

Smashed Truck Cab

RECENTLY A TRUCK DRIVER JEOPARDIZED HIMSELF BY TIPPING OVER THIS SEPARATOR ONTO HIS TRUCK. THE POINT OF ATTACHMENT GAVE WAY AND HIS RIGGING SMASHED THE CAB OF HIS TRUCK.



THE PROBLEM WAS IN THE POINT OF ATTACHMENT. THE SWAMPER WRAPPED THE LOAD CHAIN AROUND THE CENTER BRACE (4" WELDED PIPE) AND LET THE CONNECTION SLIDE UP TO THE TOP SKID BAR.

THE EFFECT OF THE LINE BREAKING FREE UNDER TENSION WAS TO SLINGSHOT THE GIN POLES AND THE RIGGING OVER ONTO THE CAB OF THE TRUCK.



THE WELD ON THE CENTER BRACE BROKE LOOSE WHICH CAUSED THE LINE TO BREAK FREE. THE BRACE APPEARED TO BREAK FREE FROM THE WELD.



OBVIOUSLY THE CENTER BRACE IS NOT A GOOD STRESS POINT FOR MOVING THIS HEAVY SEPARATOR. EQUIPMENT THIS LARGE SHOULD ONLY BE MOVED BY CRANE OR A SAFER METHOD USED.