Site inventory of operational mines– fire and smoke spread in underground mines.

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Summary

This report is part of the research project “Concept for fire and smoke spread prevention in mines”, conducted by a research group at Mälardalen University.

The project is aimed at improving fire safety in mines in order to obtain a safer working environment for the people working for the mining companies in Sweden or for visitors in mines open to the public.

This report deals with the second step in the project: the site inventory in operational mines.

The main purposes of the inventory are:
- To get a clear picture of the risks in the different mines.
- To get a clear picture of the protective measures of each mine.
- Optimize the choice of design fires for each mine.

To find out what the present situation was at the operational mines, a site inventory was conducted at the two LKAB mines. The site inventories were conducted through actual visits to the specific sites and through e-mail correspondence with LKAB personnel responsible for the different sections and areas. During the inventories, predefined forms for each type of item were used in order to facilitate the work.

The following items were examined:
- Combustible materials in general, for example large amounts of wood.
- Vehicles
- Cables
- Fire barriers
- Ventilation systems
- Extinguishing systems

Besides the above items, earlier fires and fire incidents were also examined. As the two LKAB mines are tremendously large with a large amount of equipment etc, only the most common vehicles were listed and examined further. Also, only the sites with the largest amount of cables and other combustible materials were listed.

The following conclusions were made based upon the findings of the inventory:
- With respect to earlier fires and fire incidents for the two LKAB mines, the most common causes and the causes to focus on are: electrical cause, flammable liquid or material on hot surface, hot works and equipment running hot.
- Both the production area and the infrastructure part should be regarded in the future studies as fires are almost identically frequent in both areas.
- When it comes to combustible material in general, the amount of combustibles seems to be more frequent in the Malmberget mine. In the Kiruna mine, the places with wood and conveyor belts seems to be interesting enough for further investigation. Even though self extinguishing conveyor belts means a limited fire in size, the amount of smoke emitted can be quite extensive. Also the storage of tyres at the contractor’s depots could be worthwhile investigating due to the sensitive surroundings.
- Regarding the Malmberget mine, the sites with wood combustibles, tyres and conveyor belts are all interesting for further investigation due to the large amount of combustibles and the surroundings.
- With respect to flammable liquids:
- The tank stations in the Kiruna and the Malmberget mine should be looked into with respect to potential pool fires.
- The larger workshops and warehouses in the Kiruna mine and the Malmberget mine should also be investigated with respect to pool fires.
- The crusher levels and draw points in the two mines should be investigated with respect to spray fires.
- The diesel tanks in the main ramps and the production areas should be investigated with respect to pool fires.
- The media drifts, distribution levels, shaft hoisting levels and pumping stations should be investigated with respect to pool fires.
- With respect to fire barriers, as the main ramps of each mine does not contain any fire barriers the impact of a vehicle fire in the main ramp would be interesting to investigate. It would also be interesting to validate the ventilation strategy in the Malmberget mine regarding preventing smoke spread to adjacent compartments.
- With respect to vehicles, all the common heavy vehicles listed in this report would be worthwhile to try to reconstruct a possible fire scenario for each type of vehicle. The reason for this is to have better tools when working on possible scenarios of each mine.
- Regarding cables, all listed sites with a high load of electrical cables would be interesting to investigate. Even though the immediate surroundings are not sensitive, an extensive smoke spread would make a large impact on a large portion of the mine.
- When looking into the ventilation system of the Kiruna mine, both the mine production area and the infrastructure part should be investigated due to the differences in each system and their surroundings. Also, the difference in systems whether you are below or above level 775 should be considered. The function and impact of oversteering should also be included in the investigations.
- The impact of a ventiflex PVC-tube being burned up on the fire behaviour in a production area should be investigated. The different fire scenarios in a production area depending on the position of the fire with respect to the ventilation should also be investigated.
- One scenario should put the fire right at the end of the intake air tube, other scenarios should be at a certain length interval from the end of the intake air tube. The likelihood of the power cables to the intake and exhaust air fans being burned off should be looked into. The impact on the surroundings should also be investigated. The return air fan capacity should be examined with respect to fires, such as vehicle fires.
Preface

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1. Introduction

Research regarding fire safety in mines has so far mainly been directed towards coal mines. Thus the need for recommendations, models, engineering tools etc for non-coal underground mines are in great demand.

The aim of the current research project “Concept for fire and smoke spread prevention in mines” is to improve fire safety in mines in order to obtain a safer working environment for the people working for the mining companies in Sweden or for visitors in mines open to the public. The fire safety record in mines in Sweden is in general good with very few fire accidents occurred. The main reason is that there is a great awareness of the fire safety problems in mines. The awareness comes from the fact that escape routes from mines are generally limited. The reason why there is a limited amount of escape routes is that it is expensive to construct extra escape routes which are not a part of the tunnel mining system. The costs to build extra escape tunnels may be better spent on different safety equipment or systems for fire prevention or evacuation. Such systems can be ventilation systems, fire fighting equipment or rescue chambers located at different places in the mines.

The output of the project will mainly consist of: performed tests, written reports and recommendations within the mining companies regarding fire safety work, recommendations and the engineering tools for calculation of fire development and smoke spread in mines, and the mathematical models and the test results for future validation.

The project consists of different steps, where each step is based on results and knowledge from the earlier steps. The steps are: literature survey, inventory of technical and geometrical conditions, calculation of design fires and smoke spread, model and full scale tests and reports and recommendations. All results will be compared and evaluated against earlier experiences.

This report deals with the second step in the project: the literature survey.

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1.1 Delimitation

The inventory covers the LKAB mines in Kiruna and Malmberget in northern Sweden. As the two LKAB mines are tremendously large, with a large amount of equipment etc, only the most common vehicles were listed and examined further. Also, only the sites with the largest amount of cables and other combustible materials were listed.
2. Background

The problems with fires in mines are similar to them in tunnels under construction. In case of fire, evacuation of people can be extremely difficult. Rescue operation is hard to perform when the attack routes often are equal with the possible path for smoke to reach the outside. The possibilities for a safe evacuation and a successful fire and rescue operation are strongly linked to the fire development and the smoke spread in these kinds of constructions.

For mining companies the problems with evacuation and fire and rescue operations in case of fire are closely linked to policies, work environment protection and their systematic fire safety work. An accident not only can cause injuries, or in the worst case deaths, but also large costs due to production losses, reparations and loss in good-will.

The fire safety problems in mines are in many ways very similar to the problems discussed in road, rail and metro tunnels under construction. There is usually a limited amount of escape routes and the only safe havens are the safety chambers consisting of steel containers with air supply within and rescue rooms which have a separate ventilation system and will withstand a fire for at least 60 minutes.

The main problem with mines today is that they have become more and more complicated, with endless amount of shafts, ramps and drifts, and it is difficult to control the way the smoke and heat spread in case of a fire. The ventilation strategy is of the greatest importance in such cases in combination with the fire and rescue strategies. Since there are very few fires that occur, the experience of attacking such fires in real life is little. New knowledge about fire and smoke spread in complicated mines consisting of ramps is therefore of importance in order to make reasonable strategies for the personnel of the mining company and the fire and rescue services. The main experience from fighting mine fires comes from old coal mines, which are usually quite different in structure compared to mines in Sweden which mainly work with metalliferous rock products.

In Sweden the mines consist of either active working mines with road vehicle traffic and elevator shafts for transportation of people and products or old mines allowing visitors. In some cases it is a combination of both types.

As the mine industry is changing and the challenging techniques are developed, the measures to guarantee the safety of personnel need to be adjusted. The new technology means new types of fire hazards, which in turn requires new measures to cope with the risks. New equipment means new types of fire development. The knowledge about fire developments in modern mines is relatively limited. The fire development of vehicles transporting material inside the mines is usually assumed to be from ordinary vehicles, although the vehicles may be considerably different in construction and hazard. The difference may mainly be in the amount of liquid (e.g. hydraulic oil) and the size of the rubber tyres.

A relatively straightforward conclusion here is that the need for improvements is great and so is the challenge ahead of us.

2.1 The production in the LKAB mines

Sublevel caving is the mining method used in LKAB’s mines. The crude ore is loaded to trucks or trains, crushed in a central crushing plant, and then hoisted to surface level for further processing by sorting-, concentrating- and pelletizing plants.

Underground rail transports in Kiruna are remote-controlled, as are some other operations, for example, production drilling and loading. This degree of automation enables greater efficiency in process control.
The ore body in Kiruna is a single, enormous slice of magnetite. It is about four kilometres long, has an average width of 80 meters and extends to an estimated depth of two kilometres. It is inclined at roughly 60 degrees. The main level is at a depth of 1045 meters below surface level. Mining of the ore body takes place between the 775 and 1045-meter levels. About 26 Mt of crude ore is mined each year.

**Malmberget**

The Malmberget mine consists of about 20 ore bodies, of which ten are currently mined. Most of the deposit consists of magnetite ore, but non-magnetic hematite also occurs. The present main level of the Malmberget mine is at a depth of 1000 meters. About 14 Mt of crude ore is extracted from the ore bodies each year.

**Development**

The first stage of mining is drift development. A drift is a tunnel that is driven into the rock. Development involves construction of new areas of the mine where ore can be extracted. A development project begins with construction documents prepared by the mine planning department. Each year, the mine planning department orders development work on the basis of the forecast demand for products as well as current knowledge of the status of the ore body. A development drift goes right through the ore body. Drifts are driven with electric-hydraulic drill rigs. For each charge, as many as 60 holes are drilled. Each hole is about 5 meters deep. When all the holes are drilled, they are charged with explosives. The charge is blasted at night. The loose ore is then hauled out by a front loader. This procedure is repeated until the entire development drift has been driven. The drifts can be up to 80 meters long. If necessary, the walls and ceiling of the drift are reinforced with rock bolts and/or shotcrete.

When development is complete, i.e., when several drifts have been driven in the same area, the next stage of mining can begin; namely, production drilling.

**Production drilling**

Slices of ore are drilled up with remote-controlled production drilling rigs. From their control rooms, the operators (drillers) operate several drill rigs out in the production areas via remote control. The rig drills upwards into the ore, forming fan-shaped patterns of holes. There are 10 drill holes in each series. They are normally about 40-45 meters deep. The holes are straight, so that subsequent charging with explosive and blasting can be done efficiently. When a pattern of holes has been drilled, the rig is moved back three meters, and then drilling of the next pattern begins. About 20 of these patterns will be drilled in an 80-meter drift. Once drilling is completed in the entire drift, the holes can charged with explosive.

**Blasting**

A robot injects explosive into the drill holes in one pattern. The explosive is manufactured by LKAB’s own explosives company. Blasting is done every night. Each round brings down about 10,000 tonnes of ore. When the blast has been ventilated, loading with wheeled loaders can begin. Then, the next pattern is charged, etc. The procedure is repeated until the entire drift has been mined out.
Loading

Electric wheeled loaders load and carry the ore to vertical shafts (ore passes) located along the ore body. Each loader carries a bucket payload of 17-25 tonnes and tips its load down an ore pass. By gravity, the ore falls down to bins located just above the main level.
In the Kiruna mine there are also electric loaders which are remote-controlled. The operator sits in front of monitors, in a control room, and 'drives' the machines in the production area. The machines navigate with the help of rotating lasers and reflectors on the walls of the drifts. Information, e.g., the position of the machine, is sent via a number of wireless base stations to the control system in the control room computer.

Main-level haulage

Kiruna

The main level is at a depth of 1045 meters below surface level. Ore is tapped via remote control from the bins into railway cars. Driverless trains, consisting of an engine and 24 cars, haul the ore to one of four discharge stations.
When the trains pass the station, the bottoms of the cars open; the ore falls down into a crusher bin and is then fed to one of four crushers. The ore is crushed into lumps of about 100 mm in diameter. Nine locomotives and about 185 cars are operated on the main level. Each train carries about 500 tonnes of ore.

Malmberget

Mining in Malmberget takes place at several different levels, since there are many ore bodies. The main haulage levels are at 600, 815 and 1000 meters. There are crushers at each level. 12 huge mine trucks, with payload capacities of 70 to 120 tonnes, are operated at these levels. The trucks are driven to vertical shafts. Drivers control loading from inside the cab of the truck.
The fully-loaded truck is then driven to a discharge station and the ore is emptied into a crusher bin. The trucks are emptied sideways. This is also controlled from the cab of the truck. The ore is fed into the crusher and crushed into lumps of about 100 mm in diameter.

Hoisting

When the ore has been crushed it is carried by a belt conveyor to the ore elevators (skips). The ore is loaded to the skip automatically and hoisted, at a speed of 17 meters per second, up to processing plants at the surface. Each skip carries 40 tonnes of ore.
In the Kiruna mine, hoisting is done in two stages: first, via one of four skips to level 775, where it is transferred and then carried up to the processing plants in one of six skips.
In Malmberget, another method is used, since there are many ore bodies.
From main level 1000, the crushed ore is hauled by a 1.7-km-long conveyor to a skip shaft at the 815-meter level. From there, the ore is lifted to the surface by two skips. Final transport to the processing plants is via belt conveyor. There is also a crusher and hoisting station at level 600, for ore mined in the Western field, where there is also hematite ore.
In both Kiruna and Malmberget, crushing and hoisting are monitored and controlled from control rooms.
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Picture 1. The Kiruna mine.
Picture 2. The Malmberget mine.
3. Method

The method used during the work on the report was mainly through actual visits to the specific sites and through e-mail correspondence with LKAB personnel responsible for the different sections and areas.

During the inventories, predefined forms for each type of item were used in order to facilitate the work. The forms are found in appendix 1.

Some pictures were taken during the inventory work and are included in this report. The further work with the most common vehicles included contacts with the manufacturer in order to obtain additional information and possibly sketches of the vehicle in question.

When working on the earlier fires and fire incidents, existing LKAB statistics were gone through and used.

Information about existing fire barriers – besides performing actual visits – was also found in the earlier established fire protection documentation (in accordance with the new Swedish legislation).

Existing plans with respect to where flammable liquid is stored were also studied.
4. Earlier fires and fire incidents

4.1 Kiruna

The table below lists the fire incidents in the Kiruna mine during the period 2004-2007:

### Table 1. Fire incidents in the Kiruna mine.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Incident required action from</th>
<th>Place</th>
<th>Evacuation</th>
<th>Object and cause</th>
<th>Injuries/damages</th>
<th>Additional info</th>
<th>Sequence</th>
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<tr>
<td>2004-02-25</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Level 849; production area 16, drift 158.2</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Electrical part; short-circuit</td>
<td>Electrical part burned up</td>
<td>Plugged in the electrical part, turned on the power and arcing occurred.</td>
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<td>2004-03-04</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Level 230; Hoist repair workshop</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Filter; hot surface</td>
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<td>Filter had come loose and went into the fan part resulting in smoke being evolved</td>
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<td>2004-04-28</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Level 1045; draw point 33</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Cable; short-circuit</td>
<td>Melted cable coating</td>
<td>Short-circuit in a 400V electrical container, one phase running hot, whereas the coating of the cable had melted and emitted smoke</td>
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<tr>
<td>2004-04-28</td>
<td>Personnel on the site</td>
<td>Main ramp towards the entrance to the mine</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Vehicle; hot surface</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Fire in a VW bus, engine started to pull in the main ramp, extinguished the fire with fire extinguisher and snow</td>
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<tr>
<td>2004-09-17</td>
<td>Personnel on the site</td>
<td>Level 878; mine production area</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Cable; electrical fault</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Cable fire in loader (Toro 567)</td>
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<td>2004-</td>
<td>Personnel</td>
<td>Level 878;</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Hydraulic</td>
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<td>Drilling rigg</td>
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<td>Date</td>
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<td>11-17</td>
<td>on the site</td>
<td>road 34</td>
<td>pump; electrical fault</td>
<td>BK303, flames occurring at the hydraulic pump for oil refill. Button for oil refill was stuck, running hot.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2005-01-03</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Production area 9</td>
<td>No Cable; short-circuit</td>
<td>During ongoing charging operation a 1000V cable caught fire. The distribution box was incorrectly set or possibly a cable damage.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2005-01-04</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Production area 16</td>
<td>No Electric power station; electrical fault</td>
<td>When a Toro 570 was connected to a mobile electric power station a fuse of the electric power station melted. When the electric power station was restarted a bang was heard and smoke was emitted.</td>
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<td>2005-01-21</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Production area 9</td>
<td>No Distribution box; electrical fault</td>
<td>Fire in a distribution box on a diamond drilling machine, probable cause is the contact.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2005-01-31</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Media drift</td>
<td>No Exhaust pipe; hot surface</td>
<td>Charging vehicle 990 was driven from the production.</td>
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area to the explosives storage, when the vehicle had been parked smoke was seen being emitted from the vehicle. Probable cause was a rag on the exhaust pipe that caught fire.

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<th>Date</th>
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<tr>
<td>2005-02-15</td>
<td>Level 775; workshop</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Cable; incorrect grounding</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>During the maintenance work on a Toro 593 the electrical cable to the fan motor was found to have been burned off. Probable cause was incorrect grounding during welding work.</td>
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<td>2005-02-28</td>
<td>Media drift</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Cabin (on vehicle)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>After the charging at the production area 33 (level 878) with charging vehicle 993 flames were discovered from the cabin. The charging vehicle was driven to the flushing pit and flushed with water until the fire</td>
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<td>Temperature</td>
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<td>2005-04-21</td>
<td>Production area 9</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Electric fault</td>
<td>Smoke was emitted from the feeding central. Probable cause was loose contact.</td>
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<td>2005-05-24</td>
<td>Personnel on the site</td>
<td>Media drift</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Casing; hot works</td>
<td>During the cutting of a nut for the main shaft to a crusher, sparks hit the casing that caught fire.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2005-08-24</td>
<td>Personnel on the site</td>
<td>Level 775; workshop</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Turbo; hot surface</td>
<td>A large amount of smoke was emitted from underneath the cab of charging vehicle Volvo 718, the sprinkler system was activated and using a fire extinguisher a fire was prevented. Probable cause was a protection felt that had been placed wrongly during maintenance and covered the turbo.</td>
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<td>2005-08-26</td>
<td>Personnel on the site</td>
<td>Level 320</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Engine; running hot</td>
<td>Were supposed to lift a cable drum onto the truck platform, the drum was too heavy and the</td>
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back of the vehicle hit the roof of the drift and flattening the exhaust pipe. The engine got hot and was over heated and resulting in a fire in the engine.

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<td>2005-09-15</td>
<td>Level 640; production area 9</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Cable; electrical fault</td>
<td>Cable fire at a splice on the cable to a Toro loader. The fire occurred during the loading.</td>
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<td>2005-10-06</td>
<td>Production area 45</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Chain feeder; running hot</td>
<td>Fire investigation exists</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2005-10-12</td>
<td>Main ramp; road 16</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Cable; hot surface</td>
<td>Flames came out from the side of the charging vehicle. The vehicle stopped and the lights went out. Probable cause was short-circuiting; the cable from</td>
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<td>Date</td>
<td>Location</td>
<td>No Equipment Compartment</td>
<td>Probable Cause</td>
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<td>2005-11-01</td>
<td>Production area 28</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Distribution box; short-circuit&lt;br&gt;Weren't supposed to turn the power of the machine off, when the arcing in the box occurred.</td>
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<td>2005-12-19</td>
<td>Level 1060</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Leading in; short-circuit&lt;br&gt;Smoke was emitted from the leading in on a diamond drilling machine 125 amps fuse. Probable cause was a loose contact between electrical part and leading in on the machine.</td>
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<td>2006-01-10</td>
<td>Production area 16</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Cable; short-circuit&lt;br&gt;Cable to loader caught fire in longitudinal drift.</td>
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<td>2006-02-20</td>
<td>U-NIO</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Noise-heat protection; hot surface&lt;br&gt;The noise-heat protection in a charging vehicle came loose and fell down on the exhaust system and started to glow and emitting smoke.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2006-03-18</td>
<td>Personnel on the site</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Engine compartment; fuel leakage&lt;br&gt;When driving the bus a fire occurred in</td>
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<td>Condition</td>
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<td>2006-04-26</td>
<td>Production area 25</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Cable; short-circuit</td>
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<td>2006-05-23</td>
<td>Personnel on the site Road 21</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Turbo; hot surface</td>
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<tr>
<td>2006-05-28</td>
<td>Level 878; production area 37</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Cable; short-circuit</td>
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<tr>
<td>2006-08-08</td>
<td>Personnel on the site Level 878; production area 25</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Cable; short-circuit</td>
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<tr>
<td>2006-10-16</td>
<td>Level 740; media drift</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Noise insulation; oil spill</td>
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<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>Location</td>
<td>Condition</td>
<td>Cause</td>
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<td>2006-10-22</td>
<td>Level 714; production area 12</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Cable; short-circuit</td>
<td>A Toro 597 loader was started but then went dead; at the same time the cable to the loader started emitting smoke.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2006-12-04</td>
<td>Level 500; road 16</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Turbo; hot surface</td>
<td>Smoke being emitted. Probable cause was oil on the turbo.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2006-12-13</td>
<td>Level 740; media drift</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Start engine; short-circuit</td>
<td>Fire in the start engine on a charging vehicle Volvo FM9.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2007-02-01</td>
<td>Main ramp; road 22</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Cable; short-circuit</td>
<td>Fire in a 400 V cable with fans as load, probably due to damage on the cable that caused it to run hot and evolve into a fire.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2007-02-27</td>
<td>Level 907; production area 33</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Distribution box; short-circuit</td>
<td>When switching on a fan, the distribution box caught fire. Probable cause was moisture entering the distribution box.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2007-09-11</td>
<td>Personnel on the site</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Cable; short-circuit</td>
<td>The cable lay on the ground about 30 m from</td>
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</table>
the machine and caught fire in a splice. Switched off the power and put out the smouldering fire using slings.

The workshop was notified that the fuses to the air-conditioning fan melted constantly on loader 598. When working on the malfunction, the lid to the climate system was opened and plastic smoke was emitted. During an examination it was discovered that it had burned with high temperatures in the box. Both capacitor fans had burned and the box was full of oil.

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<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Has Fan?</th>
<th>Type of Damage</th>
<th>Equipment Damaged</th>
<th>Cause</th>
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<td>2007-10-14</td>
<td>Production area 45</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Capacitor fans; oil</td>
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4.2 Malmberget

The table below lists the fire incidents in the Malmberget mine during the period 2004-2007:

Table 2. Fire incidents in the Malmberget mine.
<table>
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<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Incident required action from</th>
<th>Place</th>
<th>Evacuation</th>
<th>Object and cause</th>
<th>Injuries / damage</th>
<th>Other info</th>
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<td>2004-03-09</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Engine compartment; short-circuit</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Short-circuit in the engine compartment on a vehicle.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2004-05-03</td>
<td>Personnel on the site</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Cable; hot works</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Were cutting with gas. A bolt fell down on a cable tray and a cable caught fire.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2004-09-14</td>
<td>Personnel on the site</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Engine part; oil leak/hot surface</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Oil leaked onto a hot surface. The vehicle was a Jama scaler.</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Diesel generator; short-circuit</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Short-circuit in a diesel generator to a loader.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2005-01-04</td>
<td>Personnel and the industrial fire brigade on the site.</td>
<td>Level 962; Alliansen</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Engine; short-circuit</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Incident report exists.</td>
<td>Scaler rig Bask had a fire around the engine. The fire was caused by short-circuit. The fire was put out by the industrial fire brigade.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2005</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Level 1000</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Fuse box; short-circuit</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>During maintenance work on the engine, short-circuit occurred in the fuse box. Smoke was emitted.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2005</td>
<td>Personnel on the site</td>
<td>Level 932; Alliansen</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Loader</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Toro loader started emitting smoke but was quickly stopped when the driver</td>
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<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>Incident Type</td>
<td>Location</td>
<td>Injured Person</td>
<td>Fire Extinguisher</td>
<td>Cause of Incidents</td>
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<td>2005-03-20</td>
<td>Personnel and industrial fire brigade on the site.</td>
<td>Level 906; ViRi</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Loader</td>
<td>Person inhaled smoke.</td>
<td>The driver on a loader discovered smoke from the rear part of the vehicle. He alerted the industrial fire brigade, activated the extinguishing system and used a fire extinguisher. The fire was put out and he then left the area to meet up with the arriving fire brigade.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2006-02-03</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Level 815; workshop</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Interior heater</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Smoke being emitted from the interior heater on a vehicle.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2006-02-16</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Shaft</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Fan; electrical fault</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>During the start up of a fan a fire occurred.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2006-06-10</td>
<td>Personnel on the site.</td>
<td>Level 815; workshop</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Loader; hot works</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Fire occurred during cutting out of a mechanical part. Grease and lubricant involved.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2006-07-27</td>
<td>Personnel on the site.</td>
<td>Level 400</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Relay interlocking plant; electrical fault.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>A bang occurred when a switch was activated in a relay interlocking plant. Fire occurred in an electrical compartment but could</td>
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<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>Location and Details</td>
<td>Incident Report</td>
<td>Photos from the Site Exist</td>
<td>Type of Accident or Event</td>
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<tr>
<td>2006-08-03</td>
<td>Personnel and industrial fire brigade on the site. Level 790; Alliansen, Total evacuation of the mine.</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Fire in a drilling rigg (Atlas Copco) in a service drift. Large amount of smoke emitted, total evacuation of the mine. There were gas bottles in the drift which hampered the rescue operation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2006-10-24</td>
<td>Level 300; Malmberget, No Cable; arcing</td>
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<td>During cleaning the excavator came in contact with a high voltage cable. Arcing occurred, resulting in a cable fire.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2007-01-29</td>
<td>Personnel on the site. Main ramp; level 815-1000, No Turbo; turbo breakdown</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Turbo breakdown on a lorry. Large amount of smoke emitted. Fire was put out by the driver.</td>
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<td>2007-04-08</td>
<td>Personnel on the site. Level 902; Alliansen, No Cable; electrical fault</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>The fire was put out with a fire extinguisher. A loader hit a high voltage cable with the scoop. Flames occurred. The driver extinguished fire with fire</td>
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<td>Date</td>
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<td>2007-06-05</td>
<td>Level 400; Baron</td>
<td>Contactor; electrical fault</td>
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<td>Arcing from engine protection. Contactor burned up.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2007-11-02</td>
<td>Personnel and industrial fire brigade on the site.</td>
<td>Main ramp; level 450.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Rear shaft; running hot.</td>
<td>Incident report exists. A fire occurred in the rear shaft on a concrete lorry in main ramp. Probable cause was the cardan shaft running hot. The fire was put out by driver and the vehicle was cooled down by the fire brigade before towing the vehicle.</td>
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<td>2007-08-20</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Parta</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Between beam fixing point</td>
<td>- Smaller fire between beam fixing point beneath the cab. Fire put out by fire extinguisher.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2007-08-23</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Level 600</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Solenoid valve</td>
<td>- A fire occurred in a solenoid valve during transport. The fire was put out when the machine stopped.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2007-08-27</td>
<td>Industrial fire brigade on the</td>
<td>Level 930; ViRi</td>
<td>One person had to evacuate.</td>
<td>Loader</td>
<td>- Fire in a loader. The driver had to evacuate. Fire</td>
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<td>Date</td>
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<td>2007-09-08</td>
<td>Fire in a Jama shotcrete gun. Caught fire while parked. Fire was put out by the fire brigade. Parts of the ViRi area were filled with smoke.</td>
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5. Combustible material in general

5.1 Kiruna

In the Kiruna mine larger amount of wood are found at the 1045 level (a larger shed), at each draw area a smaller shed for the loading personnel is found and at the 540 level a storage shed is found at the mining construction group. In the mining museum at level 540 some wooden constructions – such as older huts – are found.

In most of the warehouses, wooden pallets with occasionally wooden frames are found. Smaller amount of tyres are found at the 740 and the 775 level, being stored at the depots of the contractors.

Conveyor belts (self extinguishing) are found at the 833, 898 and the 1110 level.

Larger amounts of flammable liquids are found in the following places:
- In workshops at level 540, 775 and 1045: hydraulic oil, grease, engine oil etc.
- Diesel is handled at fuel stations at level 650, 740, 775, 833, 897, 910, 1028 and 1045.
- In warehouses at level 775 are larger amounts of oils and diesel found.
- Media drift: diesel tanks (~3-6 m³), containers with engine oil, hydraulic oil (~2 m³) and washer fluid (a few hundred litres).
- Main ramps: diesel tanks (~3-6 m³).
- Pumping stations: a few hundred litres of diesel and oil.
- Crusher level: container underneath every crusher with hydraulic oil and grease under pressure (~1-2 m³); oil and grease depot in crusher hall (~3 m³).
- At every draw point: a hydraulic container (~1 m³ hydraulic oil).
- Distribution level (level 1110): various types of oil (hydraulic, transmission etc.) ~2 m³.
- Shaft hoisting level (level 740): various types of oil (hydraulic, silicon, transmission etc.) ~3 m³.

Acetylene gas is found throughout the whole mine, either as single bottles or included in a centralized system using pipes.

5.2 Malmberget

In the Malmberget mine larger amount of wood are found in the Malmberget shaft, the Baron shaft, the Uppland shaft and the Allians shaft. In all the cases the stairs in the shafts are found to be composed of wood. At the Josefin level 487 some wooden benches are found.

In most of the warehouses, wooden pallets with occasionally wooden frames are found. In the workshops at the 600 level, the 815 level and the 1000 level large amount of tyres are stored. At the workshop at the 1000 level, the tyres are stored inside steel containers.

Conveyor belts (self extinguishing) are found at the loading areas to the hoists of the Allians level 672 and the Malmberget level 890, at the larger transport drifts between M1000 and the crushes at the 815 level and at the hoists at the Malmberget 278 level to the Lappkyrkan.

Larger amounts of flammable liquids are found in the following places:
- Fuel stations at level 815 and 1000 (~40 m³ diesel).
- In workshops at level 600, 815 and 1000: hydraulic oil, grease, engine oil etc.
- In warehouses at level 600 and 815 are larger amounts of oils and diesel found.
- Main ramps: diesel tanks (~3-6 m³).
- Production areas: diesel tanks (~3-6 m³).
- Pumping stations: a few hundred litres of diesel and oil.
- Crusher level: container underneath every crusher with hydraulic oil and grease under pressure (~1-2 m³); oil and grease depot in crusher hall (~3 m³).
- At every draw point: a hydraulic container (~1 m³ hydraulic oil).
- Shaft hoisting level: various types of oil (hydraulic, silicon, transmission etc.) ~3 m³.

Acetylene gas is found throughout the whole mine, either as single bottles or included in a centralized system using pipes.

![Picture 3](image3.png)

Picture 3. Wooden benches at Josefin level 487 (Malmberget mine).

![Picture 4](image4.png)

Picture 4. Wooden construction in the Malmberget shaft.
6. Vehicles

6.1 Kiruna

The following four types of heavy vehicles were found to be the most common types of heavy vehicles used in the Kiruna mine:

- Toro 2500E (16 vehicles).
- Scania P94 (5 vehicles).
- Jama SBU 8000 (4 vehicles).
- Simba W469 (3 vehicles).

Examining further the four types of vehicles above, the following data were obtained:

**Simba W469:**
- Fuel tank: 130 l
- Hydraulic oil tank: 385 l
- Oil:
  - Diesel engine: 15 l
  - Hydraulic transmission: 30 l
  - Axle beam side: 23 l
  - Axle, engine side: 23 l
- Dimensions on tires:
  - 14.00 x 24 (XKA Michelin)
- Length during transport: 13 m
- Length during drilling operations: 14.1 m
- Weight: 40 ton

**Toro 2500E:**
- Hydraulic oil tank: 800 l
- Dimensions on tires:
  - 40/65-39 D-LUG L5 56 ply
- Dimensions: see Appendix 2
- Operating weight: 77.5 ton
- Total loaded weight: 101.6 ton

**Jama SBU 8000:**
- Hydraulic oil tanks: 700 l
- Fuel tank: 250 l
- Hydraulic transmission: 30 l
- Oil, forward shaft: 20 l
- Oil, rear shaft: 20 l
Tires: 14.00x24

Dimensions: see Appendix 3

**Scania P94:** [3]

Cab dimensions:
Height: 2.79 m
Width: 2.43 m
Length: 1.99 m

Hydraulic oil tank: 50 l
Fuel tank: 200 l

Tires: 295/80 R22.5

See appendix 4 for more details.

### 6.2 Malmberget

The following eight types of heavy vehicles were found to be the most common types of heavy vehicles used in the Malmberget mine.
- CAT Elphinstone (7 vehicles).
- Scania P92M (5 vehicles).
- Volvo FH12 8x4 (5 vehicles).
- Simba W469 (5 vehicles).
- Jama SBU 8000 (5 vehicles).
- Volvo FM12 6x4 (4 vehicles).
- Toro 0011 (3 vehicles).
- Ljungby L14 (3 vehicles).

The data on the Simba W469 and Jama SBU 8000 are found above as it is among the most common types of vehicles in the Kiruna mine as well. The following data were found for the other six types of vehicles:

**CAT Elphinstone:** [4]
Hydraulic oil tank: 140 l
Fuel tanks: 854 l + 571 l

Tires: 35/65-R33

Width: 3.454 m
Height: 2.996 m
Length: 11.483 m

Weight: 56 ton

See appendix 5 for more details.

**Volvo FH12 8x4:** [5]
Hydraulic oil tank: 150 l
Fuel tank: 330 l
Tires: 13-22,5
Cab dimensions:
Height: 3.2 m
Width: 2.55 m
Length: 9.5 m

Volvo FM12 6x4: [5]
Hydraulic oil tank: 150 l
Fuel tank: 330 l
Tires: 13-22,5
Cab dimensions:
Height: 2.9 m
Width: 2.55 m
Length: 8.5 m

Toro 0011: [2]
Hydraulic oil tank: 450 l
Fuel tank: 620 l
Tires: 35/65-R33 DL L-5, Bridgestone 42 ply
Dimensions: see Appendix 6
Operating weight: 56.8 ton
Total loaded weight: 77.8 ton

Scania P92M: [3]
Cab dimensions:
Height: 2.79 m
Width: 2.43 m
Length: 1.99 m
Hydraulic oil tank: 50 l
Fuel tank: 200 l
Tires: 295/80 R22.5
See appendix 4 for more details.

Ljungby L14: [6]
Hydraulic oil tank: 210 l
Fuel tank: 255 l
Tires: 20,5-25

As no general dimensions were found specifically for Ljungby L14, it was decided to go ahead with the dimensions of Ljungby L15 as the differences in dimensions between the two models are very small:
Width: 2.515 m
Height: 3.27 m
Length (excluding bucket): 4.515 m

Weight: 16 ton

See appendix 7 for more details (Ljungby L15).

Besides the listed vehicles above for Kiruna and Malmberget, it was also decided to include another drilling rigg in the inventory as the three types of vehicles that are most common in fires are: loaders, service vehicles and drilling riggs. The drilling rigg Rocket Boomer was selected and the following data was found:

Fuel tank: 110 l
Hydraulic oil tank: maximum 390 l, minimum 290 l

Dimensions on tires:
14.00 x R24

Length during drilling operations: 14.565 m
Width: 2.55 m
Height: 3.179 m

Weight: 38-39 ton

See appendix 8 for more details.
7. Cables

7.1 Kiruna

In the Kiruna mine a large amount of cables are found:
- In the media shaft where the amount of cables are very high due to the protection of redundancy.
- At the 740 and 775 level (relay interlocking plant).
- At the 1045 level (relay interlocking plant at the track level).
- At each pumping station in the mine.
- At each draw point at train level.
- At the 898 and 1110 level (intermediate level between the two hoisting systems).
- At the 1078 level (crushing level).

The Halogenated cable type dominates in the Kiruna mine.

7.2 Malmberget

In the Malmberget mine the larger concentrations of cables are found in the large shafts and at the larger signal cabins:
- At the Malmberget 600 level (relay interlocking plant).
- At the Malmberget 815 level (relay interlocking plant).
- At the M1000 level (relay interlocking plant).
- At the media shaft.

The halogenated cable type dominates in the Malmberget mine (compared with the non-halogenated cable type), but papercable with tar and oil are also found in the media shaft (as the cables are from the period 1950-2008).

Picture 5. Relay interlocking plant at the Malmberget level 815.
Picture 6. Relay interlocking plant at the Malmberget level 1000.
8. Fire barriers

8.1 Kiruna

The table below lists the fire barriers that are found in the Kiruna mine:

Table 3. The existing fire barriers in the Kiruna mine.

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<td>Relay interlocking plant</td>
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<td>EI60</td>
<td>1040361</td>
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<td>Hydraulics container</td>
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<td>Tone filter</td>
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<td>Level 775 towards the main ramp</td>
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<td>Fan room at the canteen</td>
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<td>EI60</td>
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<td>Elevator shaft</td>
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<td>EI60 (is opened towards level 898 but otherwise sealed)</td>
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<td>Cable vaults (2)</td>
<td>802</td>
<td>EI60</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Relay interlocking plants (containers)</td>
<td>833</td>
<td>EI60</td>
<td>1040375</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The table below lists the fire barriers that are found in the Malmberget mine:

Table 4. The existing fire barriers in the Malmberget mine.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Compartment</th>
<th>Level</th>
<th>Fire rating</th>
<th>Plan number</th>
</tr>
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<tr>
<td>Canteen</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>EI60</td>
<td>1-3354-03701</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Conference room &amp; offices</td>
<td>500</td>
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<td>1-3354-03701</td>
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<td>Relay interlocking plant</td>
<td>600</td>
<td>EI60</td>
<td>1-3354-03703</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oil storage</td>
<td>600</td>
<td>EI60</td>
<td>1-3354-03703</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Workshop (vehicles)</td>
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<td>EI60</td>
<td>1-3354-03703</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pump station</td>
<td>600</td>
<td>EI30</td>
<td>1-3354-03703</td>
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<td>Oil storage</td>
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<td>Relay interlocking plant</td>
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<td>EI60</td>
<td>1-3354-03705</td>
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<td>Cable vault</td>
<td>815</td>
<td>EI60</td>
<td>1-3354-03705</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storage compartment at the loader workshop</td>
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<td>EI60</td>
<td>1-3354-03705</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control system room</td>
<td>815</td>
<td>EI60</td>
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<td>Oil storage</td>
<td>815</td>
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8.2 Malmberget

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<table>
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<th>Location</th>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Fire Rating</th>
<th>Reference</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Workshop 815</td>
<td>815</td>
<td>EI30</td>
<td>1-3354-03705</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Workshop 1000</td>
<td>1000</td>
<td>EI30</td>
<td>1-3354-03708</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Relay interlocking plant</td>
<td>1000</td>
<td>EI60</td>
<td>1-3354-03708</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Communications compartment</td>
<td>1000</td>
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<td>1-3354-03708</td>
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<td>System room</td>
<td>1000</td>
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<td>1-3354-03708</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cable vault</td>
<td>1000</td>
<td>EI60</td>
<td>1-3354-03708</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pump station</td>
<td>1000</td>
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<td>1-3354-03708</td>
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<tr>
<td>Refuge chamber</td>
<td>1000</td>
<td>EI60</td>
<td>1-3354-03708</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Level 1000 (towards the main ramp)</td>
<td>1000</td>
<td>EI60</td>
<td>1-3354-03708</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

The shafts in the Malmberget mine are not enclosed by fire barriers. But if the ventilation operates as planned and together with some existing walls and doors, the smoke spread to adjacent compartments will be prevented.
9. Ventilation system

9.1 Kiruna

There are presently two ventilation systems operating in the mine production area of the Kiruna mine and one system that operates the facilities of the infrastructure part.

The shafts look similar independently of what part you are looking at. When it comes to the amount of blower or exhaust fans at the different levels, it varies from one to two fans per level and if it is a blower or exhaust fan you are considering. The area above the 775 level is supplied by fresh air from an older ventilation system which is complicated to steer at a possible fire. There are no fire detection systems in the longitudinal/transversal drift or the main ramp. But there is a fire detection system in the infrastructure part, for example the visitors mine, workshops etc. [7]

Along the main ramps (road 22 and road 16) the intake air is taken from intake air shafts and pushed upwards along the main ramp using fans (with a diameter of 1000 or 800 mm). PVC tubes are connected to the fans in order to obtain a better effect. The fans are positioned at certain positions along the main ramp.
It is not possible to steer the ventilation along the main ramps [8].

9.1.1 Mine production area

The main ventilation system consists of 20 shafts with a diameter of 3 m, where 10 shafts are for intake air and 10 shafts are for return air from the drifts. Each production area has one shaft for intake air and one shaft for return air. The shafts are drilled from ground level down to the main level at 1045. At ground level the intake air shafts and return air shafts are well separated in order to prevent the intake air from sucking in exhaust gases from the return air. The main fans of the shafts – positioned above ground – are monitored and steered by a system called VISONIK. The system calculates how much air that is needed in the drifts, by “feeling” how many fans in the drifts that are currently running.
The dimensioned flow from the main fans is 150 m³/s and 3700 in statical pressure (each). Approximately 80% of the ventilation system in the shafts can be oversteered from PC5 which is situated above ground, while approximately 40% is steered using a so called command-variable signal (which is steered with automatic signals from the transport level at 1045). These 40% of the ventilation in the ventilation shafts is positioned around the transport level and can also be oversteered by the train control managers at the control system room below ground at the level at 775. [7]
Also fans at the 1020 and 1045 level (included in the so called SATT-system) can be steered from the control system room at the level at 775 and from the main control system room above ground. [8]
A so called kink on the level is located at level 765.
9.1.1.1 The intake air fans

At the entrance to each production area intake air is taken from the intake air shaft. The intake air is further distributed to the longitudinal drift, using fans connected to a flexible PVC-tube (also known as a ventiflex cloth). The tube has a length of approximately 200 m in each direction in the longitudinal drift. The intake air fans in the drift are dimensioned for a flow of 10 m³/s and 5 m³/s, at full speed respectively half speed. The ventiflex cloths are flame resistant but during a fire they will most likely burn up and the intake air to the drifts will cease. At the end of the tube where the air is ejected, approximately 6-8 m³/s is delivered depending upon if the tube is intact or has received damages during the latest blasting operation.

The power supply to the intake and exhaust air fans are delivered through electrical cables found at the roof of the entrance to the production area. If a fire would occur at the entrance to the production area the risk of losing the ventilation is obvious and thus also the smoke spread to the adjacent main ramp.

9.1.1.2 The fans in the transversal drifts
The air distribution to the transversal drifts is done by a fan with a capacity of 3-4 m³/s. The fan distributes the air using a PVC tube with a diameter of 0.6 m, distributing the air into the transversal drift and extracting the air approximately 30 m from the end of the transversal drift. If the fan is placed too far in the transversal drift its capacity is decreased and the air ventilation is made worse. The power supply to the fans in the transversal drifts are delivered through electrical cables found at the roof, the cables are drawn from the relay interlocking plants found at the entrance to the production area. Thus the same risk of losing the ventilation during a fire as for the intake air fans exist. [7]

![Picture 9. Fan in a transversal drift [7].](image)

### 9.1.1.3 Return air fans

The exhaust air at the shaft is performed by one or two fans with a max capacity of approximately 15 m³/s each. The intake air and return air ventilation is placed opposite each other at the entrance to the production area, at a height of approximately 3 m. The system is not dimensioned with respect to a fire, the system is dimensioned to take care of the exhaust from vehicles, radon gases etc. Today the ventilation in the drifts is entirely steered from the control system room above ground. But in the future a system of CO-transmitter will be placed at the entrance to the production area, close to the return air fans. These CO-transmitters will aid in the steering of the return air ventilation and activating the fans when the CO concentration gets too high in the drift. [7]

### 9.1.2 Infrastructure part

The system in the infrastructure part consists of two systems today and three systems in the near future.
The system at the 775 level and upwards consists of an old system that uses drifts when ventilating.
The system at the 1045 level and upwards consists of a newer and separate system. The system consists of two shafts for the intake and the return air.
The capacity of the intake air today is approximately 500 m³/s.
The distance between the production area and the infrastructure part is approximately 1 km.
The future system of the 1365 level will also consist of two shafts; the difference is that the two shafts will run all the way from the surface.

At the 775 level there is a smoke exhaust fan, which will suck smoke into an exhaust shaft in the mountain. The fan is activated from the control room at the same level or from the fire alarm control unit outside the canteen at the same level. [8]

At the 1045 level there are two separate reversible smoke fans positioned at each one end of the transport level. The fans can be activated from the fire alarm control unit at the entrance to the level or from the rescue room at the same level. [8]

9.2 Malmberget

A description of the mine ventilation in the Malmberget mine is currently being worked out by LKAB.
10. Extinguishing systems

10.1 Kiruna

Below is a table that lists the places in the Kiruna mine that are protected by an extinguishing system and it also list the type of extinguishing system.

Table 5. Extinguishing systems in the Kiruna mine.

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<thead>
<tr>
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<th>Compartment</th>
<th>Type of system</th>
<th>Remark</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>524</td>
<td>Relay interlocking plant and the two transformer compartments</td>
<td>Gaseous system (Inergen)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>540</td>
<td>Wooden sauna in the visitors mine</td>
<td>Water sprinkler</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>775</td>
<td>Relay interlocking plant and corresponding cable vault CH3</td>
<td>Carbon dioxide</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>775</td>
<td>Workshops</td>
<td>Water sprinkler</td>
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<td>775</td>
<td>Parking lots</td>
<td>Water sprinkler</td>
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<td>1045</td>
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<td>500</td>
<td>Parking lots</td>
<td>Water sprinkler</td>
<td>Manual activation</td>
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<td>Gaseous system (Inergen)</td>
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<td>890</td>
<td>Conveyor belt drifts</td>
<td>Water sprinkler</td>
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<td>1000</td>
<td>Workshop</td>
<td>Water sprinkler</td>
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11. Analysis and discussion

When studying earlier fires and fire incidents for the two LKAB mines, the most common causes were electrical cause (50%), flammable liquid or material on hot surface (22%), hot works (5%) and equipment running hot (5%).

One difference between fires due to electrical cause versus flammable liquid/material on hot surfaces is that fires caused by flammable liquid/material on hot surfaces are generally larger in size and cause a more extensive smoke spread.

Fires caused by hot works and equipment running hot, generally seems to be small. In the earlier case, it is probably due to the fact that personnel with fire extinguishers are present on the site. In the latter case, probably due to that the amount of combustible material is limited.

With respect to the size of the fires, 52% occurred in the infrastructure part of each mine and 48% occurred in the production areas. With respect to vehicle fires, 47% occurred in the infrastructure parts (including for example workshops, storage areas, canteen etc.) and 53% occurred in the production areas. With respect to large and severe fires (i.e. large amount of smoke being emitted or fire put out by the fire brigade), 44% occurred in the infrastructure part and 56% occurred in the production areas (75% of the large or severe fires in the infrastructural part was caused by broken turbo).

A clear majority of the fires did not require assistance from industrial or local fire brigade (only 6 fires required assistance), they were either self extinguished or put out by personnel on site. Only during two fires evacuation occurred.

When it comes to combustible material in general, the amount of combustibles seems to be more frequent in the Malmberget mine. In the Kiruna mine, the places with wood and conveyor belts seems to be interesting enough for further investigation. Even though self extinguishing conveyor belts means a limited fire in size, the amount of smoke emitted can be quite extensive. Also the storage of tyres at the contractor depots could be worthwhile investigating due to the sensitive surroundings.

Regarding the Malmberget mine, the sites with wood combustibles, tyres and conveyor belts are all interesting for further investigation due to the large amount of combustibles and the surroundings.

With respect to flammable liquids:

- The tank stations in the Kiruna and the Malmberget mine should be looked into with respect to potential pool fires.
- The larger workshops and warehouses in the Kiruna mine and the Malmberget mine should also be investigated with respect to pool fires.
- The crusher levels and draw points in the two mines should be investigated with respect to spray fires.
- The diesel tanks in the main ramps and the production areas should be investigated with respect to pool fires.
- The media drifts, distribution levels, shaft hoisting levels and pumping stations should be investigated with respect to pool fires.

With respect to fire barriers, as the main ramps of each mine does not contain any fire barriers the impact of a vehicle fire in the main ramp would be interesting to investigate. Another reason would be the fact that the main ramps are the main egress routes for the personnel as well as attack routes for the rescue services. It would also be interesting to validate the ventilation strategy in the Malmberget mine regarding preventing smoke spread to adjacent compartments. The majority of the extinguishing systems in the Malmberget mine are activated manually, which decreases the chance of successful operation in case of a fire.

As not all workshops and larger parking lots in both mines are equipped with extinguishing systems, the impact on their surroundings should be investigated.
12. Conclusions

With respect to earlier fires and fire incidents for the two LKAB mines, the most common causes and the causes to focus on are: electrical cause, flammable liquid or material on hot surface, hot works and equipment running hot.

Both the production area and the infrastructure part should be regarded in the future studies as fires are almost identically frequent in both areas.

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With respect to vehicles, all the common heavy vehicles listed in this report would be worthwhile to try to reconstruct a possible fire scenario for each type of vehicle. The reason for this is to have better tools when working on possible scenarios of each mine.

Regarding cables, all listed sites with a high load of electrical cables would be interesting to investigate. Even though the immediate surroundings are not sensitive, an extensive smoke spread would make a large impact on a large portion of the mine.

When looking into the ventilation system of the Kiruna mine, both the mine production area and the infrastructure part should be investigated due to the differences in each system and their surroundings. Also, the difference in systems whether you are below or above level 775 should be considered. The function and impact of oversteering should also be included in the investigations.

The impact of a ventiflex PVC-tube being burned up on the fire behavior in a production area should be investigated. The different fire scenarios in a production area depending on the position of the fire with respect to the ventilation should also be investigated.

One scenario should put the fire right at the end of the intake air tube; other scenarios should be at a certain length interval from the end of the intake air tube. The likelihood of the power cables to the intake and exhaust air fans being burned off should be looked into. The impact on the surroundings should also be investigated. The return air fan capacity should be examined with respect to fires, such as vehicle fires.
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13. References


[5] Electronic correspondence with Håkan Darehed, Eriksson Bil AB, 2008-12-16


Appendix 1.

**Brännbart material:**

Inventering punkt i brandcell nummer

Beskrivning:

Typ av material:

Uppskattad exponerad area: m²

Uppskattad vikt: kg eller volym m³

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Inventering punkt i brandcell nummer

Beskrivning:

Typ av material:

Uppskattad exponerad area: m²

Uppskattad vikt: kg eller volym m³
Fordon:

Fordon nr:

Tillverkare:

Typbeteckning:

Tillverkningsnummer:

Tjänstevikt:

Typ av drivmedel:

Bränsletank: \( m^3 \)

Hydraulolja: \( m^3 \)

Övrigt:

Uppställningsplats:

Arbetsområde:
Installationer:

Installation nr:

Tillverkare:

Typbeteckning:

Tillverkningsnummer:

Placering:

Brandcell nr:

Typ av brännbart material:

Uppskattad vikt på brännbart mtr: kg

Ev. hydraulolja: m³

Övrigt:
**Kablar:**

Kabelstråk nr:

Kabelstegens bredd: \[\text{mm}\]

Antal kabelstegar i nivå: \[\text{st}\]

Placering:

Brandcell nr:

Typ av kablar:

Antal:
**Inträffade händelser:**

**Händelse nr:**

Datum då händelsen inträffade: ÅÅ MM DD

Händelsen krävde insats från: □ Personal på plats □ Industribrandkår □ Kommunal räddningstjänst

Händelsen inträffade på nivå:

Plats:

Användes räddningskammare: □ Ja □ Nej

Antal personer som berördes av utrymning:

Startobjekt:

Brandorsak:

Personsksador: □ Ja □ Nej

Antal skadade:

Typ av skador:

Beskriv materiella skador:

Finns insatsrapport? □ Ja □ Nej

Finns brandutredning? □ Ja □ Nej

Finns foton? □ Ja □ Nej

Beskrivning av händelseförloppet:
Appendix 2.
Appendix 3.
Appendix 4.

* Can vary depending on tyre size and chassis height
Appendix 5.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Modell</th>
<th>Slitage</th>
<th>Mörkvolym</th>
<th>Nominell arbetlast</th>
<th>Tömningshöjden A</th>
<th>Räckvidd B</th>
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<tr>
<td>900G Skötselare</td>
<td>Skärsål med enkelsad spets</td>
<td>7,2 m³ (9,4 yard³)</td>
<td>17 200 kg (37 920 lb)</td>
<td>2871 mm (113,0 tum)</td>
<td>1686 mm (66,0 tum)</td>
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<tr>
<td>XTRA Skötselare</td>
<td>Skärsål med enkelsad spets</td>
<td>8,9 m³ (11,6 yard³)</td>
<td>20 000 kg (44 090 lb)</td>
<td>2654 mm (104,6 tum)</td>
<td>1849 mm (72,8 tum)</td>
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</table>

(A) motsvarar dumphöjden. Måttet (B) motsvarar räckvidden.

Dumphöjden och räckvidden gäller för samtliga
vid maximal lutthöjd och 45 grader
vinkel. Tömningshöjden (A) är avståndet
inne ett skopkanten när skopan är i hett
T-läge. Räckvidden (B) är avståndet från
ettens framkant till skopkanten när skopan är
TIPAT läge.

I följan tabell anges tillåteten arbetslast för maskin i
anförtande.
Tabell 2

<table>
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<th>R2900G XTRA Underjordslastare</th>
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<tr>
<td>Vikt (cirka)(^{(1)})</td>
<td>56 324 kg (124 173 lb)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Längd (max)</td>
<td>11 483 mm (452,1 tum)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bredd (max)</td>
<td>3464 mm (136,0 tum)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bredd (över däcksl)</td>
<td>3228 mm (127,1 tum)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Högst över ROPS-IFOPS-skyddet</td>
<td>2996 mm (118,0 tum)</td>
</tr>
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\(^{(1)}\) i vikten ingår full bränsletank, förare med en vikt av 75 kg (166,3 lb), en slutet förarplats och vändranteleka. Har extrautrustning installerats på din maskin, kan dessa vikter förändras.

**Arbetslast för skopa**

SMCS-kod: 6700

**WARNING**

Om arbetslasten överskrids kan person- och materialiska skador uppstå. Kontrollera redskapets arbetslast innan det används. Justera arbetslasten om så behövs vid användning av icke-standardkonfigurationer.

Anm. Arbetslaster ska användas som vägledning. Redskap, ojämn och mjuk mark samt andra dåliga markförhållanden kan påverka märklasterna. Förraren måste känna till dessa förhållanden.

Märklasterna baseras på en standardmaskin enligt följande:

- korrekt smörgjut
- full bränsletank
- slutet ROPS-skydd
- 75 kg (165 lb) tung förare
- 29.5x29 34PR L-5 däck eller motsvarande för R2900G Underjordslastare
- 35/R3 R33 Two Star L-5 däck eller motsvarande för R2900G XTRA Underjordslastare

Tillåten arbetslast varierar beroende på redskap. Kontakta din Caterpillar återförsäljare beträffande arbetslast för ett visst arbetsredskap.

Tillåten arbetslast definieras enligt ISO 5998 (1986) som 50 % av statisk tipplast vid full sväng.
Main dimensions
- Total length: 11,853 mm (467"
- Width without bucket: 3,197 mm (126"
- Maximum width: 3,253 mm (128"
- Std. height with safety cabin: 2,990 mm (118"
- Ground clearance: 505 mm (20"

Weights
- Operating weight: 56,600 kg (125,220 lb)
- Total loaded weight: 77,800 kg (171,520 lb)
- Shipping weight: 50,400 kg (124,340 lb)
- Axle weights without load:
  - Front axle: 23,600 kg (52,030 lb)
  - Rear axle: 33,200 kg (73,190 lb)
- Axle weights with load:
  - Front axle: 56,600 kg (124,780 lb)
  - Rear axle: 21,200 kg (46,740 lb)

Capacities
- Tramming capacity: 21,000 kg (46,300 lb)
- Breakout force, lift: 378 kN (86,680 lb)
- Breakout force, tilt: 344 kN (77,390 lb)
- Tipping load: 47,700 kg (105,160 lb)
- Bucket std.: 9.0 m³ (11.8 yd³), HB500/400

Bucket motion times
- Raising time: 6.4 sec
- Lowering time: 4.5 sec
- Tipping time: 1.8 sec

Driving speeds forward and reverse
- 1st gear: 4.6 km/h (2.9 mph)
- 2nd gear: 8.2 km/h (5.1 mph)
- 3rd gear: 14.2 km/h (8.8 mph)
- 4th gear: 25.5 km/h (15.8 mph)

Frame
- Rear and front frame: Welded steel construction
- Material: Raex 35N (St 52-3)
- Central hinge: Adjustable upper bearing
- Material: Raex 35N (St 52-3)
- Hydr. tank and cabin base bolted and welded to the frame

Standard engine
- Diesel engine: Detroit Diesel S-60 DDEC IV (Euro Stage II / Tier II)
- Output: 354 kW (475 hp) / 2100 rpm
- Torque: 2102 Nm / 1350 rpm
- Number of cylinders: In line 6
- Displacement: 12.7 liters
- Cooling system: Water cooled
- Combustion principle: Four stroke, direct injection, turbo with intercooler
- Electric system: 24 V starter and accessories
- Air filtering: Donaldson
- Exhaust system: HTI insulated exhaust manifold & Turbo, Double wall exhaust pipe, Catalytic purifier and muffler
- Fuel tank capacity: 620 l (164 gal)

Standard converter
- Dana SOH CL 9652
- Offset 1,323

Standard gearbox
- Dana SOH
  - Power shift (electrical gear shift control)
  - 8421H
  - gear box with modulation, 4 + 4 speeds

Standard axles
- Front axle: Dana SOH 53R312 LCB, with Posti-Torq differentials, fixed
- Rear axle: Dana SOH 53R312 LCB, with Posti-Torq differentials, oscillating ±8°

Standard brakes
- Service brakes – Hydraulically operated liquid cooled (LCB) multidisc brakes in all wheels. Separate brake circuits for front and rear axle. Separate oil tank for brake circuit.
- Parking brake – Spring operated multidisc liquid cooled brake on the input shaft of the front axle. Brake is released by oil pressure from the hydraulic system. The oil flow is controlled with a button in the cabin. The parking brake engages automatically if engine, transmission (optional) or brake accumulator oil pressure is too low or if the electric current is cut off. Automatic brake activation. ABA.
- Emergency brake – The emergency brake uses the same brakes as the service brake and is controlled by a button in the cabin.

Main components in the brake system:
- Pressure accumulator: Bosch
- Brake pedal valve: Rexroth
- Brake valve: Parker
- Charging valve: Parker
- Parking brake: TORO
- Brake tank capacity: 75 l (20 gal)

Standard tyres
- Size and type: 35/65-33 DL L-5, Bridgestone 42ply, tubeless
- Air pressure, front: 675 kPa (9.75 bar) (99 PSI)
- Air pressure, rear: 475 kPa (6.75 bar) (69 PSI)
- Other type of tyres available to user's choice. In certain applications the productivity capabilities of the loader may exceed the TKPH value given by tyre manufacturer. Sandvik Tamrock recommend that the user consult their tyre supplier to evaluate conditions and to find the best solution for application.

Standard cabin
- ROPS / FOPS tested & certified, rubber mounted, pressurized, air-conditioned and noise proofed.
- ± 25° swivel seat & controls, height 2990 mm (115’’), CEN approved

Controls
- Joystick bucket & steering, gear selector buttons on the joystick
- Heavy duty switches
Steering hydraulics
Hydraulic, centre-point articulation, power steering with two double acting cylinders. Steering controlled by stick, interlock protection. Emergency steering is optional.

Turning angle ±42.5°
Turning radius with std bucket inner left 3650 mm (144’), outer 7730 mm (304’)

Main components in steering system:
- Main valve Danfoss
- Servo control valve Danfoss
- Steering hydraulic cylinders 2 pcs, 140 mm (5.5’)
- Steering pump piston type, Rexroth
- Steering servo pump
- Pressure settings: Steering hydraulics, main relief valve 15 Mpa (150 bar)
- Shock load valves 24.9 Mpa (240 bar)

Bucket hydraulics
Monostick bucket and boom control. The bucket hydraulics has two pumps. One is for the servo circuit and other delivers oil to the bucket hydraulic main valve. The oil flow from steering hydraulic pump is directed to bucket hydraulics when steering is not used.

- Boom system Z-link
- Lift cylinders 2pcs, ø200 mm (7.9’)
- Tilt cylinder 1pcs, ø250 mm (9.8’)
- Pressure setting for: Servo circuit 3.5 Mpa (35 bar)
- Bucket hydraulic 28 Mpa (280 bar)
- Shock load valves 30 Mpa (300 bar)

Main components:
- Bucket hydraulic cylinders TORO
- Servo control valve Rexroth
- Main valve Rexroth
- Pump for pilot hydraulics gear type, Rexroth
- Pump for bucket hydraulics piston type, Rexroth
- Fittings ORFS
- Oil coolers for hydraulic and transmission oil to handle up to 55 dec. ambient temperature 2 pcs
- Hydraulic oil tank capacity 450 l

Standard Lubrication system
Automatic central lubrication.

Dog bone pins with grease chamber

Electrical equipment
- Alternator 140 A, Bosch
- Batteries 2 x 12 V, 160 Ah
- Starter 24V
- Driving and working lights front, 4 pcs rear, 4 pcs
- Electrical gauges Digital gauges, fuel gauge, signal light for hydraulic oil level
- Electrics CAN open – bus gear selection & hydraulic control with display unit in the dash, rest of wiring & components TORO std.

Others
- Fire audited.
- Decal language ENG/FIN/SWE/RUS/SPA/DEU/FRA.

Standard manuals
- 3pcs Spare part manual
- Operation instructions main European languages
- Maintenance instructions main European languages
- Engine spare part information English
- Machine spare part information English
- Workshop manual
- Operation instructions main European languages
- Maintenance instructions main European languages
- Engine workshop manual Original
- Power train components manual Original
- Optional equipment instructions English

Optional equipment
- * replaces standard equipment
- * Bucket size 8.0 m³ (10.5yd³), width 3100 mm (122’), HB 500/400
- * Bucket size 9.0 m³ (11.7yd³), width 3300 mm (130’), HB500/400.
- * Bucket size 9.8 m³ (12.8yd³), width 3300 mm (130’), HB500/400.
- * Bucket size 10.7 m³ (14.0yd³), width 3300 mm (130’), HB500/400.
- * Hydr. tanks & cabin base NOT welded to the frame
- * Automatic gear selection.
- * Emergency steering (CEN).
- * Electrical fill-up pump for hydraulic oil
- * Fire suppression system ANSI, two-tank system with 8 nozzles (CEN).
- * Fire suppression system ANSI, two-tank system with 8 nozzles, CHECKFIRE.
- * Auto engine shut down, ANSI/DECC.
- * Fire extinguisher 12 kg (CEN).
- * Additional spare part manuals pcs
- * TORO RRC, complete 15 MHz
- * RRC Interface (TORO Std.)
- * RRC recovery kit, hook included.
- * Load weighing device, Tamtron PKV 200.
- * Ride control system with piston accumulators
- * Spare wheel 35/65 R13, DL, L-5, Bridgestone 42 ply
- * Spare rim (35/63-33)
- * Accordance with CE-norms (CEN).
- * Disassembly needed shaft dim: ____ mm x ____ mm.
Appendix 8.

**Atlas Copco** Face drilling rigs

**Boomer E2 C**
Equipped with COP 3038 rock drills

Two boom hydraulic tunnelling and mining rig with an advanced Rig Control System, COP 3038 rock drills and heavy-duty BUT 45 booms for superior productivity.

**Standard features**

» **Rock drill**
  - High-frequency COP 3038 rock drills with dual-damping system for optimal consumable life
  - Pressurized housing and mating surfaces to reduce internal contamination of the rock drill

» **Hydraulic boom**
  - BUT 45 heavy-duty booms for direct, fast and accurate positioning between holes
  - Double rotation unit for 360 degrees feed rotation and roll-over

» **Hydraulic feed**
  - BMH 6900-series heavy-duty aluminium feed with high bending and torsional resistance for maximum durability
  - Snap-on stainless steel sleeves and polymer contacts

» **Control system**
  - Advanced Rig Control System (RCS) allowing several levels of automation to suit customer requirements
  - Standard functions include soft collaring and the anti-jumbo function Rotation Pressure Controlled Feed (RPCF)
  - Integrated diagnostic and event logging system to assist in equipment maintenance
  - Interactive operator panel with full-colour display

» **Carrier**
  - Sturdy, articulated carrier with four-wheel drive
  - Powered by a 4-cylinder, EPA III/COM III (Tier 3/Stage IIIA) approved diesel engine
  - Four jacks for stable set up

» **General**
  - POPS-approved telescopic protective roof
  - Hydraulically driven water booster pump
  - Hydraulically driven compressor
  - Cable reel
  - Working lights
Optional equipment

- **Rock drill/Drilling system**
  - Hole blowing kit excluding air receiver

- **Feed**
  - Feed prepared for Rod Adding System (RAS), 10' extension rods
  - Rod Adding System, RAS
  - Feed prepared for Rod Handling System (RHS E), 10' extension rods
  - Rod Handling System E, RHS E
  - Water spraying kit on console
  - Hole depth sensor, hydraulic flow meter in place of standard fishing line sensor

- **Boom**
  - Automatic boom lubrication

- **Software**
  - Advanced Boom Control, ABC Regular
  - Advanced Boom Control, ABC Total
  - Tunnel Manager software
  - Rig hydraulically prepared for ABC Total
  - Boom equipped for Measure While Drilling, MWD
  - Measure While Drilling logging and analyzing drill data
  - Electronic parallel holding (ABC Regular)
  - Bolt view
  - Water loss measurement instruments installed in service platform
  - Rig Remote Access (RRA)
  - RRA server

- **Protective roof**
  - Mounting height -80 mm - +30 mm/±310 mm
  - Manual spotlight, left and or right
  - Swingable seat for drilling and trimming (one operator panel only)
  - Two operator panels for standing operation only

- **Cabin**
  - TOPS-approved cabin, noise level <80 dB(A), height 3.044 mm including:
    - Air conditioning unit
    - Fixed seat
    - CD-changer
    - Boot washing kit
  - Cabin body made of stainless steel
  - Hydraulic cabin lift system, 0–600 mm
  - Mounting height -60–140/+250 mm
  - Front window, 24 mm
  - Heating function for air conditioning (water transferred)
  - Electrical heater, 1.2 kW, 230 V (CE)

- **Air system**
  - Compressor, GAR 30

- **Water system**
  - Water hose reel

- **Hydraulic system**
  - Biodegradable hydraulic oil
  - Heater kit for hydraulic oil tank, diesel engine and electric motors

- **Carrier**
  - Deutz TCD 2013 L06 2V
  - 16xR25 tyres
  - Fire suppression system ANSUL (manual or Checkfire)
  - Fire suppression system FORREX (manual or automatic)

- **Electrical system**
  - Stainless steel electrical enclosure
  - Electric cable type (Buffex 690/1,000 V)
  - Plug for cable
  - Switch gear
  - Electric outlet for accessories, 16 A (CE)
  - Extra transformer 3-phase, 15kVA (230/400 V outlet)

- **Miscellaneous**
  - Service platform, SP 2
  - Swingable basket for service platform
  - Retractable protective roof for service platform
  - Water and air outlet in service platform
  - Hose cable guiding at water/cable reel
  - Hydraulic Swellex pump type H1 for manual installation
  - Manual lubrication kit
  - Rig washing kit
  - Ni-Cr plated piston rods (limitations exist)
  - Boot washing kit
  - Hydraulic outlet for charging with Mini SSE

*For information about drill consumables, please consult your Atlas Copco Customer Center.*
## Specifications

### Rock Drill

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### Feed

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### Boom

- BUT 45 M
  - Feed extension: 1,800 mm
  - Boom extension: 2,400 mm
  - Parallel holding: Complete
  - Feed roll-over: ±190°
  - Feed cross-cut: ±135°
  - Max. lifting angle: ±45° ~ ±2°
  - Max. swinging angle: ±4°
  - Weight, boom only: 3,050 kg

### Air System

- Hydraulically driven screw compressor: Atlas Copco GAR 5
- Capacity, max at 9 bar: 26 l/s
- Adjustable speed
- Air pressure gauge
- Hose blowing kit with 80 l air receiver

### Water System

- Hydraulic water booster pump: Johnson MCVS 16-7
- Water booster pump max capacity at 30 bar: 400 l/min
- Min water inlet pressure at 400 l/min: 2 bar
- Water pressure gauge
- Water flow guard
- Pressure compensated water pump

### Control System

- Rig Control System (RCS) – versatile and upgradeable to a higher degree of automation
- One adjustable, electronic control panel with colour display
- PC-card for transfer of data and backup settings
- Integrated diagnostic system
- Separate battery for electronic system

### Electrical System

- Total installed power: 198 kW
- Main motors: 2 x 95 kW
- Voltage: 690-1,000 V
- Frequency: 50-60 Hz
- Starting method: Star delta
- Electronic overload protection for electric motors
- Percussion hour meter on operator display
- Digital voltmeter/ammeter meter in electric cabinet
- Pulse sequence indicator
- Earth fault indicator
- Battery charger
- Transformer: 8 kVA
- Cable reel, diameter: 1,600 mm
- Dual controls for cable reel

### Hydraulic System

- Hydraulic pumps: 2 separate units, one for each boom
- Pumps unloaded at start
- System pressure, max: 250 bar
- Hydraulic oil tank, volume max/min: 390/290 l
- Low oil level indicator
- Oil temperature gauge on oil tank
- Electrical oil filling pump
- Oil filter indicator
- Water cooled oil
- Filtration: 16 µm
- Mineral hydraulic oil

### Carrier

- Deutz 4-cylinder, TCD 2013 L04, EPA III/COM III (Tier 3/Stage IIIA) approved 4-stroke prechamber diesel engine
- Power rating at 2,360 rpm: 120 kW (160 hp)
- Torque at 1,600 rpm: 618 Nm
- Articulated steering: ±38° steering angle
- Four-wheel drive
- Hydrostatic power steering system
- Hydrodynamic transmission: Clark 24000
- Front axle: Dana 114
- Rear axle: Dana 114, 48° oscillation
- Automatic differential lock on front axle, limited-slip
- Tyres: 14.00R24
- Clearance outside axles: 16° rear, 23° front
- Hydraulic jacks, front: 2 extendable
- Hydraulic jacks, rear: 2
- Service brakes: 2 separate circuits
- Emergency and parking brakes: SAHR
- Fuel tank, volume: 110 l
- Exhaust catalyster
- Silencer
- Electric system: 24 V
- Batteries: 2 x 125 Ah
- Tramming lights: 8x70 W
- Working lights: 2 x 1,000 W
- Brake lights
- Illuminated stairs for platform: 2 x 70 W
- Fire extinguisher
- Central lubrication system
- Spirit level: one for longitudinal, one for sideways
- Gradeability at max. load on drive wheels: 1:4
- Horn, beacon and reverse alarm
- Shelf for drill bits and tools