



CMEIG Engineering Position Paper

Disclaimer: CMEIG is a non-profit organization sponsored by companies involved in the supply of products and services in the construction and mining equipment supply industry in Australia. This document has been prepared by members of CMEIG and is distributed by the Association. This information is provided for guidance only and no legal liability can be accepted by the Association for its use. CMEIG advises that you should seek appropriate specialist advice for your solution.

VANDAL GUARDS AND COVERS

Vandal guards or covers are fitted to a number of different types of construction machines, including hydraulic excavators and wheel loaders, to protect the machine from attempted forced entry into the cabin. They are designed to protect the machine from damage when the machine is parked up between operations.

Vandal guards, covers or mesh are not designed to be fitted to the machine during normal operations.

In the interests of operator safety, CMEIG advises the following important safety reminders:

- **DO NOT** operate any machine with vandal guards, covers or mesh affixed so that they cover or obstruct the emergency egress from the cabin or operators position. These guards, covers or mesh are not designed to be affixed during machine operations. They **MUST ALWAYS** be removed **PRIOR TO** machine start up and operation. All machine owners and operators should be reminded of and comply with this important safety instruction.

- **DO NOT** weld, or in any way, permanently affix vandal guards, covers or mesh to any machine.
- **DO** repair as soon as possible any machine fitted with vandal guards, covers or mesh where these guards, covers or mesh are permanently affixed to the machine.
- **ENSURE** any vandal guards, covers or mesh are readily removable prior to operation.
DO NOT operate any machine unless the vandal guards, covers or mesh are removed.
- **ALWAYS CHECK** that the machine emergency systems and safe egress systems are fully functional before machine start-up.

If you have any doubts about the vandal guards, covers or mesh fitted to your machine immediately contact your machine dealer or distributor.

Engineering Position Paper No. 5 – 17 September 2008

Construction & Mining Equipment Industry Group Inc.

For more information about CMEIG, call (02) 9712 1497 or email: inquiry@cmeig.com.au

A copy of other position papers may be downloaded from:

<http://www.cmeig.com.au/engineering/papers>