Letter to Distributors

ADVANCE ADJUSTABLE OFFSET DAVIT SYSTEM (USA VERSION) PRODUCT RETROFIT NOTICE

Capital Safety is issuing the attached Product Retrofit Notice regarding the Advanced Adjustable Offset Davit Systems manufactured before January 1, 2016. Capital Safety has determined that DBI-SALA® Advanced Davit systems do not fully meet some of the loads specified for certain davit adjustment positions as represented in the "Instruction for Use" (IFU) manual and product labels. There have been no reported accidents or injuries related to this issue. Capital Safety has reviewed the design of the davit systems, and has revised all systems manufactured after December 1, 2015 to address these issues.

Please note the affected model numbers and mail or fax a copy of the attached Notice directly to your customers who have purchased affected product. The Notice provides instructions on how an end user can obtain a retrofit kit, a copy of the retrofit IFU, a link to a video on how the repair can be completed and contact information if they have any questions or concerns. Alternatively, if you provide us with a list of customers who have purchased affected davits from you, Capital Safety will communicate directly with your customers to facilitate the repair procedure.

Please direct any questions you may have to Tom Ruedy, US Quality Manager, or to Frank Courtemanche, Global Quality Manager.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you, or your customers, and we thank you for your cooperation.

Frank Courtemanche, Global Quality Manager

18 April, 2016

ADVANCED ADJUSTABLE OFFSET DAVIT SYSTEM RETROFIT NOTICE (USA VERSION)

The Advanced Adjustable Offset Davit Systems are designed for manhole and confined space entry/retrieval applications. The davit pivots for ease of rescue and has adjustment for overhead clearance restrictions. These systems allow for a winch, SRL or retrieval SRL to be mounted on the back or front of the mast.

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Capital Safety has reviewed the design of the davit systems, and has revised all systems manufactured after December 1, 2015 to address these issues. The modification to the systems will reduce the specified load ratings and <u>only applies</u> to systems manufactured prior to December 1, 2015. **Note, this is not a product recall.** This modification will be available at no cost to all end users in a Retrofit Kit. This Notice applies to the following OSHA certified systems:

- A. Upper mast with a short reach of 12 to 29 inches including the follow P/N's: 8000031, 8300009, 8518000, 8518001, 8518009, 8518382, 8518383, 8518384, 8518501, 8530001 & 8530420. Retrofit kit # 8515652 applies to these units. (To obtain a copy of the Retrofit Supplemental IFU 5903921, view a video of IFU 5903921, and download the updated system IFU, please scan the bar code or enter this URL into your browser: http://capitalsafety.webdamdb.com/albums.php?albumId=1397119)
- B. Upper Mast with a long reach of 24 to 44 inches including the follow P/N's: 8000024, 8518006, 8518040, 8518385, 8518386, 8518387 & 8518502. Retrofit kit # 8515656 applies to these units. (To obtain a copy of the Retrofit Supplemental IFU 5903931, view a video of IFU5903931, and download the updated system IFU, please scan the bar code or enter this URL into your browser: http://capitalsafety.webdamdb.com/albums.php?albumId=1397120)





End-users: Contact our Customer Service department at 800-328-6146 (prompt #2012) or email <u>ADVDAVITS@capitalsafety.com</u> to request a Retrofit Kit be shipped to you directly free of charge. Please identify which retrofit kit you require based on the length of the upper mast (see A or B above). The Retrofit Supplemental IFUs referenced above set out the procedure for installing the Retrofit Kit. If you have questions or concerns, or if you prefer that Capital Safety or an Approved Capital Safety Repair Center perform the retrofit, please contact Customer Service at 1-800-328-6146 (ext. 2012) or email <u>ADVDAVITS@capitalsafety.com</u>.

Distributors: If you have any Advanced Adjustable Offset Davit Systems in stock that were manufactured <u>prior to Dec. 1, 2015</u>, you should return the davits to Capital Safety for the retrofit. Contact our Customer Service department at 800-328-6146 (ext. 2012) or email <u>ADVDAVITS@capitalsafety.com</u> to obtain a "QA" number to return the unit to Capital Safety.

Capital Safety will post this Notice on its website at www.capitalsafety.com. Please direct any additional questions you may have to Craig Firl, North American Technical Service Manager, at 1-800-328-6146 ext. 6221, or you can email your inquiry directly to ADVDAVITS@capitalsafety.com.

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