Safety Bulletin

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Description: 350 EXI 600 Top Drive Guard Door Secondary Restraint and Hinge

Upgrade



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

TESCO has received a report of a hinge failure on a guard door of the 350 EXI 600 top drive. The failure of the hinge resulted in the guard door falling to the rig floor. This bulletin outlines instructions for the installation of a more robust hinge design, and the addition of a secondary restraint for affected product until the upgraded hinge repair has been made.

The incident occurred in a customer's rig up yard, and did not result in any personal injuries.

Refer to the images below for details:

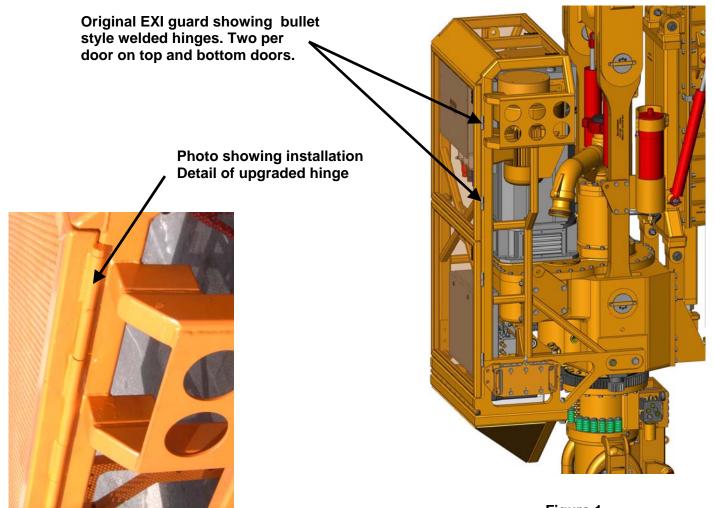


Figure 2.
Upgraded Hinge detail

Figure 1.
Original EXI Guard Hinge Detail

AFFECTED PRODUCT:

All 350 EXI 600 top drive system guard doors as shown below:

| Affected Part No. | Description |
|-------------------|---|
| 810502 | Guard, Final Weldment Assembly, 350EXI600 |

ACTION REQUIRED:

Hinge upgrade is covered in detail by TESCO ECN #082-0064.

- 1. Prior to having hinge upgrades performed, TESCO strongly advises operators to add secondary restraint to both the upper and lower guard doors. A suitable restraint can be accomplished by welding a short length (approx. 1 foot) of 3/8" link chain between the guard door, and the guard frame. This chain should be welded to the hinge side of the door so as not to interfere with normal operation of the door.
- 2. Refer to Figures 3 and 4 below for specific information regarding fabrication of replacement hinges, and modification to guard and doors.
- 3. After the modifications are completed, the secondary restraint may be removed if desired, or left in place.

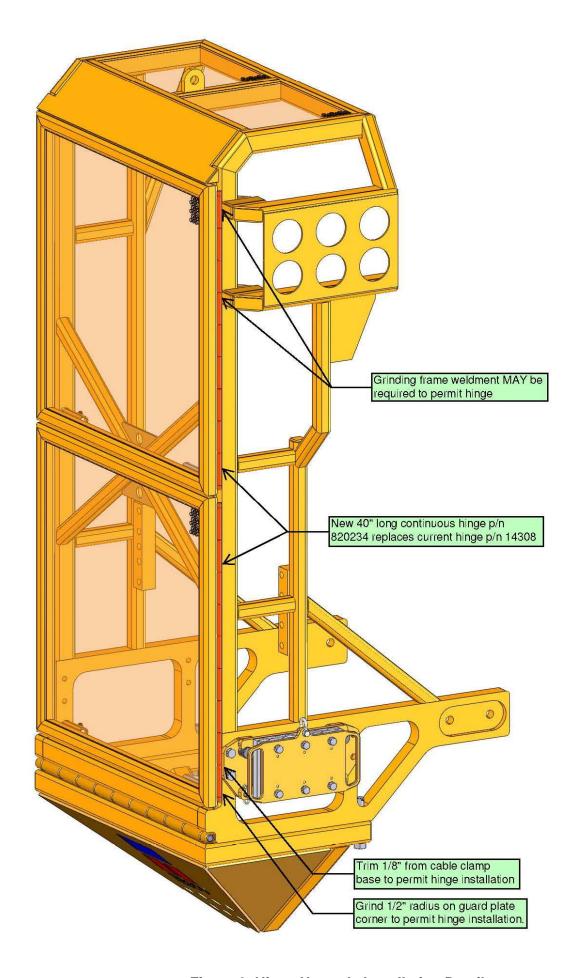


Figure 3. Hinge Upgrade Installation Details

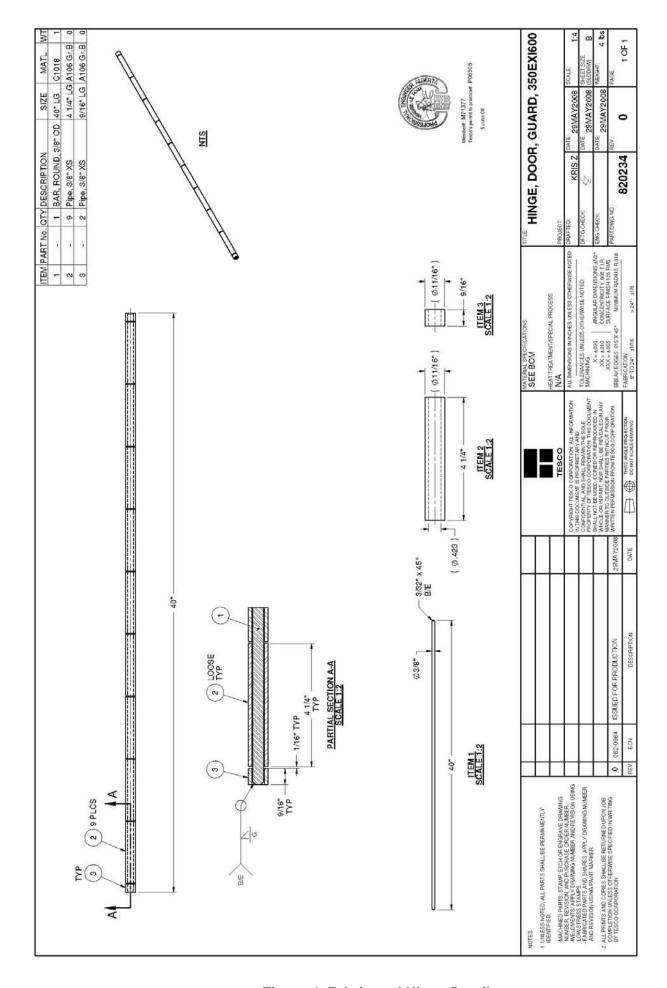


Figure 4. Fabricated Hinge Detail