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# IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 108

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

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

**DATE: MAY 2008**

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

J.H. Fletcher & Co. (Fletcher) previously sent you an important safety notice, Information Bulletin 105. The bulletin stated that Fletcher had received information that a problem may exist with the tram control valve that may cause a machine to continue traveling forward/reverse when the operator released the lever. At the time the bulletin was issued the origin and factors contributing to the occurrence of this problem were still under investigation.

This phenomenon may occur when trammng the machine. If the tram levers are released, one of the levers may not automatically return to center or neutral position. The machine may then continue to move or pivot without any intentional activation of a tram lever by the operator. If a sticking lever occurs, immediately release the tram enable pedal and hit the emergency stop switch located in the tram deck. Contact Fletcher immediately to receive a replacement valve.

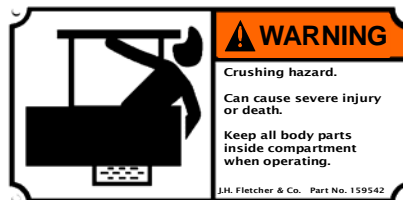
The continued use of a machine with tram control levers that are sticking could result in serious injury or death to personnel.

Since the bulletin was issued, Fletcher has been notified that five incidents of this type have occurred. None of the incidents before or since the previous bulletin have resulted in injury. Fletcher investigation and analysis concluded that this phenomenon is caused by an incorrect tolerance between the spool and valve bore. We request that you report every occurrence of this phenomenon so that appropriate remedial action can be taken. Our field personnel continue to inquire about the frequency that this phenomenon occurs.

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Therefore, as additional precautionary actions, Fletcher will do the following for customers who have one or more of the machines listed at the end of this bulletin:

1. If you own a machine identified in this bulletin, Fletcher will replace the tram valve on your machine free of charge. **A field representative will be contacting you to arrange a time to change out the tram valve.**
2. If you received a tram valve through Fletcher's Service Department or one of our distributors, check the date code on the tram valve (see attached photo showing where the date code can be found). If the date code is between May 2005 and July 2007 contact the Risk Management Department and we will schedule a field representative to come to your mine and change out the valve.
3. Fletcher will provide you a copy of this notice to distribute to all employees. This notice informs each employee about the potential hazard and what action should be taken if it occurs. You also need to do the following:
  - A. Redisplay the enclosed poster that was previously included in Information Bulletin 105 concerning sticking control levers (part no. 139137) and display the enclosed new poster (part no. 359529) notifying all employees that they should never stand between the machine and the rib when the machine is being trammed;
  - B. Instruct your roof bolt operators about the following:
    - a. There should be no debris around the valve bank that may interfere with the operation of the levers;
    - b. Make sure all linkage is functioning correctly, i.e. no loose linkage, distorted handles or linkage;
    - c. Make sure handles are not modified from the original OEM standard;
    - d. Make sure handle functions are clearly identified; and
    - e. Train your operator when trammng the machine they should always abide by tag no. 159542, which should be located inside the tram deck of your machine.



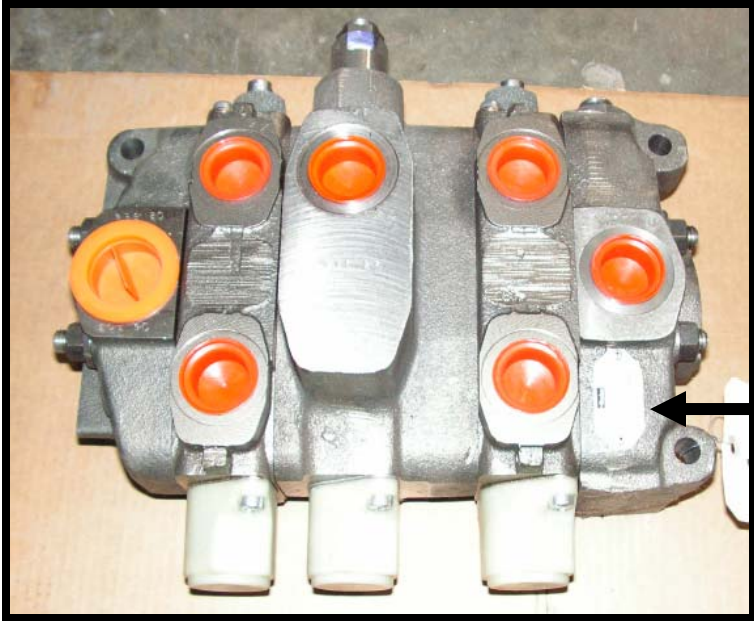
Fletcher considers this situation an immediate safety concern that requires prompt notification to all underground machine operators, mining personnel and anyone who works in the vicinity of machinery manufactured by J.H. Fletcher & Co.

Based on our knowledge, this trammng hazard will be eliminated when the valve is replaced and the other safety recommendations described in this bulletin are implemented.

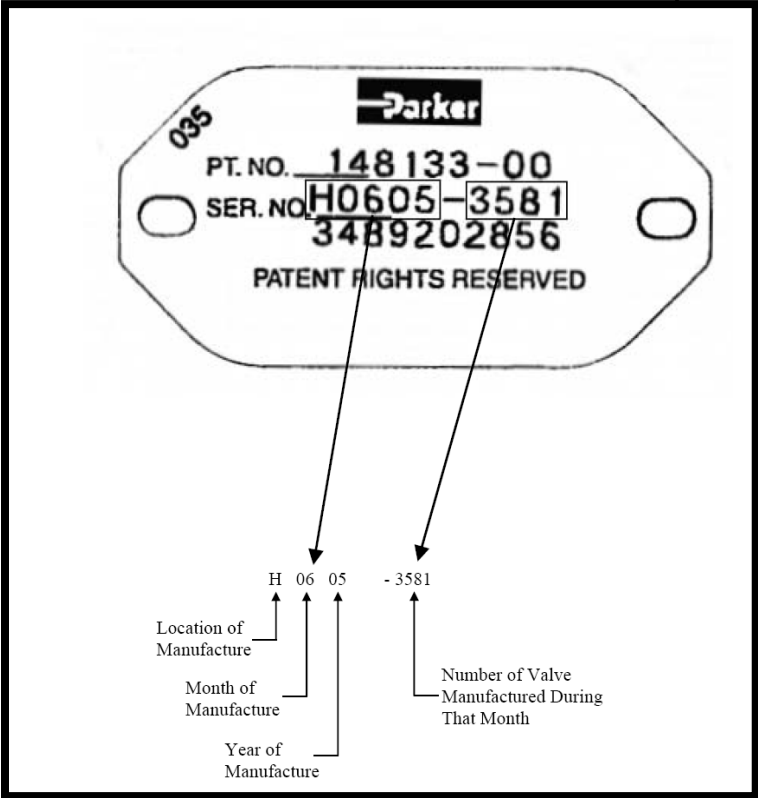
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To obtain additional copies of this bulletin or the enclosed posters, call the Risk Management Department and we will ship the items to you at no charge. If tag no. 159542 is not in the tram deck of your machine, call our Service Department to receive the tag free of charge. Provide each operator, potential operator, as well as anyone working on the machine, with a copy of this Important Safety Notice. If a Fletcher field representative has not visited your mine within the next few weeks, please call David Cooper, Vice President of Risk Management at (304) 525-7811, ext. 240.



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DETAIL OF CODE STAMPED ON PLATE

**MACHINE LIST FOR INFORMATION BULLETIN 108**

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2004148	CRRII

SERIAL NUMBER	MODEL
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2005014	CDDR
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SERIAL NUMBER	MODEL
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SERIAL NUMBER	MODEL
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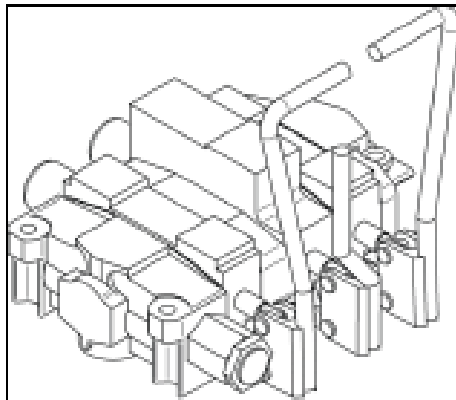
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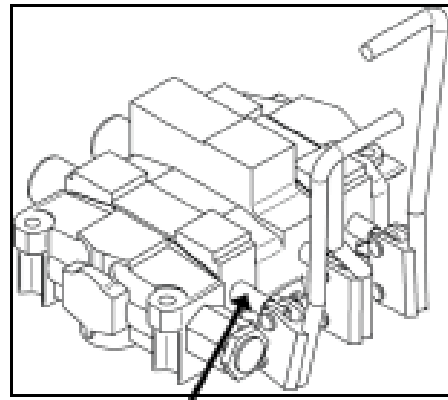


# WARNING

## STICKING TRAM LEVERS



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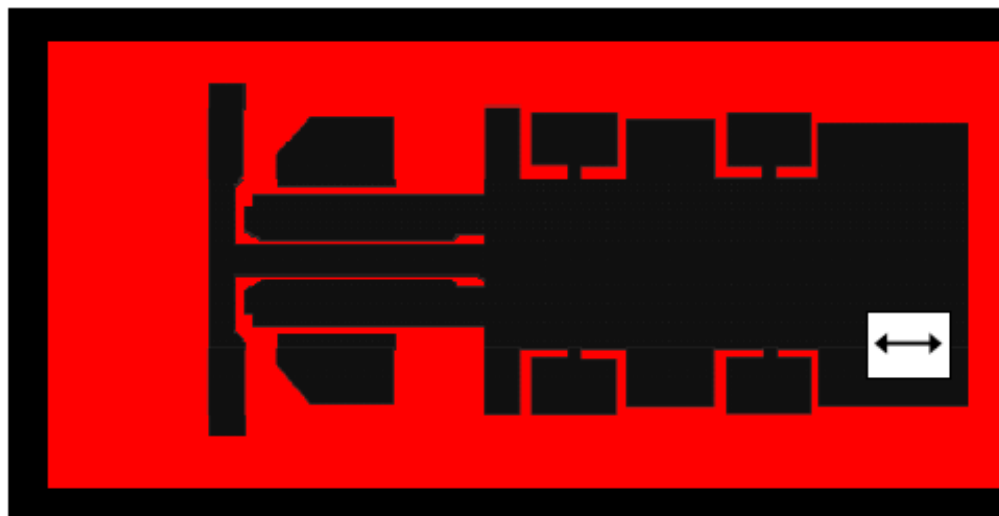
## COULD CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH

IMMEDIATELY SHUT DOWN MACHINE  
AND REPORT STICKING TRAM LEVERS  
TO YOUR FOREMAN

 **DANGER**

**CRUSHING HAZARD**

NEVER ENTER AREA  
IN RED DURING  
TRAMMING



**STANDING OR WALKING  
NEAR MACHINE  
DURING TRAMMING  
CAN CAUSE  
SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH**