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# IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

## INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 59

**TO:** ALL OWNERS, OPERATORS, AND REBUILDERS OF J. H. FLETCHER & CO. PLATFORM LIFT MODEL HDDR ROOF BOLTING EQUIPMENT

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

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 1996

**SUBJ:** MISUSE OF THE PLATFORM LIFT

J. H. Fletcher & Co. wishes to inform you of one potentially serious accident that has occurred on an independent platform lift HDDR roof bolter. This accident occurred when a previously damaged driller's platform had been welded to the platform lift housing at the mine site, and the weld apparently failed at the platform to platform lift housing attachment. It is believed that the welding had been required because the operators had left the platform lowered to the floor during tramming and cracked the plate connecting the platform to the platform lift housing.

Therefore, J. H. Fletcher & Co. is requesting that all owners of HDDR roof bolters, particularly those with independent platform lift arrangements, check regularly to ensure that the lifting mechanism has not been compromised by this type of misuse. If you have an independent platform lift as shown in the enclosed drawing, check the platform attachment.

J. H. Fletcher & Co. feels if there is a need to lower the platform to the floor, or swing the boom with the platform close to the ground, the operator should be trained to lift the platform before repositioning the machine. Misusing the product could jeopardize the attachment of the platform to the boom or affect the lifting capabilities of the platform.

To prevent serious injury or death, J. H. Fletcher & Co. requests that all HDDR owners check the platform lifts to ensure they are working properly, and to make this part of the machine maintenance program. The accident occurred on a particular HDDR with independent (of boom elevation) platform lift; however, we are encouraging all customers who own these drills to evaluate the condition of their equipment.

This bulletin has been sent to all customers to ensure all HDDR roof bolter owners are notified. If you do not own a HDDR roof bolter, we apologize for the inconvenience. If you have sold this equipment, please provide the name and address of the current owner, so that we may ensure all HDDR owners receive this information.

If you have any questions, or need field assistance, please call our Risk Management Department at 304/525-7811, ext. 240.

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EXAMPLE OF INDEPENDENT PLATFORM LIFT MODEL  
HDDR ROOF BOLTER INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT

