DATE: December 8, 2008

SUBJECT: Hand Controller Stop Ring Kit - 98760035

RATING: [ ] DIRECTIVE (Action is required) [ ] ALERT (Potential Problem)
[ ] INFORMATION (Action is optional) [X] PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT (Enhance Product)

MACHINE MODEL(S): TRIPP

SERIAL NUMBER(S): 760125-760241

SUMMARY: The Joystick Control Handle can break if the Joystick Valve, 1691117, is moved too far or moved with too much force. To help prevent this, the 98760035 Stop Ring Kit has been designed and is now available.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT: If the Joystick Control Handle breaks off, there is no way for the operator to move the Tie Exchanger up and down or in and out. In this situation, the machine can’t remove or insert ties. Installing the 98760035 Stop Ring Kit will help prevent handle breakage and reduce machine downtime.

ACTION: The kit consists of the Stop Ring, p/n 75760173, cable clamps, mounting hardware and installation instructions. See Figure 1 on Page 2 for the parts included in the kit. The Joystick Valve will have to be removed to install the Stop Ring. Installation of the kit should take about 30 minutes. The installed kit is shown in Figure 2 on Page 2.

WARRANTY: None
Figure 1
Components of Kit 98760035

Figure 2
Kit 98760035 Installed in Cab of TRIPP Machine