



Press Release

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**SEMMCO SOLUTIONS ENSURE FIRST CLASS SAFETY ON EAST MIDLANDS TRAINS
REFURBISHMENT PROJECT**



East Midlands Trains is a national rail organisation that puts the protection of its employees and passengers as its number one priority. With services operating across the East Midlands and South Yorkshire region, East Midlands Trains has a huge social and corporate responsibility to ensure the maintenance of its fleet is kept to the highest standard and its employees are kept safe whilst they work to achieve this.



To enable and safely assist its workers with the essential refurbishment of its Class 222 Meridian Refreshment Project, East Midlands Trains employed Semmco Ltd to design and build purpose built staging and stillages. East Midlands Trains required manoeuvrable platforms that could transport the seats and carpets from the carriages as well as enable safe access for workers through the train double doors and carriages across the fleet.

The Work At Heights Regulations 2005, place legal responsibilities on employers to ensure that equipment used to facilitate working at any height above ground level, such as on ladders and platforms, minimizes the risk of falling and offers sufficient protection to workers. Falls from height remain the most common cause of workplace fatality. In 2008/09 there were 35 fatalities, 4654 major injuries and a further 7065 injuries that caused the injured person to be off work for over 3 days or more, due to a fall from height.¹ In slip, trip and handling injuries 31% of all reported injuries were to transport employees in 2009/10 (compared with 31% and 28% respectively across all industries).²

¹ <http://www.hse.gov.uk/falls/statistics.htm>

² <http://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/industry/transport/injuries.htm>

The new intelligent multi-purpose platform product engineered by Semmco enabled safe access for engineers through the doors which reduced the potential for trip hazards and increased the productivity of the work taking place.

The Semmco seat transport stillage units were also uniquely engineered so that they could be placed easily on top of the platform with a fork lift truck; enabling the engineers to locate and fix two double or single seat units and then remove the loaded stillage and replace it with an empty unit. In addition to the platform and stillage units, a mezzanine floor for additional storage during the project was supplied together with a bespoke series of pit-boards, and hop up steps, with wheels that disengage to be replaced by rubber feet; all offering a secure environment in which to work.

Every set of steps and access platforms from Semmco are designed to offer multi-functional safe equipment and provide the customer with long-term solutions and improved efficiency.

Robert Chadwick, Project Production Delivery Manager at East Midlands Trains said, "We are very happy with the services and products provided by Semmco. The one month delivery schedule was adhered to and the regular updates helped in keeping everyone happy."

For further details about the innovative range of access platforms and safety products from Semmco visit www.semmco.com or email sales@semmco.com

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Notes to editors

Photo Caption: Stillages and platforms engineered for East Midlands Trains by Semmco

About Semmco

Founded in 1992 and operating across the UK and internationally, Semmco is a design and engineering company offering a range of specialist services for access solutions, ground support equipment, respiratory protection systems for all areas of industry and military and specific applications for the emergency services. Providing engineering design and consultancy for special projects and bespoke customer requirements, Semmco is committed

to quality, safety and reliability throughout innovative designs, manufacturing safe and cost effective engineered solutions.

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