

NYLON BODY BELTS INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

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1. INSPECTION ROUTINE

1.01 Each employee on receiving a nylon body belt and at least once a week thereafter should inspect his belt in accordance with Part 2 to detect any faults which might have developed.

1.02 Each employee should assume the responsibility for determining that his body belt is in good condition.

1.03 The supervisor shall inspect body belt periodically.

2. INSPECTION OF BODY BELT

2.01 The belt should be examined to determine the condition of all parts as suggested below. If any of the following conditions are found to exist or if the condition of the belt is such that there is any doubt as to its safety, it should be exchanged at once for one in good condition, in accordance with local routine.

2.02 **Visual Inspection:** The important things to look for are:

(a) The condition of the steel reinforcing plates holding the Dee rings.

(b) The condition of the nylon, especially at the reinforcing plates, to determine whether the nylon is worn or crushed sufficiently to affect its strength.

(c) Loose or broken rivets (particularly those in the loops holding the Dee rings).

(d) Broken or rotted threads in the stitching.

(e) Cuts that would tend to cause the nylon to tear or affect its strength.

(f) Broken or defective buckle.

3. CLEANING

3.01 Tests indicate that creosote is not injurious to nylon. However, because the creosote may stain the workman's clothing, it should be removed from the belt as soon as practicable using a cloth moistened with petroleum spirits.

4. DISPOSITION OF BODY BELTS REQUIRING REPAIRS

4.01 A nylon body belt which has developed a major defect shall be withdrawn from service for repair or junking. Employees in the field shall see that such a belt is returned to the storeroom tagged or marked "Dangerous Do Not Use" and if practicable, the belt shall be marked to show the location of the defect. If the Company has established the practice, an employee remote from the storeroom shall upon instruction from his supervisor, destroy and dispose of a defective belt.