

CUSHION BODY BELT

DESCRIPTION

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1. GENERAL

1.01 The Cushion Body Belt is intended for the use of workmen who require a cushion type belt. This belt, together with the safety strap, provides a means of securing the workman to a pole, strand, or other structure, thus promoting his safety while working aloft. Sections 081-720-600, 081-720-305, and 081-720-010 cover the inspection, care and maintenance of this body belt and the precautions to be observed in its use. Information on the handline carrier for use with this belt is given in Section 081-720-111.

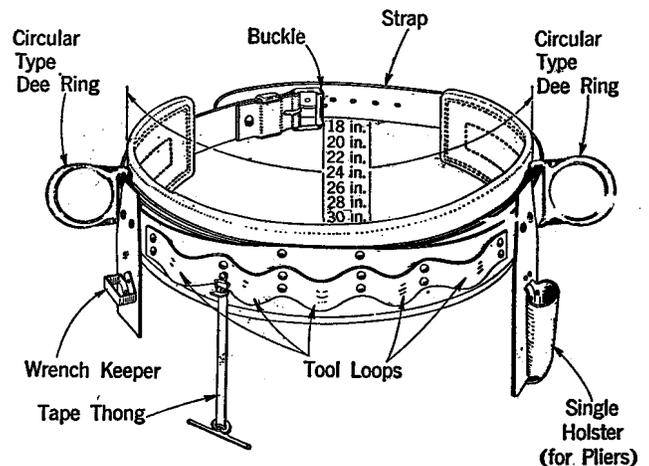
1.02 The circular type Dee ring minimizes the possibility of the safety strap snap hook riding back to the body belt, twisting and bringing pressure to bear on the snap hook keeper. This feature appreciably reduces the possibility of accidental disengagement of the snap hook.

1.03 The Cushion Body Belt equipped with the former standard Dee rings is no longer supplied. However, the use, care and maintenance of these belts still in use in the field are the same as covered in the sections referred to in Paragraph 1.01.

2. CUSHION BODY BELT

2.01 The Cushion Body Belt is made of leather and is equipped with drop forged circular

type Dee rings and buckle, a metal wrench keeper, a tool holster, a tape thong and five leather tool loops. The 5-inch wide body section is made of a single piece of leather, folded to form a cushion with rolled edges and no exposed inside rivets. The Dee ring strap is free to slide over a range of about 4 inches. The belt is always put on with the buckle toward the wearer's left. Belts are furnished either as a "Right" belt or a "Left" belt. A "Right" belt is shown in Fig. 1. In a "Left" belt, the positions of the holster and wrench keeper are reversed. Belts are furnished equipped with either a single holster (for pliers) or an offset double holster with scissors pocket (for pliers, rule and scissors). Screw type rivets are used for fastening the holster and wrench keeper to the buckle strap, thus permitting replacement of these attachments as well as conversion of belts from "Right" to "Left" and vice versa.



CUSHION BODY BELT (RIGHT)
Leather

Fig. 1

SECTION 081-720-105

2.02 The Cushion Body Belt is available in seven sizes designated D-18, D-20, D-22, D-24, D-26, D-28, and D-30. The size of the belt is the distance between Dee rings measured in inches as shown in Fig. 1. The weight of the belt ranges from about 4-1/2 pounds for the D-18 size to about 6 pounds for the D-30 size.

2.03 The degree of comfort and satisfactory service a workman obtains from a body belt depends to a large extent on the location of the Dee rings with respect to the prominent portions of the hip bones. Most workmen prefer to have the Dee rings located slightly in front of

the prominent portions of the hip bones. To obtain a properly fitting belt, measure the distance across the back to the desired locations of the Dee rings and order a belt of the size that comes nearest to this dimension.

2.04 If the buckle strap is too long, it may be shortened by cutting off the excess length provided the cut passes through one of the buckle holes. This will ensure a minimum distance, between the last usable hole and the end of the strap, long enough to prevent tearing of the belt by the tongue of the buckle.