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# IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 110

**TO: OWNERS OF J.H. FLETCHER & CO. MODEL DR AND CDR SINGLE MAST FEED ROOF DRILL ONLY**

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

**DATE: NOVEMBER 2008**

**SUBJECT: MAST FEED CYLINDER GUARD**

Model DR and CDR roof drills have a single mast with mirrored drill controls on both sides of the mast. These machines are generally used as utility bolters or to install support along the face in preparation for a longwall move.

J.H. Fletcher & Co. requests that owners of the DR and CDR roof drills listed in this bulletin (see Attachment 1) immediately remind all personnel that operate these machines of the obligation to avoid pinch points which includes NOT placing any body part on or in the way of any moving part of the machine. Failure to avoid contact with ANY pinch point could result in a severe injury or death.

One specific place J.H. Fletcher & Co. is centering on in this bulletin is the pinch point between the inner and outer mast that is created when the drill mast moves up or down during the drilling and bolting process. Injury may occur, for instance, if the operator or a mechanic would place a hand on the outer section of the drill mast and activate the feed control handle prior to or without moving the hand from the drill mast. No body part should ever be positioned on any part of the mast or drilling mechanism.

The inner mast is designed to move up or down and to pass by the outer mast. If a finger, hand or body part is improperly located on the outer mast or in this pinch point, it can be caught and seriously damaged by the pinch point between these components.

**There is no absolutely no need for anyone to have any body part on this mechanism or in this pinch point.**

To discourage someone from placing a hand or body part in this position, J.H. Fletcher & Co. is providing all owners of DR and CDR roof drills with a new mast guard arrangement for this area.

See Reverse Side

J.H. Fletcher & Co. is requesting that all owners of DR and CDR roof drills do the following at this time:

1. Install the new guard kit (PN 415666) on the rear of the mast area as a reminder to avoid and to discourage operators from placing any body part on or in this pinch point. The guard and two warning tags (PN 359078) are being provided free of charge and must be installed in place of all existing (previously installed) guards in this area (see Attachment 2).
2. Instruct and remind operators and mechanics about machine pinch points, and specifically, by using the attached illustration, this particular pinch point area and the drill feed function. A tag illustrating this is mounted on various locations on all Fletcher equipment, and can be ordered by part number 359078. J.H. Fletcher & Co. recommends that two warning tags be installed and maintained on any mast arrangement.
3. In addition to personally instructing your operators and mechanics, we ask that you display the enclosed pinch point posters and distribute the enclosed hard hat safety stickers (see Attachment 3). Additional hard hat stickers and posters are available free of charge to any customers who requests them through our Risk Management Department.

**REMINDER TO OWNERS OF ANY ROOF BOLTING MACHINE:** To all owners of our equipment, INCLUDING THE MODELS DR and CDR AND ALL J.H. FLETCHER & CO. ROOF BOLTING MACHINES: We recommend that you also review with your employees the need to keep ALL body parts out of pinch point areas through a safety talk, using the enclosed material.

To order the specific guard kit (PN 415666), call the J.H. Fletcher & Co. Service Department only. You will be required to provide the name of your company, your address and a serial number of all DR/CDR machines for which you need the kit. The guard kit will be sent **free of charge**.

J.H. Fletcher & Co. strongly recommends that this free retrofit be completed on **all** DR/CDR roof drills. The requested reminders and reemphasis of basic pinch point safety should be done by all instructors at the mine as in a safety talk. The free posters should be displayed and the free hard hat stickers should be distributed.

If, at one time you owned a DR/CDR machine but you no longer own one, we request that you provide us the name and address of the current owner and/or the owner to whom you transferred/sold the machine. J.H. Fletcher & Co. appreciates your efforts in complying with this retrofit program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact David Cooper, Risk Management Department, at (304)525-7811, or [dcooper@jhletcher.com](mailto:dcooper@jhletcher.com).

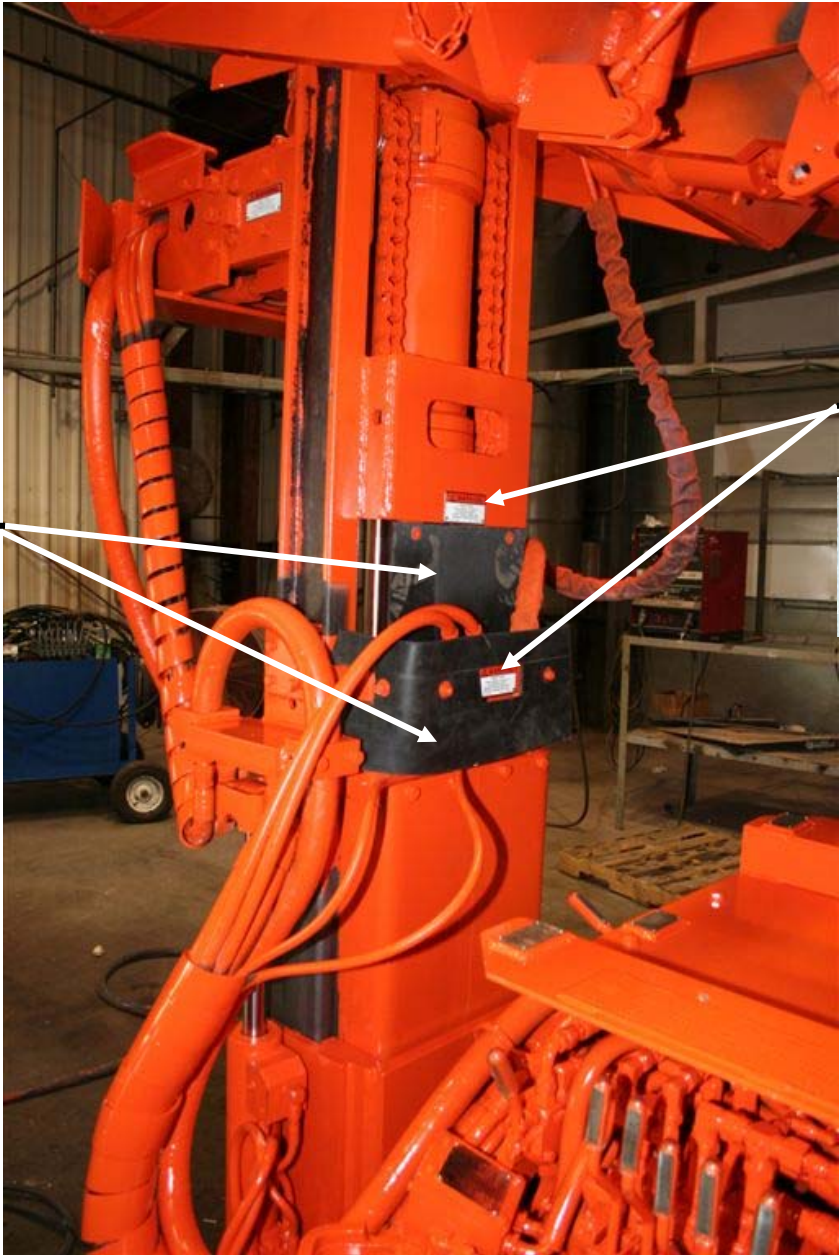
**DR AND CDR MACHINE LIST****ATTACHMENT 1**

62028	87003	93068
64026	87004	94023
68051	87011	94036
70019	87051	94045
70046	87072	94046
72016	88041	94053
73103	88065	94054
74105	88146	94055
74107	88147	94078
74138	89031	95021
78041	89035	95022
78042	89036	95045
78043	89037	95068
78126	89038	95069
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81133	90067	98047
82081	90088	98068
82083	90089	98069
83024	90149	98070
83029	91013	98075
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83053	91031	99017
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84071	93022	
84115	93023	
84116	93035	
85021	93040	
86005	93047	
86009	93048	
86022	93049	
86023	93050	
86066	93067	

**NOTE – IF YOU OWN A DR OR CDR NOT LISTED HERE, CONTACT THE RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO ORDER THE KIT**

# TITAN MAST GUARD

GUARD  
KIT  
PART NO.  
415666



**! DANGER**



**PINCH POINT**

SERIOUS INJURY WILL OCCUR!

NEVER PLACE ANY BODY PART  
BETWEEN MACHINE  
COMPONENTS.

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