

# Fibreglass Universal Adapter

## Background

There have been two recent incidents involving fibreglass universal adaptors failing. This adaptor is used with operating rods for coupling operating tools such as the Loadbuster.

In the first incident the fibreglass universal adaptor split while the NT was operating S&C links causing the operating rods to come away. (Fig 3)

In the second incident the metal insert broke away from the universal adaptor under the weight of the Loadbuster Tool. (Fig. 2)

## What should I do?

### Managers & Supervisors

- Ensure all staff receive a copy of this alert.

### Everyone

- Discontinue the use of Fibreglass Universal Adaptors with the Loadbuster Tool, Fusecup and LV Fuse Combination Unit Adaptor immediately
- The Aluminium Universal Adaptor (ESB Code 8817152) shall be used with the:
  - Loadbuster Tool
  - Fusecup
  - LV Fuse Combination Unit Adaptor
- Fibreglass universal adaptors can continue to be used with voltage detectors provided they are inspected by the User before use and are in good condition with no signs of cracks or damage.
- All fibreglass operating heads such as Bayonet Adaptors for application of earths shall be inspected by the User before use.
- Any defective adaptors shall be tagged and put beyond use.

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Fig. 1 Fibreglass Universal Adaptor

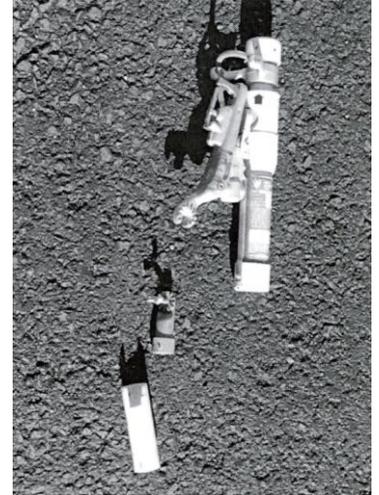


Fig. 2 Loadbuster Incident



Fig. 3 Fibreglass Universal Adaptor with Split In Fibreglass Tube



Fig. 4 Aluminium Universal Adaptor