



Link Manufacturing, Ltd.
223 15th St NE
Sioux Center, IA 51250

712.722.4874 *phone*
800.222.6283 *toll-free*
712.722.4876 *fax*
www.linkmfg.com

Service Bulletin

Axle Beams used in Link SS-135 DuraLift II® Lifiable Suspensions 8A000723 (13.5K)

To: All Owners/Operators of Link SS-135 DuraLift II® Lifiable Suspensions 8A000723 (13.5K)

Subject: Potential for Cracking Issues in Some Axle Beams used in Link SS-135 Units

Date: May 15, 2013

Description: Some Link SS-135 DuraLift II® Lifiable Suspensions, Part Number 8A000723, have developed cracks in the axle beam. This issue poses a risk of expensive downtime and repairs if not completed promptly.

Remedy: Link will offer owners of subject axles a bolt-on axle reinforcement which will enhance the strength and load distribution of the axle, or an axle weldment replacement, as determined to be necessary by a qualified inspection.

Units affected: All Link SS-135 DuraLift II® Lifiable Suspensions, Part Number 8A000723 with serial numbers from 12052004 through 12235002, built from 2-21-2012 through 8-12-2012 are subject to this bulletin

Corrective action: Schedule service with a qualified heavy truck service provider to perform the following actions on the axle beam:

1. Thoroughly examine axle beam for any evidence of cracking. See Link inspection instructions document 80003147.
2. If no cracking is evident, report it to Link Customer Service at 1-800-222-6283 x168, then install a bolt-on axle reinforcement part number 800A0315, complete with installation manual.
3. If cracking is evident, report it to Link Customer Service at 1-800-222-6283 x168, then install a replacement axle beam part number 830A0311.

The bolt-on axle reinforcement or replacement axle beam should be installed by a qualified heavy truck repair facility familiar with the installation and servicing procedures for Link Lift Axles.

Link Mfg. Ltd. regrets any inconvenience this may cause. Although this issue may not yet have posed any problems, this recommended service should be performed as soon as possible. Please call the Link Customer Service Department at 1-800-222-6283 with any questions.

Thank you.

Fred Krommendyk
Customer Service Supervisor
Link Mfg. Ltd.
223 15th Street NE
Sioux Center, IA 51250

MANUFACTURER OF Innovative Products for the Transportation Industry

Cabmate® | Lifiable Suspensions | Cat's Eye® | UltraRide® | Deer Shield | Ramps | Mortuary
Air Link® | Military Applications | Spring Suspensions | Easy Slider®

ISO/TS 16949:2002 REGISTERED