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IMPORTANT TECHNICAL NOTICE

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 101

**TO: ALL OWNERS, OPERATORS AND REBUILDERS OF
MOBILE ROOF SUPPORTS (MRS)**

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

DATE: JANUARY 2007

SUBJECT: MRS TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER INFORMATION

This is a technical bulletin for customers who own or operate J.H. Fletcher & Co. (Fletcher) Mobile Roof Support Systems (MRS).

To promote the utmost safety when using multiple machines with remote control capacity, the system is designed with many safeguards. One major safeguard is that each transmitter and receiver is pre-assigned a code embedded into the microprocessor located in the receiver. This code gives each individual machine its identity and prevents two machines from moving at the same time from one transmitter. When the remote control system was originally designed and implemented, the code was set up as a three digit numbering system. We have exhausted all three digit number combinations over the years, and must change the coding system. This means any new transmitter will not work with an old receiver(s) but an old transmitter does work with new receivers.

We have been working to replace systems in the field in order to free up some three digit code numbers that can be used to fill service orders. If a three digit code is not available for a transmitter, the best option is to upgrade your MRS machine(s) with new receivers.

Fletcher no longer offers the old 121353 receiver. Any new receiver purchased will automatically be upgraded to the new 124920 receiver. As above, if you have an old transmitter, it will still work with new receivers.

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Since June 12, 2006, Fletcher has been in an exchange program on the receivers. The exchanges have been updated to the new number and will be returned to the customer with a red sticker attached to the unit to indicate that it has been updated.

Never utilize non-OEM transmitters or receivers. Those brands may not have the same safety features built into the system as the brand supplied by Fletcher does. FAILURE TO MAINTAIN THE PROPERLY MATCHED TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER SYSTEM CAN AND WILL LIKELY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH AND MALFUNCTION OF THE MRS SYSTEM.

Fletcher recommends that if you have not updated your receiver(s) that you call Fletcher or one of our distributors to have the receivers(s) updated during a down time in your operation. This should be done before you purchase or do a service exchange for the new transmitter.

When you have completed the updates on the radio remote control system, Fletcher recommends that you retrain your employees on the proper use of the MRS units. Fletcher recommends that you use MSHA Program Information Bulletin # PO519 (available for download at (<http://www.msha.gov/regs/complian/pib/2005/pib05-19.pdf>)); Fletcher MRS training videos, posters, operator's manual, and MRS Operator Pocket Guide, all available through the Risk Management Department.

Fletcher apologizes for any inconvenience brought about by this update. However, we encourage you to work through this update as soon as possible. If you have any questions, about these updates, contact our Risk Management Department or your local field representative.