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Dear Ted:

Re: XL & CXT Hoist Couplings

The KCI hoist series hoist was first introduced to North America in 1991. Over the years KCI has installed many of these industrial hoist units in the field. The CXT hoist series introduced in 2000 is now the replacement hoist for the XL hoist series.

A very important aspect of the XL/CXT hoist is the hoist motor coupler. The coupling must be checked after 2 years use in Fem group 2m or higher (CMAA class D) and after 4 years in Fem groups 1Am and 1Bm (CMAA class C and B). If the coupling is worn it should be changed immediately and checked again according to the time interval above. A coupling failure during a lift can mean load drop!

This is by no means a warranty issue ie: a defect in these couplings. It is due diligence to ensure the coupling is inspected for worn teeth, cracks, deformations, and fit. It is our recommendation that the coupling be replaced during a planned inspection of the coupling.

Please ensure that your METS users are informed of this issue.

Sincerely

Don Knowles
General Manager, Eastern Region