

Modification Available for Surf/Snow Simulators

In late November 2007 there was an incident in Folkestone High Street involving a GS Engineering Ltd Snow Board Simulator that resulted in an investigation by the local Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

Following the HSE investigation they requested a modification to the GS Engineering Ltd simulator on all further production models. They did not request a product recall on any previously sold units.

Steve Greenhaigh owner of GS Engineering Ltd told Inflated News, "Safety is paramount on all of the equipment that we produce and our safety record is second to none. We took on board the requirements of HSE and came up with the modification within 10 days of the incident. We have advised all of our existing clients of the modification and it is now available from us at a cost of £65.00 plus VAT plus delivery.

HSE also informed us that under section 6 of the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 G.S. Engineering Limited has a duty to inform existing customers of the hazard and the steps that are now available to eliminate the risk.

I am also grateful to Inflated News for their assistance in informing the industry of this modification."

In a letter to GS Engineering Ltd the HSE at Ashford stated "HSE colleagues across the country, along with local authority EHOs, have been made aware of this incident and the modifications you have made. You may wish to advise existing users that if existing rides are seen in operation without the area under the board adequately protected – whether by your modification or some other equally effective arrangement – then enforcement action will likely be taken against them."

Operators should also note that they are required to conform to the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and need to instigate this modification in order to comply.

Further details on the modification are available from GS Engineering Ltd.

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