SAFETY ALERT



August 7, 2009

TO: ALL LOCOMOTIVE SHOPS & SERVICE CENTERS

FROM: MECHANICAL SAFETY DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: PROPER USE OF CROSSOVER WALK BOARDS

Crossover walk boards are provided in all locomotive shops and service centers to provide a safer working environment when crossing over between locomotives and work platforms or walkways. In order for the walk boards to function as a safety tool and not become a safety hazard, certain rules in inspection, placement and use of the walk boards must be strictly followed:

- 1. Always inspect the condition of a walk board when it is being placed into service. If the board is cracked or if any of the ears are broken off, remove the board from service and replace it with one in good condition.
- 2. Be sure the walk board being used is the correct one for the class of locomotive being accessed. (See labeling on walk boards for use restrictions.)
- Be sure the positioning of a walk board being placed into service is correct to prevent movement. The ears of the walk board should engage one or more uprights on the locomotive or work platform.
- 4. Make sure there are equal amounts of the board on both surfaces it rests on.
- 5. Personnel preparing to use a walk board should first observe that the general condition and placement of the board are good before attempting to step on the board. Just because you crossed over a board five minutes ago does not mean that something has not changed in the condition or placement of the board since you last crossed it.

Safe use of the walk boards depends not only on the initial inspection and placement of the boards, but on continued inspections and observations throughout the day. In addition to the attention given by personnel in the use of the walk boards, supervisors should make note of the condition and placement of walk boards as they walk the shop or service center. Inspections of all walk boards in use should be conducted on each shift change.



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TO: ALL MECHANICAL OPERATIONS (CAR & LOCOMOTIVE)

FROM: MECHANICAL SAFETY DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: TAMCO Sledge Hammers

Effective immediately! Remove from service all TAMCO Sledge Hammers manufactured between Feb. 2006 and Feb. 2007. Marking information is described below. These may be 8 or 10 pound sledge hammers. Disposition: SCRAP

• The sledge should have marks such as TAMCO "206B" or "107B"

• The first digits are the month (1-12) and the second is the year (07 etc). The

"0" in year may not be shown. Example, "CPR 27B" would be February 2007



NOTE: Order replacement Sledge hammers using the following information:

SCN - 015.0001708.18 lb. Sledge with fiberglass handle TAMCO PN ST-10208SCN - 015.0001711.110 lb. Sledge with fiberglass handle TAMCO PN ST-10210

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REVISION 8-28-09 August 24, 2009

TO: ALL MECHANICAL OPERATIONS EMPLOYEES & MANAGERS

FROM: MECHANICAL SAFETY DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: **PRESCRIPTION SAFETY EYEWEAR**

An injury occurred to one of our employees just a few days ago that raises questions about Safety Prescription Eyewear. While striking a rail anchor, a piece of ballast that was piled on the field side of the rail flew up and struck the right lens of the employee's safety glasses. The glasses shattered therefore injecting glass into the employee's eye. Upon investigation it was determined that the glasses being worn were not approved prescription safety glasses which caused them to shatter upon impact.

Effective Immediately! Managers are to inspect all employee prescription safety eyewear to confirm that <u>only</u> CSX approved prescription Safety Eyewear is being worn by our employees. This includes the prescription safety eyewear of Managers also. Every employee or Manager in the Mechanical department should be checked. **Those without approved eyewear must use coverall safety glasses to continue working until approved prescription safety eyewear is acquired.**

After further review and discussion with AO Safety, it has been determined that there may be various markings on the lens that depict safety glasses. According to AO Safety, the main determinant is the markings on the frames. Be sure to confirm that the frames are marked with the ANSI standard Z87.1 or Z87-2.



Failure of non-approved eyewear

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