

# INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

## Sakai v500 Roller Runaway

An older 1990's Sakai v500 Roller while travelling up a slope that is well within the specifications for this type of machine, lost drive and steering (did not stall), and immediately rolled backwards at speed while still in gear.

The operator was left with no choice but to jump clear of the machine while it was moving – an action that saved his life.

For the machine to roll backwards at speed the hydraulic brake must have become inactive or failed and the transmission temporarily moved to neutral.

An investigation into the hydraulic and transmission braking systems has not revealed any faults.

⚠ Recommendations are to use these machines with caution, particularly on slopes.

