

STEL Ironman Tie /Gauge Bar Failure

It has been brought to our attention that there has been a failure of an STEL Iron Man Tie/Gauge Bar failure. This happened during operations at London Bridge during the blockade

The weld holding fixing plate to the tie bar has failed and in turn de-stabilises the Ironman with the potential for collapse or de-rail. Early indications suggest that the weld has not fully taken hence a weakness and the failure. This equipment was supplied new at the beginning of December 2015

Sonic Rail Services Ltd (SRS) have been in contact with the manufacturer of this particular Iron Man and they in turn have quarantined their stock until such times as an understanding as to why the failure occurred can be established.

SRS in turn have quarantined their STEL Ironmen until further notice

It is strongly recommend that robust inspection regimes are undertaken prior to use of any Iron Man and all associated component parts and in particular the Tie/Gauge Bar

At present this only affects the STEL Model IM1500.



IT IS SUGGESTED THAT STOCK IS CHECKED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY