



ladder training case study

Training and the world of work

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Employer:	TITAN STEEL WHEELS
Located:	KIDDERMINSTER
Course booked by:	JOHN OWEN
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Training company:	ABRU, BELPER

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Matt Bingham is a maintenance supervisor at Titan Steel Wheels where he is responsible for a shift team of 12 people. Matt and his colleagues are responsible for both planned and reactive maintenance at Titan, part of Titan Europe plc, the market leader in the manufacture and supply of wheels for the 'off-highway' vehicle industry.

Based in the Midlands, the UK facility produces wheels for the world's most respected OEMs including Caterpillar, Komatsu, Volvo and Liebherr. Over 400 wheels per day are exported to the Americas, the Pacific Rim and mainland Europe for earthmovers, mobile cranes and other vehicles used in the construction and allied industries.

Ladders and stepladders help keep the wheels turning, as Matt explains. "Anything that breaks down or needs routine maintenance is our responsibility. We have to fix it and fix it quickly, whether it's a CNC machine, welding machine or replacing something as simple as a fluorescent tube. Ladders and stepladders help us to do that, giving us quick and easy access to places that things like MEWPs cannot reach."

"Titan has a strong health and safety culture, so I wasn't surprised when it was suggested that I go on a ladder training course. Having worked with ladders all my life, and never having had an accident, it would be fair to say that I was somewhat dubious about what I would get from the course."

"In the event it proved to be a very positive experience and one I would recommend to anyone who uses ladders on a regular basis."

"As a result we have now introduced a new factory-wide regime for checking and inspecting ladders. Unlike before, this now takes account of the different types of ladder we use. We know what to check, how to check it and what action to take, if further action is necessary."

"And, of course, we have access to the Ladder Association's latest Code of Practice if we need to refer to it at any time."

