

Emergency Lowering In nd GS-4047

If there is a machine breakdown or if the operator becomes incapacitated it may be necessary to perform an emergency rescue from the ground. Emergency rescues must be rehearsed routinely.

Warning

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You should not operate this Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP) unless you are suitably trained and fully familiarised with its operation and the emergency procedures set out in the manufacturer's manual. Operating plant necessarily involves risk of injury to the person.

A Before starting work consider the following:

- Will there be a second person in the vicinity of the machine to undertake a rescue if required?
- Have both the operator and rescuer been familiarised with the ground controls?
- Can the rescuer gain access to the ground controls? i.e. Ensure that the machine is not parked with the ground controls facing a wall or similar obstruction.
- Is the key in the ground control to allow the rescuer to switch power from basket to ground controls?

B Before attempting to lower platform:

- It is imperative that an inspection be carried out to ensure the lowering of the platform is not hindered by obstructions such as steel work, pipes, cables, etc. It may be necessary to retract the extension deck prior to lowering.
- If the operator has been incapacitated ensure they will not be put in additional danger by lowering of the platform. Remember that completing a rescue in 4-6 minutes may be critical.
- If unsure seek help (it may be necessary to carry out a mid air rescue).
- Carefully plan each action before starting to lower the platform.

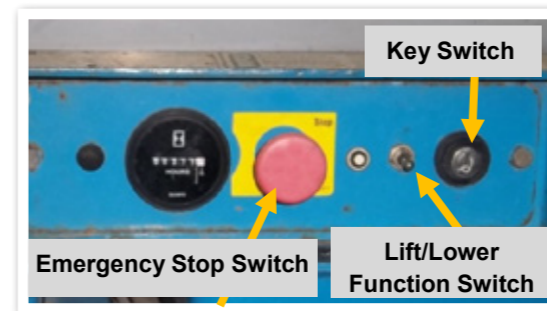
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Lowering the platform using base controls:

In order of preference, always attempt C before attempting D

Warning: do not hold onto or place any part of the body through the scissor arms due to crushing risk.

- 1 Check for any obstructions.
- 2 Turn Key Switch fully clockwise to "base" position.
- 3 Pull out or twist Emergency Stop.
- 4 Operate and the Hold Function Switch in downwards position. (The descent alarm should sound while the platform is lowering.)
- 5 The platform should lower until it is 7 ft (2.1m) from the ground and then stop.
- 6 Release Function Switch and check for obstructions in scissor pack and that no one is standing under the extension deck if extended.
- 7 Operate and hold Function Switch in downwards position until platform is fully lowered.



Lower Controls for Gen 3 and Gen 4



Lower Controls for Gen 5

D

Lowering the platform using emergency lowering handle:

If the platform emergency stop is in it will be necessary to lower the platform using the Emergency Lowering Handle.

Warning: do not hold onto or place any part of the body through the scissor pack due to crushing risk.

- 1 Check for any obstructions.
- 2 Pull the red Emergency Lowering Handle located at the machine base depending on the model (the descent alarm will not sound but you will hear a hissing sound as the oil flows back through the system).
- 3 Lower the platform until it is approximately 7 ft (2.1m) from the ground and release the Emergency Lowering Handle to stop the descent.
- 4 Check for obstructions in scissor pack and that no one is standing under the extension deck if extended.
- 5 Pull Emergency Lowering Handle to lower the platform fully.



Emergency Lowering Handle for Gen 3 & 4



Emergency Lowering Handle for Gen 5



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