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Infrastructure Group Safety Bulletin

GEISMAR THR542 STRESSING EQUIPMENT

This bulletin is for the attention of:

Infrastructure Maintenance Delivery Managers, Infrastructure Maintenance Engineers, Track Maintenance Engineers, Track Section Managers, Maintenance Workforce HSE Advisors, Maintenance Improvement Specialist and all Network Rail track maintenance staff holding competence in the use of this equipment.

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Geismar, Torrent Trackside, Network Rail Competence and Training

Background

Network Rail Engineering wishes to correct the statement in Safety Bulletin IGSB 259 dated 5th April. This incorrectly indicated that a failure of an elastic scroll pin on the jaws of the Geismar THR542 stressing equipment was the cause of a staff injury and was the reason for the equipment to be suspended from use on Network Rail managed Infrastructure.

The equipment has in fact been suspended from use pending a full investigation into operational issues regarding the correct use of Geismar THR542 stressing equipment and a technical investigation into stressing equipment generally.



No further action is required – this update is for information only:

Geismar THR542 stressing equipment remains temporarily suspended from operational use on Network Rail Controlled infrastructure. All Geismar THR542 stressing equipment must remain in quarantine and be marked “**DO NOT USE**”.

NR Maintenance Point of Contact

For all matters relating to the withdrawal of the Geismar THR542 Stressing kit, contact Scott Harrison Tel: 07811 438619 email: scott.harrison@networkrail.co.uk