

Safety Advice



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Defective hand grip on Jafco Controlled Keying Hammers

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Contact: [Route Services Helpdesk](#)



Fig 01

Fig 02

Overview

Due to a change in manufacturing process, the rubber hand grip on these two keying hammers, manufactured after July 2023, are not bonded to the fibreglass shaft.

Users have reported that these hand grips can become detached in normal use.

This could result in the hammer injuring or striking people and / or equipment if it becomes detached.

The hammer pictured in Fig 01 shows a detached hand grip.

Immediate action required

- The 3-letter batch code on the fibreglass shaft (See Fig 02 circled in red) needs to be checked and if they correspond to the defective batches listed below, they should be removed from use immediately.
- Brief your work & stores teams about this defect and ensure appropriate checks are completed.

- All users need to check their tools before use to see if the rubber hand grip is either loose or not properly bonded to the handle.
- Defective hammers should be returned by contacting the Helpdesk and new replacements can be ordered from iStore.

Keying Hammer 10lb - 0039/034340		
Codes:	Qty:	Date of manufacture:
VAG	25	20-Sep-23
RAC	25	30-Aug-23
WAN	25	3-Oct-23
ZAJ	25	1-Nov-23
AHG	25	4-Jan-24

Keying Hammer 6lb - 0039/034341		
Codes:	Qty:	Date of manufacture:
HAT	50	27-Jul-23
QAZ	50	21-Aug-23
AHF	50	10-Jan-24

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