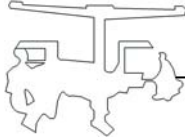


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IMPORTANT RETROFIT NOTICE

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 0A

TO: OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF FLETCHER DDO ROOF DRILLS

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

DATE: MARCH 1983

SUBJECT: PANIC BARS/STRIP SWITCHES

This letter is in reference to problems with emergency stop systems and panic bars on Fletcher roof drills. Sticking switch operators and panic bar linkages have always been common and very serious safety hazards. In order to improve the safety of the system, we have been trying some systems that consist of an intrinsically safe solid state relay and rubber strip switches. We feel that this system is a major improvement over the conventional, not only from a safety standpoint, but also because of reduced cost and maintenance. The strip switch systems that we have installed to date are still not fail safe because the machine will not stop if the wire to the switch is severed.

To try to solve these problems, we have, in conjunction with Service Machine Co., of Huntington WV, developed a fail safe intrinsically safe relay system that can be used with rubber strip switches. With this new system, the problems associated with panic bars in the past are eliminated. Any failure in the system will stop the machine. The system will be relatively inexpensive and maintenance will be minimal.

With these features in mind, we strongly recommend that all machines be considered for retrofit, especially units that already have the old strip switch system. Attached is a quotation on a retrofit kit for your machine(s). For further information, contact the Fletcher Service Department.