

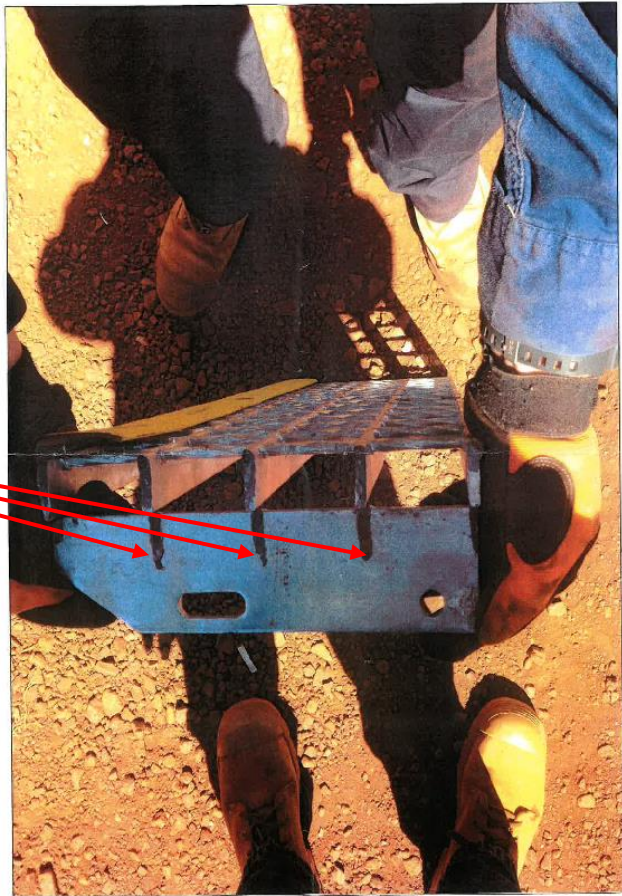
**BACKGROUND:** (30.4.2013)

A modular scaffold plank being used in the resource sector in West Australia has failed. It has been reported, by the scaffolders using the scaffold gear, that a batch of planks imported from overseas is responsible for the failure.

The issue seems to be surrounding the failure of a weld which should be either side of the cleats (see attached picture) but we have information stating that only one weld is present which has contributed to the failure.

**SAFETY ALERT**

Failed welds, only one side welded.



**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Ensure:

- All plant and equipment meet the relevant Australian Standards.
- All plant and equipment is design registered as per applicable legislation.
- Importers of plant and equipment to ensure compliance with all Australian Standards and legislation before sale or use in the industry.
- Any new plant and equipment brought onto site to be checked for compliance.
- Check all welds on modular scaffold planks before use.

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