

Safety Bulletin

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-HAZARDOUS PRACTICE- Hi-Kalibre Spline Protectors on 4185A-SDB-IF-SER Kelly Valves



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Hi-Kalibre Equipment Ltd. has advised TESCO that spline protectors supplied on their 4185/4185A dual ball Kelly valves have been used as lifting subs by certain operators. This practice is extremely hazardous and presents a falling object hazard, which could result in death or serious injury. TESCO is advising all operators of this equipment that this hazardous practice should cease immediately.

AFFECTED PRODUCT:

All TESCO top drives using Hi-Kalibre part number(s) 4185/4185A.

ACTION REQUIRED:

1. Immediately cease using Hi-Kalibre dual ball Kelly valve spline protectors as lifting subs for overhead lifting operations.
2. Refer to the Hi-Kalibre memorandum attached to this bulletin.
3. Attach the Hi-Kalibre provided decals to the spline protector. These decals will indicate that the spline protectors have a zero load rating and should not to be used for overhead lifting.



HI-KALIBRE EQUIPMENT LTD.

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Re: 4 1/2 IF Spline Protector

Please be advised that the spline protector (see figure 1) that is supplied on all Hi-Kalibre Equipment Ltd. 4185A-SDB-IF-SER Kelly valves is intended to be used only for movement of the valve on the shop floor and protection of the valve splines. The spline protector should **not** be used as a lifting point as it has a zero load rating.



Figure 1: 4185A-SDB-IF-SER with spline protector.

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