

### Junction Box to 600HP Motor Fasteners

#### Issue

An incident occurred involving a Canrig top drive model TESCO EXI 600 where the cap screws that fasten the high voltage junction box to the 600HP motor came loose or broke off during a period of rough drilling.



Figure 1: Motor junction box showing location of affected cap screws

Fasteners that fail to secure the junction box to the motor can result in two potential hazards – dropped object incident and high voltage arcing.



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Figure 2: Bolts that have come loose or failed, causing the motor junction box to slip on the TESCO EXI-600 Top Drive

# Affected Models

All Canrig Top Drive Systems model TESCO EXI-600 that utilize 5/16" fasteners prior to November 2012, and EXI Top Drives that utilize 3/8" fasteners from November 2012 onwards.

## **Recommended Action**

The following actions must be implemented as soon as practical.

#### **Immediate Correction**

- 1. Open the junction box cover.
- 2. Inspect the motor junction box mounting cap screws and note the size, condition and if any retention methods are in place.
- 3. It will be necessary to replace the 5/16" fasteners as soon as possible. If the fasteners are 5/16" UNC, loosen them slightly then re-tighten using a 3/8" drive torque wrench. Tighten the fasteners to 25 lb-ft, install safety wire on the fasteners and secure the junction box assembly with a safety cable 10281.
- 4. Re-install the junction box cover.
- 5. At the earliest possible service time, perform the permanent correction below.
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Permanent Correction

Once the top drive is properly locked out and brought to a safe working area, perform the following steps to replace the 5/16" fasteners:

- 1. Open the junction box cover and check the size of the fasteners. If they are 5/16" then:
  - a. Remove the 5/16" fasteners.



Note: Check fastener length before ordering.

- b. Drill the clearance holes in the junction box to 25/64" diameter to facilitate the new 3/8" fasteners.
- c. Drill the mounting holes in the motor out with a 5/16" drill bit, and tap the holes using a 3/8" 16 UNC bottoming tap.
- d. Complete the following step.
- 2. If the fasteners were already 3/8" UNC, determine the fastener grade:
  - a. If not Grade 8 or stainless steel, replace them with 3/8" 16 UNC X 1-1/4" Grade 8 drilled head fasteners (Canrig P/N: 5965) with lock washers (Canrig P/N: 1066) and flat washers (Canrig P/N: 10340).
  - b. Apply Loctite<sup>®</sup> 243 (Canrig P/N: 17756) to the fasteners and tighten to 40 ft-lb.
  - c. Apply 0.032" stainless annealed safety wire (Canrig P/N: 2909) on all fasteners.
- 3. Re-install the junction box cover.