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IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 80

TO:	OWNERS, OPERATORS AND REBUILDERS OF J. H. FLETCHER & CO. RAIL RUNNERS
FROM:	RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT J. H. FLETCHER & CO.
DATE:	JANUARY 27, 2000
SUBJ:	MANTRIP EJECTION AND CRUSHING HAZARD

The Rail Runner Mantrip manufactured by J. H. Fletcher & Co. is designed to perform two separate and distinct functions. The Cargo Compartment, which may be located on either end of the mantrip, should only be used to transport tools, supplies and materials. **The Cargo Compartment is not designed to carry or transport passengers.** The Passenger Compartment is equipped with seats and man-ways with safety chains so that it can transport personnel. Passengers should **never** ride in the Cargo Compartment because it lacks seats and man-ways with safety chains to protect a passenger from being ejected from the mantrip and crushed. Loose cargo can also shift and injure a passenger in this area.

The Notice is published because Fletcher has received notice that a passenger was killed when he rode in the Cargo Compartment "open area", lost his balance while the mantrip was moving, was ejected and crushed. This death was avoidable and preventable. If the passenger had seated himself in the Passenger Compartment, he would have had the protection of a seat and man-way with safety chain. Sitting in the Cargo Compartment affords no protection from ejection or from shifting cargo. It is always hazardous and dangerous for a passenger to ride in the Cargo Compartment of a mantrip.

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Fletcher requests that mine management immediately notify and instruct every mantrip operator and potential mantrip operator that passengers should **never** be permitted to ride in the Cargo Compartment of a Fletcher Rail Runner Mantrip. Cargo Compartments are designed to transport tools, supplies and materials, not mine personnel.


Fletcher requests that a copy of this IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE be posted in as many conspicuous locations as possible at the mine location so that all mantrip operators and passengers will be aware of the hazard and be reminded not to ride in the Cargo compartment at any time for any reason.

Fletcher will provide, free of charge, as many of the attached WARNING DECALS (P/N: 359058) as necessary to place in each mantrip in use within the mine. To obtain your free Warning Decals, please call the Fletcher Service Department (1-304-525-7811) and provide the Fletcher representative with the Fletcher Serial Number for each active mantrip in use in your mine.

If your mine has determined that Cargo Compartment of the Rail Runner mantrip must be used to transport personnel to meet mine needs, then you should immediately contact Fletcher so that it can design a retrofit which will convert the Cargo Compartment into a compartment which is safe for the personnel transportation function.

Failure to properly train all potential operators and passengers could expose them to an immediate and substantial risk of serious injury or death.

If you or your personnel have any questions or need assistance from Fletcher's Service Department in evaluating the safety of the mantrip or its utilization, please contact the Fletcher Sales Department (1-304-525-7811) and/or your local Fletcher field representative.



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EJECTION AND CRUSHING HAZARD.
NEVER RIDE IN CARGO AREA.
SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH CAN RESULT.
RIDE ONLY WHERE SEATS AND
SAFETY CHAINS EXIST.

J. H. FLETCHER & CO. PART NO. 359058