DATE: April 4, 2005

SUBJECT: 4-Bolt Tie Gripper Jaw Pivot Pin – 54105111
        Tie Gripper Bracket Kit (with Tie Gripper Bracket 21357100) – 98760021
        Tie Gripper Pin Kit (without Tie Gripper Bracket) – 98760014

RATING: DIRECTIVE
        (Action is required)

INFORMATION
        (Action is optional)

PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT
        (Enhance Product)

MACHINE MODEL(S): TRIPP

SERIAL NUMBER(S): 760125 - 760144

SUMMARY: The Tie Gripper Jaw Pivot Pin (p/n 54105110) has been replaced with a
        new 4-Bolt Tie Gripper Pivot Pin (p/n 54105111). Machines in the
        field may be updated with either the Tie Gripper Bracket Kit (p/n
        98760021) or the Tie Gripper Pin Kit (p/n 98760014).

OPERATIONAL IMPACT: The original Tie Gripper Jaw Pivot Pin had a retaining plate on one end
        that fit over a headless pin on the Tie Gripper Bracket. The pin was
        retained with a split ring inserted through a hole in the headless pin.
        During operation, the split ring, headless pin or weld could fail and the
        Pivot Pin would come out.
        To solve this problem, a new Pivot Pin was designed with a retaining
        plate with 4 holes for ½” capscrews. These capscrews are used to
        retain the Pivot Pin to the Tie Gripper Bracket.

ACTION: The Tie Gripper Bracket Kit (p/n 98760021) includes all of the parts
        required to install the new pins in the field, including a Tie Gripper
        Bracket (p/n 21357100) which has been drilled and tapped for the pin
        retaining capscrews; 4 Pivot Pins (p/n 54105111); 16 capscrews,1/2”
        x 1-1/2” (2775301); and associated hardware. The old Tie Gripper
        Bracket is removed and replaced with the new bracket. NOTE: Two
        kits must be ordered to change update a complete machine.
Alternatively, the Tie Gripper Pin Kit (p/n 98760014) may be ordered. This kit **DOES NOT include a Tie Gripper Bracket**; the existing bracket is reused and holes for the 8 capscrews must be drilled and tapped. A drill and tap are included in the kit. The Pivot Pin is used as a drilling guide. Two kits must be ordered to convert a complete machine.

**WARRANTY:** None

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**Tie Gripper with 4-Bolt Gripper Pivot Pins Installed**