

Klasp Act: A Grip on Future Scaffolding Safety

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Julian Bland

Following a previous [feature](#), we delve deeper into ‘The Kasp’, a ground-breaking scaffold fitting innovated by industry veteran Julian Bland. As The Kasp gears up for its market debut, Julian is on the lookout for a visionary buyer to champion this transformative product, ensuring its pivotal role in enhancing global scaffolding safety standards.

In the scaffolding industry, innovation and safety walk hand-in-hand. Julian Bland’s journey from witnessing the incremental improvements in health and safety standards to envisioning the next-generation scaffold fitting, the Kasp, is a testament to this hypothesis.

Birth of an Idea

Having years of hands-on experience in scaffolding, Julian Bland observed one persistent challenge – the cumbersome plastic armadillos that required frequent inspections and replacements and were a consistent operational cost. Their absence or malfunction posed significant hazards, sometimes even leading to the shutdown of sites.

The dire need for a solution led Julian to conceptualize a fitting where the tube sits securely, eliminating protruding bolts and, thus, the need for plastic armadillos altogether.

The idea wasn’t just to create a solution but a revolution. With the expertise of Sheffield-based Fripp Design, the Kasp began to take form. From 3D prints to prototypes manufactured in China, the Kasp was rigorously refined over two years, undergoing multiple redesigns to ensure optimal weight and efficacy.

Facing the Market

The initial enthusiasm from manufacturers like Presco and Forgeco was palpable. However, the cost-to-benefit balance needed to be more fair from Julian's perspective. It became apparent that for the Kasp to disrupt the industry truly, it would need to be introduced at a price point that offers undeniable value.

The advantages of the Kasp are numerous:

- Drastically reducing the need to replace sheeting damaged by protruding bolts, resulting in significant savings.
- Eliminating the installation and maintenance of plastic armadillos.
- Aiding in a safer, faster erection process thanks to its unique saddle holding area.

Safety Swivel

Together, the Kasp and the safety swivel are poised to elevate scaffold construction to unprecedented levels of safety and efficiency. Julian envisions these tools becoming compulsory in high-risk sites within three years of launch. This isn't just optimism; it's based on the foundational need these products address, their potential to save time and money and enhance safety.

Endorsements from scaffolding training facilities in the UK signal a future where these innovations become not just recommended but mandatory, redefining construction site safety standards.

Opportunity Knocks

Years of dedication, passion, and a deep understanding of onground challenges have resulted in the creation of the Kasp and the safety swivel. The next chapter awaits – who will lead this transformative journey in scaffolding?

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