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IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 83

TO:	ALL REBUILDERS AND RESELLERS OF J. H. FLETCHER & CO. EQUIPMENT
FROM:	RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT J. H. FLETCHER & CO.
DATE:	JULY 6, 2000
SUBJ:	J. H. FLETCHER & CO. INFORMATION BULLETINS AND PRODUCT NEWSLETTERS

J. H. Fletcher & Co. (“Fletcher”) has identified your company as one who either sells or rebuilds Fletcher equipment. Even though Fletcher has not approved or ratified your work, we feel compelled to make safety related information available to you so that you do not inadvertently create a risk of injury or death to the men and women who use the machine. Fletcher has in the past and is currently sending safety bulletins and newsletters to all customers to ensure that they are aware of the latest machine updates.

Fletcher & Co. is re-mailing updates to all potential rebuilders and resellers of our equipment with the request that your company implement each change and consciously consider the safety implications of your work.

As a rebuilder/reseller of our equipment, Fletcher recognizes that your customers have a right to choose any rebuilder without our involvement. However, we want you to be advised, as a rebuilder/reseller of equipment, of the content of current Fletcher standards so that your customers can safely use the machine.

Most of the enclosed bulletins represent mandatory changes in the equipment we have made since 1997. Fletcher incorporates these standard changes when we modernize our equipment. Failure to make these changes will result in the delivery of potentially unsafe machines, which could cause the serious injury or death of an operator.

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Fletcher recommends that you read and study these bulletins closely, and incorporate as specified the mandatory changes into your rebuild activities and quality inspection program.

While Fletcher cannot endorse your rebuilt machine merely because you have attempted to incorporate these safety related design features, constant implementation of the changes should contribute to a safer product.

Please recognize that changes to the Fletcher design, including replacement of parts with non-OEM parts, constitutes a substantial change and modification of the product which could result in civil liability against your company and/or its employees in the event an operator is injured or killed as a result of changes or parts incorporated into the rebuilt machine.

These bulletins represent changes or updates to the equipment only. Design changes can only be identified through a thorough Fletcher Machine Inspection Program Review. Fletcher can perform such a review at your facility for a specified fee.

If you are only reselling the equipment, we strongly recommend that you forward a copy of these bulletins with each machine you resell so that the owner and its maintenance staff can be aware of these safety issues. Please recommend to each purchaser that it contact Fletcher's Risk Management Department so that it can be placed on the mailing list for future mailings.

Fletcher is committed to the safety of the operator and improving technology. We believe that your continued effort to update the machines when they are at your facility will maximize our safety efforts.

Please evaluate the enclosed bulletins and product newsletters. Also, these documents will soon be readily available on the Internet at www.jhfletcher.com. If you have any questions about these documents, please do not hesitate to call the Risk Management Department at 304-525-7811, Ext. 240.

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