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IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 102

TO:	ALL OWNERS, OPERATORS AND REBUILDERS OF MOBILE ROOF SUPPORTS (MRS)
FROM:	RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT J.H. FLETCHER & CO.
DATE:	APRIL 2007
SUBJECT:	MRS MANUAL MAINTENANCE CONTROLS

J.H. Fletcher & Co. (“Fletcher”) has recently learned that operators are improperly utilizing the MRS manual maintenance “override” controls. These controls are to be used for maintenance purposes only; the radio transmitter is the only safe and proper control to use during pillar extraction.

The manual maintenance “override” controls are located inside the plow on the MRS (see attachment A). The placement of these handles in this location is to protect the handles during pillar extraction and also provide qualified maintenance personnel access to the function of the MRS while performing maintenance.

However, Fletcher has recently learned that these control levers are being used as regular control levers on active pillar sections. This practice is completely contrary to the intended purpose of the controls and can expose any person who is operating the machine in this manner to the possibility of serious injury or death.

Therefore, in an effort to prevent this improper practice, Fletcher will provide all MRS owners with a guard (P/N 404229) that can be placed over the valve bank after the control levers are removed (see attachment B). Fletcher recommends the following:

1. The control levers be removed and given to the maintenance supervisor,
2. The guard be placed on the valve bank, and
3. Only the maintenance supervisor determines who (and when) uses the control levers for maintenance.

To order the guard, free of charge, contact Fletcher’s service department or your authorized Fletcher parts distributor. You will be asked to give the serial number of the machine you will be installing the guard on. The guard will be sent to you promptly with installation instructions.

Please See Reverse Side

TRAINING

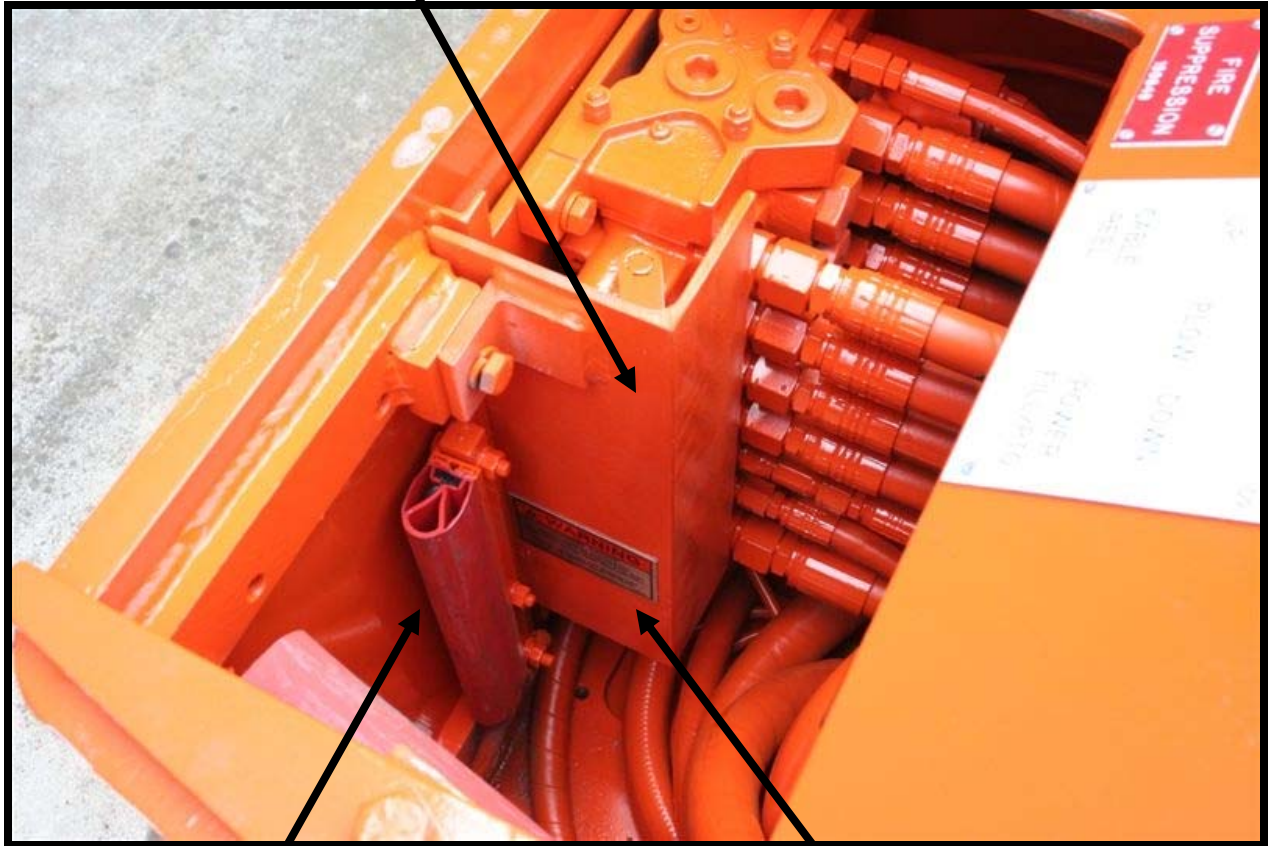
J.H. Fletcher & Co. recommends that you retrain all operators and personnel who work in the vicinity on the proper use of the Mobile Roof Support System. During retraining of these employees, we recommend you use the Fletcher MRS Video Training packages and posters that are provided free of charge, upon request (Attachment C). You should also review MSHA Program Information Bulletin # P05-19 (available for download at http://www.msha.gov/regs/complian/pib/2005/pib_05-19.pdf). Along with retraining, it is very important that all operators and bystanders be informed of the roof control plan, the distance all personnel should be located away from the MRS during pillar extraction and the specific reasons an employee should only use the radio remote control during pillar extraction.

J. H. Fletcher & Co. believes this is a necessary action in regard to the prevention of accidents during pillar extraction. We encourage you to take immediate steps to comply with this bulletin. If you have any questions, about this change to the MRS, or any safety or technical questions in general, please contact our Risk Management Department or your local field representative.

**MRS MANUAL
MAINTENANCE CONTROLS BEFORE
LEVERS ARE REMOVED AND
WITHOUT GUARD INSTALLED.**



**MRS MANUAL
MAINTENANCE CONTROLS AFTER
LEVERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND
GUARD (P/N 404229) IS IN PLACE**



EMERGENCY STOP SWITCH

⚠ WARNING	
CRUSHING HAZARD	
MANUAL OVERRIDE CONTROLS FOR MAINTENANCE ONLY.	
MACHINE MUST BE IN MANUAL CONTROL MODE. SWITCH OFF RADIO CONTROL.	
FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS WARNING CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.	
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MRS TRAINING MATERIAL AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE

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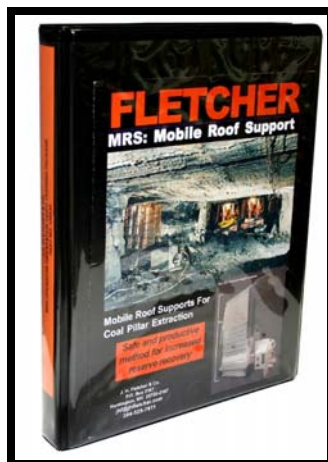


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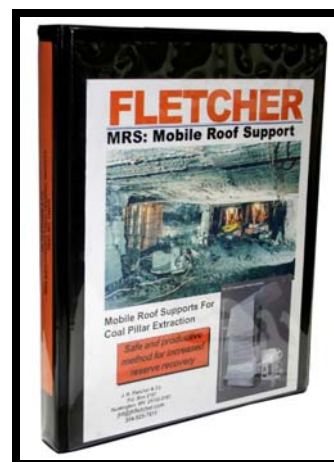


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MRS OPERATOR ORIENTATION
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MRS MAINTENANCE
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