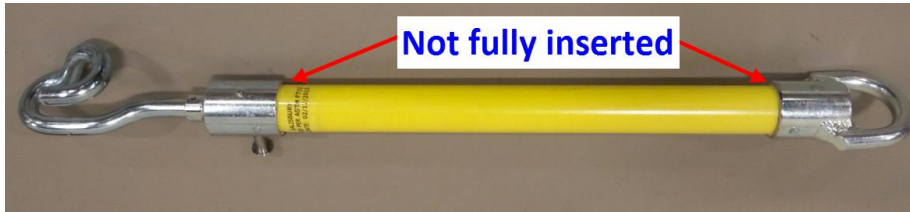
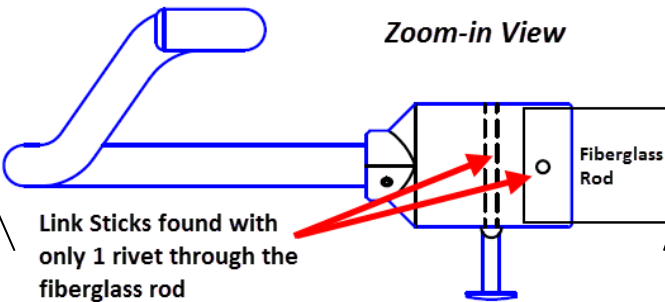


Insulating Link Stick: Salisbury / Safety Line



The purpose of this Critical Product News Flash is to advise the field on an issue related to “**ALL**” **Salisbury Insulating Link Sticks**. These tools are key to employee and public safety and are used between energized conductors and any rigging points that may be at a different electrical potential.

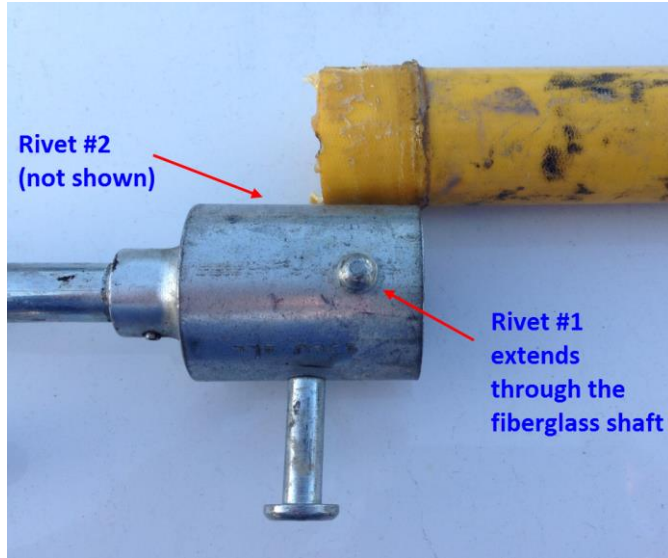
Product Code	Manufacturer	Product Description
M205278 & M013792 (and ALL other size/length Salisbury Link Sticks)	Salisbury/ Safety Line/ White Safety Line	Insulating Link Stick with Pigtail and Pulling Eye (various overall lengths, various lengths between ferrules)

Who is impacted?	All Electric Operations employees who perform work on energized equipment.
What happened?	<p>A recent near-hit and submitted MPR shows this product is at risk of failing at a critical location, identified to be the ferrule separating from the fiberglass shaft. The problem is attributed to the fiberglass shaft not being fully inserted into the ferrules thus resulting in failure from a lack of engagement by the steel rivets used to connect the ferrules to the fiberglass. This can dramatically decrease the working load limit. Same tool comparisons have shown noticeable differences in overall length, which does not allow the end-user to accurately distinguish a good tool versus a bad tool.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pic 1 (example overview)</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Zoom-in View</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Link Sticks found with only 1 rivet through the fiberglass rod</p>



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Pic 2 (detailed view of actual failed link stick)



Pic 3 (comparison view)



Pic 4 (examples of other link sticks)





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What you need to know:

The investigation into the recent near-hit has revealed inconsistencies in Salisbury's assembly process leading to variations in the end product. **Effective immediately "ALL" existing Salisbury Link Sticks are no longer approved for use and must be purged from the system.** Moving forward Salisbury will be working to improve their link stick assembly and quality control practices with the objective of providing back to PG&E replacement link sticks, free of charge, for each link stick sent in.

In the interim, if replacement link sticks are needed, the alternate tools are listed below. These products are manufactured by Hastings and are available to order through SRM, S&S Tools Catalog:



Pic 5 (PG&E Code 205276)



Pic 6 (PG&E Code 13792)



Pic 7 (PG&E Code HAS3480)



Pic 8 (PG&E Code 205274)



Pic 9 (PG&E Code 205277)

Note: "Hot Rope" can also be used as an alternate tool as well.



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Next steps:

Actions Required:

- Ensure a completely filled out MPR Information Tag (M62-0460) is attached to each and every Link Stick. Include the location each tool was sent in the "Remarks" section of the MPR Tag. MPR Tags can be purchased through SRM via the OneSource Catalog.



- Send all product to the following location:

Supplies & Solutions (S&S)
ATTN: Charles Fromm
2700 Maxwell Way
Fairfield, CA 94534

Field Supervisors and Field Personnel:

- You are accountable to ensure that your stocking areas, tool rooms, and crew trucks are inspected and that any Salisbury Link Sticks found are removed from service.
- All of the purged products found must be properly tagged and sent to the address shown above.
- Please expedite the removal of the affected product as indicated above. Below is a link that will guide you on how to process the Purge.
- When you receive the SAP Purge Notification through Outlook refer to the job aid: [Job Aid: How to Access and Process a Purge](#).
- Certify the purge is complete by entering the identified quantities for each of your yards in the SAP Purge Notification System.
- Select the "Save" icon and then the "Close Task" referenced in the job aid to certify that all of your locations have completed the purge for the affected product.

Date of completion for this Purge is 4/8/15.

Refer to Purge Notification # 20000018715.



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