

Safety Bulletin

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Description: -Procedure ALERT –
Release Trapped Pressure



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

There is the potential to trap pressure under the Casing Drive System™ (CDS™) during the engagement of the internal or external drive into the casing. This may affect the ability of the CDS™ Actuator to release the grapples or dies. To develop pressure under the CDS™ the following conditions need to exist;

1. The Mud Saver/Safety Valve or another upstream valve is closed,
2. The CDS™ is lowered into the casing string.

Pressurization below the CDS will not be apparent to the operator if a pressure gauge is not active and the grapples or dies are engaged to the casing. If the grapples/dies are released, the pressure within the casing will push up on the CDS™ and consequently on all components directly above.

AFFECTED OPERATION:

Any operation that could be subjected to the above two conditions. One potential operation is the setting of slips after a conventional cementing job.

ACTION REQUIRED:

1. Ensure an active pressure gauge is present.
2. Ensure that the mud saver/safety valve and or upstream valves are open and the CDS in not under pressure before dis-engagement.

Contact your local Tesco Parts and Service Center for further information regarding this bulletin and or supply of affected components noted above.