

## GUIDE

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### Extra

Date: July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Topic: Hypress Tool Failure - Manufactured by Reliable Tool



### Incident Discussion:

On Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, LMA was transferring conductors from an old pole to a new pole that Verizon had recently set. The LMA had installed a set of double dead end arms and was proceeding to measure and tighten the DA bolts when the Reliable hydraulic tool ruptured. This hypress tool was connected to the tool circuit and was lying on the bucket floor ready to be used by the mechanic. When the intensifier of the tool ruptured, hydraulic oil sprayed upward from the bucket floor and engulfed the LMA with oil, some of which went under his safety glasses and into his eyes. The LMA called down for help to another LMA at the work site and requested him to lower him to the ground. LMA on ground proceeded to override the upper controls and brought the affected LMA to the ground.

The LMA was taken to a local treatment facility and was treated for the hydraulic fluid in his eyes. He was treated, released, and allowed to return to work.

### Action Required:

**Effective immediately**, all Reliable **Model #REL-LP-1.5** hydraulic tools shall be taken out of service until this investigation is complete. This tool is in the hands of Brian Tribbett at our Roanoke Repair Shop,

who with Reliable Electric, is looking into what caused this incident to occur.