

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

During a log truck trailer lift, the trailer loader hoist cable broke causing the trailer to drop two feet and hit the ground. The cable broke during the start of the lift and did not result in any injury.

The trailer hoist had a third-party annual inspection performed only six weeks prior to the incident, and no deficiencies were communicated by the 3rd party inspector. The inspection report was submitted two days following the incident and several deficiencies were identified, including damage to the wire rope.



SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS

Ensure crane inspections results are reviewed immediately and before the 3rd party inspector leaves the site so that deficiencies can be addressed in a timely manner.

1. Ensure daily inspections are performed and documented by trained personnel on trailer loader hoists. Deficiencies must be communicated to Supervisor/Manager without delay and the equipment locked/tagged out.
2. Establish a cable replacement frequency and incorporate in preventative maintenance schedule.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Ensure crane inspections deficiencies are reviewed immediately and prior to the inspector leaving the site so deficiencies can be addressed in a timely manner.

