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NOTIFICATION

Ride Manufacturer: Eli Bridge Company

Affected Serial Nos: All

Affected Production Dates: All

Ride Names: All BIG ELI® Scrambler®, TMS (Trailer Mounted Scrambler®) and 28' RS Trailer Mounted Scrambler®

Abstract of Issue: Scrambler® Seat Latches, while having proven to be very dependable in keeping the handlebar closed, have two characteristics which customers have found less than ideal and Eli Bridge Company, working with its customers, felt could be improved. They are 1) if the pin on the end of the chain is not replaced in the latch position provided, it will swing from side to side scratching the seat skin when the ride is placed back in motion. 2) Customers who have ridden the Scrambler® have eventually learned that at the end of the ride, they can pull the pin out of the latch and exit the seat on their own, which removed the Operator's ability to prevent them from exiting while the ride is still in motion.

Reason For Release: Eli Bridge Company has developed and tested a new lock/latch device which can be retrofitted on existing Scrambler® seats, using the same rivet holes already present. The new device has a pin that is not on a chain, thus will not scratch the seat skin, and requires multiple motions to release. The handle, which is relatively out of reach of the riders, must be lifted, rotated and lowered to release the secondary latch. This will inhibit riders from releasing the pin themselves and being able to open the handlebar and exiting the seat before the Operator has brought the ride to a full stop.



Action to be taken: If operators would like to install this new type of handlebar lock/latch, just call 217-245-7145 and place an order for Part No. 273 600. The set comes with complete instructions for installation. Adjacent is a picture of the new lock/latch.

The picture shows the mechanism in the locked position ready to allow the ride to start. It unlocks by raising the handle to the open area of the slot then pulling the horizontal handle out perpendicular with the seat and then lowering it until it stops.

To lock the handle, the operator closes the front handlebar, making sure it is in the proper closed position; lifts the handle of the secondary lock/latch up and assures that the rod goes up through the hole in the top bracket until they feel resistance from the spring and then rotate the handle into the opening of the slot. Once fully rotated, the handle is lowered so it rests in the bottom of the slot in the bracket.

You are welcome to call with questions. **Otherwise, no action is required.**