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April 29, 2014

Ms. Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement

Re: **EQ 14-004, 13E-061**

Dear Ms. Timian,

Upon learning of the Indiana Mills and Manufacturing Inc. ("IMMI") seat belt assembly issue, Link-Belt Construction Equipment Company ("LBCE") immediately took measures to replace the 45 seat belt assemblies identified as being defective per IMMI.

LBCE discovered 19 of the defective seat belt assemblies installed in cranes on our property. An additional five (5) defective seat belt assemblies were discovered in warehouse stores. The remaining 24 seat belt assemblies were installed on crane products shipped to the end user.

In November 2013, LBCE issued a Technical Bulletin notifying the end users and distributors of LBCE crane products to inspect their cranes in which the seat belt assembly at issue may have been installed. (See attached LBCE Technical Bulletin No. 76).

When IMMI notified LBCE of the seat belt issue, we were told by IMMI that the problem was not considered a safety issue. The IMMI description of the problem was that the seat belt may not release properly on the first try while attempting to exit the vehicle, but would release on a subsequent attempt.

Please contact LBCE should you have any questions or comments.

Thank you.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Curt Imerman".

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Encl: LBCE Technical Bulletin No. 76, dated 1113 (November 2013)  
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# Technical Bulletin

DATE: 1113

SERIES: ATC/HSP/HTC/HTT/RTC

NO: 76

SUBJECT: CARRIER CAB SEAT BELTS

MODELS AFFECTED: HTC-86100 (N3 Prefix Serial Number Cranes)  
HTT-86100 (N3 Prefix Serial Number Cranes)  
HTC-86100XP (N3 Prefix Serial Number Cranes)  
HTT-86100XP (N3 Prefix Serial Number Cranes)  
HTC-8675 II (P9 Prefix Serial Number Cranes)  
HTT-8675 II (P9 Prefix Serial Number Cranes)  
HTC-8675XP II (P9 Prefix Serial Number Cranes)  
HTT-8675XP II (P9 Prefix Serial Number Cranes)  
HTC-8660 II (L8 Prefix Serial Number Cranes)  
HTC-8660XP II (L8 Prefix Serial Number Cranes)  
HTC-8640SL II (L8 Prefix Serial Number Cranes)  
HTC-8640XP SL II (L8 Prefix Serial Number Cranes)  
HTC-3140 (J8 Prefix Serial Number Cranes)  
HTC-3140LB (J8 Prefix Serial Number Cranes)  
ATC-3275 (S2 Prefix Serial Number Cranes)

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform of the requirement to inspect the date codes on the seat belts in the carrier cab.

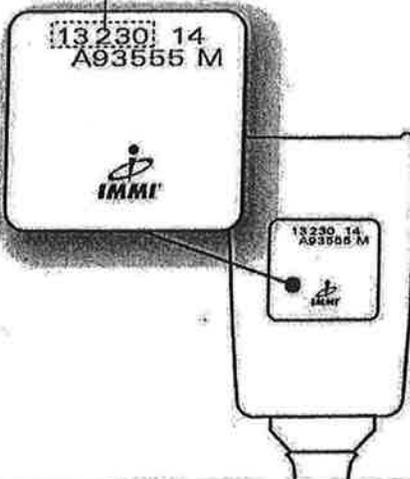
Link-Belt received notification from the supplier of the seat belt assembly used in the above listed cranes of a potential issue in the release mechanism in the buckle end of the assembly. If you have taken delivery of one of the above Link-Belt model cranes on or after August 1, 2013, inspect the date code on the back housing of the buckle. Refer to Figure 1. There are two different date code formats. If the buckle date code is within either of the ranges shown, immediately contact your Link-Belt Distributor for a free replacement. The affected seat belt assembly must be surrendered to your distributor to obtain the free replacement.

Link-Belt Distributor: As a distributor, a standard warranty claim must be filed to Link-Belt for reimbursement of the new assembly. You must reference the date code of the assembly with a photograph when filing the claim for reimbursement.

## FORMAT 1

Suspect code range is  
**13220 through 13256**

YEAR	DAY
13	230

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## FORMAT 2

Suspect code range is  
**214 13 through 256 13**

DAY	YEAR
216	13

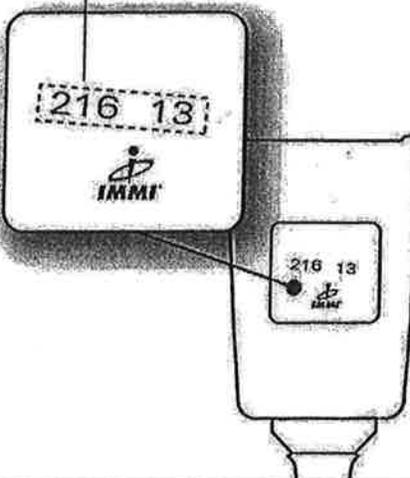


Figure 1  
Seat Belt Buckle Inspection Guide