DATE:        April 16, 2010

SUBJECT:    Rail Lift Manifold Block Kit – 98760072

RATING:  DIRECTIVE
         (Action is required)

       INFORMATION
         (Action is optional)

       ALERT
         (Potential Problem)

       PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT
         (Enhance Product)

MACHINE
MODEL(S):  TRIPP Tie Exchanger

SERIAL
NUMBER(S):  760125-760366

SUMMARY:    The Rail Lift Manifold is mounted on the machine using mounting blocks secured to
the manifold with four 3/8" Grade 5 capscrews.  There have been several reports of
failures of these mounting capscrews.  See Figure 1 on Page 2.

OPERATIONAL
IMPACT:    The capscrews usually break because they loosen during operation.  Usually only
one or two of the capscrews will break, and the manifold will still be secured to the
machine, but removing the broken bolts could be difficult if they break off flush with
the manifold.

ACTION:     The mounting capscrews should be checked periodically for tightness.  To help
support the manifold, stepped mounting blocks may be installed to replace the
original mounting blocks.  Rail Lift Manifold Block Kit, p/n 98760072, is available
from Nordco to install the stepped mounting blocks.  This kit includes two Mounting
Blocks and mounting hardware.  One kit is required per machine.  Be sure to
follow all Lock Out/Tag Out procedures before installing this kit.  Contact the
Nordco Parts Department at 1-800-647-1724 to order this kit.  Machines starting
with 760367 will have the stepped mounting blocks installed at the factory.  See
Figure 2 on Page 2.

WARRANTY:  Nordco will supply a 98760072 Rail Lift Manifold Block Kit for machines with serial
numbers 760334-760366.   To obtain warranty kits, contact the Nordco Service
Department at 800-445-9258 and request Kit 98760072.  Please have the machine
serial number available when calling.  Warranty kits will only be available until
July 31, 2010.
Figure 1
Location of Rail Lift Manifold and Mounting Blocks

Figure 2
Stepped Manifold Mounting Block Included in Kit 98760072