



Green Alert / Incident Summary

{New Metabo Near Miss}

Date of Incident: 5/02/2011

Incident Location: Duck Creek Power Station

Jobs at Hand: Set-up of new Metabo 6 inch Angle Grinder

Pre-Incident Conditions: A contractor superintendent was in the process of setting up a new Metabo angle grinder for his employees to use at the Duck Creek Power Station.

The Incident: When a contractor superintendent was in the process of setting up a new Metabo angle grinder for his employees to use, the grinder head came apart as he was installing the guard due to the four bolts that were missing from factory. Please see pictures on second page.

Incident Cause:

1. New Metabo out of the box was missing four bolts that were to secure the grinder head.

Contributing Causes:

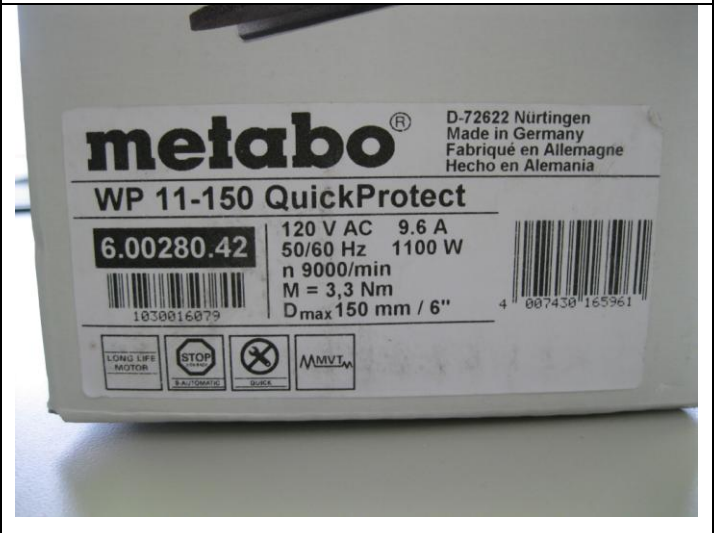
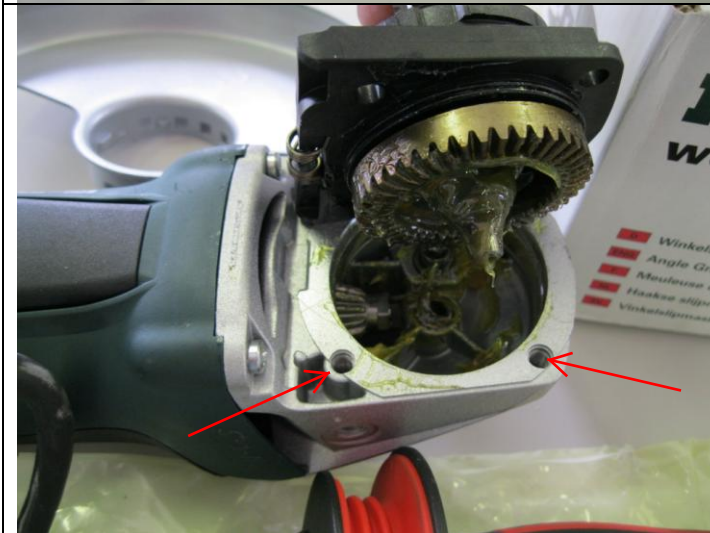
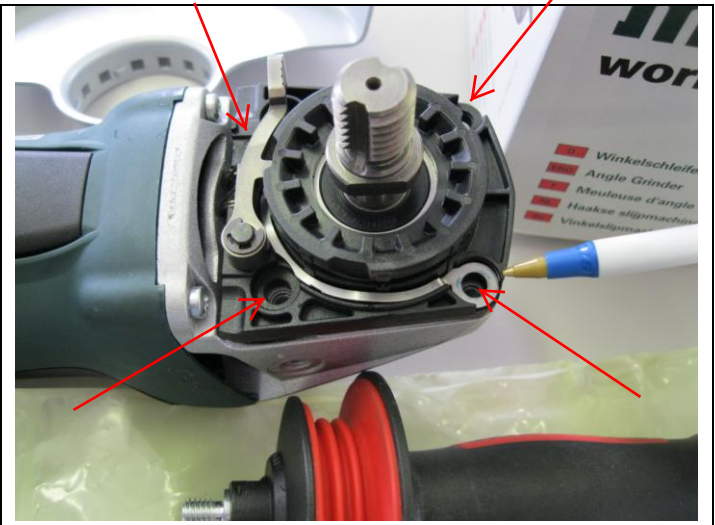
1. Contractor noticed the missing bolts while assembling the new Metabo.

Recommendations to Prevent This Incident:

1. Reemphasize to our employees and contractors to always inspect equipment/tools prior to use even if new.
2. Employees should not rely on equipment to be ready for use upon receipt. Always inspect equipment for missing parts and hardware prior to assembly and use.

Lessons Learned:

1. Don't rely on manufacture's quality control or other users for your own safety. Always inspect equipment/tools prior to use!



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