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Network Rail Safety Bulletin

Failed Lifting Equipment – Sumner Roust-A-Bout R-250

For the attention of: all Network Rail staff and suppliers

Background:

During a recent lifting operation involving the use of a Sumner Roust-A-Bout R-250 lifting hoist, a cable failed without warning which caused a section of steelwork to fall within a designated site area. The initial cause is not known. As part of the investigation into how the failure occurred, it was discovered that internal elements of the lift were not accessible for routine inspection.



Sumner Roust-A-Bout R-250 lifting hoist

Immediate action required by all persons affected:

Until we are certain that this cannot happen again, the **Sumner Roust-A-Bout R-250 lifting hoist** is to be taken out of service with immediate effect and alternative means of lifting to be used.

Staff are reminded that all lifting equipment must be thoroughly examined and inspected before first use and records held on site with the accompanying lift plan.