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Gorbel® Jib Keeps Flags Flying Over Capitol Building...

Prior to the installation of the Gorbel crane, The Architects of the Capitol in charge of building maintenance were concerned with safety and capacity of the current method. A home-made crane installed in 1971 was used to raise and lower 500 lb. boxes of flags. Their fears were put to rest with the installation of a Gorbel® Motorized I-Beam Jib Crane.

What is unique about the application?

- A Sleeve insert mounted jib was used which allowed for foot traffic right up to the edge of the mast
- A special foundation for the crane was poured below the roof line
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Motorizing Your Jib Can Help To Maneuver Difficult or Unsafe Loads

Having difficulty maneuvering large loads? When load weight or operation frequency makes manual rotation impractical or unsafe on an I-Beam Jib Crane, choose a Gorbel Retrofit Drive. Our Traction Drive Kit gives you the power at a fraction of the cost of a new motorized jib.

No matter who made your jib crane, you can motorize it easily with the Gorbel® Retrofit Traction Drive Kit. The modular drive assembly bolts to the back of any box-style head assembly. Controls are completely wired at the factory, and a detailed installation and maintenance manual is included with each kit. Capacities available from 1/4 ton - 5 tons and spans to 20 feet.

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Article written by Peter Cooke Corporate Trainer/Columbus McKinnon Corp.

Last year, thousands of crane and hoist-related accidents occurred in North America. And most of them could have easily been prevented simply by following the right training, operation, inspection and maintenance procedures. Training of operators isn't just the smart thing to do. It's also a necessary thing. Everyone should know proper operating procedures. Whenever you lift, make sure you do the job right, from your initial inspection to shutdown.

Before your start, you should use all the PPE normally required for a work area, including eye and/or hearing protection. In addition, any time a load is lifted higher than 5 feet, approved head protection, such as a hard hat, must also be worn. Others involved in the lifting operation, such as riggers and spotters, must also wear head protection if the load is lifted 5 feet or higher. Read the entire article...

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2008 Trade Show Schedule

Interested in a Gorbel® product? Come visit us at one of the 6 Trade Shows that we will be attending throughout the year. Here is our schedule. Click the links for more information on each show.

- ConExpo/ConAgg March 11-15 in Las Vegas, NV
- WESTECH 2008 March 31-April 3 in Los Angeles, CA
- NA 2008 April 21-24 in Cleveland, OH
- EASTEC 2008 May 20-22 Springfield, MA
- IMTS 2008 September 8-13 in Chicago, IL
- FabTech 2008 October 6-8 in Las Vegas, NV

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CMAT ASIA REVIEW

19 October 2007

There's a growing contingent within the lifting industry that say CeMAT Asia should be staged biannually, instead of every year. In fact, in a long-running poll on the *Hoist* website, over 70% said the show should take place every two years.

Material Handling Industry of America (MHIA) CEO John Nofsinger said CeMAT Asia is a 'must visit' event in the region. The MHIA stand attracted visitors all week. Read more...

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OSHA records another successful enforcement year in FY 2007

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