising out of the Hazards listed in Column B. "Preliminary" status remains in place until the "Management of the Unit" agrees that the assessment is complete and that the controls proposed are practicable.
- **Column Y has** been provided on the document to allow the "Management of the Unit" to record that their Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment, and Risk Control process has been completed and that all controls are in place and operating. When **Column Y** is completed, the document becomes a record of the completeness of the process and the documentation (subject to any changes which need to be further reviewed in accordance with Item 3 above).
- 6. The use of the word "AND" or "&" in the supplementary risk control measure column is intended to mean that the combination of risk control measures are to be implemented on the whole not in part.
- 7. The determination of risk, column D, is a subjective assessment based on the following factors: exposure the number of times humans are exposed to the risk, the probability of the hazard arising, and the consequence of the hazard death or serious injury.

## Risk Management

Risk management is a five-step process for controlling exposure to health and safety risks associated with hazards in the workplace. To properly manage exposure to risks, a person must:

(a) Identify hazards;

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- (b) Assess risks that may result because of the hazards:
- (c) Decide on appropriate control measures to prevent or minimise the level of the risks;
- (d) Implement control measures; and
- (e) Monitor and review the effectiveness of the measures.

Hazards and risks are NOT the same thing.

A hazard is something with the potential to cause harm. This can include substances, plant, work processes or other aspects of the work environment.

Risk is the likelihood that death, injury or illness might result because of the hazard.

### As examples:

- The hazard is electricity—the risk is the likelihood that a worker might be electrocuted because of exposure to electrical wires that are inadequately insulated.
- The hazard is a 40 kg bag—the risk is the likelihood that a worker might suffer back strain from manually lifting 40 kg bags.
- The hazard is carbon monoxide—the risk is the likelihood that a worker might suffer carbon monoxide poisoning because they are using a petrol-operated pump in a well.

### When undertaking risk management:

- (a) Involve workers in the process; (it is legal requirement that all stakeholders are consulted)
- (b) Don't use it to justify a decision that has already been made;
- (c) Consider good industry practice; and be aware of the current State of Knowledge in relation to the hazard
- (d) Record any risk management activities undertaken.

Under the relevant Workplace Health and Safety Acts, to properly manage exposure to risks, a person should consider the appropriateness of control measures in the following order (sometimes referred to as the 'Hierarchy of Control'):

- (a) Eliminating the hazard or preventing the risk; or
- (b) If eliminating the hazard or preventing the risk is not possible, minimising the risk by measures that must be considered n the following order:
  - (i) Substituting the hazard giving rise to the risk with a hazard giving rise to a lesser risk;
  - (ii) Isolating the hazard giving rise to the risk from anyone who may be at risk;
  - (iii) Minimising the risk by engineering means;
  - (iv) Applying administrative measures; and
  - (v) Using personal protective equipment.

Examples of subparagraph (iii)—redesigning work, plant, equipment, components or premises.

Examples of subparagraph (iv)—training, reasonable hours of work.

The higher in the hierarchy of control, the better and more reliable the control is. In practice, several control options are often used in combination. Personal protective equipment is usually used in conjunction with other control measures.

Control measures must be implemented before work commences.

# Risk Ranking Matrix

#### **CONSEQUENCES TABLE**

Level	Descriptor	Examples
1	Insignificant	No injuries, low financial loss
2	Minor	First aid treatment, on-site release immediately contained, medium financial loss
3	Moderate	Medical treatment required, on-site release contained without assistance, high financial loss
4	Major	Extensive injuries, loss of production capability, off-site release with no detrimental effects, major financial loss
5	Catastrophic	Death, toxic release off-site with detrimental effect, huge financial loss

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NOTE: Measures used should reflect the needs and nature of the organisation & activity under study, e.g. in high risk industries multiple fatalities and fatalities may be separated into several levels.

### LIKELIHOOD TABLE

Level	Descriptor	Examples
Α	Very likely	Is expected to occur in most circumstances
В	Likely	Will probably occur in most circumstances
С	Moderate	Might occur at some time
D	Unlikely	Could occur at some time
E	Rare	May occur only in exceptional circumstances

NOTE: Measures used should reflect the needs and nature of the organisation and activity under study.

#### MATRIX TABLE

	Consequence					
Likelihood	Insignificant (1)	Minor (2)	Moderate (3)	Major (4)	Catastrophic (5)	
Almost certain (A)	Н	Н	E	E	E	
Likely (B)	M	Н	Н	E	E	
Moderate (C)	L	M	Н	E	E	
Unlikely (D)	L	L	М	Н	E	
Rare (E)	L	L	M	Н	Н	

The risk level read from the matrix defines the priority for action or the importance for review. Again the actions required for a particular risk level should be customized to the particular circumstances. Possible actions are:

E= Extreme risk—consider stopping work (who decides which boxes contain E?)

H= High risk—should be reduced as soon as possible.

M= Moderate risk—management responsibility and action dates must be specified

L= Low risk—manage by routine procedures

The matrix suggests four different action levels but could equally be divided into a larger number of priority levels. There is merit in assigning all events that have the potential for a fatality priority 1 unless they are so unlikely that they are not expected ever to occur. This ensures that controls for preventing fatalities receive priority attention even where they are believed to be good.

Notes on using the matrix method

The strengths of this method are:

- The analysis provides a ranking of risk.
- The method encourages the risk analyst or team to understand the hazard in order to rank the significance of the risk.

The major problems involved in applying such a method are:

- People guess levels of likelihood and consequence without sufficient analysis of the hazard or existing controls.
- The analysis methodology is applied to a risk where the circumstances of occurrence are rare. For example, suppose a person was exposed to a hazard for a short period of time, once every 10 years. Suppose also that that hazard was almost certain to cause fatality upon each exposure. It would be incorrect to use a simple methodology whereby the likelihood of the consequences was ranked relatively lowly at once in 10 years. In that particular example the likelihood of fatality is certain once exposure occurs. An amended methodology will be required to deal with those circumstances such as the fine risk score calculator described in B10. below.
- Since judgements of consequences and likelihood are highly subjective the matrix does not work well as a decision tool, particularly concerning the need for action on high consequence low probability risks.

# WARNING

The risk ratings used in this document are intended to stimulate discussion from the parties affected by the use of the subject machine; they shall not be adopted as the most appropriate risk rating without sufficient consideration by the designer, manufacturer, management or user of the plant.

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