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BUREAU OF RIDE & MEASUREMENT STANDARDS
AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY DIVISION**

TO: Owners, Inspectors, and interested parties of Yo-Yo Rides manufactured by Chance

FROM: Joseph G. Filoromo, supervisor

SUBJECT: Yo-Yo Incident in California

DATE: May 20, 2008

By now you are probably aware of an incident that occurred last Friday night in California where a Yo-Yo Ride seems to have dropped its sweeps, injuring approximately 18 persons.

The incident investigation is not complete and a conclusion may not be available for some time. In an effort to prevent a re-occurrence of this incident while we await a definite conclusion, we have considered all of the possibilities given the limited information that is available so far.

Given the operating history of the Chance Yo-Yo, inspection experience, and accounts in news articles regarding the California incident we feel that the ride involved in that incident may not have met manufacturer’s specifications including but not necessarily limited to inspection requirements and assembly. The attached statement from Chance Ride Manufacturing seems to come to the same assumption.

Therefore, it is recommended that owners and inspectors carefully review the following statement from Chance and the required bulletins that follow.

Again, this is a pro-active measure pending final results of the investigation we will notify you if there is new information.

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California May 16, 2008 Yo-Yo Incident

Whereas investigation into this incident is still taking place, there is evidence that the ride involved in this incident did not meet manufacturer specifications. Chance again stresses the need for owners of Yo-Yo amusement ride to follow all published manufacturer's specifications found in the ride manual, service bulletins, and the Chance Field Inspection Guide. Particular care must be taken in following all requirements as set forth in Chance service bulletin numbers B376R1077-0 and B376CRM146-A.

The Yo-Yo amusement ride is a safe design and can be operated safely as long as it is maintained per the manufacturer's specifications.



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SERVICE BULLETIN

Ride Manufacturer: CHANCE RIDES, INC.

Affected Production Dates: All

Ride Name: YO YO

Affected Serial Nos.: All Units

Model No.: 376

Abstract of Issue:

Sweep Lift Cylinder Bearing Inspection

Reason For Release:

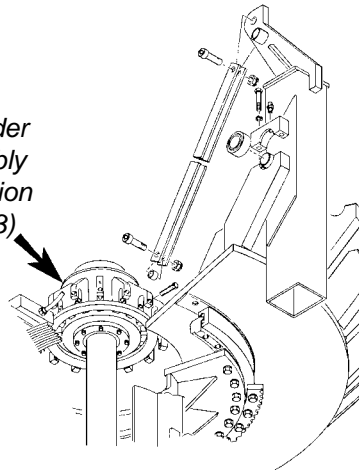
Service bulletin B376CRM146-0 is superseded by this bulletin and is no longer in effect.

The sweeps on the YO YO connect to the sweep lift cylinder bearing assembly through the sweep links (the sweep lift cylinder bearing assembly is sometimes referred to as the “spider”). The bearing assembly is secured to the sweep lift cylinder rod by two lock nuts, and further secured by LocTite® and a bearing lock washer. If the sweep lift cylinder bearing assembly comes loose from the cylinder rod, the sweeps will lower, which can result in personal injury to the passengers.

The design of this area has not changed in over 35 years of production. To date, 95 YO YO amusement rides have been built using this design. Chance Rides Manufacturing, Inc. believes that this time-proven design is sound and the ride is safe if all aspects of the design are maintained per the manufacturer’s specification.

The sweep lift cylinder bearing assembly and its connection to the sweep lift cylinder must be periodically inspected to ensure that the parts are functioning properly and that the connection is secure.

*Sweep lift cylinder bearing assembly
(See cross-section view on page 3)*



This service bulletin defines the procedure for inspection of the sweep lift cylinder bearing assembly and its connection to the sweep lift cylinder.



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Action to be Taken:

All owner/operators of YO YO amusement rides are required to inspect the sweep cylinder bearing assembly immediately upon receipt of this bulletin. The inspection procedure is provided on the following pages of this bulletin.

This inspection must be performed immediately upon receipt of this bulletin, then annually thereafter.

IF ANY VARIATIONS FROM THE CONDITIONS DESCRIBED IN THIS BULLETIN ARE FOUND, do not operate the ride. Contact the Customer Service Department at Chance Rides Manufacturing, Inc. immediately for instructions on the necessary repair procedure. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REPAIR THESE COMPONENTS EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED BY CHANCE RIDES MANUFACTURING, INC.**

IF THE CONDITION AND INSTALLATION OF THE SWEEP LIFT CYLINDER BEARING COMPONENTS ARE AS DESCRIBED, the ride can be operated normally.

All work must be performed by qualified personnel, capable of understanding the function of the parts and their proper installation. Use only those components authorized, specified or provided by Chance Rides Manufacturing, Inc. All applicable OSHA safety standards and safe industry practices must be observed.

Observe all safety information contained in the manufacturer's manuals. Make available this bulletin and all related technical information to personnel using the equipment.

Chance Rides Manufacturing, Inc. issues notifications for the benefit of owners of amusement rides manufactured by Chance Rides Manufacturing, Inc. As a service to the industry, and in the interest of employee and public safety, Chance Rides Manufacturing, Inc. also issues notifications for the benefit of owners of amusement ride equipment for which the manufacturer no longer exists, such as the Allan Herschell Company, Chance Manufacturing Co., Inc., Chance Rides, Inc., etc. In doing so, Chance Rides Manufacturing, Inc. does not assume liability for losses associated with amusement ride equipment built by manufacturers other than Chance Rides Manufacturing, Inc.



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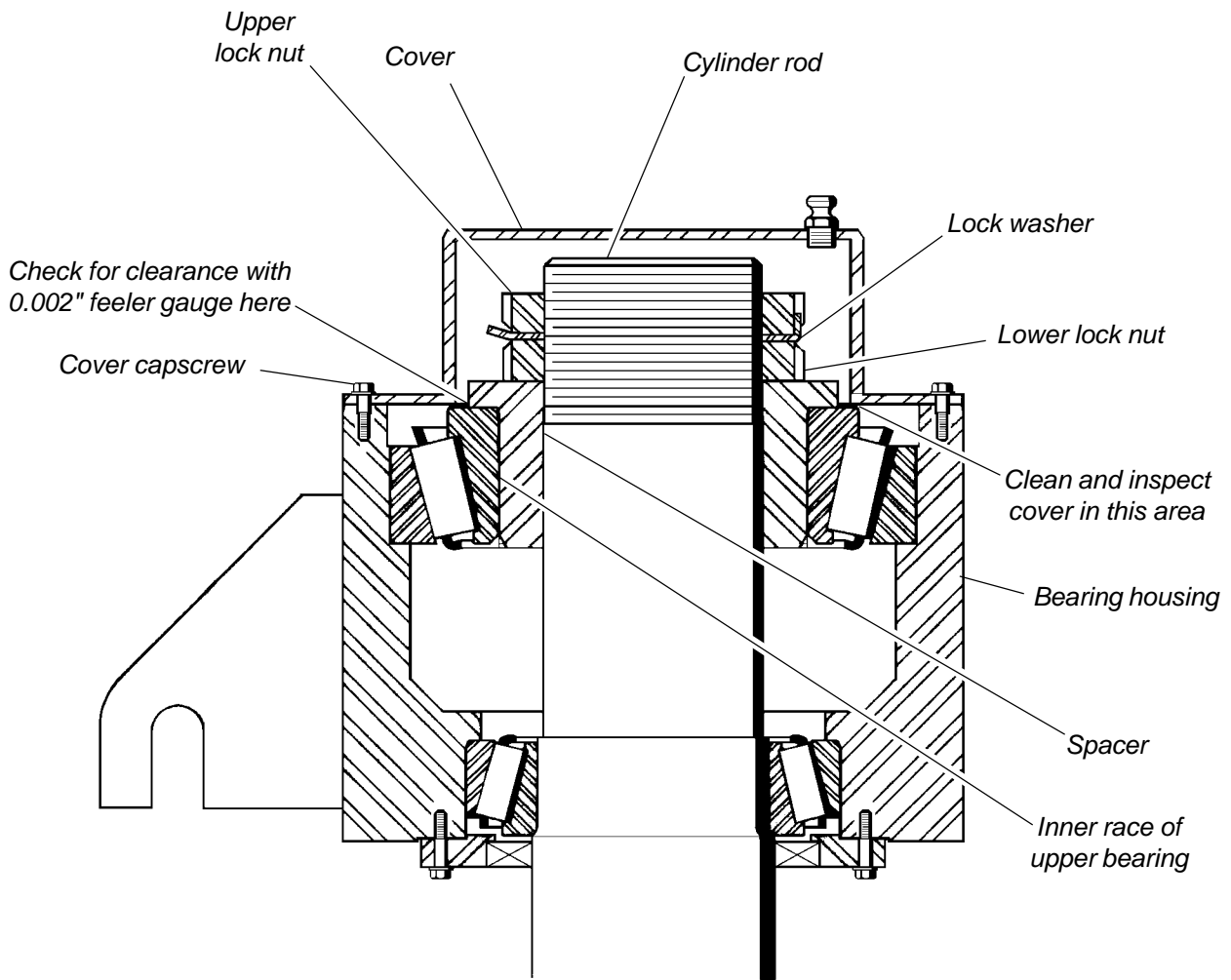
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Detail of Issue (continued):



**Cross-Section of
Sweep Lift Cylinder Bearing Assembly**



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Detail of Issue (continued):

Inspection Procedure - Sweep Lift Cylinder Bearing Assembly

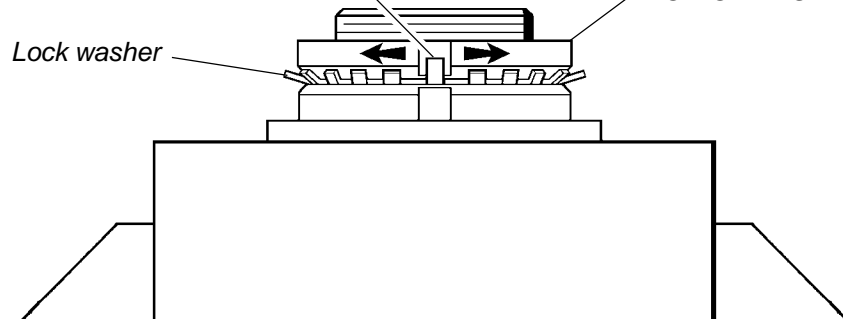
1. Remove the eight (8) capscrews which secure the cover to the bearing housing. Remove the cover.
2. Thoroughly clean cover in the area indicated in the illustration on page 3. Inspect the area for signs of wear, scratches, or other damage. If there is no sign of damage to the cover, proceed to the next step.
4. Clean the grease off of the cylinder rod and lock nuts to gain access to these parts for inspection.
5. Measure the cylinder rod protruding past the upper lock nut as shown on page 3. There must be 1/8" to 1/4" of the cylinder rod protruding past the upper lock nut (approximately 3 full threads). If this measurement is correct, proceed to the next step.
6. Check the upper lock nut for tightness as follows:
 - Do not bend the tab on the lock washer out of the slot in the upper lock nut.
 - Use a spanner wrench to turn the lock nut slightly in each direction. Do not use more than 50 ft-lbs. of force or the lock washer tab can be damaged.
 - Observe the slot with the bent lock washer tab for movement of the nut.

If there is no movement of the lock nut, proceed to the next step.

**DO NOT BEND LOCK WASHER TAB
OUT OF SLOT IN UPPER LOCK NUT.**

*Look for movement of lock nut in relation
to bent tab on lock washer*

*Use a spanner wrench to turn
upper lock nut both directions.
DO NOT EXCEED 50 FT. LBS.*





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7. With the assistance of two helpers to MANUALLY rotate the sweeps as instructed in the Operation Manual. Observe the components from above while the ride is turning.



CAUTION: Movement of the ride while inspecting the sweep lift cylinder bearing assembly can cause loss of balance, which can result in personal injury. Use OSHA approved devices to secure the person to the ride structure until the inspection is completed.

DO NOT TURN THE RIDE BY ANY MEANS OTHER THAN MANUAL ROTATION FOR THIS PROCEDURE.

- The inner race of the upper bearing must remain stationary in relation to the cylinder rod.
- The spacer must remain stationary in relation to the cylinder rod
- Listen for any unusual noises from the bearing. Look for any unusual movement of any component.

8. Stop turning the ride. Use a 0.002" feeler gauge to look for clearance between the spacer and the inner race of the upper bearing as shown. Check this around the entire circumference of the spacer. There should be zero clearance at all locations.

9. Apply silicone sealant to the flange on the cover and install it. Tighten the cover capscrews to 5-6 ft-lbs.

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