

Chirag drillfloor, 0015 hrs, 11/01/05 - dropped inspection plate from hammer

When preparing to lay down a joint of 26" conductor, an inspection plate (see fig 1) fell from Franks D100 hammer (see fig 2) to the drillfloor deck.

The travelling block was static at the time, with the crew preparing equipment to lay down the joint.

The plate fell ~3.5 m from the hammer to the drillfloor.

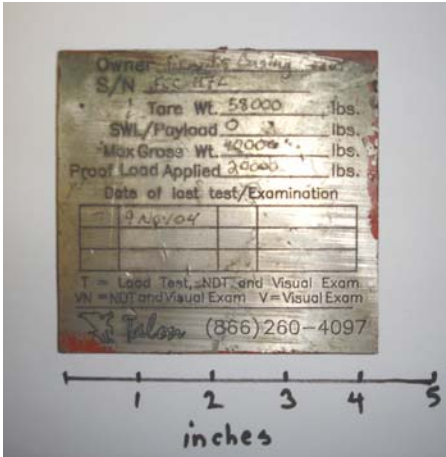


Fig 1. Inspection plate (front)



Fig 2. Position of plate at bottom of hammer

The inspection plate is 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $\frac{3}{8}$ " aluminium, weighing ~150 g & was held in position by adhesive.

At the time of the incident 4 personnel were on the drillfloor.

The job was stopped, area secured. The area was inspected by the night toolpusher & crew, and the drilling supervisor was called to the rig floor.

A TOFS was called, and a meeting held on the drillfloor with all drilling and service personnel. The Franks hand and toolpusher (who had been on the brake at the time) explained what they had seen to the crews.

The night toolpusher & drilling supervisor addressed the meeting

- Discussed the incident & why it may have happened.
- Reinforced the need for crew members to keep clear, unless required for the operation.
- Discussed the forward plan to lay down the joint of conductor to allow the hammer to be inspected at rig floor level.
- Questioned crews if anyone felt the operation was unsafe or could be improved

Job resumed at 0030 hrs, 11/01/05. After laying out the conductor joint the hammer was inspected. No other potential dropped objects could be identified. The operation continued and the hammer was laid down as per programme.

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