



maintenance management bulletin

SUBJECT: PM Guidelines for Towveyor (Spur), Type C (SI Handling)

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| Change # | Date | Description of Change |
| 2 | 4/22/2022 | Attachment 2, corrected skill level 4, no longer in use, to level 7. |
| 1 | 5/8/2013 | This bulletin has been updated to reflect changes to Attachment 1 Summary. The mathematical calculations were originally added incorrectly. The times have been updated to reflect accurate rollup times using the standard two decimal place rounding. |

This Maintenance Management Order (MMO) supersedes MMO-144-98, dated November 20, 1998 due to recalculation of the roll up times. All other information remains the same.

This Maintenance Management Order (MMO) provides Preventive Maintenance (PM) guidelines for Towveyor (Spur), Type C (SI Handling) and supersedes Maintenance Checklist BO69.

The minimum maintenance skill level to perform each task on the various checklists is included in the Minimum Skill Level column. This does not preclude higher level employees from performing any of this work.

WARNING

Various products which require Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) may be utilized during the performance of the procedures in this bulletin. Ensure the current MSDS for each product used is on file and available by all employees. When reordering such a product, it is suggested that a current MSDS be requested.

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Maintenance Technical Support Center

The workhours represented in this MMO reflect the maximum workhours required to maintain the equipment. Given local conditions, management may modify task frequencies.

For questions or comments concerning this bulletin contact the MTSC HelpDesk, either online at **MTSC>HELPDESK>Create/Update Tickets** or call (800) 366-4123.

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Attachments: 1. Summary of Revised Workload Estimate
2. Towveyor (Spur), Type C (SI Handling) Master Checklist

ATTACHMENT 1

-SUMMARY-

REVISED WORKLOAD ESTIMATE

FOR

TOWVEYOR (SPUR), TYPE C (SI HANDLING)

| Routine Servicing (hrs/yr) | Repair* (hrs/yr) | Total Servicing & Repair Time (hrs/yr) | Nonproductive Time ** (hrs/yr) | Total Servicing Per Machine (hrs/yr) |
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| 26.04 | 7.81 | 33.85 | 3.39 | 37.23 |

* Repair estimates based on 30% of servicing.

** Based on 10% of total servicing and repair.

TIME TOTALS

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| <u>Monthly Time Total:</u> | 1.29 Hrs. *** |
| <u>Quarterly Time Total:</u> | 2.08 Hrs. *** |
| <u>Annual Time Total:</u> | 0.90 Hrs. *** |

NOTE

The time shown does not allow for multiple assemblies on any equipment. Should multiple assemblies exist, the time must be modified at the local level to account for those occurrences. Other unique site conditions that require additional time are to be addressed at the local level.

*** These times are provided for data entry for the MARS System.

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ATTACHMENT 2

TOWVEYOR (SPUR), TYPE C (SI HANDLING) MASTER CHECKLIST

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The "Part or Component" column for each step on the Master Checklist provides a "Frequency Code" designation followed by a letter or series of letters. These letters correspond to the frequency codes as published in MS-63 and specify the frequency for which that instruction (step) must be performed. These frequency codes are in compliance with NMICS superseding route structure. The possible frequencies and their codes are given in the table below:

Table 2-1. MS-63 (NMICS) Frequency-Codes

| <u>CODE</u> | <u>FREQUENCY</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| A | ANNUAL | Once every 13 APs. |
| B | BI-WEEKLY | Once every 2 weeks |
| C | BI-MONTHLY | Once every 2 APs. |
| D | DAILY | Once a day; 7 days a week. |
| E | DAILY | Once a day; 6 days a week. |
| F | DAILY | Once a day; 5 days a week. |
| G | DAILY | Once a day; 4 days a week. |
| H | DAILY | Once a day; 3 days a week. |
| J | SEMI-WEEKLY | 2 days a week. |
| K | BI-ANNUAL | Once every 2 years. |
| L | TRI-ANNUAL | Once every 3 years. |
| M | MONTHLY | Once every AP. |
| N | QUAD-ANNUAL | Once every 4 years. |
| P | QUINT-ANNUAL | Once every 5 years. |
| Q | QUARTERLY | 4 times every 13 APs. |
| S | SEMI-ANNUAL | Twice every 13 AP. |
| T | TOURLY | 3 times a day; 7 days a week. |
| U | TOURLY | Twice a day; 7 days a week. |
| V | TOURLY | 3 times a day; 6 days a week. |
| W | WEEKLY | Once a week. |
| X | TOURLY | Twice a day; 6 days a week. |
| Y | TOURLY | 3 times a day; 5 days a week. |
| Z | TOURLY | Twice a day; 5 days a week. |

SAFETY STATEMENT 1. **COMPLY WITH ALL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.** - 3 All min
 Disconnect power and activate lockouts as appropriate while working on this equipment. Where air pressure is required for cleaning, use a low air pressure (30 psi or less) air source. Eye protection (goggles or face shield) must be used when utilizing compressed air for cleaning. Check to ensure all employees are clear of the machine. Report safety deficiencies to your supervisor immediately upon detection.

Frequency Code: -M-Q---A-

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| | Work Code | | Equipment Acronym | | | Class Code | | Number | | Type | | |
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| Equipment Nomenclature TOWVEYOR (SPUR), TYPE C | | | Equipment Model SI HANDLING | | | Bulletin Filename M98066AA | | | Frequency ALL | | | |

| Part or Component | Item No. | Task Statement and Instruction (Comply with all current safety precautions) | Est. Time Req'd | Min. Skill Level |
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AA-1 2. **CHECK FOR MAIL.** - Look for loose mail while performing activities. 2.5 min [47](#)

Frequency Code: -M-Q---A-

WARNING

Eye protection (goggles or face shield) must be worn when using compressed air, steam, or a high pressure cleaner/washer device for cleaning.

CH-1 3. **CLEAN CHAIN.** - 1 min per 10. ft. [47](#)

TOWPIN CHAIN

Frequency Code: -----A-

1. Clean chain with steam or high pressure cleaner/washer device.
2. Run chain at least one (1) complete cycle.
3. Remove foreign material by blowing or vacuuming.

CH-1 4. **LUBRICATE CHAIN.** - With equipment operating, pour GL-4 slowly over return strand of chain. Two (2) complete turns. 1 min per 10 ft. [47](#)

TOWPIN CHAIN (Cont.)

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| DA-3 SIDE FINGER DRIVE WITH MOTOR BRAKE Frequency Code: ----Q---A- | 5. | CHECK BRAKE. - With equipment operating, perform the following: 1. Check for proper brake action. 2. Feel for vibration. 3. Listen for noise. | 5 min | 47 |
| SYSTEM Frequency Code: -M-Q---A- | 6. | POWER DOWN AND LOCKOUT POWER. - Power down the equipment and lockout its electrical power as prescribed by the procedures contained in, or locally developed in accordance with, the current Maintenance Management Order (MMO) providing lockout/restore procedures. | 1 min | 47 |
| Frequency Code: -M-Q---A- | 7. | REMOVE COVER PLATES. - Remove cover plates. Erect barricades around open pits. | 20 min | 47 |
| CH-1 TOWPIN CHAIN Frequency Code: ----Q---A- | 8. | CHECK CHAIN. - Check chain for bent, cracked, or excessively worn links. Jog if necessary. | 1 min per 10 ft. | 47 |

WARNING

Eye protection (goggles or face shield) must be worn when using compressed air for cleaning.

WARNING

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| Equipment Nomenclature | | Equipment Model | | | Bulletin Filename | | Frequency | | | | |
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| CS-1 CONTAINER SENSORS Frequency Code: ---Q---A- | 9. | CLEAN PIT, SWITCH HOUSING, AND ACTUATOR ARM. - With disconnect locked out, perform the following: 1. Clean dirt and accumulated material from pit. 2. Clean switch housing and actuator arm with solvent. | 10 min/ unit | 47 |
| Frequency Code: ---Q---A- | 10. | CHECK SWITCH AND ACTUATOR ARM. - Look for proper positioning and secure mounting of switch and actuator arm. | 1 min | 47 |
| Frequency Code: ---Q---A- | 11. | LUBRICATE AND CHECK PIVOT POINT. - Lubricate and check pivot point as follows: 1. Lubricate pivot point. 2. Operate by hand to see if it is sluggish or binding. 3. Check for damage. | 2 min | 47 |
| Frequency Code: ---Q---A- | 12. | CHECK SWITCH MOUNTING. - Check switch mounting and for freedom of movement in direction of chain travel. | 2 min | 47 |
| DA-3 SIDE FINGER DRIVE WITH MOTOR BRAKE Frequency Code: -M-Q---A- | 13. | CHECK CHAIN LUBRICANT LEVEL AND ADJUST VALVE. - Check lubricant level and adjust valve as follows: 1. Check level of lubricant in chain lubricator. 2. Refill with GL-3. 3. Adjust valve on oil container to provide small steady stream to chain for two complete passes. Nozzle should be over center of chain. | 10 min | 47 |
| Frequency Code: -M-Q---A- | 14. | CHECK V-BELTS AND SHEAVES. - Check V-belts and sheaves for wear and alignment. | 2 min | 47 |

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| Frequency Code: -M-Q---A- | 15. | CLEAN V-BELT AND SHEAVES. - Clean foreign material from belts and sheaves by wiping with clean rags. | 4 min | 47 |
| Frequency Code: -M-Q---A- | 16. | CHECK SHEAVES. - Check sheave's set screws and belt tension. | 2 min | 47 |
| Frequency Code: ---Q---A- | 17. | CHECK CHAIN ADJUSTMENT. - Check chain for proper adjustment. Adjust, if necessary, at take-up screws on drive assembly. | 4 min | 47 |
| Frequency Code: ---Q---A- | 18. | CLEAN AND CHECK CRITICAL SPEED SWITCH. - Clean and check critical speed switch. | 5 min | 47 |
| Frequency Code: ---Q---A- | 19. | CHECK BROKEN-CHAIN SWITCH. - Check broken-chain switch for secure mount and freedom of movement. Lubricate pivot points with HY-1. | 3 min | 47 |
| DA-3 SIDE FINGER DRIVE WITH MOTOR BRAKE (Cont.) Frequency Code: ---Q---A- | 20. | CHECK MOTOR AND REDUCER. - Check motor and reducer for lubrication leaks. | 2 min | 47 |
| Frequency Code: ---Q---A- | 21. | CLEAN AND CHECK COUPLING. - Clean and check coupling as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clean and check coupling. 2. Wrench test set screws. 3. Feel keys for tightness. | 10 min | 47 |

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| Frequency Code: ---Q---A- | 22. LUBRICATE GEAR REDUCER. - Add grease to gear reducer. Grease may be applied through a grease nipple provided on the top of the high speed end shield. Amount added should be equal to approximately 1/3 of normal fill. | 20 min | <u>47</u> |
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| Frequency Code: ---Q---A- | 23. CHECK AND CLEAN SPROCKET. - Check and clean sprocket as follows: 1. Check sprocket for wear and alignment. 2. Wrench test set screws. 3. Clean sprocket with solvent and rags. | 10 min | <u>47</u> |
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| DA-3 SIDE FINGER DRIVE WITH MOTOR BRAKE (Cont.) Frequency Code: -----A- | 24. LUBRICATE MOTOR. - Remove grease relief plug. For motors 1/2 HP and over, apply 2 pumps of GR-2. | 44 min | <u>47</u> |
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| SYSTEM Frequency Code: -----A- | 25. RESTORE EQUIPMENT TO SERVICE. - Restore equipment to service as prescribed by the procedures contained in, or locally developed in accordance with, the current Maintenance Management Order (MMO) providing lockout/restore procedures. | 3 min | All |
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| Frequency | 26. RUN MOTOR. - Run motor for one minute | 1 | <u>47</u> |
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- SYSTEM 27. **POWER DOWN AND LOCKOUT POWER.** - Power down the equipment and lockout its electrical power as prescribed by the procedures contained in, or locally developed in accordance with, the current Maintenance Management Order (MMO) providing lockout/restore procedures. 1 min [47](#) |
- Frequency Code: -----A-
- DA-3 28. **REPLACE RELIEF PLUG.** - Replace grease relief plug. 1 min [47](#) |
- SIDE FINGER DRIVE WITH MOTOR BRAKE
- Frequency Code: -----A-
- DA-3 29. **LUBRICATE COUPLING.** - Drain and refill coupling with same quantity HY-1 lubricant. 10 min [47](#) |
- SIDE FINGER DRIVE WITH MOTOR BRAKE (Cont.)
- Frequency Code: -----A-
- Frequency Code: -----A- 30. **CHECK LUBRICANT ON SHAFT BEARINGS.** - Check bearings for adequate lubricant. Apply new lubricant as necessary, use lubricant GR-2 30 min [47](#) |
- Frequency Code: -----A-
- Frequency Code: ----Q--A- 31. **CLEAN DRIVE PIT.** - Clean drive pit. 30 min [47](#) |

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| DS-1 DIVERTERS | 32. | CLEAN TRACK SWITCH PITS AND SWITCH HOUSING. - With disconnect locked out, perform the following: | 15 min | 47 |
| Frequency Code: ----Q---A- | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove dirt and accumulated debris from track switch pits. 2. Clean switch housing using solvent and rags. 3. Check operation by unlatching switching blade. | | |

WARNING

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| DS-1 DIVERTERS (Cont.) | 33. | CLEAN AND CHECK SOLENOID HOUSING, PLUNGER ROD, AND LINKAGE. - Clean and check solenoid housing, plunger rod, and linkage as follows: | 3 min | 47 |
| Frequency Code: ----Q---A- | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Using rags and solvent, clean solenoid housing, plunger rod, and linkage. 2. Check plunger rod for free movement. 3. Check solenoid mounting and switch blade. | | |

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| Frequency Code: ----Q---A- | 34. | LUBRICATE LINKAGE. - Lightly lubricate all linkage and pivot points on solenoid and brake assembly with HY-1. | 2 min | 47 |
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| AT-1 TRACK Frequency | 35. | CHECK TRACK. - Check entire length of track for loose wear strips. | 1 min/ 50 ft. | 47 |
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ZZ-1 ROUTE COMPLETION 36. **REPLACE COVER PLATES.** - Replace all cover plates. 20 min **47**

Frequency Code:
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CLEAN-UP 37. **CLEAN-UP.** -.Ensure all tools, lubricants, rags, etc., are removed from the work area. Report all deficiencies to your supervisor. 3 min All

Frequency Code:
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WARNING

Be cautious when working around or on equipment when power has been applied.

SYSTEM 38. **RESTORE EQUIPMENT TO SERVICE.** - Restore equipment to service as prescribed by the procedures contained in, or locally developed in accordance with, the current Maintenance Management Order (MMO) providing lockout/restore procedures. 3 min All

Frequency Code:
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START-UP 39. **START-UP.** - Perform normal start-up procedures as follows: 5 min All

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1. Start or preset equipment.
2. Check for proper operation.
3. Report all deficiencies to your supervisor in order to initiate any necessary work orders to make necessary repairs, or to remove excessive debris.

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