

SUBJECT: Removal of Control lever knob by operators.

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It has been reported to our service department that during inspection of some ET machines our engineers have been finding control lever's with the spring of the deadman locking device within the knob assembly removed, This then allows the lever to be used in an unsafe condition as it renders the deadman function of the switch inoperative. If any machines are found with this condition the joystick assembly is to be replaced immediately.

For the machines that have not been tampered with, the following procedure has to be carried out during service-inspection.

The control lever knob has to be removed and then refitted using "LOCTITE 243 threadlocker" This will then prevent the knob assembly from being easily removable. Care must be taken when applying the 243 product and is to be applied sparingly to avoid leakage of the 243 down the lever shaft.

We also need a new label (VDL part no 1045-285) to be fitted that informs the operator that he has to return the selector switch to the 'O' position once he has completed manoeuvring the cage to his place of work, or back into the docking position

Versalift have also developed a Perspex cover that will fit over the top of the control area of the control lever, this cover will be fitted to all new vans. However for customers who would like to retrofit the cover please contact Versalift U.K for price and availability quoting part n° (VDL 1058-37)