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# maintenance management order

**SUBJECT:** PM Guidelines for Towveyor (Takeaway), **DATE:** July 29, 1998

Type H (Linkbelt)

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	Online Change Record											
Change #	Date	Description of Change										
2	4/21/2022	Attachment 2, corrected skill level 4, no longer in use, to level 7.										
1 5/15/2013 This bulletin has been updated to reflect changes to the Attachment												
		1 Summary. The times have been updated to reflect accurate rollup										
		times using the standard two decimal place rounding.										

This Maintenance Management Order (MMO) provides Preventive Maintenance (PM) guidelines for Towveyor (Takeaway), Type H (Linkbelt) and supersedes Maintenance Checklist BO74.

The minimum maintenance skill level to perform each task on the various checklists is included in the Minimum Skill Level column. This does not preclude higher level employees from performing any of this work.

#### WARNING

Various products which require Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) may be utilized during the performance of the procedures in this bulletin. Ensure the current MSDS for each product used is on file and available by all employees. When reordering such a product, it is suggested that a current MSDS be requested.

The workhours represented in this MMO reflect the maximum workhours required to maintain the equipment. Given local conditions, management may modify task frequencies.

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Attachments: 1. Summary of Revised Workload Estimate

2. Towveyor (Takeaway), Type H (Link Belt) Master Checklist

#### **ATTACHMENT 1**

#### -SUMMARY-

#### **REVISED WORKLOAD ESTIMATE**

#### **FOR**

#### **TOWVEYOR (TAKEAWAY), TYPE H (LINKBELT)**

Routine Servicing (hrs/yr)	Repair* (hrs/yr)	Total Servicing & Repair Time (hrs/yr)	Nonproductive Time ** (hrs/yr)	Total Servicing Per Machine (hrs/yr)
20.08	6.02	26.1	2.61	28.71

<sup>\*</sup> Repair estimates based on 30% of servicing.

#### TIME TOTALS

Monthly Time Total:	1.16 Hrs. ***
Quarterly Time Total:	0.98 Hrs. ***
Semi-Annual Time Total:	0.20 Hrs. ***
Bi-Annual Time Total:	1.25 Hrs. ***

#### **NOTE**

The time shown does not allow for multiple assemblies on any equipment. Should multiple assemblies exist, the time must be modified at the local level to account for those occurrences. Other unique site conditions that requires additional time are to be addressed at the local level.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Based on 10% of total servicing and repair.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These times are provided for data entry for the MARS System.

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#### **ATTACHMENT 2**

#### TOWVEYOR (TAKEAWAY), TYPE H (LINKBELT) MASTER CHECKLIST

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The "Part or Component" column for each step on the Master Checklist provides a "Frequency Code" designation followed by a letter or series of letters. These letters correspond to the frequency codes as published in MS-63 and specify the frequency for which that instruction (step) must be performed. These frequency codes are in compliance with NMICS superseding route structure. The possible frequencies and their codes are given in the table below:

Table 2-1. MS-63 (NMICS) Frequency-Codes

CODE	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	DESCRIPTION
Α	ANNUAL	Once every 13 APs.
В	BI-WEEKLY	Once every 2 weeks
С	BI-MONTHLY	Once every 2 APs.
D	DAILY	Once a day; 7 days a week.
E	DAILY	Once a day; 6 days a week.
F	DAILY	Once a day; 5 days a week.
G	DAILY	Once a day; 4 days a week.
Н	DAILY	Once a day; 3 days a week.
J	SEMI-WEEKLY	2 days a week.
K	BI-ANNUAL	Once every 2 years.
L	TRI-ANNUAL	Once every 3 years.
M	MONTHLY	Once every AP.
N	QUAD-ANNUAL	Once every 4 years.
Р	QUINT-ANNUAL	Once every 5 years.
Q	QUARTERLY	4 times every 13 APs.
S	SEMI-ANNUAL	Twice every 13 AP.
T	TOURLY	3 times a day; 7 days a week.
U	TOURLY	Twice a day; 7 days a week.
V	TOURLY	3 times a day; 6 days a week.
W	WEEKLY	Once a week.
Χ	TOURLY	Twice a day; 6 days a week.
Υ	TOURLY	3 times a day; 5 days a week.
Z	TOURLY	Twice a day; 5 days a week.

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Part or Component	Item No.	Task Statement and Instruction (Comply with all current safety precautions)	Est. Time Req'd	Min. Skill Level
STATEMENT Frequency Code: -M-Q-SK		Disconnect power and activate lockouts as appropriate while working on this equipment. Where air pressure is required for cleaning, use a low air pressure (30 psi or less) air source. Eye protection (goggles or face shield) must be used when utilizing compressed air for cleaning. Check to ensure all employees are clear of the machine. Report safety deficiencies to your supervisor immediately upon detection.	min	
AA-1 Frequency Code: -M-Q-S	2.	CHECK FOR MAIL Look for loose mail while performing activities.	2.5 min	7
CH-1 TOWPIN Frequency	3.	<b>CHECK MOTOR DRIVE AMMETER</b> With equipment operating, check motor drive ammeter in the MPS. If reading exceeds normal by 10%, flow a thin stream of GL-1 around entire track.	1 min per 20 ft.	7

### WARNING

Eye protection (goggles or face shield) must be worn when using compressed air, steam, or a high pressure cleaner/washer device for cleaning.

CH-1 TOWPIN	4.	CLEAN	CHAIN	1 min/	7
CHAIN		1.	Clean chain with steam or high pressu	-	
			cleaner/washer device. Run chain at least or		
Frequency			(1) complete cycle.		
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CH-1 5. **LUBRICATE CHAIN. -** Pour oil slowly over chain for two 7 0.22 TOWPIN (2) complete turns. min/ 10ft. CHAIN Frequency Code: -M-Q-S----SYSTEM POWER DOWN AND LOCKOUT POWER. - Power 7 6. 1 down the equipment and lockout its electrical power as min Frequency prescribed by the procedures contained in, or locally developed in accordance with, the current Maintenance Code: Management Order (MMO) providing lockout/restore -M-Q-S----K procedures. **REMOVE COVER PLATES. -** Remove cover plates. Frequency 7. 20 7

Erect barricades around open pits.

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Discard solvent soaked materials according to local procedures to prevent spontaneous combustion.

### WARNING

Eye protection (goggles or face shield) must be worn when using compressed air for cleaning.

AT-1 TRACK Frequency Code:Q-S	8.	<ul> <li>CLEAN AND LUBRICATE ROLLER TURNS Clean and lubricate roller turns as follows:</li> <li>1. Clean dirt and foreign material from roller turns.</li> <li>2. Clean with solvent and blow dry.</li> <li>3. Lubricate with GR-2.</li> </ul>	10 min	7
Frequency Code: Q-S	9.	<b>CHECK ROLLERS</b> Check rollers for wear, gouging, and roll wobble. Check mounting bolts.	2 min	7
Frequency 10. Code: Q-S		CLEAN AND CHECK SPROCKET TURN Clean and check sprocket turn as follows:  1. Remove dirt and foreign material from sprocket turn.	10 min	7

2. Check for wear and alignment.

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Task Statement and Instruction

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AT-1 TRACK (Cont.)	11.	LUBRICATE SPROCKET TURN, BEARING EXTERIOR AND FITTINGS With disconnect locked out, perform the following:	5 min	7
Code:		<ol> <li>Wipe off sprocket turn, bearing exterior, and lubricating fittings.</li> </ol>		
		<ol><li>Using a hand grease gun, apply one (1) shot of GR-2.</li></ol>		
		3. Wipe off excess.		
Frequency Code: Q-S	12.	<b>CHECK CHAIN.</b> - Check chain for bent, cracked, or excessively worn links.	1 min/ 10 ft.	7
Frequency Code: Q-S	13.	<b>CHECK SPRING TAKE-UP SPROCKET</b> Check spring take-up sprocket as follows:	3 min	7
Q-3		<ol> <li>Check spring take-up sprocket for wear and alignment.</li> </ol>		
		<ol> <li>Check to see if spring length exceeds 22 inches. See page IV-11 of O &amp; M Manual for the adjustment procedures for chain tension.</li> </ol>		
Frequency	14.	LUBRICATE TAKE-UP SPROCKET BEARING Using	1	7

a hand grease gun and needle adapter, apply two (2)

shots of GR-2 to take-up sprocket bearing.

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CS-1 CONTAINER SENSOR SWITCHES	15.	<b>CLEAN PIT, SWITCH HOUSING, AND ACTUATOR ARM</b> Clean pit, switch housing, and actuator as follows:	3 min	7
		<ol> <li>Clean dirt and accumulated material from pit.</li> </ol>		
Frequency Code: Q-S		<ol><li>Clean switch housing and actuator arm with solvent.</li></ol>		
Frequency Code: Q-S	16.	<b>CHECK SWITCH MOUNTING</b> Check switch mounting and for freedom of movement in direction of chain travel.	1 min	7
DA-2 SPROCKET DRIVE ASSY	17.	<b>CHECK MOTOR AND REDUCER HOUSING</b> Check motor and reducer housing for evidence of lubrication leakage.	5 min	7
Frequency Code: -M-Q-S				
Frequency Code: -M-Q-S	18.	CLEAN AND CHECK MOTOR AND REDUCER EXTERIOR Clean and check motor and reducer exterior as follows:	2 min	7
		Remove dust and foreign material from motor and reducer exterior.		

- and reducer exterior.
- 2. Check to make sure vent holes are not plugged.

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DA-2 SPROCKET DRIVE ASSY	19.	<b>CHECK OIL LEVEL</b> With unit warm from running, check oil level in reducer. Refill, if required, to proper level with GL-7.	2 min	7
Frequency Code: -M-Q-S				
Frequency Code: K	20.	<b>CLEAN AND DRAIN REDUCER.</b> - With disconnect locked out and with unit warm from running, perform the following:	20 min	7
		1. Clean air vent.		
		2. Drain reducer by removing drain plug.		
		3. Replace drain plug.		
		4. Refill to proper level with GL-7.		
Frequency Code: S	21.	LUBRICATE REDUCER OUTPUT SHAFT BEARING Lubricate reducer output shaft bearing as follows:	1 min/ Drive	7
		<ol> <li>Remove relief plug from reducer output shaft bearing.</li> </ol>	Diive	
		2. Apply GR-2 until fresh lubricant appears at plug.		
		WARNING		
		Be cautious when working around or on equipment when power has been applied.		
SYSTEM	22.	RESTORE EQUIPMENT TO SERVICE Restore equipment to service as prescribed by the procedures	3 min	All
Frequency Code: S		contained in, or locally developed in accordance with, the current Maintenance Management Order (MMO) providing lockout/restore procedures.		
DA-2	23.	LUBRICATE SHAFT BEARING Run one (1) minute.	1	7

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SYSTEM Frequency Code: S	24.	<b>POWER DOWN AND LOCKOUT POWER</b> Power down the equipment and lockout its electrical power as prescribed by the procedures contained in, or locally developed in accordance with, the current Maintenance Management Order (MMO) providing lockout/restore procedures.	1 min	7
DA-2 SPROCKET DRIVE ASSY (Cont.)	25.	<b>REPLACE RELIEF PLUG</b> Replace reducer output shaft bearing relief plug. Wipe off excess lubricant.	1 min	7
Frequency Code: S				
Frequency Code: Q-S	26.	CHECK V-BELTS AND SHEAVES Check V-belts and sheaves for wear and alignment.	1 min	7
Frequency Code: Q-S	27.	CLEAN AND CHECK V-BELTS AND SHEAVES Clean and check V-belts and sheaves as follows:	1 min	7
Q-0		1. Clean foreign material from belts and sheaves		

- Clean foreign material from belts and sheaves by wiping with clean rags.
- 2. Check sheave set screws and belt tension.

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	DA-2 SPROCKET DRIVE ASSY	28.	CHECK AND CLEAN SPROCKET Check and clean sprocket as follows:	5 min	7		
	(Cont.) Frequency		<ol> <li>Check sprocket for wear and alignment. Wrench test set screws.</li> </ol>				
	Code: Q-S		2. Clean sprocket with solvent and rags.				
	Frequency Code:	29.	<b>CLEAN DRIVE PIT</b> Clean all dirt and foreign material from drive pit.	10 min	7		

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## WARNING

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DS-1 30. CLEAN AND CHECK SWITCH HOUSING. - Clean and 4 7 Check switch housing as follows: min TRACK
SWITCH 1. Clean switch housing using solvent and rags.

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2. Check operation of unlatching switching blade.

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Part or Component	Item No.	Task Statement and Instruction (Comply with all current safety precautions)	Est. Time Req'd	Min. Skill Level
DS-1 DIVERGING TRACK SWITCH	31.	CLEAN TRACK SWITCH PITS Remove dirt and accumulated debris from track switch pits	3 min	7
Frequency Code: Q-S				
Frequency Code: Q-S	32.	<b>CLEAN SOLENOID HOUSING PLUNGER ROD, AND LINKAGE.</b> - Clean solenoid housing, plunger rod and linkage using solvent and rags.	1 min	7
Frequency Code: Q-S	33.	<b>CHECK PLUNGER ROD</b> Check plunger rod for free movement. Check solenoid mount and switch blade.	1 min	7
Frequency Code: Q-S	34.	<b>LUBRICATE LINKAGE AND PIVOT POINTS</b> Lightly lubricate all linkage and pivot points on solenoid and blade assembly with HY-1.	2 min	7
AT-1 TRACK Frequency Code: -M-Q-S	35.	CHECK TRACK Check entire length of track for loose wear strips	1 min/ 50 ft.	7
ZZ-1 ROUTE COMPLETION	36.	REPLACE COVER PLATES Replace all cover plates	20 min	7
Frequency Code: -M-Q-SK				
CLEAN-UP	37.	<b>CLEAN- UP</b> Ensure all tools, lubricants, rags, etc., are removed from the work area. Report all deficiencies to	3 min	All
Frequency Code: -M-Q-SK		your supervisor.		

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# Be cautious when working around or on equipment when power has been applied.

SYSTEM Frequency Code: -M-Q-SK	38.	<b>RESTORE EQUIPMENT TO SERVICE.</b> - Restore equipment to service as prescribed by the procedures contained in, or locally developed in accordance with, the current Maintenance Management Order (MMO) providing lockout/restore procedures.	3 min	All
START-UP	39.	<b>START-UP.</b> - Perform normal start-up procedures as follows:	5 min	All
Frequency Code:		Start or preset equipment.		

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- 2. Check for proper operation.
- 3. Report all deficiencies to your supervisor in order to initiate any necessary work orders to make necessary repairs, or to remove excessive debris.