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Infrastructure Group Safety Bulletin

Quality of Vortok Conductor Rail Shields.

For the attention of all Network Rail staff and contractors that will be using the Vortok Shields as part of their roles or contract

Background:

It has become apparent that some of the new yellow Vortok Conductor Rail Shields have become damaged in the following ways;

- Cover strip material has come away exposing metal rivets
- Damage to the flaps covering the bottom of the shield.

Pending an investigation by the Manufacturer the following precautions shall be taken.



Action Required by Network Rail staff and contractors that will be using the Vortok Shields as part of their roles or contract:

1. **Line Managers** to arrange a check of all shields of this type
2. **All Staff** are reminded to carry out the pre use inspection prior to use of these shields to check that they are undamaged.
3. **Specific care should be taken to examine the flaps and to check they and the cover strip are securely fastened and that none of the metal rivets are exposed**
4. **In the event of a Vortok Conductor Rail Shield being found to be damaged it must be quarantined and a replacement used**

This Safety Alert must be displayed for 28 days on the safety notice board