

Line Laser, SCB, Safety Minute

LINE LASERS

Line lasers, will operate properly and consistently spray a quality line when properly maintained. Time spent on the job cleaning and repairing poorly maintained Line Lasers is time wasted.

Before leaving for the job Line Lasers are to be started and checked to make sure they work properly. Tool boxes are to be checked to make sure they have all the necessary parts and must return with tips and tools cleaned and organized. The tips and filters for laser liners are very costly and should not be treated as throw away parts. All buckets of paint and flush must have the lid in place so that material does not splash out. The paint bucket on the unit should return empty.

Line Lasers and tool boxes are to be returned clean and fully functional for the next shift.

Following simple maintenance procedures will result in a high level of quality and performance.

SCB OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

Proper operation and maintenance of an SCB is important for safety, productivity and quality. At the end of a shift an SCB operator must:

- 1) Run the pulse system for at least 15 minutes before shutting the unit off
- 2) Dump debris and clean the filters
- 3) Complete and turn in the SCB Operators report.

During operation, SCB operators are required to monitor dust discharge from the blower exhaust. The presence of dust discharge from the blower exhaust is an indicator that dust filters need to be cleaned or replaced.

To determine if you have a bad dust filter

Watch indicator lights and blower exhaust while the machine is in operation. If a puff of dust follows an indicator light, or dust is being continuously discharged from the air exhaust the filters need to be cleaned or replaced.



TOOL TALK SAFETY MINUTE TOPICS

- **COVID-19** – To protect yourself and others maintain 6’ Social Distance. Wear a mask when social distancing is not possible. Coronavirus cases vary by county throughout Michigan. You can view Michigan county-level COVID-19 data [HERE](#) .

- **Night Work** – Required PPE include Class 3 safety garments, personal night lighting and leggings. Wear all three required PPE when working at night.

- **Hard Hats** - Company policy requires wearing hard hats when working in coning pockets and when working as a traffic regulator during flagging/pilot car operations. Wearing a hard hat reduces the risk of injury when working from a cone pocket. MDOT flagger specification require wearing a hard hat when working as a traffic regulator.

- **Situational Awareness** – Know where you are at in relation to traffic and other hazards at all times. Heads up, position yourself where you have an escape route. Work facing traffic. Never assume motorists are paying attention. Expect the unexpected.

- **Wex Cards** – Wex cards are used for payment after fueling up. Wex cards are on the truck key chain. Do not remove Wex Cards from the key chain as they are likely to be lost when removed. Too many Wex cards are reported lost and, on average, 30 Wex cards are lost each season. Replacing Wex cards is time consuming and costly.



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