

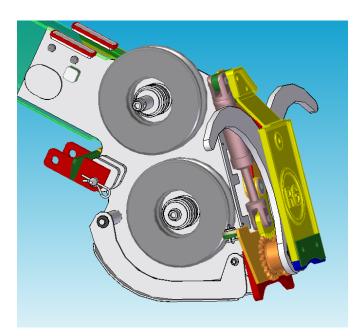
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SERVICE BULLETIN

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BACKGROUND

WorkCover Queensland have issued a Workplace Health and Safety Alert for Crane Rope Sheave failure on the 21st June, 2019.

In May 2019, a plastic (nylon) hoist rope sheave on a 130-tonne mobile crane catastrophically failed and broke into pieces during an attempt to lift an 8 tonne load on the main winch rope. As the sheave failed, the load dropped a short distance and applied shock loading to the hoist rope, damaging it. The main winch was rigged with three parts (falls) of rope.

Fortunately, no-one was injured and damage to the crane was minor. However, the incident had the potential for more serious consequences if the lifted load was heavier. With a heavy load failure of a rope sheave can cause complete failure of a wire rope.

The sheave that failed was a top sheave on the end of the hydraulic boom. On this crane the hoist rope passes through the top sheave and then down to a sheave on the bottom of the boom tip before passing down to the hook block.

Please note that the machine which failed was not a Redmond Gary Australia product, however the Redmond Gary Australia PoleERU is fitted with Sheave Wheels of a similar type.

MACHINE OR VEHICLE AFFECTED: PoleERU

SERIAL NOS: 2001 Onwards

RISK IDENTIFIED: Structural Cracks in Boom Sheave Wheels

DESCRIPTION: Structural cracks can occur in the Sheave Wheels

INSPECTION PROCEDURE:

Refer to procedure below:

Overview: This procedure outlines the actions required to remove and inspect the Sheave Wheels.

Ensure all of this work is carried out in a safe working environment. All work is to be carried out by a competent tradesperson.

Equipment Required:

Safety Glasses and relevant PPE Allen Keys and Spanners

Procedure:

Follow the proceeding instructions for directions for inspection of the Sheave Wheels.

- 1. Rotate pole claw assembly and slide back and pin to second boom.
- 2. Remove the hook
- 3. Remove the wire rope so that it is clear of the two Sheave Wheels.
- 4. Remove the M20 Cap Screw and Nyloc nut from the centre of the lower Sheave Wheel taking care to support the Sheave Wheel when removing the capscrew.
- 5. Remove the lower Sheave Wheel
- 6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 for the upper Sheave Wheel.
- 7. Visually inspect the Nylatron Sheave Wheels for hair line cracks. If any cracks are found the Sheave Wheel **MUST** be replaced.
- 8. Check condition of bearings and replace if worn.
- 9. Reassemble the Sheave Wheels into the boom when tightening the M20 capscrews. They are to be torqued to 557 Nm or 410 Ft lbs.

Inspection Regime:

- 1. Remove wheels and inspect in accordance with procedure above at the next scheduled service.
- 2. Check periodically every 12 months or when the rope is replaced. These inspections can be carried out without removing the Sheave Wheels. The inspection should be of the external surface and rope groove.

CUSTOMER ACTION REQUIRED:

PoleERU owners must circulate this bulleting to all their maintenance personnel.

Please contact Dan Rae, our Service & Spare Parts Supervisor, on (07) 5594 9844 if further information is required.

ANDREW DANKS Managing Director

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