

**Policy Statement****Safety Whip Checks or Hose Halters**

{Hereinafter referred to as Whip Checks)

As an IMCA member, receiving regular industry “safety flashes”, Beacon Offshore Ltd. are becoming increasingly aware of unsafe practices in the industry with regards to the use of whip checks.

We often see substandard, spring type wire rope whip checks with no certification or ratings attached or supplied with them. The ratings are at best “unknown”.

By design this type is extremely prone to rust when used in a salty offshore environment, even if only used on deck, if these were to be used subsea and subsequently continued to be used on deck, they would become a safety hazard.

Once exposed to the salty air they will start to rust, they will lose strength, they will develop sharp edges and become a liability rather than a safety feature as they cut into the outer skin and damage the hoses they are fitted to, thereby putting personnel at increased risk from sudden hose ruptures instead of adding an additional layer of safety as intended.

They also have an undesired short life expectancy, when used offshore.

As a precaution, it is the policy of Beacon Offshore Ltd. to only use “Lift All Hose Halters”, made from 2-ply flexible nylon webbing. Part No HH230.

These are certified to ASME & OSHA standards and rated for use on high pressure hoses, gas or liquids, up to 52000 PSI or 3640 BAR, thereby covering any and all hoses in use by Beacon Offshore Ltd., which in turn means less confusion for the personnel as “one size fits all”.

These have been in use by Beacon since July 2016, with no issues and the oldest whip checks are still in service.

If any other type of whip check is found in use on Beacon Offshore equipment it shall be removed, discarded and replaced by the mentioned “Hose Halter” whip check.

For references and sample photos see page 2.

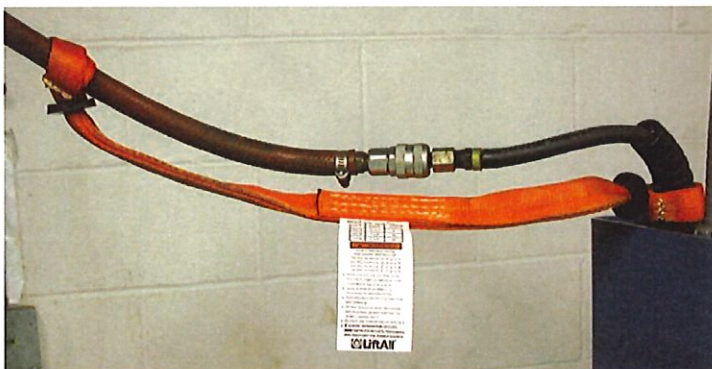


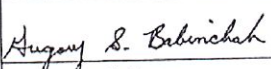

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Sample photo of spring type whip check - NOT TO BE USED:



Sample photo of certified "Lift All" Hose Halter (Whip Check)



Certificate of Conformance / O.S.H.A Certificate		
The undersigned hereby certifies that at the time of shipment the material described below conforms to the requirements as prescribed by all drawings, orders and all amendments thereto. In addition, when applicable, the material also conforms to ASME B30 standards, and OSHA regulations per Federal Register title 29 for labor part 1910.184.		
Customer Name	Customer Order Number	Our Order Number
SALOMON JETTING PARTS BV	15111033	202752
Pool Test	Number of Assembly(s) Covered by this Certificate	
0 lbs	125	
Part Number	Assembly(s) Serial Number(s)	
HM230	544564 - 1 to 544564 - 125	
Assembly(s) Description		
HOSE HALTER 1" X 30 IN 2 PLY NYLON USING SALOMON JETTING PARTS TAGS & BAR SCALE RATINGS		
Rated Capacity	Degree of Angle From Horizontal	
2600 lbs choker	90 Degrees	
 Quality Manager		 PRODUCTS FOR BETTER LIFTS
		11/17/15 Date

**IMCA D 065:** Guidance on the use of Whip Checks

**IMCA D 023: Section 12 – 1.8:** All gas supply hoses (HP and LP) must be secured at the connection point with whip-check devices attached to a secure fixed point. The type of whip-checks will differ depending on the pressure of gas. A tie back needs to be considered for its length, material and security.