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Access Equipment Market – UK 2011-2015

New AMA report Reviews Developments in the Access Equipment Market

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A brief summary of the report is included on the following page.

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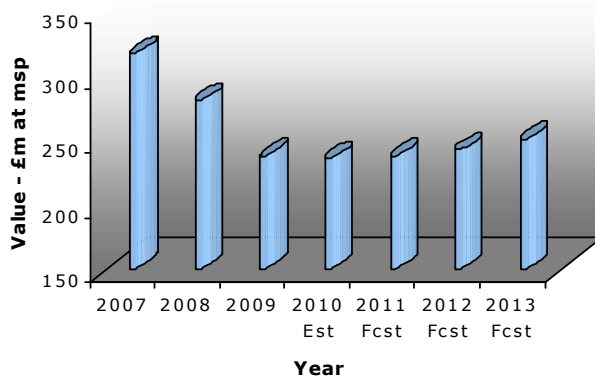
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UK Access Equipment Market 2007 - 2013 by Value (£m at MSP)



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The global financial crisis and construction downturn impacted on all sectors of the access equipment market in 2008-09, primarily due to contractors delaying new equipment purchases and the leading hire organisations cancelling their fleet upgrade programmes for powered access equipment.

A continuing positive long term influence on the development of the access equipment market has been the impact of legislation, in particular the 'Work at Height' Regulations 2005 - The impact of the regulations is likely to become more limited in the future as significant substitution has already occurred between ladders and access towers, and MEWP's.

Non-powered access products, which includes ladders, scaffolding and access towers, have seen some market decline in 2008-10, but have generally performed better than powered access over this period. As a result, non-powered products have increased share and now account for over 45% of the market, though powered access should regain share in the medium term.

While 2010 has been relatively stable, or marginally declining, 2011 is viewed as slightly more positive, with a forecast growth of around 1%. However, as indicated previously, market performance will tend to be variable, with certain sectors performing better than others.

Announcements in late-2010 indicated that the public sector will see significant capital spending cuts – particularly with the ending of the Building Schools for the Future programme. However, infrastructure will offer good long term opportunities for contractors and hirers, with substantial new orders for rail electrification, station upgrades etc, recently placed. The energy sector also offers substantial opportunities with major investment in wind, nuclear and renewables rolling out over the next decade.

In the short-medium term, performance of the access equipment market will largely depend on recovery in housebuilding and RMI work across both residential and commercial sectors. Business and consumer confidence remains fragile, but a buoyant manufacturing sector is boosting plant maintenance work in the sector, while housebuilding showed tentative signs of recovery in 2010.

Orders for fleet renewals from the MEWP rental sector could provide significant motivation for the overall UK access equipment market. The pattern of demand in 2011 may provide some indications as to when this is likely to occur, though historical volatility of order-placing makes it difficult to forecast the next upturn.

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