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# SPECIAL MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTION NO. RDSO/2021/EL/SMI/0330, Rev. '0' Date:07.07.2022

- Title: Special maintenance instruction for Mounting/dismounting of spheriblocs on components used in three phase Electric Locomotives.
- 2. Brief History: As per ABB drawings, three types of Spheriblocs are fitted on axle guide rod & Torque Arm in WAG9/WAP7 Locos and on Gearcase Suspenssion arm, axle guide rod, Traction Motor support arm and Traction motor in WAP5 locos. While overhauling, Spheriblocs are to be taken out from the above components as per respective Maintenance & Repair Manual. During mounting of Spheriblocs in the above components eye, proper alignment is required for its better performance.



Generally most of the Zonal Railways are mounting spheribloc in components eye manually by press machine without any zig/fixture due to which there is possibility of poor alignment of spheribloc to the component. This may cause failure of spheribloc.

Zonal Railways had also expressed that the design of Zig/fixture is required to achieve better alignment of spheribloc to the components on fitment.

During meeting held at RDSO on 21.08.2019 on reliability issues of spheribloc, it was pointed out that ELS/TKD has already developed fixture for fitment/removal of spheriblocs used in WAG9/WAP7 Electric locomotives. RDSO has visited ELS/TKD to study the design details of the same. During visit a demonstration of fitment/removal of spheribloc on torque arm & axle guide link was observed and working of fixture has been found satisfactory. This fixture works automatically by a power pack of 70ton.

- Object: Objective of this SMI is to standarize zig/fixture of Spheribloc to ensure proper mounting/dismounting of spheriblocs on components eye which improve reliability of the Spheriblocs.
- 4. Procedure for Dismounting/Mounting of Spheriblocs on fixture:

Fixture with power pack (oil circulating pump) of 70t and accessories of fixture are shown in Fig-1, 2 & 3.





Guide plate slot for alignment

Hole for fitment/rem oval of torque arm spheribloc

Hole for fittment/removal of axle guide link spheribloc

Fig1: Fixture



Pressure gauge

Operating liver

Fig2: Power Pack (oil circulating pump)

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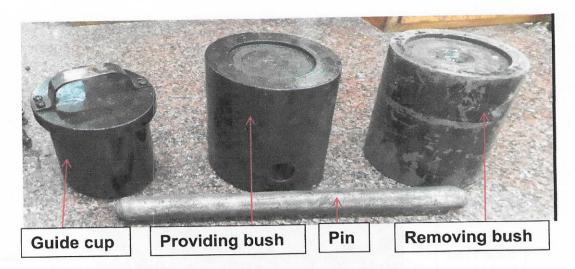


Fig3: Accessories for fixture

## A. Dismounting of Spheribloc:

- Position the component fitted with spheribloc on respected hole made on the fixture.
- ii. Ensure that spheribloc collar is on hole by touching with hand from bellow side.
- iii. Position removing bush above the spheribloc, ensuring contact around the entire perimeter of the spheribloc collar.
- iv. Apply suitable pressure by operating power pack liver until the spheribloc removed.
- vi. Repeat the procedure for the other spheribloc

## B. Mounting of Spheribloc:

- i. Position the component fitted with spheribloc on respected hole made on the fixture.
- ii. Support the other end of component by position the guide cup in eye. If other end of component is fitted with spheribloc, no positioning of guide cup is required.
- iii. In case of axle guide link it should be placed on respected hole such that face of the axle guide link may parallel to the face of fixture.
- iv. Position the spheribloc on the eye of component, align the center line of the cross-pin bolt hole by inserting a pin through spheribloc cross-pin bolt hole to guide plate slot built on fixture.



- v. Position providing cup above the spheribloc, ensuring contact around the entire perimeter of the spheribloc collar.
- vi. Ensure the spheribloc is square with the component eye.
- vii. Insert pin through hole made in providing cup to guide plate
- viii. Apply suitable pressure on providing cup by operating power pack lever to press the spheribloc into the eye.
- ix. Repeat the procedure for the other spheribloc.

### C. Precautions:

During fitment/removal process on fixture following precautions should be ensured.

- i. Remove any burrs or scratches from the spheribloc collar and the eyes as necessary.
- ii. Apply a thin film of machine oil, or other suitable lubricant, to the spheribloc collar.
- iii. If there is no movement in spheribloc after applying initial pressure, please check position of spheribloc on hole.
- 5. Application to Class of Locomotive: WAP5/WAP7/WAG9.
- 6. Agency of Implementation: All sheds holding WAP5/WAP7/WAG9 Locomotives.
- 7. Periodicity of Implementation: Every overhauling schedules.
- 8. **Reference:** 39<sup>th</sup> MSG held at ELS/AQ on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Oct '2019 and MoM of dated 21.08.2019 issued vide RDSO letter of even no. dated 26.08.2019.

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