DATE: October 26, 1999

MACHINE: Model C Spike Driver

SERIAL NUMBER(S): All

SUBJECT: Jaw Mounting Guide Rod Breakage – Part No. 14382490

There have been several instances of guide rod breakage on the Model C. It has been determined that the guide rods are breaking through the hole in the guide rod located 5.75" from the top of the rod. This breakage occurs when a side load is applied to the guide rod such as when a spike bends while being driven.

To solve this problem, the hole has been eliminated. Any new orders for Guide Rod 14382490 placed after November 20, 1999 will not have this hole.