

# Emergency Lowering Instructions

## Nano Vertical Personnel Lifts

Machine Range: Nano SP and Nano SP+



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.



### 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 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.



### Before attempting to lower platform:

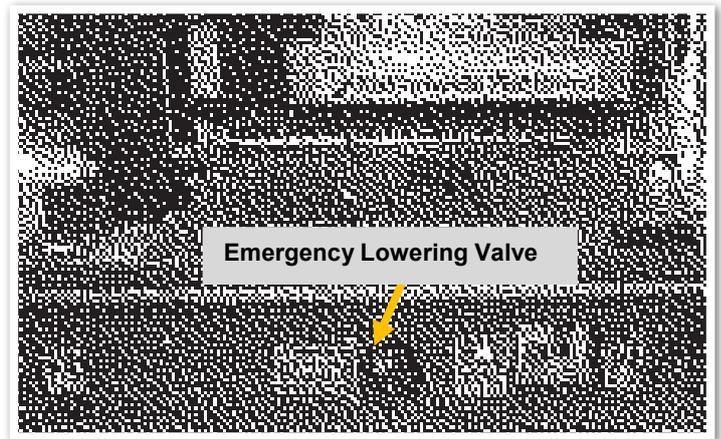
- It is imperative that an inspection be carried out to ensure the lowering of the platform is not hindered by obstructions such as steel work, pipes, cables, etc. It may be necessary to retract the extension deck prior to lowering.
- If unsure seek help (it may be necessary to carry out a mid air rescue).
- Carefully plan each action before starting to lower the platform.
- 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.

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## Lowering the Platform using emergency lowering valve:

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

- 1 Check beneath platform and extension deck (if fitted) for obstructions.
- 2 Pull the Emergency Lowering Valve at the side of the machine base and hold.
- 3 Continue to hold until the platform is fully lowered then release.



Note: The lowering switches located on the base are for service conditions only. For emergencies the rescuer must use the Emergency Lowering Valve at the side of the machine base.

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## Technical advice and training courses

If the controls do not function or you are unsure of their operation please call our Technical Support team on 0845 745 0000 option 3.

As the UK's largest training provider in our industry, we have a range of courses to help you and your operators to work efficiently and safely at height.

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