

Lyon Grand Stade construction site - Interview with Nicolas Danjon Safety officer



MSA: Can you give us a brief overview of the Lyon Grand Stade construction site?

Nicolas Danjon: The Lyon Grand Stade site is a very large construction project which began last August and should be completed by the end of January 2016 (30 months' construction). We are currently halfway through the main structural work and we have nearly 1000 people working on it (our own personnel, temporary workers, subcontractors, etc.). The site is split into two separate zones (North and South), and has 11 tower cranes and 6 mobile cranes in total. To complete the project successfully, we are organised into two shifts with extended working hours.

MSA: Can you briefly explain the health and safety arrangements and the main health and safety issues on this construction site?

ND: For this project there is a prevention unit (consisting of 4 people) permanently present on the site. Specifically, there is one dedicated H&S prevention officer per zone, who works with the construction teams (workers, construction foremen, superintendent, site foreman). This officer listens to them, finds solutions and ensures everyone on the site works with the avoidance of accidents in mind. Nowadays, wearing PPE helps us to combat certain major problems on construction sites, such as falling objects, collisions, and so on.

MSA: Can you give us some quick feedback on the Grand Stade V-Gard 500 helmet?

ND: The Grand Stade V-Gard 500 helmet is really nicely finished (in the construction site colours), and is ergonomic, feels secure, and is easy to adjust, so everyone really likes it. MSA has been able to help us with any problems we have had (chinstraps, visors, sweat bands, etc.), but I think the helmet could be improved with the addition of an individual name tag for instance.

MSA: What is the general opinion of customisation and of having the construction site name and club logo on the helmet?

ND: I think that customising the helmet has helped to build team spirit around the Grand Stade project. I also get the impression that the workers are proud to wear the site's colours. My evidence is the number of requests I have had for new helmets 'to keep at home'!

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