

Association of Lorry Loader manufacturers and Importers

Bridge Bashing Regulation

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Under Statutory Instrument No. 530/1997, The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1997, the following apply:-

1. from the 1st of October 1997, all relevant vehicles over 3 metres in height must have a notice in the vehicle cab indicating the vehicles normal travelling height.
2. from the 1st of April 1998, all relevant vehicles put on the road for the first time, must be fitted with devices to warn the driver that the travelling height stated on the notice in the cab, has been exceeded.
3. from the 1st of October 1998, all relevant vehicles first put on the road after 1st April 1993, must be retro fitted with devices to warn the driver that the travelling height stated on the notice in the cab, has been exceeded.

ALLMI recommend that all drivers/operators of vehicle mounted Lorry Loader Cranes are fitted with devices to warn that the travelling height stated on the notice in the cab has been exceeded.

The cost of a bridge inspection resulting from a bridge bashing incident can be very expensive, hundred thousand-pound figures are not unheard of. Bridge repairs can run into costs approaching millions of pounds.

For CE marked machines, EN 12999 Section 5.6.1.3 calls for an indicator to warn the operator when the crane height exceeds a predetermined maximum.

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