

Safety Advice

Action required following a serious incident

Robel Orbital Hand Tamper Failure - Remedial Action

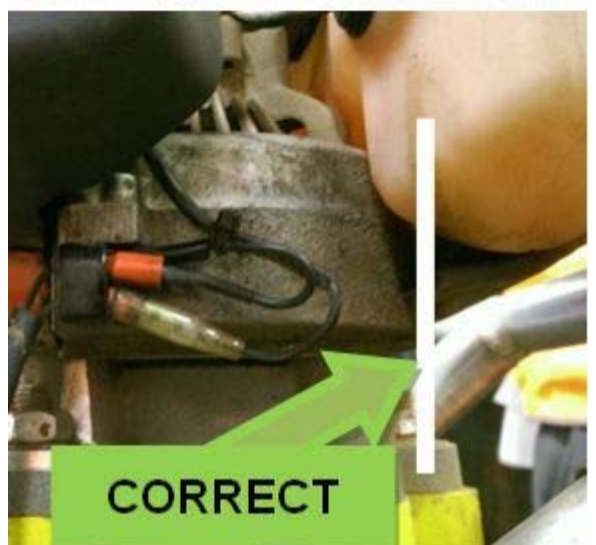
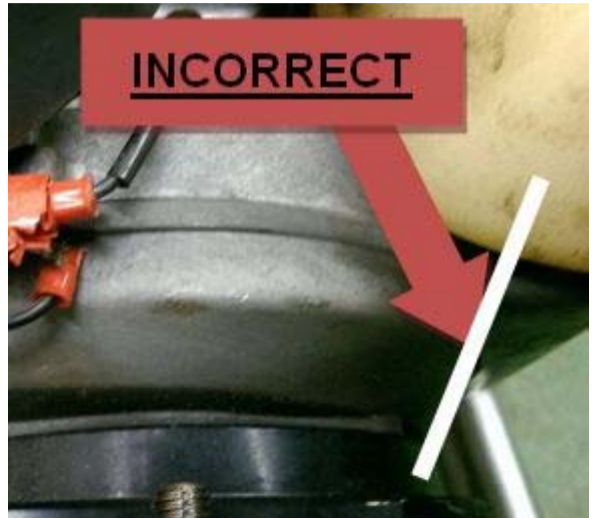
Issued to: All Network Rail line managers, safety professionals and Achilles registered contractors

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Location: Crewe Delivery Unit, on the Shrewsbury and Crewe line

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Overview

Following the suspension of the Robel 62.05 and 62.05HY orbital tampers on the 12 November 2015 further investigation has revealed that some engine driven Robel tampers have been fitted with incorrect fan housings during maintenance/repair.

The **incorrect** fan housing can be identified by its sloping diagonal sides located on the base of the fan housing. This equipment must be removed from service, quarantined and returned to Torrent or Robel, dependent upon who owns the product.

The **correct** fan housing can be identified by its vertical side extending to the base of the fan housing. Some of these variants are also manufactured in polished aluminium. These units may be returned to service and used in accordance with standard operational procedures and pre-use inspections.

Immediate action required

- All 62.05 machines fitted with the incorrect fan housing, identified by its sloping diagonal sides located on the base of the fan housing, must not be used and must be removed from service, quarantined and returned to Torrent or Robel for rectification.
- All 62.05 machines fitted with the correct housing and all 62.05HY variants may return to service when used in accordance with standard operating procedures.
- If you are in doubt about whether the equipment is safe to use do not use it and seek assistance as below.

For assistance please contact one of the following representatives:

- Torrent Trackside Limited
- Robel UK
(Tim.stafford@Plasser.co.uk)
- Your Route Rail Plant Support Engineer

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