Maintenance of Way ~ Work Equipment Bulletin

DATE: 7 July 2016

SUBJECT: Tripp Rear Suspension Arm Mounting Reinforcement Kit

RATING: ☑ ALERT (Potential Problem)
☐ DIRECTIVE (Action is required)
☐ INFORMATION (Action is optional)
☐ PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT (Enhance Product)

MACHINE MODEL(S): Tripp Models A-D

SERIAL NUMBER(S): S/N 760125 through 760569 (Machines built prior to March 2014)

SUMMARY: Some customers with Tripp Machines in the S/N Range listed have reported main frame cracking near the rear suspension arm mounts.

Nordco has developed a kit, Part Number 98760127, that reinforces that area of the frame. It is recommended that welding of this kit be done by an AWS Certified Welder.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT: If your machine has these cracks, the rear suspension arms could possibly break off during travel or operation of machine.

ACTION: Inspect both Rear Suspension Arm mountings for cracking at existing gusset and welds (See next page for picture showing the left rear mounting inspection area). Pay close attention to the welds at that location. If you spot cracks on the gusset or welds, contact Nordco Parts Department at 1-800-647-1724 to order your kit. Installation instructions are provided in the kit.

WARRANTY: None. Warranty period has expired.
Figure 1. Rear Arm Inspection Area