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Black Rhino Self-Retracting Lifelines

Visiting Auscold Logistics in Adelaide, Australia, I saw an interesting lifeline being used on a man up picking machine. As it was called "the Black Rhino", I had to take a closer look. Working on an inertia system it will stop a person from falling even small distances. Lanyards, which are normally used in SA, need a greater height to be effective and can be cumbersome to use properly. At over R3,400 from local suppliers,

the Black Rhino is not cheap. However, being made from stainless steel it is particularly suited to cold store conditions. If you are interested in the Black Rhino or other fall arrestors in the range, give James a call and he will put you in touch with the local suppliers.



Barpro Basics

Q: Shrink Wrap - So what's the problem?

A: Shrink wrap is commonly used in cold stores to wrap and stabilise pallets before they are put away. When the shrink wrap is applied tightly and tied off then it is fine. The problems start when the shrink wrap comes loose. Mobile bases with photoelectric trip bars will not move if shrink wrap hangs down and breaks the safety beams.

Of more concern, loose shrink wrap can be caught by turning motor pinions. As the motor pinions are concealed by the wheel unit cover plates and stored pallets make the inspection of pinions difficult, this problem is not always noticed. As the pinion turns, it can wind the shrink wrap around itself.



Serious damage can be caused by loose shrink wrap left lying on your coldstore floor.

If the piece of shrink wrap is long enough, the diameter of the pinion could be increased sufficiently to break the geared motor drive shaft.

Quite apart from the cost of replacing at least the gear box, the mobile base itself will be subject to increased wear in tear as the remaining motors work harder to move the load. Geared motor pinions should therefore be checked on a weekly basis to make sure that there is no accumulation of shrink wrap. Shrink wrap must not be left on the cold room floor. Partly for this reason it is strongly recommended that cold rooms are swept on a daily basis. Barpro has a number of brushes for sale which can be attached to the forks of a heated reach truck. At just under two metres wide, they can collect loose shrink wrap and other rubbish quickly and easily at the end of a shift. Barpro Storage also offers an inspection service to try and pick up this sort of problem before it causes damage.

If you would like more information on either brushes or inspections please contact Rosetta email: rosetta@barpro.co.za or phone (021) 552 - 9190

New Product - Ice Melt

Used to remove ice from cold store floors, it's available in either 2kg or 7kg containers. If you'd like to place an order for Ice Melt, please contact Rosie Hendricks email: rosetta@barpro.co.za

"We tried it at the entrance of the coldroom's floor and it was a great success." - Gerry, Lusitania Fishing

Barpro welcomes Rosie Hendricks

We welcomed Rosetta Hendricks to the Barpro team at the beginning of September. Many of you may already have received a telephone call from



her following up on scheduling of repair work, order numbers and checking up to see whether we could schedule a service inspection. Rosetta fulfils a critical role linking the administration and technical teams. Should you require any

spares, need to book an inspection please don't hesitate to give Rosie a call. We wish her many happy years at Barpro Storage.

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