



Product Support Bulletin 2010-003

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Maintenance of Way ~ Work Equipment Bulletin

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SUBJECT: Rail Lift Manifold Block Kit – 98760072

RATING: **DIRECTIVE**
(Action is required)

ALERT
(Potential Problem)

INFORMATION
(Action is optional)

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:

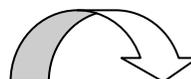
The capscrews usually break because they loosen during operation. Usually only one or two of the capscrews will break, and the manifold will still be secured to the machine, but removing the broken bolts could be difficult if they break off flush with the manifold.

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.**



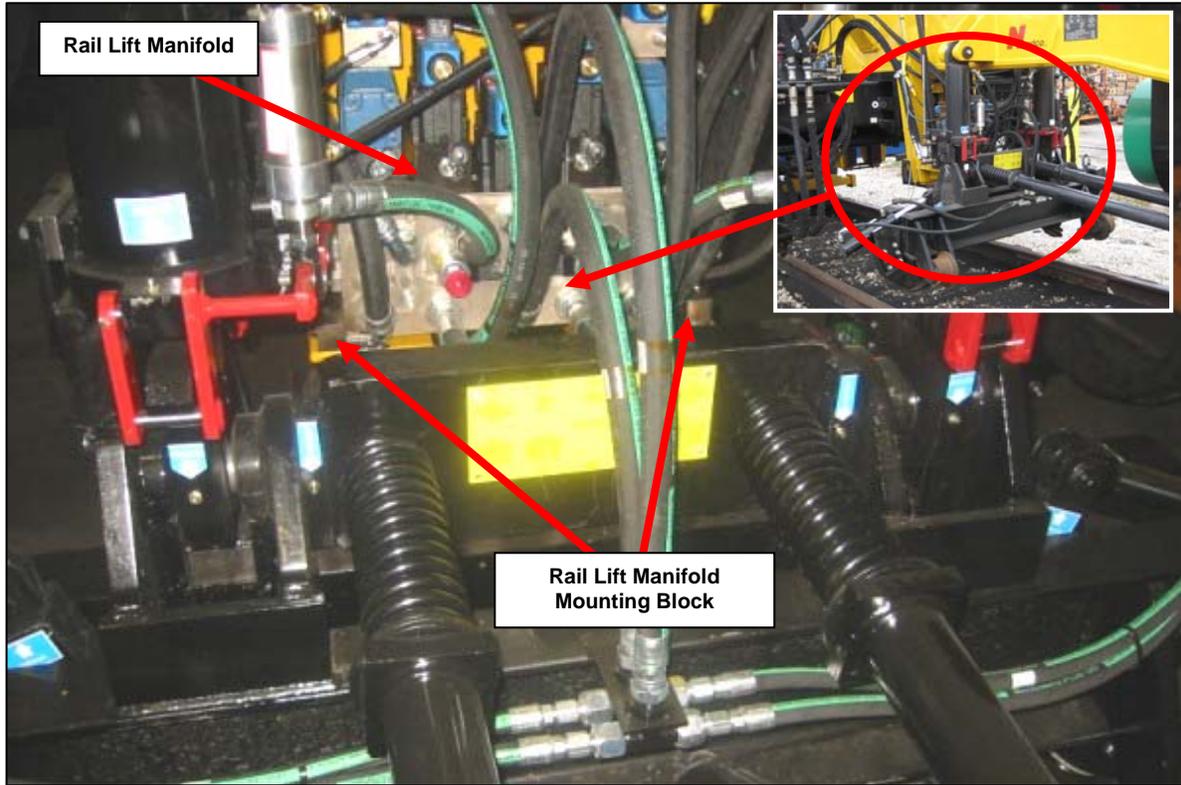


Figure 1
Location of Rail Lift Manifold and Mounting Blocks

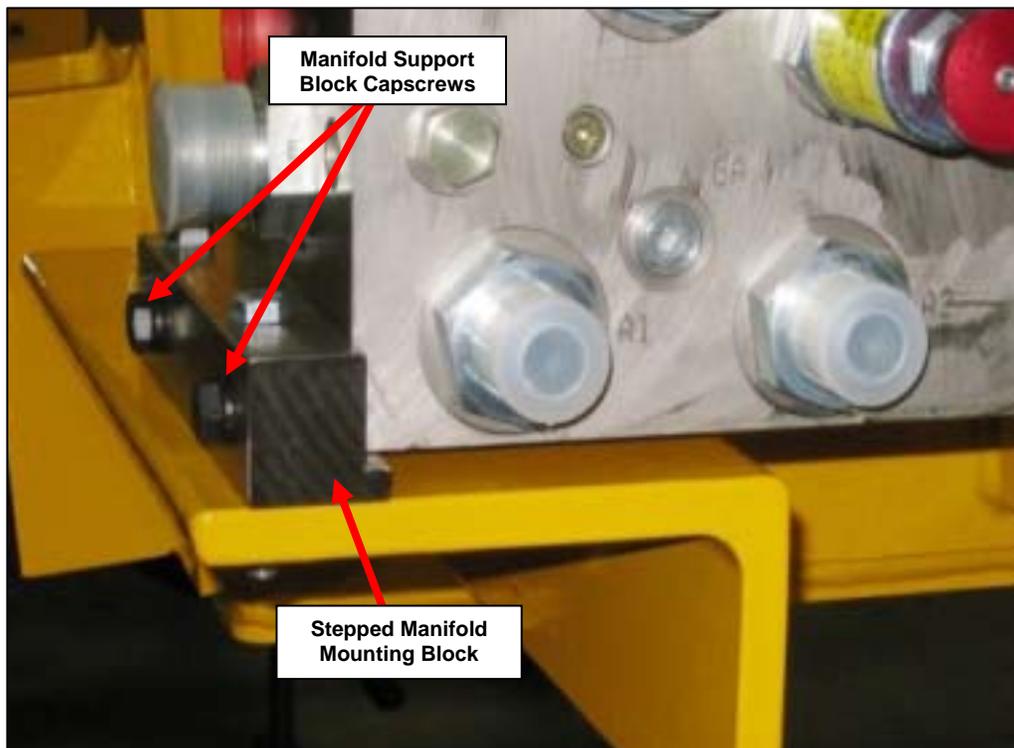


Figure 2
Stepped Manifold Mounting Block Included in Kit 98760072