

Safety Alert No. 330
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Stop Use of MSA Gravity® Welder Harnesses

BSEE received a [Safety Notice](#) sent out by MSA to immediately stop use of affected MSA Gravity Welder Harnesses produced from July 2015 through and including January 2018. The notice further stated that the harnesses are to be removed from service, marked “UNUSABLE” and destroyed.

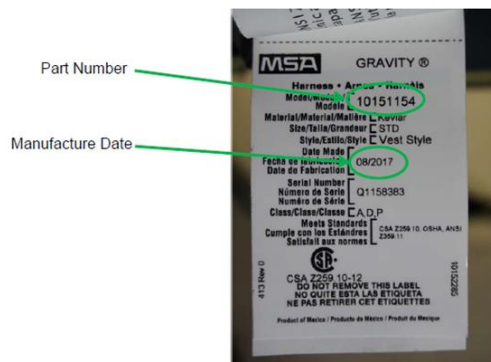


Figure 1

An affected MSA Gravity Harness will have no buckle on the shoulder straps and an oval ring where the shoulder straps connect to the leg straps.

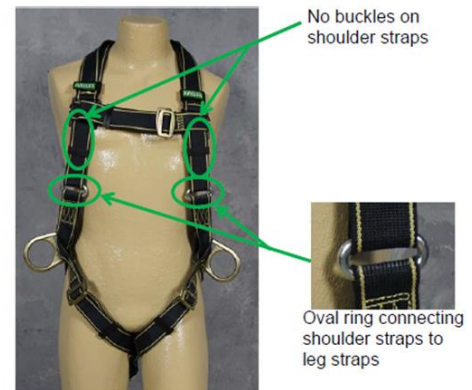


Figure 2

The affected MSA Gravity Welder Harnesses are those marked with one of the following part numbers and a manufacturing date from July 2015 through and including January 2018.

- 10151154
- 10158954
- 10158956
- 10158957

Due to the potential widespread existence of this equipment on the Outer Continental Shelf and the potential consequences, BSEE recommends that operators consider the following options:

- Review this Safety Alert and inspect all harnesses at your facilities.
- To determine if your harnesses are affected:
 - Check the label on the harness for the part number and manufacture date to determine if they meet the criteria above. (See Figure 1)
 - If the part number is illegible, refer to Figure 2 to determine whether or not your harness is subject to the stop use notice.
 - If the part number matches the list above, but the manufacturing date is illegible, consider your harness to be affected by this Safety Alert. (Per manufacture’s guidance).
- If your harness is affected, remove it from service, mark it “UNUSABLE” and destroy it.
- If you have additional questions, please contact MSA Customer Services at 1-866-672-0005 or by email at ProductSafetyNotices@MSAsafety.com.

A **Safety Alert** is a tool used by BSEE to inform the offshore oil and gas industry of the circumstances surrounding an accident or near miss. It also contains recommendations that should help prevent the recurrence of such an incident on the Outer Continental Shelf.