

Technical Bulletin / Safety Alert

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Subject: JUG-A-0 UL/UV Pneumatic Horn Circuit

Date: 1st March 2011

Applicable to: All JUG-A-0 UL/UV V2 & V3 machines.

Details of Revision: 0. Original Issue

1. Location and size of one way check valve in pneumatic circuit changed to improve serviceability of filter / drain / lubricator.

Pneumatic schematic revised.

Note: Minimum PPE required to carry out any inspections contained in this TBSA shall be protective clothing & footwear, safety glasses, hearing protection & any site specific requirements. A JSA or equivalent should be carried out prior to performing these tasks.

Occurance:

In October 2010 at a NSW Coal Mine, continuous operation of a JUG-A-0 UL/UV V3 machine pneumatic horn for an extended period depleted the air pressure in the pneumatic circuit such that the park brakes were inadvertently activated while the machine was in motion.

Investigation & Cause:

Investigation of the occurrence described above identified that the rate of air delivery to the circuit containing the horn valve and horn was insufficient to replenish the air being exhausted by the horn, when the horn valve was activated continuously for extended periods. In this case, air pressure in the circuit was able to reduce to less than 60psi, which was the minimum pilot pressure required for the park brake valves.

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Recommendations:

It is recommended the pneumatic horn circuit is separated from the pneumatic circuit and installed as per the revised schematic shown in Figure 1 below. Figure 2 shows the original installation schematic. The complete revised pneumatic schematic is also attached.

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A one way check valve (part no. 0601-60008) has also been installed in the safety circuit and the air pressure gauge source relocated. The check valve is located after the filter / drain / lubricator. The air pressure gauge is now sourced from the manifold.

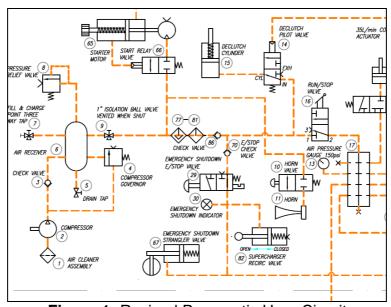


Figure 1: Revised Pneumatic Horn Circuit

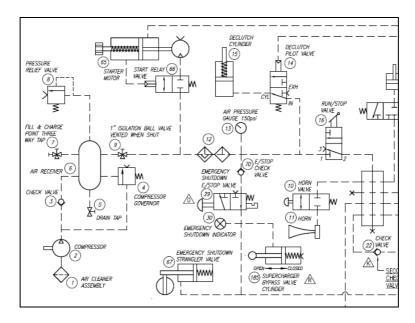


Figure 2: Pneumatic Circuit before Horn Circuit design change.

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Immediate Action:

It is recommended the described circuit changes be implemented at the next major service interval.

Future Action:

All new build JUG-A-0 UL/UV machines to have the horn circuit installed as per the revised pneumatic schematic.

Supporting Documentation:

JUG-A-0 UL/UV V3 Pneumatic Schematic 0601-001 Rev 02

Conclusion:

Continuous operation of the JUG-A-0 UL/UV V2 & V3 pneumatic horn for an extended period has the potential to deplete air pressure in the pneumatic circuit to less than 60psi, which could result in inadvertent park brake application. Separation of the pneumatic horn circuit from the pneumatic circuit will eliminate this hazard.

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