# Tow Pole Bolts Rework 

Log Splitter

## Mandatory Rework

| Bulletin Type | Safety Alert |  |
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| Status | Preliminary |  |
| Affected Units | Model Number(s) | Serial Number(s) |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 22618 \text { and } \\ & 22618 \mathrm{HD} \end{aligned}$ | 401012667 to $401012690,401012693,401012697$, 401012702 to 401012704, 402770899, 402770902 to 402770916, 403422597, 403422599, 403422600, 403422602, 403422605, 403422607, 403422609 to 403422612 |

## Exempt Units

Distribution
Situation

| Model <br> Number(s) | Serial Number(s) |
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| 22618 | $402770908,402770909,403422598$ |

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Immediate Attention Necessary
There are reports of tow pole bolts loosening or breaking due to impact or rough road conditions.
The current 2 tow pole bolts are grade 5 bolts, torqued to $101 \mathrm{~N} \cdot \mathrm{~m} /(75$ $\mathrm{ft}-\mathrm{lb})$. We are upgrading them to grade 8 bolts and increasing the bolt torque specification.

It is a violation of Federal law to lease any of the Log Splitters covered by this notice until the vehicle is repaired in accordance with the instructions in the Service Bulletin.

## Corrective Action

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Ensure that the existing Grade 5 tow pole bolts and nuts are torqued to $101 \mathrm{~N} \cdot \mathrm{~m}(75 \mathrm{ft}-\mathrm{lb})$ before any rental until you receive and install the new Grade 8 bolts.

Refer to the attached instruction sheet for the hardware installation process and torque when you receive the new bolts.

Please complete repairs by January 1, 2020.

Safety
Awareness

Follow reasonable and customary safety precautions.

## Parts

Parts Retention

Returned Goods Authorization (RGA)

Required Tools

Warranty
SRT Code

## Transportation

Talking Points Not applicable.

References Not applicable.

## Service Instructions

Replacing the Tow Bolts

1. Park the machine on a level surface and shut off the engine.
2. On 1 side of the pole, remove the bolt and nut, then install a grade 8 bolt and nut (Figure 1). Do not torque the bolt.

Important: Replace the bolts 1 at a time.
3. Repeat step 2 for the other side of the pole.
4. Using a $1 / 2$ inch torque wrench with a $3 / 4$ inch socket and a $3 / 4$ inch wrench, torque the 2 bolts to 142 to $157 \mathrm{~N} \cdot \mathrm{~m}$ ( 94 to $116 \mathrm{ft}-\mathrm{lb}$ ).


Figure 1
2. Nut (2)


