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New Wheelchair and Galley Cart Lifter from Semenco



To overcome the problems associated with handling disabled passengers embarking and disembarking via aircraft steps, Semenco has developed a new wheelchair and galley cart loader that allows single person operation. The fundamental reason for Semenco's "Aircraft Loader" is to provide a method of safely and smoothly transporting wheelchair passengers or service/galley carts from ground level to a height of 3m, for the purpose of boarding and disembarking from aircraft. Although it was launched only a few months ago, it is already being used at several airports within the UK, as well as overseas in Cork, Schiphol, Guernsey and Jersey airports. The Loader incorporates a tail lift, scissor loader, interlock systems, and is fully compliant with IATA requirements and is built to be compliant with customer safety and operational requirements.

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The first stage of the loading is by the tail lift (capable of lifting 250kgs) that takes the passenger or trolley/galley cart from ground level to the staging area. Once on the staging area, the passenger or load of up to 250kg can be transported from the 1m level up to a height of 3m by the chain-mail protected scissor lift. The Semmco Aircraft Loader incorporates an aircraft interface that enables the operator to lower the bridge in the precise position inside the aircraft, by simply operating a lever, the safety rails then slide into position allowing safe and easy transportation of the passenger. Solid tyres make the unit stable yet easily manoeuvrable and the loader can be towed easily behind an air-side vehicle, baggage tractor or small bus.

KISS Ground Handling a division of Menzies Aviation Group operating out of East Midlands Airport for BMI Baby, has recently purchased the Semmco Aircraft Loader. Andy Duthie, Station General Manager explained, "KISS is a new company with a fresh approach to ground handling. Semmco's aircraft loader was a cost-effective solution for lifting wheelchair bound passengers onto the aircraft. It is easy to operate and provides a smooth and safe transit for disabled passengers."

The Semmco Aircraft Loader complies with the 90/269/EEC requirements and UK 1992 regulations for manual handling of loads and is fitted with safety gates, handrails and where required, necessary lights required for manoeuvring in public places.

Semmco is developing a 5-6 metre access height unit for wide body aircraft, this will be self-powered but based upon existing well proven technology and in a user friendly operation.

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