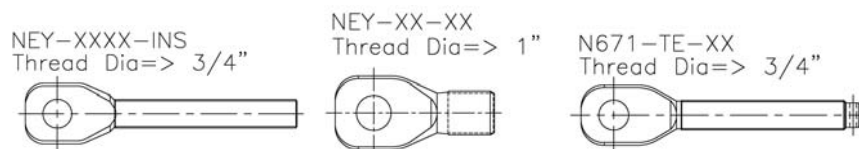


Norseman Gibb Service Notice 9 January 2012

Norseman Gibb Large Diameter Marine Eyes with Smaller Edge Radius Fabricated from 2101LDX Alloy Material Affected Norseman Gibb Parts – Eyes with Thread Sizes 3/4" or Larger



Parts or assemblies containing the above where "X" is any letter or number
(Go to www.navtec.net for more information)

Time Period

Components manufactured between January 2007 and November 2011

Background

In mid 2007, Navtec began using 2101LDX alloy as an alternate to 316SS for the fabrication of some Navtec rigging components. Since 2007, either the 316SS or the 2101LDX alloy may have been used in the fabrication of the parts subject to this notice.

In the fall of 2011, Navtec was notified of three large diameter Norseman Gibb marine eyes fabricated from 2101LDX alloy that had displayed cracking between the inner diameter of the eye and the top of the eye. These eyes had apparently only been in service for a period of one to two years but had been subjected to heavy use.

Although these damaged parts represent only a very small percentage of parts in service, this notice is requiring the following actions to identify any potential safety concerns.

Actions Required

- Immediately inspect all large diameter Norseman Gibb marine eyes listed above for signs of cracking or other damage and replace any components displaying damage with new 316SS eyes from Navtec or an authorized Navtec distributor. Please return any damaged parts to Navtec or an authorized Navtec distributor for credit using the attached Record of Returned Parts. Components fabricated from 2101LDX alloy can be easily identified because 2101LDX is firmly magnetic but components fabricated from 316SS are not.

Additional information

It is important to note that, to date, no complete failures of the marine eye components, or other rigging damage or failures have been reported.

NOTE: The safe operating life of sailboat rigging is determined largely by the level of use and severity of operating conditions. Any rigging that is subjected to heavy use and high operating loads should receive an enhanced level of periodic inspection and maintenance. Ultimately the responsibility for the safe operation, inspection and maintenance of the rigging rests with the master of the vessel.

2101LDX has never been used to fabricate swage eyes.

If you have questions regarding this notice contact John Harsh, Navtec General Manager at 203-458-6200 or jharsh@lewmarr.com

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Record of Returned Items

Returning Party

Name _____

Company/Vessel _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Returned Parts

| Part Number | Description | Qty |
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Please return by UPS Ground or USPS to:
Lewmar Inc. – Returned Product
351 New Whitfield St.
Guilford, CT 06437
USA

Please fax or email a copy of this form upon shipment and include a copy with the shipment
Fax: 203-458-9291 Email: sales@navtec.net

Lewmar/Navtec will credit for product and shipping upon receipt

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