



Safety Alert

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ALERT 05 – 35

LOAD BINDER INJURY

WHAT HAPPENED:

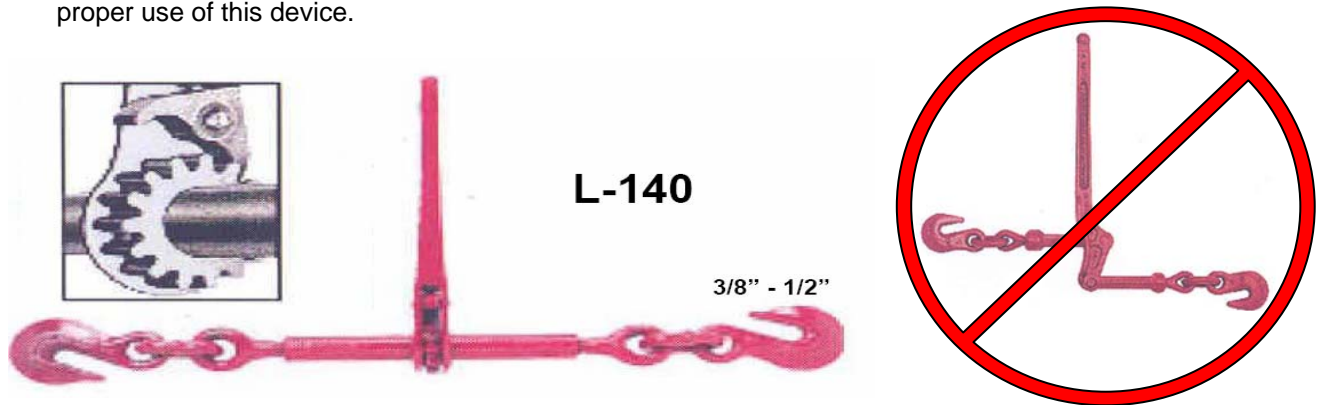
An injury recently occurred on a company rig when a truck driver was unlatching one of the load binders on his trailer. The employee was struck in the face by the cheater pipe placed on the handle of the binder when it sprang open unexpectedly. This is the second injury of this type within the year. In addition, other similar injuries have occurred while opening or closing load binders.

WHAT CAUSED IT:

- The employee was using a regular break over style load binder which presents a great risk to the user.
- Recommended use of ratchet type load binders as per a previously issued company safety alert was not followed.
- No procedures to be followed were available for the safe use of load binders.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: To address this incident, this company issued the following directives:

- Company Equipment Standard for Ratchet Type Load Binders is to be issued replacing old style binders and to eliminate the hazard of binders springing open.
- All employees who use load binders should be given written procedures along with training relating to the proper use of this device.



IADC Note: Lever binder manufacturing companies recommendation against use of cheater pipes when either closing or opening lever binders.

The Corrective Actions stated in this alert are one company's attempts to address the incident, and do not necessarily reflect the position of IADC or the IADC HSE Committee.

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