



Case Study

OT200 Ceiling Hoist
Cranleigh RDA, Surrey



The OT200 Ceiling Hoist at Surrey Riding School

The RDA (Riding for the Disabled Association) is a donation funded and voluntary run operation in the UK which provides horse riding and horse riding events for mixed disability users of all ages.

The organisation has over 500 groups in the UK offering a variety of activities, leading to a greater need for assistive technology for quick and easy manual transfers onto the ponies.

The OT200 is a self-charging unit with a weight capacity of 200kg to 400kg

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Why a Ceiling Hoist?

Maria and Liz from Cranleigh RDA called in OpeMed to assess the stables for a hoisting solution.

"Being able to get riders onto the ponies without our help has become very important to us as the groups have grown in size and age range" Maria, RDA.

Cranleigh RDA chose the OT200 Ceiling Hoist on a 3m straight track. The hoist uses a gravity powered system to re-charge whenever in use saving both service cost and ensuring reliable start up; essential for running a busy day of riding.

Ceiling Hoist in Use

The hoist has been in use for a number of months and is frequently used by the ponies trained with the system.

"The hoist is a really valuable tool at our stable as it means that any disabled rider can be mounted onto the ponies." Maria, RDA.

OpeMed have re-visited the stables to assess some of the difficulties faced when using the hoist in the stables such as height restrictions and dust issues. See how we have combatted these issues on the following page >



Cranleigh started with 3 riders, 3 helpers and 2 ponies-
Today 200 riders, 130 helpers and 8 ponies



The RDA reaches over 28,000 disabled riders per year



TV presenter Helen Skelton "Facing her fears" with John Craven on Countryfile filming from the RDA stables. Aired on 12th January 2014 BBC



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Extended Belt Lengths

OpeMed have installed a special belt system for Riding Schools that can now meet the needs of the tallest riders. An extension to the usual belt means that these riders can be fully lifted to fit onto the ponies.

Dust Reduction System

As expected in a stable, there can be lots of rising dust during lessons. OpeMed have adapted the Ceiling Hoist by fitted a small brush system to the belt which has since solved this issue.

Self Charging

As the Ceiling Hoist is in a multi-user environment, the ability to self-charge and use without supervision is valuable. The system can be used 24/7 and can be used by new volunteers with very little training.

Paediatric and Adult Slings

OpeMed have a full range of Adult and Paediatric slings designed for horse riding. The slings are available in a range of sizes, materials, styles and colours.

For any new RDA installations, we are giving away a sling of the School's choice for free.

If you would like a consultation or quote please contact OpeMed on info@opemed.net



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