

**Inspection Notice**  
MSA Latchways Web PFLs

April 29, 2019

**MSA Corporate Center**  
1000 Cranberry Woods Drive  
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www.MSAafety.com

**Dear MSA Fall Protection Customer,**

MSA is issuing this Inspection Notice to inform you that MSA has received a field report of an unflared center shaft in an MSA Latchways 10 ft. (3m) web PFL. **MSA has not received any reports of injuries associated with this condition. However, we are requesting that you perform the inspection outlined in this notice.**

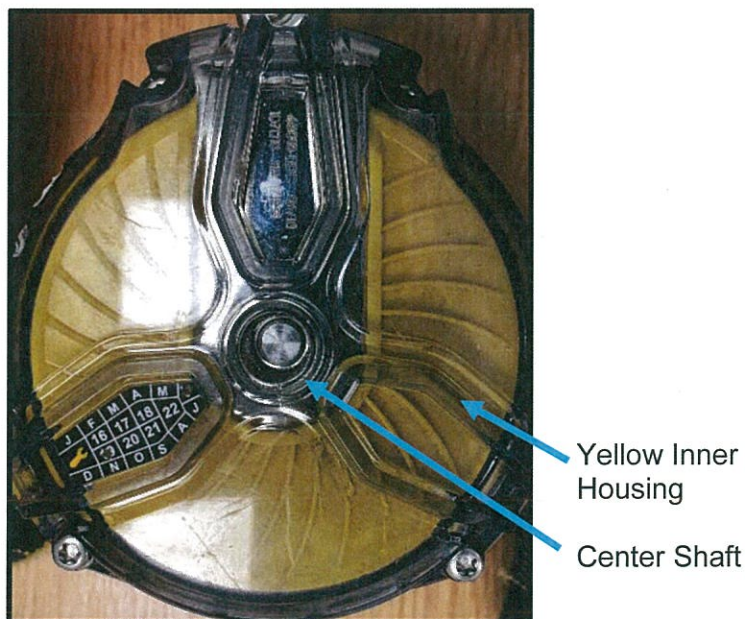
If subjected to rough handling, an unflared center shaft may eventually dislodge completely from the web PFL. If the shaft dislodges completely from the web PFL, the web PFL will continue to pay out and retract during normal use, but will not arrest a fall.

**Only versions of MSA Latchways web PFLs that are 10 ft. (3m) or shorter in length and have yellow inner housings are potentially affected. Cable PFLs are not affected.**

A list of part numbers and manufacturing dates is included in Appendix A.

**MSA is advising all customers to inspect the center shafts of any MSA Latchways web PFLs that are 10 ft. (3 m) and shorter.**

**Inspect per the Instructions in this Notice. Remove from service any web PFL that does not pass the inspection.**



**Figure 1 – Unflared Center Shaft**



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## Inspection Instructions

Perform the following inspection to determine whether or not your web PFL needs to be taken out of service.

- 1) Confirm that the web PFL has a yellow inner housing (see Figure 1). If your web PFL does not have a yellow inner housing, no further action is required.
- 2) Inspect the shaft end that is on the same side of the PFL as the yellow inner housing.
  - a. Visually inspect the shaft for a flared end, as shown in Figure 2. If the shaft has an unflared end, as shown in Figure 3, **remove the PFL from service** and follow the steps in the "Replacing Affected PFLs" section.
  - b. If the PFL is not removed from service in step 2a, perform the following confirmatory test for an unflared end. With no load on the PFL lifeline and while holding the PFL in your hand, push on the end of the shaft on the yellow inner housing side of the PFL as if pushing the shaft out of the hole in the PFL. Some small axial movement of the shaft is normal. If the shaft can be pushed into the PFL and pulled out the other side, **remove the PFL from service** and follow the steps in the "Replacing Affected PFLs" section.
- 3) If there is any question about whether the shaft end meets the criteria above, remove the PFL from service and contact MSA Customer Service.

## Perform Inspection Step 2b to Confirm Acceptable



Figure 2 – Flared Shaft End

# REMOVE FROM SERVICE



Figure 3 – Unflared Shaft End



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### **Replacing Affected Web PFLs**

We recognize that this is an inconvenience and in an effort to minimize any disruption, we pledge to take any replacement actions as expeditiously as possible.

If you are in possession of web PFLs that have an unflared center shaft, we will provide you with replacements free of charge.

To receive a replacement, please complete the enclosed *MSA Latchways Web PFL Return/Replacement Form* and e-mail it to MSA Customer Service at the appropriate e-mail address below. Replacement PFLs will be shipped to you and we will forward you instructions for returning the affected PFLs.

### **MSA Customer Service Contact Information:**

If you have any questions regarding this Inspection Notice, please contact MSA Customer Service as follows:

- U.S., Canada, or U.S. Territories – 1-866-672-0005 or by email at: [ProductSafetyNotices@MSAafety.com](mailto:ProductSafetyNotices@MSAafety.com).
- Outside the U.S., Canada, and U.S. Territories – 724-776-8626 or by email at: [LAMZonecs@MSAafety.com](mailto:LAMZonecs@MSAafety.com).

We apologize for any inconveniences that this may cause; however, your safety and continued satisfaction with our products is important to us.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathan Andrulonis". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Nathan Andrulonis  
Manager of Product Safety

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**Manufactured from October 2015 to August 2017**

1.8m/6ft Webbing PFL Single			
63011-00A	63011-00AEU	63011-00ACA	63011-00ACN
63011-00B	63011-00BEU	63011-00BCA	63011-00BCN
63011-00C	63011-00CEU	63011-00CCA	-
63011-00D	63011-00DEU	63011-00DCA	-
63011-00E	63011-00EEU	63011-00ECA	-
63011-00F	63011-00FEU	63011-00FCA	63011-00FCN
63011-00G	63011-00GEU	63011-00GCA	-
63011-00H	63011-00HEU	63011-00HCA	-
63011-00I	63011-00IEU	63011-00ICA	-
63011-00J	63011-00JEU	63011-00JCA	-
63011-00K	63011-00KEU	63011-00KCA	-
63011-00L	63011-00LEU	63011-00LCA	-
63011-00M	63011-00MEU	63011-00MCA	-
63011-00N	63011-00NEU	63011-00NCA	-
63011-00O	63011-00OEU	63011-00OCA	-
63011-00P	63011-00PEU	63011-00PCA	-
-	63011-00REU	-	-
-	63011-00SEU	-	-
-	63011-00TEU	-	-
-	63011-00UEU	-	-
-	63011-00VEU	-	-
1.8m/6ft Webbing PFL Twin			
63111-00A	63111-00AEU	63111-00ACA	63111-00ACN
63111-00B	63111-00BEU	63111-00BCA	63111-00BCN
63111-00C	63111-00CEU	63111-00CCA	63111-00FCN
63111-00D	63111-00DEU	63111-00DCA	-
63111-00E	63111-00EEU	63111-00ECA	-
63111-00F	63111-00FEU	63111-00FCA	-
-	63111-00REU	-	-
-	63111-00SEU	-	-
2.7m/9ft Tie-back PFL Single			
63041-00A	-	63041-00ACA	-
2.7m/9ft Tie-back PFL Twin			
63141-00A	-	63141-00ACA	-

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**Manufactured from May 2016 to September 2018**

2.5m Webbing PFL			
-	63012-00CEU	-	-
-	63012-00IEU	-	-
3m/10ft Webbing PFL			
63013-00A	63013-00AEU	63013-00ACA	63013-00ACN
63013-00B	63013-00BEU	63013-00BCA	63013-00BCN
63013-00C	63013-00CEU	63013-00CCA	63013-00FCN
63013-00D	63013-00DEU	63013-00DCA	-
63013-00E	63013-00EEU	63013-00ECA	-
63013-00F	63013-00FEU	63013-00FCA	-
63013-00G	63013-00GEU	63013-00GCA	-
63013-00H	63013-00HEU	63013-00HCA	-
63013-00I	63013-00IEU	63013-00ICA	-
63013-00J	63013-00JEU	63013-00JCA	-
63013-00K	63013-00KEU	63013-00KCA	-
63013-00L	63013-00LEU	63013-00LCA	-
63013-00M	63013-00MEU	63013-00MCA	-
63013-00N	63013-00NEU	63013-00NCA	-
63013-00O	63013-00OEU	63013-00OCA	-
63013-00P	63013-00PEU	63013-00PCA	-
-	63013-00REU	-	-
-	63013-00SEU	-	-
-	63013-00TEU	-	-
-	63013-00UEU	-	-
-	63013-00VEU	-	-

**Manufactured from November 2016 to April 2019**

2m Arc-Flash PFL			
63032-00N	63032-00NCA	63032-00NBR	-



**MSA Latchways Web PFL Return / Replacement Order Form**

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Please complete this form and email it to MSA Customer Service at:

- U.S., Canada, or U.S. Territories – [ProductSafetyNotices@MSAafety.com](mailto:ProductSafetyNotices@MSAafety.com)
- Outside the U.S., Canada, and U.S. Territories – [LAMZonecs@MSAafety.com](mailto:LAMZonecs@MSAafety.com)

Multiple orders can be placed by submitting additional copies of this form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**MSA Latchways web PFLs you are Ordering – Free of Charge**

Part Number	Quantity
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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MSA will ship the replacement PFLs and forward instructions for returning to MSA an identical quantity of affected PFLs.

MSA Use Only - Order Code: UR6  
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