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Issue 01

MR TAP CHANGER LIFTING DEVICE FAILURE

OVERVIEW

Use of all MR Tap Changer lifting devices is prohibited until further notice.

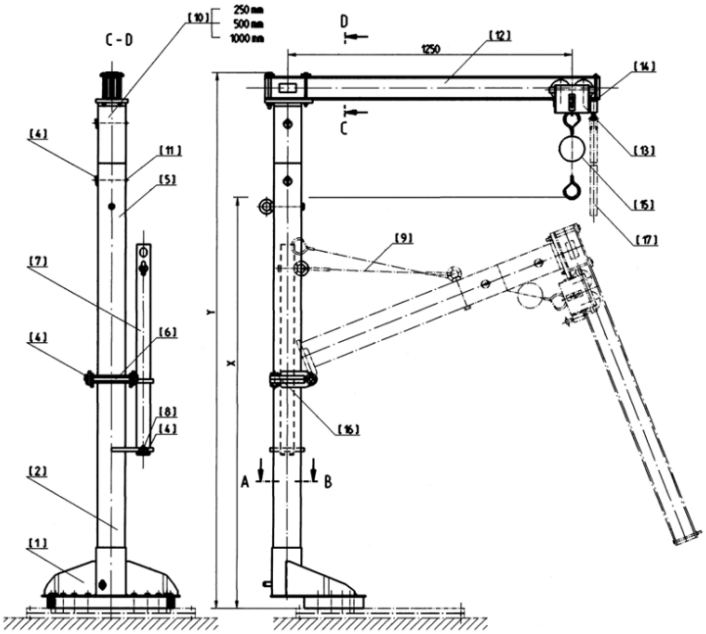
WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

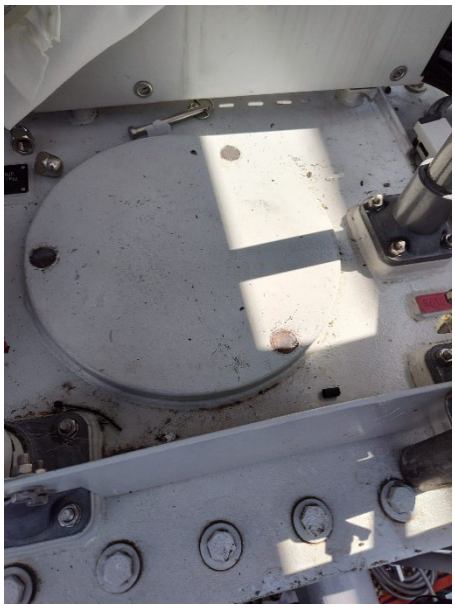
- Do not use any MR Tap Changer Lifting Device
- If a Tap Changer insert is to be removed, a scaffold-mounted lifting device shall be used

DETAIL

On 23rd June 2026 an MR Tap Changer lifting device was being used at Peterborough South Grid, during a tap changer inspection being carried out with a technician from the manufacturer. During use, the studs fixing the triangular foot of the lifting device to the transformer sheared off. Fitters were able to support the tap changer insert and lifting device to prevent any injuries or damage to the equipment.

Investigations are ongoing with the transformer manufacturer to determine the cause and until this is known, the use of MR Tap Changer Lifting devices is prohibited.





Primary communication via Line Manager complete by (X)	X	2 calendar days		5 calendar days		10 calendar days
Additional communication (X)		Stand down briefing		1st 15	**X**	Team Brief slide

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