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IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 88

TO: OWNERS OF J.H. FLETCHER & CO. MACHINES WITH MICO “530” STYLE BRAKES, PART NO. 353005 OR 353008; AND TO ALL CUSTOMERS THAT MAY HAVE PURCHASED REPLACEMENT BRAKES (“530” MICO SYTLE BRAKES FROM JANUARY 1, 2000 TO MARCH 8, 2002 FROM FLETCHER OR AN AUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTOR).

**FROM: RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
J.H. FLETCHER & CO.**

DATE: MARCH 2002

SUBJ: MICO “530” STYLE BRAKE RETROFIT

J. H. Fletcher & Co. (“Fletcher”) has received notice of an important retrofit program for MICO “530” style brakes. As specified in the MICO notice, “The mode of failure would be either breakage of the bolt or a bolt backing out of the brake unit. Failure of the four bolts used to retain the spring housing and springs could cause the cover to separate from the caliper and the brakes becoming non-functional. This has a risk of causing injury and/or, in severe cases, death” (see attachment 1).

For some customers who bought new or rebuilt equipment from J.H. Fletcher & Co. since January 1, 2000 we have identified the serial no(s), of machine(s) purchased by you as being affected by this recall (see attachment 2)

However, if you purchased a specific brake “530” MICO Brake (Fletcher part number 353005 or 353008) from J.H. Fletcher & Co. between January 1, 2000 and March 8, 2002 you may also be affected by the recall. To confirm this you will need to check your purchase orders from J.H. Fletcher & Co. or its authorized distributors for any purchase of these parts.

MICO is offering a conversion kit that will be sent free of charge to you by requesting it through J.H. Fletcher & Co.’s Service Department. J.H. Fletcher & Co. emphasizes that you should consider this situation a safety concern that requires prompt attention.

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To order the conversion kit, look in the Parts Book for your machine(s) to identify the type of brake installed. If the brake on your machine(s) is JHF part no. 353005 or 353008 you will require kit no. 353027 for each brake you have on your machine.

When you determine the number of kits required, (1 per brake caliper) call the Service Department at J.H. Fletcher & Co. only. Provide the Service Department with the following information; the serial number(s) of your machine(s), the number of conversion kits required, and the correct shipping address.

When the conversion kit has been installed, please return the verification form provided with this bulletin. If you no longer own or operate the machine(s) identified in this bulletin, please complete side two of the verification form to notify us of the current owner or disposition of the machine(s).

This retrofit affects only the machine(s) we have identified in this bulletin or any customer who purchased these brakes from J.H. Fletcher & Co. or one of its distributors between January 1, 2000 and March 8, 2002. If you have any questions, or require assistance in identifying the type of brakes on your machine(s) or installing the conversion kit, please call the Fletcher Service Department at 304/525-7811.

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VERIFICATION FORM FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE MICO BRAKE CONVERSION KIT

Please complete and return this verification form after the conversion kit for the MICO brakes has been installed. Your cooperation in identifying transferred, sold and permanently out-of-service equipment is appreciated.

Person completing verification form: _____
Printed Name

Signature

Title: _____

Name of Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

() Our company has complied with this recall by providing the model(s) and serial no.(s) affected.

() Our company is not affected by this recall.

MODEL	SERIAL NO.	DATE CONVERSION KIT WAS ORDERED	DATE CONVERSION KIT WAS INSTALLED

PLEASE SEE SIDE TWO OF THIS FORM

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INACTIVE EQUIPMENT DISPOSITION

SOLD OR TRANSFERRED EQUIPMENT:

MODEL: _____
SERIAL NO: _____

OWNER: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO: _____

TRANSACTION DATE: _____

MODEL: _____
SERIAL NO: _____

OWNER: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO: _____

TRANSACTION DATE: _____

EQUIPMENT THAT IS PERMANENTLY OUT-OF-SERVICE:

MODEL: _____
SERIAL NO: _____

MODEL: _____
SERIAL NO: _____

MODEL: _____
SERIAL NO: _____

MODEL: _____
SERIAL NO: _____

COMMENT:

Date: _____

Authorized Representative

Please return to: J. H. FLETCHER & CO.
ATTN: RISK MANAGEMENT DEPT.
402 HIGH STREET
HUNTINGTON WV 25705

CONTROL NO: _____ / _____
Office Use Only

**MICO, Incorporated**

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HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS
For Mobile and Industrial Equipment

March 1, 2002

RE: POTENTIAL ISSUE ON MICO "530" STYLE BRAKES

MICO has recently discovered a potential problem with the 530 style caliper disc brakes that we have shipped since January 1, 2000. We have reason to believe that there may be an issue with some of the bolts used on the 530 brake itself.

The mode of failure would be either breakage of the bolt or a bolt backing out of the brake unit. Failure of the four bolts used to retain the spring housing and springs could cause the cover to separate from the caliper and the brake becoming non-functional. This has a risk of causing injury and / or, in severe cases, death.

We have attached a list of your purchases as well as instructions on how to interpret the date code that is stamped on the 530 caliper disc brake. Please call one of our Customer Service Representatives at 507.625.6426 or 909.947.4077 and we will be glad to send you the conversion kit 02-500-232 that contains all necessary parts and instructions needed to insure the safety of the brake.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

MICO, Incorporated

Enclosures: 81-530-014, List

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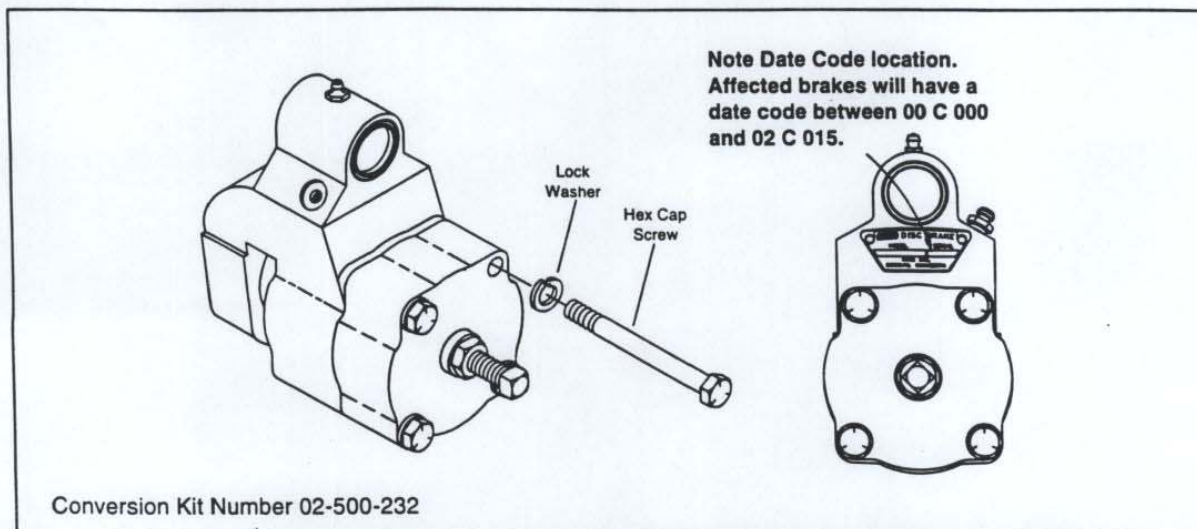
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530 Series Spring Brakes

SERVICE BULLETIN



This service bulletin is intended to provide instructions for replacing the four housing assembly hex cap screws with new hex cap screws provided in conversion kit 02-500-232.

Clean the exterior area of the 530 Caliper Brake where the heads of the four hex cap screws are located.

Remove hydraulic pressure from the brake before removing screws.

CONVERSION INSTRUCTIONS

▲ CAUTION

Housing cover is under spring tension. It is very important that only one hex cap screw is removed and replaced at any given time.

1. Remove one of the existing hex cap screws and lock washers. Install new lock washer and new hex cap screw from conversion kit. Torque new hex cap screw 29.8-36.6 N-m (22-27 lb-ft).
2. Replace the remaining hex cap screws and lock washers, one at a time, and torque 29.8-36.6 N-m (22-27 lb-ft).

MICO could not possibly know of and give advice with respect to all conceivable applications in which this product may be used and the possible hazards and/or results of each application. MICO has not undertaken any such wide evaluation. Therefore, anyone who uses an application which is not recommended by the manufacturer, first must completely satisfy himself that a danger will not be created by the application selected, or by the particular model of our product that is selected for the application.

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