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IMMEDIATE NOTICE

Via Internet Release

FOLLOW UP TO INFORMATION BULLETIN NOS. 105 & 108

TO: All OWNERS, OPERATORS AND REBUILDERS OF FLETCHER MACHINES WITH INDEPENDENT LEFT AND RIGHT TRAM LEVERS

FROM: RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
J.H. FLETHCER & CO.

DATE: MARCH 2009

SUBJECT: HAZARD WHEN TRAMMING FLETCHER MACHINES WITH INDEPENDENT LEFT AND RIGHT TRAM LEVERS/REPLACEMENT OF TRAM CONTROL VALVE REQUIRED

In May of 2008 J.H. Fletcher & Co. ("Fletcher") sent out Bulletin 108 as a follow up to Bulletin 105 issued in August of 2007. Bulletin 108 stated that Fletcher would be recalling a specific tram valve because of a potential for the valve to stick when the machine is on.

Since Bulletin 108 was issued, Fletcher replaced 90 of the 250 valves that are affected by this recall. In Bulletin 108 Fletcher stated that if the valve has an actual sticking event, it should be replaced. **If you have experienced a sticking incident and have not reported it to Fletcher, please contact us immediately. In the interim, Fletcher's field representatives will continue to visit with each machine owner to evaluate each affected valve.**

We emphasize that previous to the issue of Bulletin 105, and to the present time, there have been no incidents that have resulted in injury. Fletcher requests that if you still do not have the valve changed out, that you call us to be placed on the waiting list. The likelihood that you have a control lever sticking on a machine that is over two years old is very low. **However, if you have a machine identified on this list, and have instances of sticking tram valves, contact us immediately for a replacement.** To order an immediate replacement for a sticking valve, contact David Cooper or Marc Endicott at Fletcher, 304-525-7811.