



## TECHNICAL BULLETIN: TB15-03

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Pro Series/Reese Select Series 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel: Service and Inspection Recommendation

### Heavy Duty Towing

#### Pro Series / Reese Select 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel

16K Pro Series  
20K Pro Series  
16K Reese Select

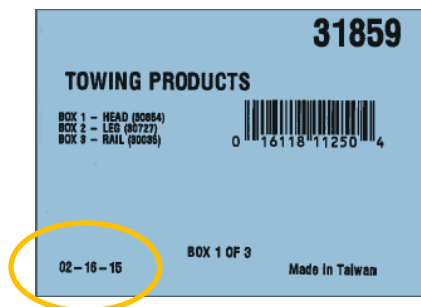
**Background:** The upper handle C-clip may have been incorrectly installed to the handle during production. At low speeds, if a sequence of multipoint failure events occurs, the King Pin may become unlatched.

### Service and Inspection

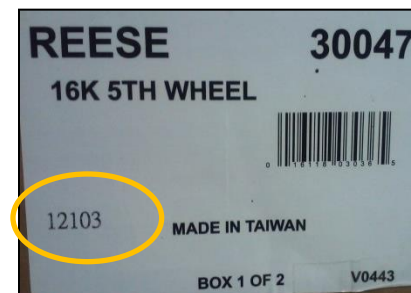
**Inspection of Units in the original packaging:** 16K Pro Series, 20K Pro Series and 16K Reese Select

- Inspection from a new packaged unit in a box: Only units with package dates between January 1, 2012 to August 15, 2014 are suspect. If suspect units are found, please perform the inspection described on Page 3 and Page 4.

#### Identification of Package Dates:



Date Code: Month-Date-Year  
Example Feb 16, 2015



Date Code: YR/DDD  
Example: 12103 = April 13, 2012





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**Inspection of Units in the field:** 16K Pro Series, 20K Pro Series and 16K Reese Select

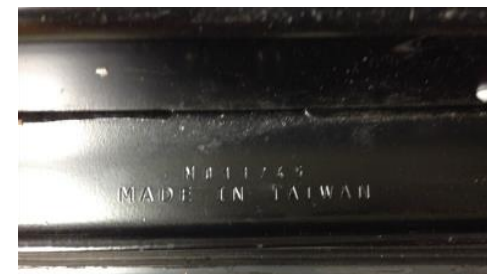
A. Units with MFG build date 2012 thru 2014 are suspect if they have:

- MFG Date Codes between M011201 – M011431

( Example 1201 is first week of Jan 2012)

AND

- The C-clip design shown here



B. Units with MFG Date codes M011200 – M011431 are **OK** if they have either:

- A green dot or blue paint mark on the head assembly

OR

- The updated C-clip design



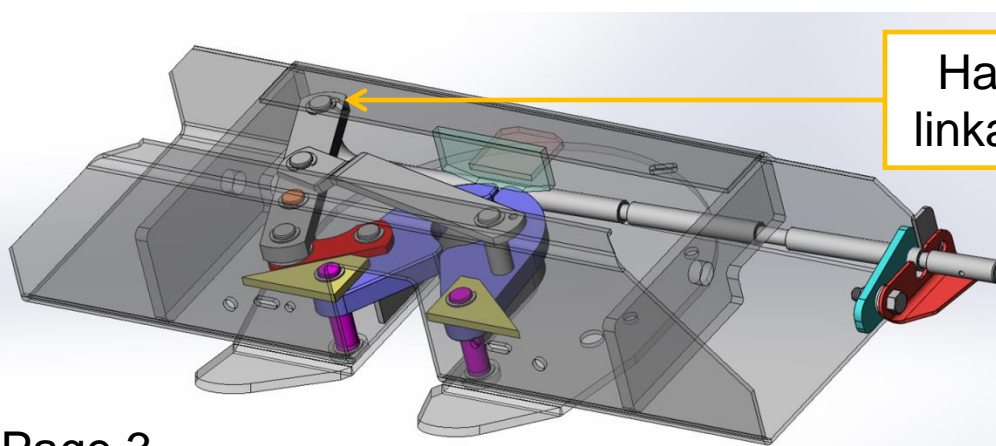
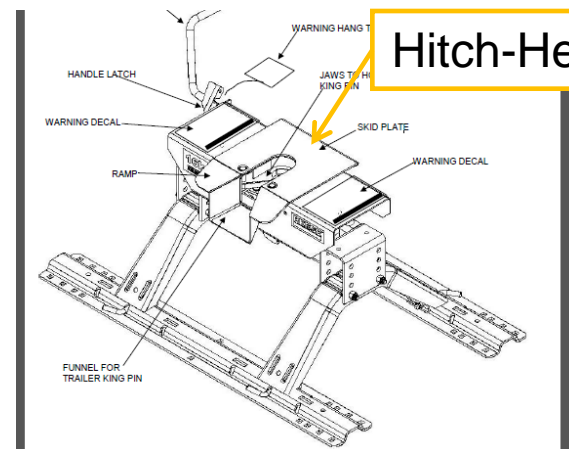


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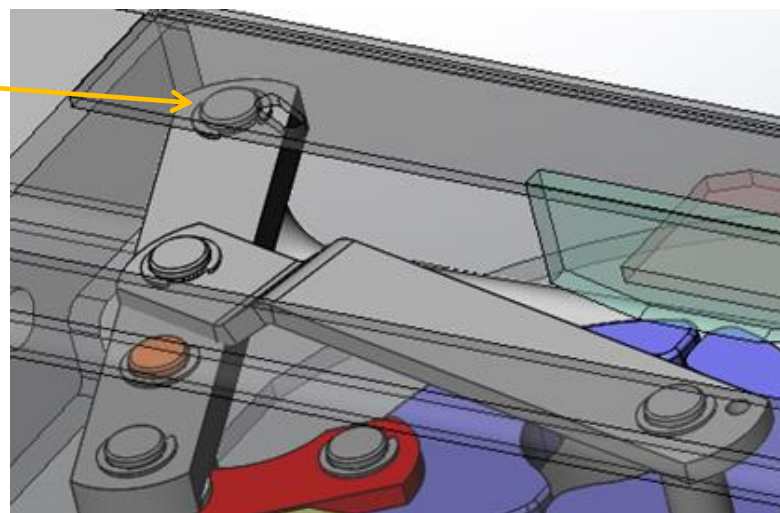
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- A. Remove the 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel Hitch – Head
- B. Lay on workbench upside down
- C. Inspect C-Clip to see if it is installed correctly at the handle to linkage joint (see page 4). *If installed correctly: the C-Clip will be at the prescribed location and will rotate by hand or screw driver force.*
- D. If the C-Clip is missing or not installed correctly, contact Reese (ph. 800.632.3290) for service kit 58526. Disconnect handle as identified below and install replacement C-Clip. **Warning: do not use or sell prior to replacing C-Clip!**
- E. Service Kit: C-Clips will have colored paint dot on clips.



Handle to  
linkage joint





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### Criteria for a correctly installed C-Clip:

#### A. C-Clip wings are in the groove



C-Clip Wings

#### B. C-Clip base is in the groove



C-Clip Base

#### C. Secondary verification:

Confirm that C-Clip rotates by hand or screw driver force.

