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INTERIM STOP-USE SAFETY NOTICE

Issued to holders and users of lifting equipment manufactured and supplied by Fluid Industries Plumbing

Notice number	[FIP-IUSSN-2026-001]
Date of issue	6/ 10/ 2026
Status of notice	INTERIM — a further notice will follow
Issued by	Fluid Industries Plumbing Pty Ltd, [ABN 41 164 779 524]
Responsible officer	Stephen Walker
Direct contact	[07 41221533] · [info@fluidindustries.com.au]
Response required by	[30.10.2026]

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED — STOP USING THIS EQUIPMENT NOW

If you hold, use, hire out or have on-sold any of the equipment identified in Section 2 of this notice, you must remove it from any **Lifting** service/function immediately and not use it for any **lifting** purpose, until Fluid Industries Plumbing issues a further written notice.

This instruction applies to every unit in your possession or control, regardless of its apparent condition, age or service history.

Definition:

A Lifting device as defined in the Australian Standard 4991-2004, is “Lifting device that can be fitted directly or indirectly to a hook or any other coupling device on a crane, hoist or winch”.

A reference to “lifting” in this Notice includes the use of a lifting device to support, grip, carry, suspend or otherwise handle a load during lifting operations.

1. Who this notice is for

This notice is issued to every person and business that Fluid Industries Plumbing records as having purchased, been supplied with, or taken possession of the **Lifting** / assembly equipment identified in Section 2.

If you have received this notice and do not hold any of the equipment described, please tell us using the acknowledgement form at the back so we can close you off our register.

If you have supplied, hired, loaned or otherwise passed any of this equipment to another party, you must pass this notice on to them. See Section 6.

2. Equipment affected by this notice

This notice applies to the following items manufactured and supplied by Fluid Industries:

Item description	Model / part no.	Marking on item	Batch / serial range	Supplied between
Lifting clamp / vice clamp tank lifter	A112	[SWL 65Kg]	-	2007-2026
Assembly Straps	A120.1-9	[SWL 250Kg]		2007-2026
Ratchet Buckle	A122	[SWL 250Kg]	-	2007-2026
Rotating buckle / tank rotator	A124 & A126	[SWL 280Kg]	-	2007-2026
Rotating Buckle Belt Clip	A124-1	[SWL 280Kg]	-	2007-2026

*Photographs of each affected item are attached at **Annexure A**. If you are unsure whether an item you hold is covered by this notice, treat it as covered and contact us before using it.*

3. What you must do now

1. **Stop using the equipment for Lifting immediately.** Do not use any affected item for **Lifting**, suspending, supporting or restraining any load.
2. **Remove it from Lifting service and tag it.** Attach an out-of-service tag to each item. A tag you can print and use, is provided at the back of this notice.
3. **Quarantine it.** Store the tagged items in a segregated location where they cannot be picked up and used by mistake for **Lifting**.
4. **Tell your workers and anyone else who uses the equipment.** Include contractors, labour hire and site visitors who may have access to it, that the **Lifting** function of the equipment must not be used.
5. **Do not repair, modify, re-test, re-mark or re-rate the equipment.** Doing so may destroy evidence we need for the assessment.
6. **Do not scrap or dispose of it.** We may need to inspect items from the field.
7. **Complete and return the acknowledgement form** at the back of this notice by **[30.10.2026]**.
8. **You may continue to use the equipment for ASSEMBLY purposes only, that Do Not involve any lifting function as defined in page 1 of this notice.**

4. Why we are issuing this notice

Fluid Industries Plumbing has recently had the certification records that support the Lifting Safe Working Load (SWL) ratings marked on the equipment listed in Section 2 reviewed by an independent Testing and Certification body.

That review has established the original test certificates issued by a prior independent testing body in respect of the Safe Working Load for the affected equipment cannot be verified. .

We want to be clear about what this does and does not mean. **It does not mean that we have found the equipment to be defective, or that any item has failed.** It means that the independent verification which should support the marked **Lifting** rating cannot presently be confirmed, and we are not prepared to leave equipment in **Lifting** service on a rating we cannot verify.

5. Has any of this equipment failed?

No failures have been reported

Fluid Industries Plumbing has received no report of any failure, incident, injury or near-miss involving any of the affected equipment at any time since manufacture and supply of these items commenced approximately twenty years ago.

This notice is precautionary. It arises from a review of certification records, not from any reported failure in service.

6. If you have passed this equipment on to others

If you have sold, hired, loaned, transferred or otherwise supplied any affected item to another person or business, you must:

- forward a copy of this notice to them without delay; and
- tell us who they are, using the acknowledgement form, so we can contact them directly.

7. Information we need back from you

Please complete the acknowledgement form at the back of this notice and return it by the response date. We need:

- confirmation that you have received this notice and taken the equipment out of Lifting service;
- the number of each affected item you hold, and the markings on them;
- where the equipment is located; and
- details of anyone you have supplied the equipment to.

8. What happens next

Fluid Industries Plumbing has commenced a new program to establish verified Safe Working Load ratings for the affected equipment through a properly documented certification process. We expect to be in a position to write to you again with an update by **[30.11.2026]**.

We will write to you again when the position is resolved. Until you receive that further written notice from us, the equipment must remain out of Lifting service.

We recognise that this is disruptive and we are sorry for the inconvenience it causes you. We would rather cause you that inconvenience than leave equipment in service on a rating we cannot verify at this time.

9. Your own duties

If you use this equipment at a workplace, you have duties of your own under work health and safety law in relation to plant you provide to workers, including duties to ensure that plant is without risks to health and safety so far as is reasonably practicable, and to provide the information, training and supervision necessary to protect people from risk.

Reliance should not be placed on this notice or any accompanying documentation where specific technical, engineering, operational or legal advice is required for a particular lifting activity. Any person who is uncertain about the condition, suitability, capacity, operation, compliance or safe use of this equipment should seek independent professional advice from a suitably qualified engineer, lifting specialist or other competent person before use.

Fluid Industries Plumbing does not warrant that this equipment is suitable for every application or operating environment. Users must satisfy themselves that the equipment is fit for the intended purpose and can be used safely.

10. Contact

If you have any question about this notice or about whether an item you hold is affected, contact us before doing anything with it:

Contact	Stephen Walker
Phone	07 41221533
Mobile	
Email	info@fluidindustrie.scom.au
Hours	8:00am – 5:00pm AEST, Monday to Friday

Issued for and on behalf of Fluid Industries Plumbing

Stephen Walker
Director
Fluid Industries Plumbing P/L

Date

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RESPONSE FORM

Return by **21.10.2026** to info@fluidindustries.com.au or **Fluid Industries Plumbing, 60 iindah Rd, Maryborough, 4650, QLD.**

Interim Stop-Use Safety Notice No. **FIP-IUSSN-2026-001**. Please complete every section.

A. Your details

Business / organisation	
Contact name and position	
Phone	
Email	
Site address where equipment is held	

B. Confirmation

Please confirm	YES	NO
I have received the Interim Stop-Use Safety Notice.		
I hold one or more of the affected items.		
All affected items have been removed from Lifting service, tagged and quarantined from Lifting services.		
Everyone who uses this equipment at my workplace has been told.		
I have supplied affected items to other parties (give details in Section D).		
I am aware of an incident, failure or near-miss involving this equipment (give details in Section E).		

C. Equipment held

Item	Qty held	SWL marked on item	date acquired
Lifting clamp / vice clamp tank lifter		[SWL 65Kg]	
Assembly Straps		[SWL 250Kg]	
Ratchet Buckle		[SWL 250Kg]	
Rotating buckle / tank rotator		[SWL 280Kg]	
1 Rotating Buckle Belt Clip		[SWL 280Kg]	

D. Parties you have on supplied this equipment to

Business / person	Contact details	Items and quantity

Signature and name

Date

OUT-OF-SERVICE TAG

Print, cut out and attach one tag to each affected item.

DO NOT USE

EQUIPMENT WITHDRAWN FROM LIFTING SERVICE

This item is subject to an Interim Stop-Use Safety Notice issued by Fluid Industries Plumbing P/l. It must not be used for any **Lifting** purpose until a further written notice is issued.

Notice No. **FIP-IUSSN-2026-001** Date tagged: ____ / ____ / ____

Tagged by: _____

Enquiries:

Annexure A — Photographs of affected equipment