

Technical Bulletin / Safety Alert

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Subject: Driftrunner F&G Series - Bonnet Crush Injury

Date: 18th July 2016

Applicable to: All VLI Driftrunners- F & G Series

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.

Occurrence:

An Operator has sustained a significant injury when he had his hand/fingers lodged between the rear bonnet & the Diesel Particulate Filter Housing on a Driftrunner, whilst he was lowering the bonnet from the Off Drivers Side (ODS).

See photo below: -



Figure 1 - remove handle & grind back flush to remove burrs. Ensure gas strut is fitted to assist bonnet lift.

Findings:

As part of the DES 08 upgrades by VLI to F & G Series Driftrunners, the following modifications were carried out to the bonnets: -

- ODS rear bonnet handle removed.
- Gas strut is to be fitted to the ODS to assist the bonnet lift which is now effected from the Drivers Side (DS) of the machine.
- ODS rubber catch lug removed from front bonnet.
- Over Centre catch fitted to the top of the ODS side of bonnets for retention.

Immediate Action:

Inspect all VLI F & G Series Driftrunners that have a Diesel Particulate Filter Housing installed, to ensure that the above modification to the bonnet has been carried out.

If these modifications have not been carried out, it is recommended that you have this rectified as soon as possible.

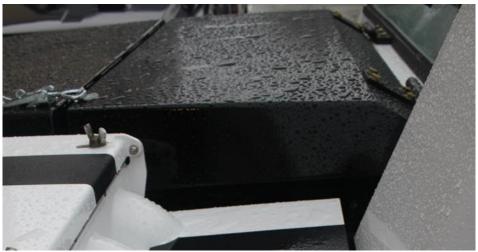


Figure 2 - completed bonnet view.