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SAFETY ALERT

Product Safety Bulletin No. 4

Subject:

Lubrication of rail sliders and paint on mating track sections

Product:

This Bulletin pertains to all GDM Top Drives, Traveling Blocks, and Block Dollies using sliders.

Assemblies Affected:

Part numbers A101320, A500257, A500258, A500262, A500274, A500356, A500357, A500339, A50035, A800040, A800274, M300185, M500040, M500339, and M500718

Issue:

It has been observed that the track surfaces on which the sliders travel on are not being lubricated or have been painted and not lubricated.

Recommendations:

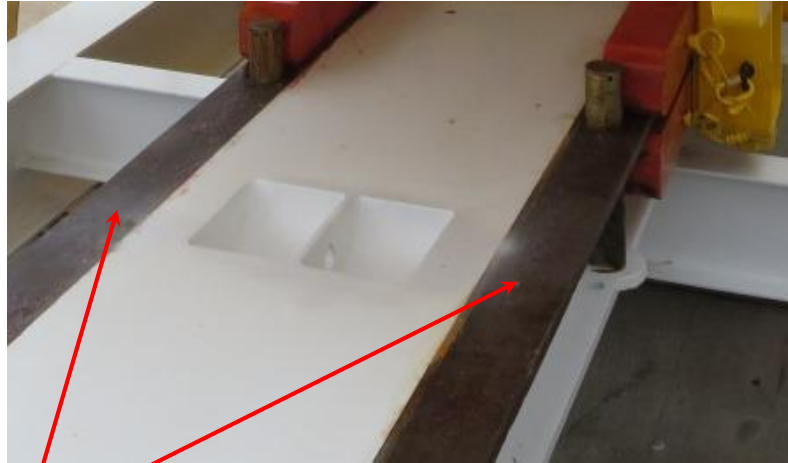
GDS recommends doing the following to increase the lifespan of the slider assembly;

- 1) Remove all paint from the surface of the track on which the sliders run. This includes the outer face as well as the two faces on the back side of the track. **Caution:** If the paint is removed by sand or steel grit blast, the surfaces will need to be buffed to provide a smooth surface so that it does not remove material from sliders.
- 2) Completely lubricate the clean areas with grease (C100007) or a mixture of the grease and oil.
- 3) Routinely inspect the rail sliders on all equipment and insure that the track is clean of paint and lubricated where the sliders ride.

This is also a good opportunity to inspect the overall condition of the slider assembly. If anything is found missing, it is important to replace and re-secure. If broken wires are

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found, check the affected bolt for tightness and rewire. If it is determined that more immediate repairs are required, please contact the GDS Service Department.



These file photographs indicate the surface of the track that should be bare metal and should be lubricated.



Caution:

This Safety Alert is issued for all GDM Top Drives and Traveling Blocks using sliders. Not following the recommendations and / or guidance in GDS Product Safety Bulletins may result in poor performance of slider assembly or property damage.

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