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Precision Built Rail Depot Access Platforms *Safer. quicker. cleaner maintenance.*

At Global Platforms, we specialise in designing, fabricating, and installing bespoke rail access platforms that position technicians at optimal task heights—safely and efficiently. From initial site survey to final handover, we deliver stable, fully guarded work zones, comprehensive documentation, and minimised downtime across depots, sidings, and workshops. Our solutions are tailored to the rail industry's unique demands, ensuring compliance, durability, and seamless integration into your operations.



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About Global Platforms

At Global Platforms, we make working at height simpler, safer and faster for rail depots and rolling-stock maintenance. Our in-house designers and fabricators deliver the full package, bespoke access platforms, scaffolding and MEWP hire - so you get the right method for each task, not a one-size-fits-all solution. Every project runs under our **ISO 9001** quality system with clear **RAMS**, drawings where required and inspection schedules provided as standard, using materials selected to suit your environment (aluminium, coated steel or GRP). We're trusted across regulated and live environments, supporting major UK organisations including Network Rail, Hitachi Rail and Siemens Mobility alongside other blue-chip clients such as Airbus, BAE Systems, Kellogg's, National Trust and the NHS. Expect tidy installs, safe routes, clear documentation and responsive aftercare.



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Pit Boards / Pit Access

Pit environments demand secure footing and clear boundaries in a high-risk area. Our bespoke pit boards and access systems offer stable, guarded platforms for underframe inspections, brake maintenance, and equipment checks—eliminating makeshift solutions and frequent repositioning. Modular designs adapt to your pit's exact dimensions, maintaining tidy walkways while simplifying audits and shift handovers with provided RAMS and tagging.

Feature Highlights

- Modular pit boards customised to pit widths and lengths.
- High-grip surfaces with defined edges and smooth transitions.
- Options for gates/handrails where required by task.
- Comprehensive RAMS, tagging, and inspection schedules for effortless compliance.



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Train Door Access

Efficient door maintenance requires precise, repeatable positioning at the ideal height. Our train door access platforms place technicians directly level with door systems and interfaces, minimising ladder dependency and awkward postures. With compact footprints that preserve depot traffic flow, these platforms feature guarded edges, slip-resistant decks for enhanced safety in dynamic environments. We include detailed **RAMS** and tagging for swift approvals and reliable turnaround times.

Feature Highlights

- Stable, ergonomic staging optimised for door tasks.
- Compact modules for tight bays and clear walkways.
- Fully guard railed edge protection, toe-boards, and gated entry points.
- Mobile variants for swift repositioning across train sets.



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Train Roof Access

Roof-level tasks require uninterrupted access with robust fall protection and organised workspaces. Our train roof access platforms provide continuous, guarded walkways for **HVAC** servicing, pantograph-adjacent work, antenna installations, and routine inspections—reducing the need for repeated tower adjustments. Adjustable heights and modular configurations accommodate diverse rolling-stock profiles, supported by high-grip decking, **RAMS**, and tagging to streamline audits and maintain schedules.

Feature Highlights

- Full-length roof-edge walkways with comprehensive fall protection.
- Height-adjustable designs for compatibility with multiple train types.
- Anti-slip decking, gated landings, and integrated toe-boards.
- Optional Integrated tool trays and storage solutions for improved housekeeping.



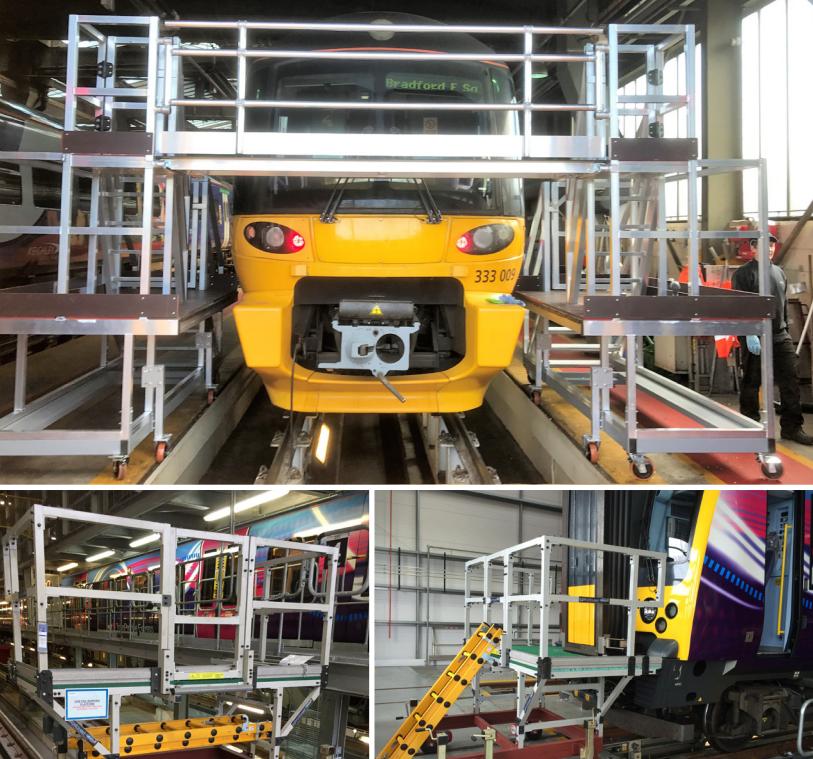
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Windscreen Access

Cab-front and windscreen tasks demand accurate access around curved surfaces. Our windscreen platforms ensure stable positioning for glazing, wiper, seal, and inspection work, with protective padded interfaces to safeguard finishes. Designed for compact footprints in nose-in configurations and constrained depot layouts, they include slip-resistant decks and gated landings to promote better ergonomics and fewer adjustments. **RAMS** and tagging for seamless integration.

Feature Highlights

- Contoured platforms for precise cab-front access.
- Soft, protective interfaces to prevent damage to paint and glazing.
- Compact designs suited to tight depot spaces.
- Standard guardrails, toe-boards, and gated transitions for safety.



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Nose Cone Access

For **nose cone and windscreen-related jobs**, precise alignment under curved profiles is essential, along with strong guarding and visibility. Our specialised nose platforms offer steady access for sealing, wiper maintenance, and glazing tasks while protecting sensitive paint and composite materials. Compact for nose-in bays, they feature anti-slip decks and gated landings to improve technician posture and efficiency. Delivered with **RAMS** and tagging for quick site approvals.

Feature Highlights

- Contoured decks with padded, non-abrasive interfaces.
- Fully guarded and gated zones for confident, ergonomic work.
- Minimal footprint ideal for constrained nose-in setups.



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Materials, Safety & Options

Selecting the optimal materials and features ensures your platforms are durable, depot-compatible, and user-friendly. We offer aluminium for lightweight mobility, coated mild steel for superior rigidity, and GRP for non-conductive applications in electrified environments. Core safety elements include anti-slip treads, toe-boards, mid-rails, self-closing gates, and ergonomic step designs. Enhance with options like tool trays, Storage and QR-coded user manuals to maintain high standards of housekeeping and simplify compliance checks.

Materials that match the environment.

- Aluminium, coated mild steel, or GRP constructions tailored to site conditions.
- Standard anti-slip decks, gates, rails, and toe-boards for maximum safety.
- QR-linked user manuals and tagging for easy traceability and audits.



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Compliance Docs & Training

Full compliance to ensure peace of mind.

Compliance is at the forefront of every working-at-height task – and the equipment you choose plays a critical role in ensuring safety and legal adherence. Our bespoke access platforms are fully designed and manufactured in accordance with the relevant British and European standards, including:

- **BS EN ISO 14122** (Safety of machinery – Permanent means of access to machinery, covering working platforms, walkways, stairs, stepladders and guard-rails).
- **BS EN 131** (Portable ladders and access equipment – requirements, testing and marking for professional and non-professional use).
- **EN 14183** (Step stools and related access steps).

These standards are applied alongside the UK Work at Height Regulations 2005 (**WAHR**) best practice, ensuring our platforms meet the highest requirements for stability, guarding, slip resistance, load capacity and safe design.

This comprehensive approach means audits are straightforward, your team works safely, and you have complete peace of mind that your access solutions are compliant, durable and ready for the demands of your environment with the documentation to back it up.

What we provide:

- Official **CAD** drawings and load calculations.
- Site-specific Risk Assessment Method Statements (**RAMS**) tailored to your tasks, access routes and keep-out zones.
- Handover tags + defined inspection schedule (**LOLER/PUWER** where relevant).
- Clear handover tagging and a defined inspection schedule.
- User manual and maintenance instructions (QR Coded for swift paperless access).
- **LOLER** (Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998) and **PUWER** (Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998) regimes embedded where applicable, with serialised components for full traceability.
- Handover and Familiarisation training (Upon Request).



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Delivery, Warranty & Aftercare

From survey to sign-off—then we stay with you.

From first survey to long-term support—we deliver consistently. Free site surveys provide accurate concepts and budgets quickly. Official CAD Designs and load test reports for client review / approval prior to manufacture ensures complete peace of mind prior to delivery. Fabrication uses serialized, QA-documented components with trial assembly where possible. Installations are clean, with floor protection, full training and handover tagging. Aftercare includes transparent warranty terms, scheduled re-inspections, stocked spares, modification kits and responsive small works support – ensuring your platforms remain as effective as day one.

Next Steps...

Share five key details, and we'll craft a tailored proposal: train type(s), task height, access width, floor loading, and site photos. Expect a precise concept, confirmed lead time, and competitive pricing.

How We Deliver

- **Survey & Concept:** Free review of photos/drawings, capturing access widths, floor loads, and exclusion zones for a rapid concept and budget estimate.
- **Detail Design:** 3D models checked for reach and clearances; early approvals to minimise revisions and safeguard timelines.
- **Fabricate & Pre-assemble:** Serialized parts with rigorous QA; trial fits ensure “right first time” results.
- **Install, Handover & Aftercare:** Protected floors, efficient builds, and complete tagging/training on completion; plus re-inspections, stocked spares, mods, and clear warranties.

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