



# *Recall Notice*

## **Important Safety Notice**

### **NPK RECALLS HAMMER TOP BRACKETS CONFIGURED FOR S-SERIES QUICK COUPLERS (ALSO RECOGNIZED AS BADGER HAMMER CAPS FOR VOLVO EXCAVATORS)**

Walton Hills, Ohio- NPK Construction Equipment, Inc., manufacturer, assembler, importer, exporter and distributor of attachments for the construction, demolition and mining industries, has been recently informed by its designer and manufacturer of the NPK Hammer Top Brackets Configured For S-Series Quick Couplers (also recognized as Badger Hammer Caps for Volvo Excavators), Paladin-Heavy Construction Group of Ooltewah, TN, that all use of the NPK S-Series Quick Couplers should be discontinued immediately due to an engineering study of field failures which concluded that the couplers do not have adequate material on the rear hook to withstand the side load forces generated by the base machine and amplified by the length of the hammer (i.e. when the operator pushes material sideways instead of hammering it). **YOU ARE HEREBY OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE ALL USE OF THE NPK HAMMER TOP BRACKETS CONFIGURED FOR S-SERIES QUICK COUPLERS (ALSO RECOGNIZED AS BADGER HAMMER/CRUSHER CAPS FOR VOLVO EXCAVATORS).**

**Name of Product:** NPK Hammer Top Brackets Configured For S-Series Quick Couplers (also recognized as Badger Hammer Caps for Volvo Excavators)

**Units:** About 60 distributed by NPK

**Distributor:** NPK Construction Equipment, Inc. of Walton Hills, Ohio, U.S.A

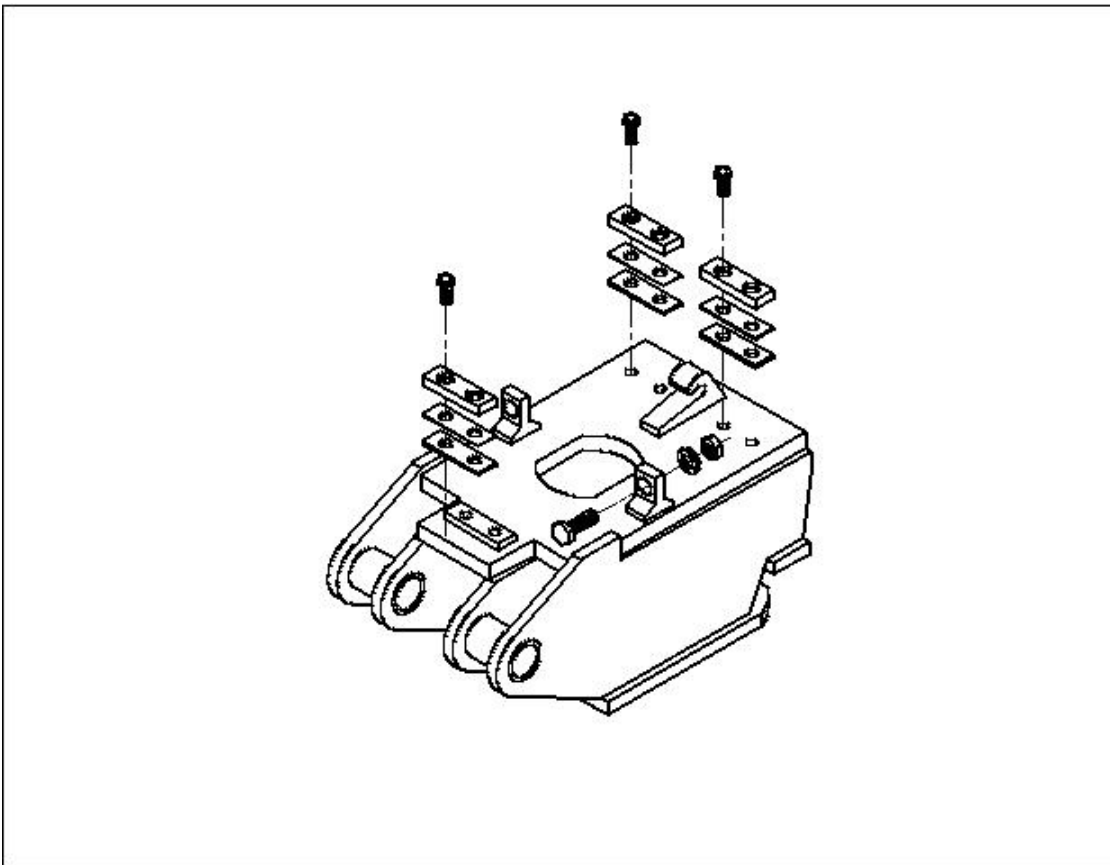
**Designer and Manufacturer:** Paladin-Heavy Construction Group of Ooltewah, Tennessee, U.S.A

**Hazard:** A few of the S-Series Quick Couplers (Hammer Top Brackets/Caps) have failed during use unexpectedly releasing the hammer. The unexpected release of the hammer, which weighs thousands of pounds, poses a risk of serious injury or death to persons and a risk of significant damage to property.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Three incidents of failures by the S-Series Quick Couplers (Hammer Top Brackets/Caps; also recognized as Badger Hammer Caps for Volvo Excavators) resulting in the unexpected release of the hammer have been reported. No injuries to persons or damage to property has been reported.

**Description:**

- S1 Hammer/Crusher Caps
- S2 Hammer/Crusher Caps
- S3 Hammer/Crusher Caps



(Note: S-Style top brackets for compactor applications are not being recalled.)

**Remedy:** Immediately cease all use of the S-Series Quick Couplers (Hammer Top Brackets/Caps; also recognized as Badger Hammer Caps for Volvo Excavators). Please contact the NPK Recall Contact person listed with any questions. **NPK Recall Contact: Mike Rzeszotarski 800-225-4379, [miker@npkce.com](mailto:miker@npkce.com)**

**Pass On This Important Safety Notice:** Please be sure to pass this information on to all sales or service departments that come into contact with the recalled S-Series Quick Couplers and all end-users or persons in possession of the recalled S-Series Quick Couplers. NPK will assist you, so please do not hesitate to inform the NPK Recall Contact of any person or company that you believe should receive a copy of this Notice.

\*This recall does not constitute an admission by NPK Construction Equipment, Inc. or Paladin Heavy Construction that either reportable information or a substantial product hazard exists or existed at the time of the manufacture, sale or distribution of the recalled S-Series Quick Couplers.