

CI Initiatives in Emergency Preparedness and Transportation



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The Chlorine Institute

- Technical trade association focused on improving industry safety and security performance through technical guidance and regulatory advocacy since 1924
- Membership (195) – Primarily North American chlorine producers, distributors, users, and suppliers to the industry

The Chlorine Institute

- Products of focus:

- **Chlorine**
- Caustic (sodium hydroxide and potassium hydroxide)
- **Hydrochloric acid**
- Bleach (sodium hypochlorite)
- Anhydrous hydrogen chloride

- Areas of focus:

- Health, Environment, Safety and Security (fixed facility)
- Customer Stewardship
- **Emergency Preparedness**
- **Transportation**

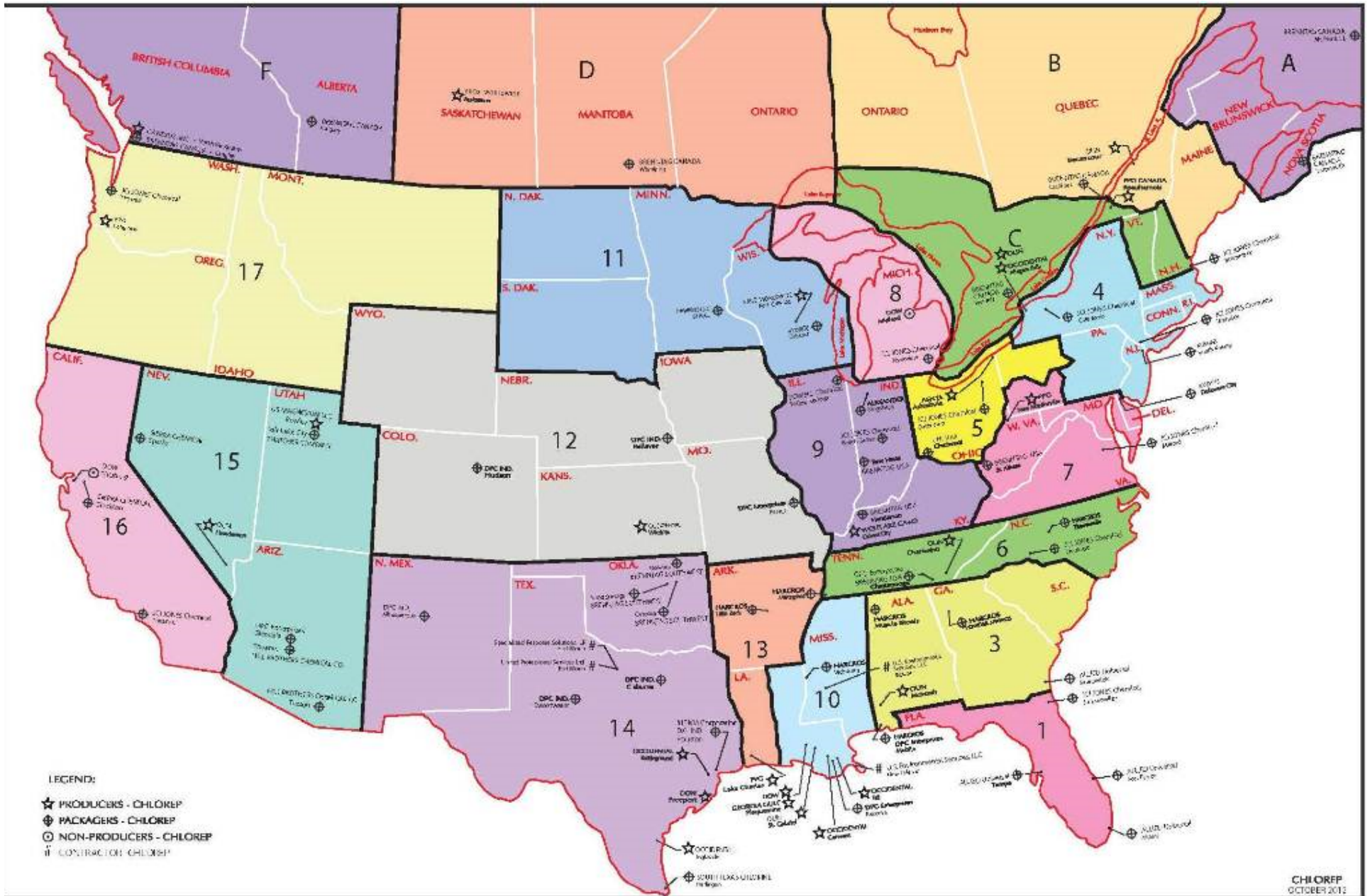
CI EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING & OUTREACH

Emergency Preparedness

- Objective: Minimize the impact of release by enabling the first responders to react in an effective manner
- Achieved through:
 - CHLOREP
 - Various emergency preparedness training events
 - Investigate advancements in emergency response techniques and equipment
 - Presentations at various hazmat conferences
 - Individual CI member outreach and training

Chlorine Emergency Plan (CHLOREP)

- Mutual Aid System – All CI members who ship chlorine are participants (bulk and non-bulk)
- Usually activated through CHEMTREC
- US & Canada divided into sectors – Teams have responsibilities for certain sectors
- Provide technical assistance by telephone or on-site, as appropriate
- Teams often available to assist with local training needs



Emergency Preparedness Training & Outreach

- CHLOREP Team Training - annual week long training at Miss. Fire Academy
- Summer 2013 Short line tour funded partially through FRA grant in 4 regions
- 2013 – 2014 National Chlorine TRANSCAER Tour
- Offer sessions at various hazmat conferences

Emergency Preparedness Training

Typical Learning Modules:

- Chlorine safety (general information)
- Chlorine Workshop & Training Car (hands-on with equipment)
- Caustic/Bleach (tank car and cargo tank)
- Hydrochloric acid (tank car and cargo tank)
- A-Kit workshop (150-lb chlorine cylinder)
- B-Kit workshop (chlorine ton container)
- C-Kit and Midland Kit workshop (chlorine tank car and cargo tank)
- Railroad emergency response

CI EP Resources Available

- Instructions booklets and DVD's for Emergency A-, B- and C-Kits
- Various CHLOREP Bulletins
- Emergency response guidelines for aqueous HCl and anhydrous HCl
- DVD "Chlorine Emergencies: An Overview for First Responders" (free)
- Guidance documents and DVD available for free download at www.chlorineinstitute.org

CI TRANSPORTATION SAFETY INITIATIVES

Transportation

- Objective: Maintain ability to transport chlorine and other mission chemicals in a safe/secure manner and eliminate transportation releases (i.e. NARs)
- Achieve through enhancing already strong safety record:
 - Industry best practices for container securement and transport
 - Standardization and enhancements in containers/fittings design
 - Work with government/industry partners to enhance rail safety (operation, design, procedures)
 - Member on AAR Tank Car Committee
 - Active participant in research initiatives
 - Comments and petitions to DOT

Transportation – Rail Initiatives

- Industry standardization of tank car and fittings design
 - Manway arrangements (chlorine and HCl)
 - New chlorine dual valves
 - Interim TIH tank car
- TIH tank car research initiatives
 - CI initiated puncture resistance research
 - Engaged in NextGen railcar project
 - Participate in Advanced Tank Car Collaborative Research Program (industry & govt)

Transportation – Rail Initiatives

- Reviewed TGO Technologies' secondary containment housing design
 - Not approved for use under DOT regulations
 - Concerns with design
 - Sealed housing
 - Two PRD's in series
 - C-Kit (and similar emergency kits) continues to be the safest and most effective means for mitigating chlorine releases from tank car valves – TGO design is NOT a safe replacement as it is marketed

Transportation – Rail Best Practices

- Pamphlets for safe handling of chlorine, caustic and HCl tank cars
 - General product information
 - Regulatory requirements
 - Emergency response
 - Tank car design and valve arrangements
 - Loading/Unloading practices
 - Best practices to reduce NARs
 - Security measures
 - Checklists

Transportation – Training Tools

- NEW – DVD on reducing NARs by properly securing residue chlorine railcars
 - Now available
 - FREE through CI bookstore
 - Primary focus on best practices for valve securement
- Currently developing similar HCl railcar securement DVD – similar format to chlorine DVD
- Future – develop similar DVD for caustic railcars

CI Resources Available

- Pamphlets with recommendations on design and use of chlorine, HCl, and caustic railcars and tank trucks
- New DVD “ Preventing Non-Accident Releases from Chlorine Railcars”
- Pamphlets and DVD available for free download at www.chlorineinstitute.org

BEST PRACTICES FOR REDUCING NARS FROM CHLORINE AND HCL TANK CARS

CI Railcar Securement DVD's

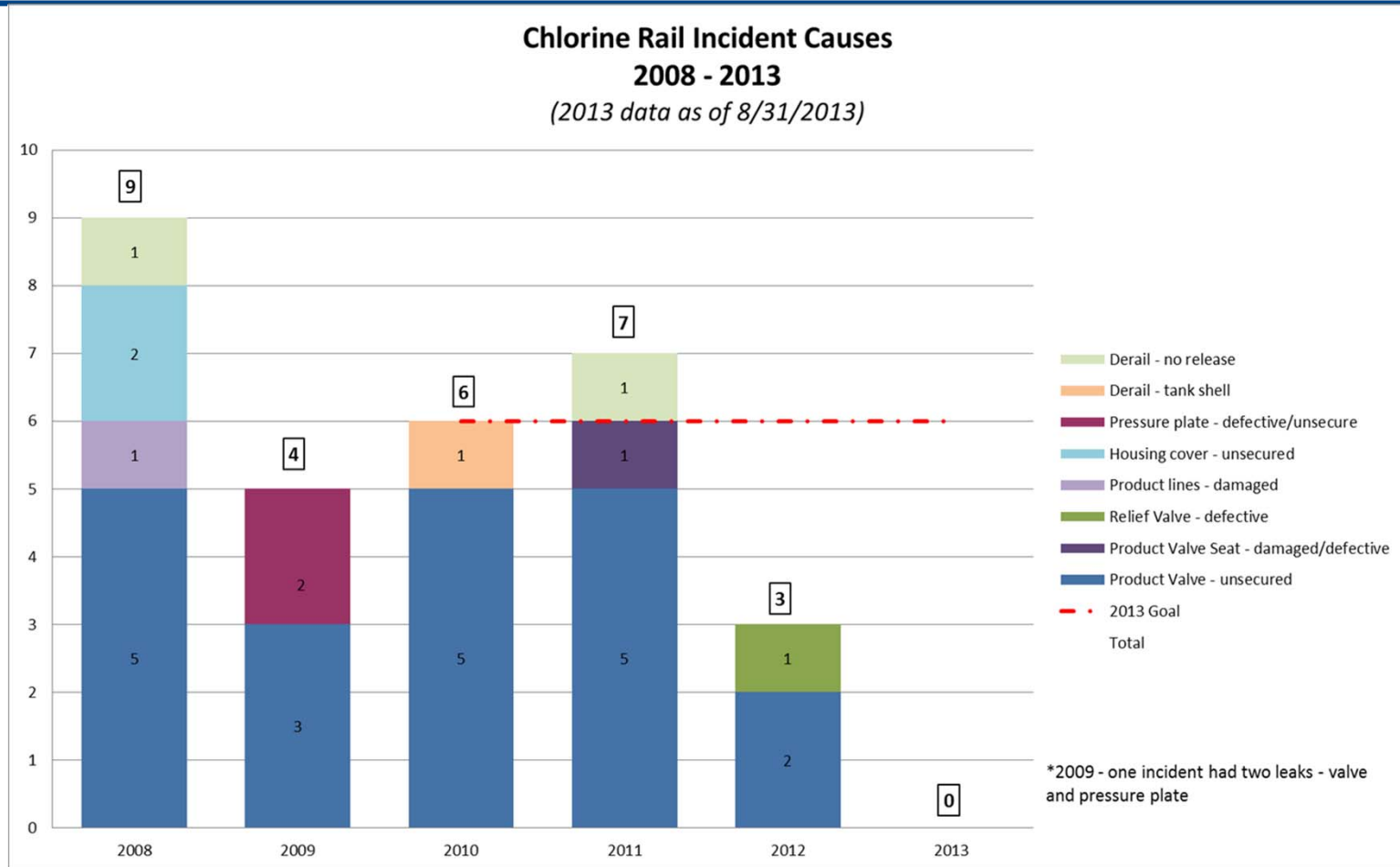
- New chlorine DVD and future DVD's cover:
 - Definition of an NAR
 - DOT reporting requirements
 - Emphasize difference between empty car and residue car
 - Emphasize shipper of record is responsible
 - Costs incurred due to an NAR – fees and intangible costs
 - **Incident data**
 - **Best practices for proper securement**
 - **Available resources**

CI 2013 Transportation Incident Goals

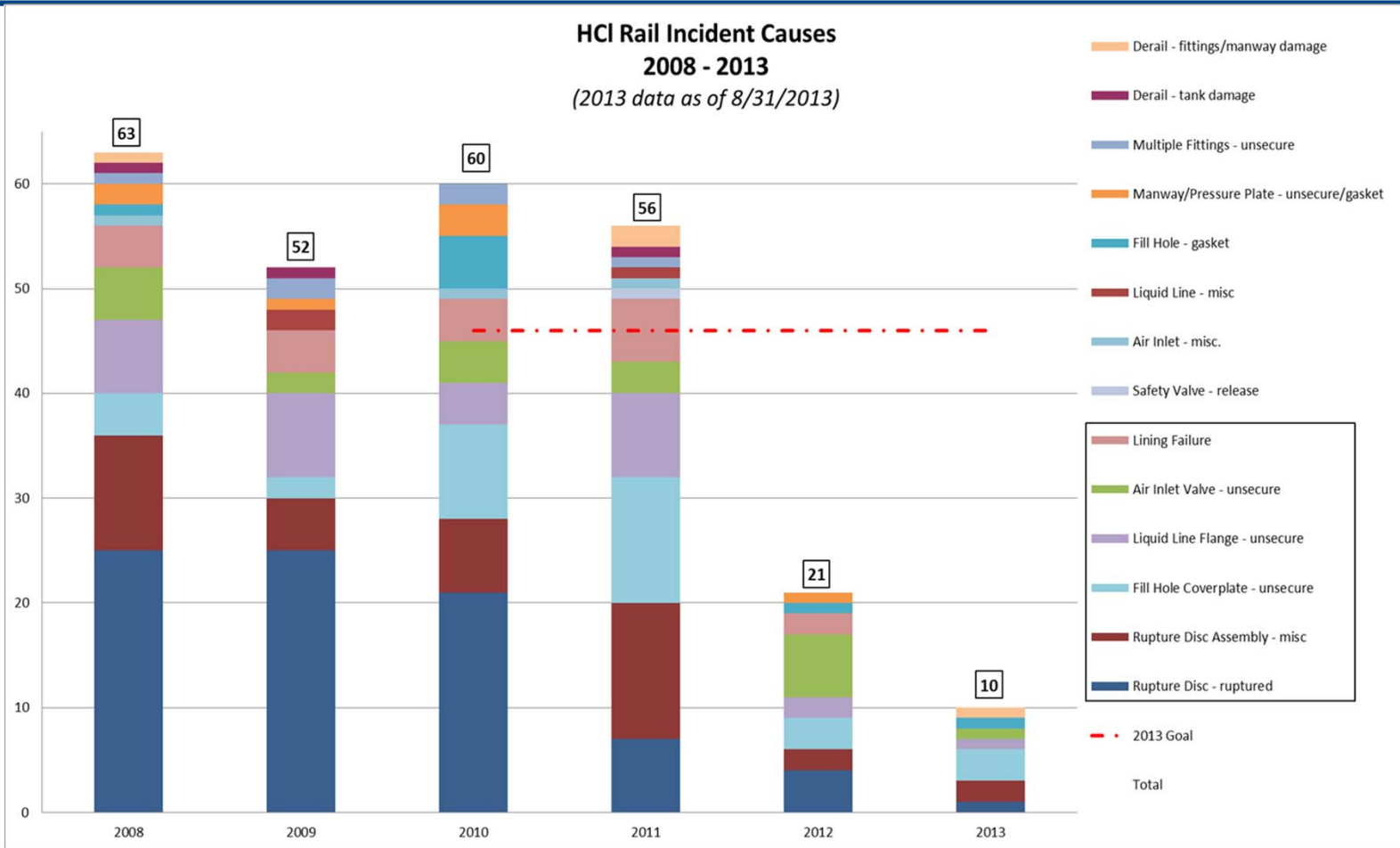
Product and Mode	2013 Incident Goals (3-yr average)
Chlorine (bulk hwy and rail)	< 6
Caustic (bulk highway)	< 33
Caustic (rail)	< 30
HCl (bulk highway)	< 16
HCl (rail)	< 46

- Long range goal of zero incidents
- Currently on track to meet all 2013 rail goals by far

Chlorine Rail Incident Data



HCl Rail Incident Data

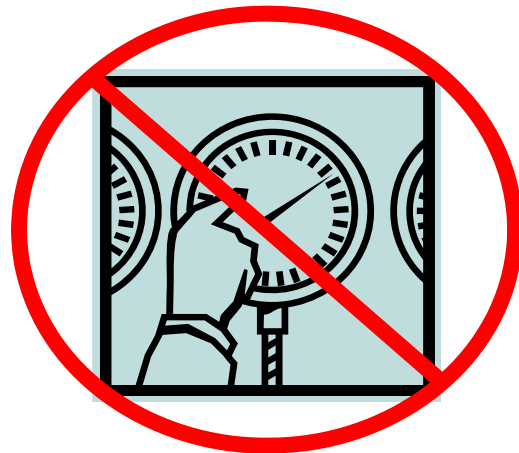


BEST PRACTICES - GENERAL

Best Practices for Proper Railcar Securement

General:

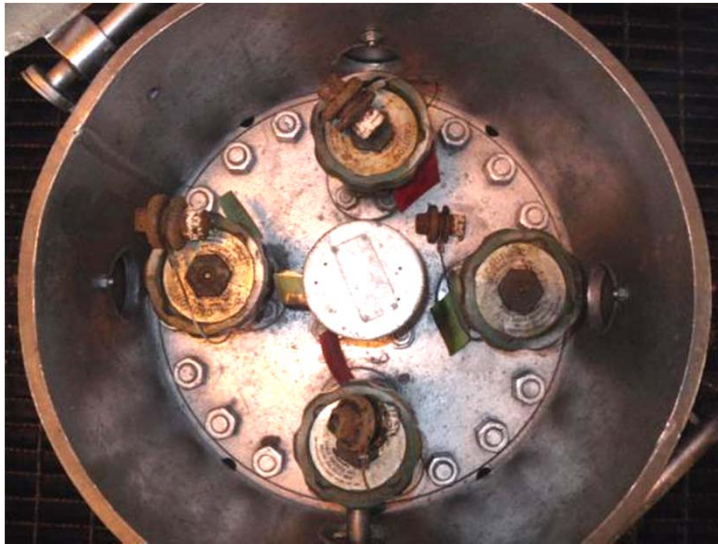
1. Reduce pressure in railcar as low as possible
 - Extra pressure increases possibility of NAR
 - Common practice is:
 - Less than 50 psig for chlorine cars
 - Zero for general purpose non-pressure cars



Best Practices for Proper Railcar Securement

General:

2. Verify that all product valves and fittings are closed - even valves/fittings not used during unloading



(chlorine)

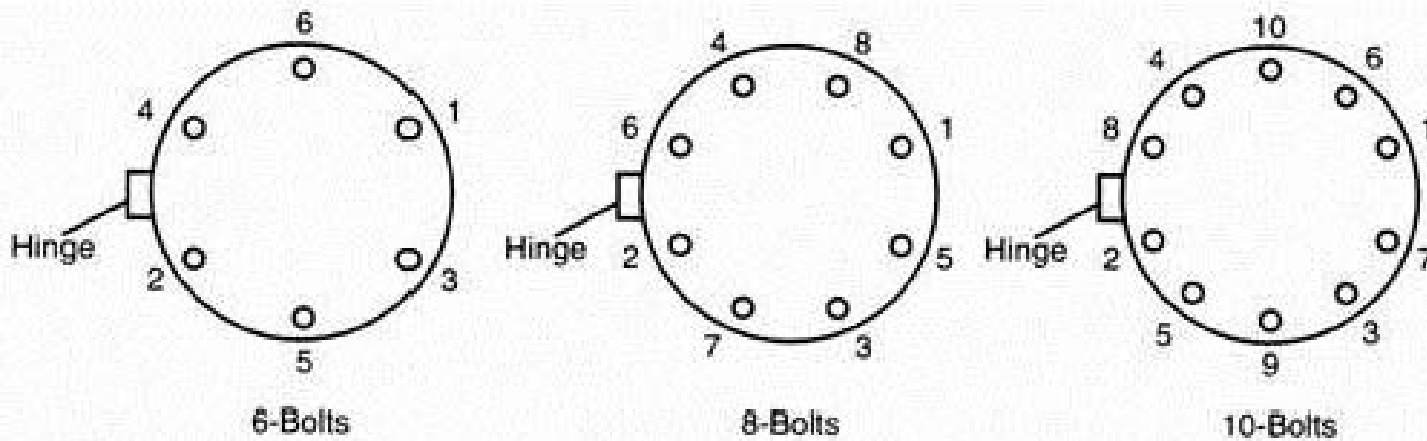


(HCl)

Best Practices for Proper Railcar Securement

General:

- Verify that all fasteners are tightened using proper torquing methods (crisscross pattern)
(below example of hinged and bolted manways for visual purposes)



Best Practices for Proper Railcar Securement

General:

4. Leak checks on all valves, fittings and fasteners using aqua ammonia
 - 10-30% lab grade ammonium hydroxide solution
 - Use squeeze bottle with internal tube that extends only into vapor space
 - Always use fumes or fog. Never use liquid – it can make leak worse
 - Wait as long as possible after tightening closures in case any loosen (8-24 hrs suggested if possible)



Best Practices for Proper Railcar Securement

General:

5. Security measures:

- Chlorine – cable seals
- HCl – cable seals and tamper-evident bags



- Pictures/Video provide additional evidence to confirm securement before leaving plant

Best Practices for Proper Railcar Securement

General:

6. If leaks occur and cannot be stopped

Do not ship the car

- Mark the location of the leak
- Contact your supplier for further instructions

BEST PRACTICES - CHLORINE

Best Practices for Proper Railcar Securement

Chlorine-Specific Tips:

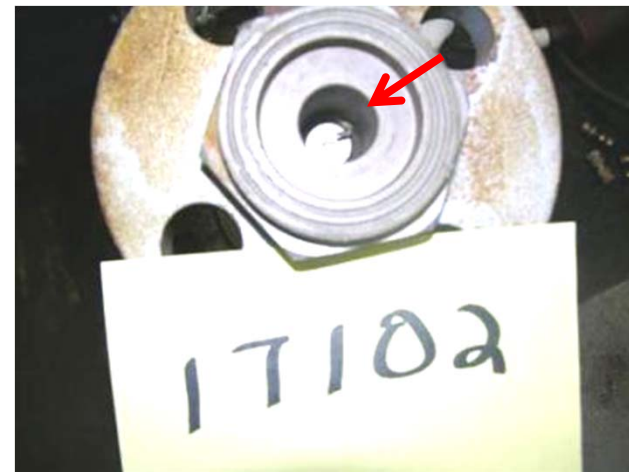
1. Thoroughly inspect and clean threads on valves and plugs
 - Rusty threads can create extra torque before sealing
 - Mark threads in poor condition and contact supplier



Best Practices for Proper Railcar Securement

Chlorine-Specific Tips:

2. Use of Teflon[®] tape is generally not recommended
 - Tape debris can get caught in valve and plug threads preventing seal



Best Practices for Proper Railcar Securement

Chlorine-Specific Tips:

Known acceptable sealing lubricants compatible with chlorine:

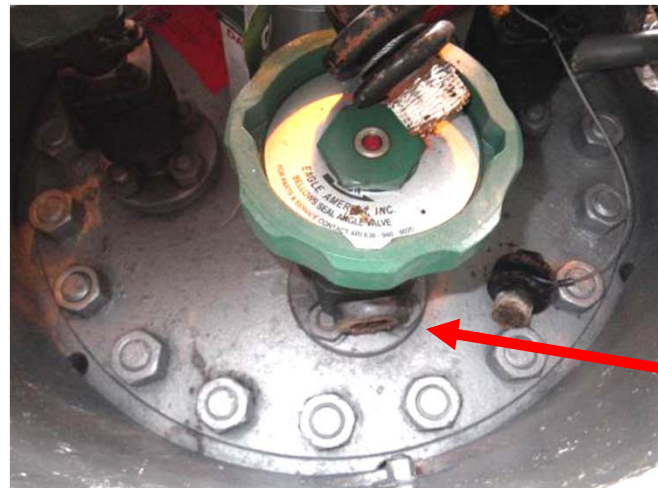
- ✓ Fluorolube[®] grease grade GR-470 (0 to 300 °F)
- ✓ Fluorolube[®] grease grade GR-362 (-40 to 300 °F)
- ✓ Krytox[®] grade GPL-205 grease

Best Practices for Proper Railcar Securement

Chlorine-Specific Tips:

3. Leak checks with aqua ammonia:

- Leave valve plugs out during initial check
- After all valves and fittings have been checked and before shipping car, install valve plugs (tool tight)



BEST PRACTICES - HCL

Best Practices for Proper Railcar Securement

HCl-Specific Tips:

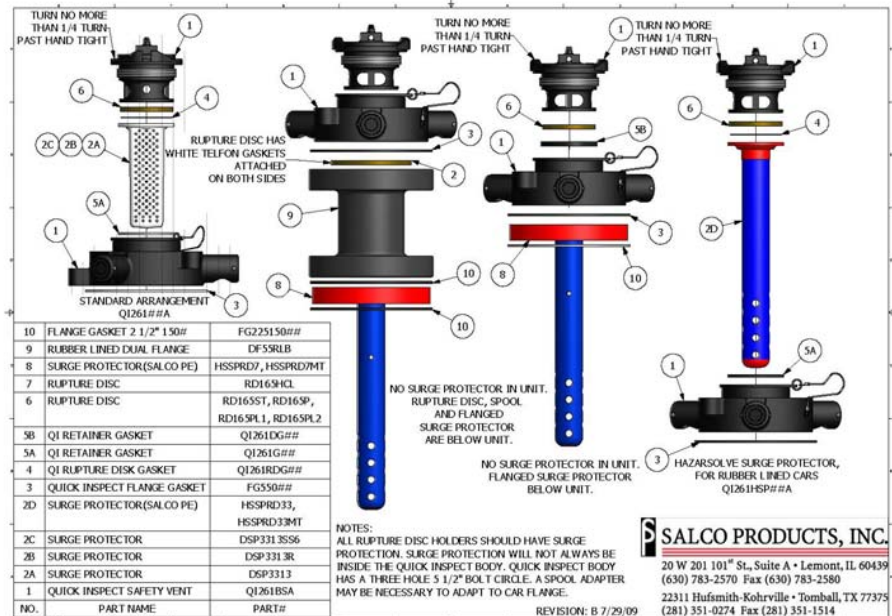
1. Wash car down to clean off visible product – to provide evidence that car left plant clean and secure
2. Inspect and clean gaskets and fasteners to ensure proper securement
 - Replacements of segmented washers and gaskets should be the same as what was previously installed.

Best Practices for Proper Railcar Securement

HCl-Specific Tips:

3. If present, ensure that rupture disc assembly is assembled correctly and properly secured

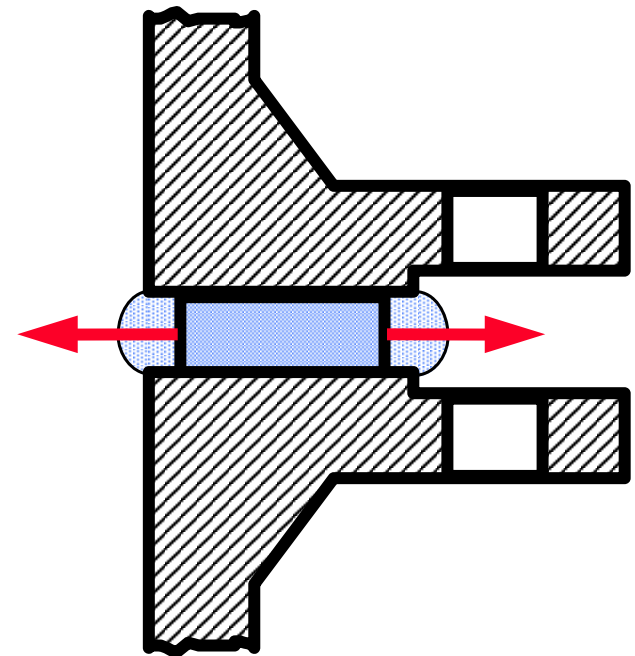
- Ensure disc is installed with proper flow direction (non-unidirectional discs) in cases disc needs to be replaced
- Follow OEM assembly and installation instructions to ensure proper orientation of disc and housing assembly



Best Practices for Proper Railcar Securement

HCl-Specific Tips:

4. When securing fittings, allow for rubber relaxation (creep/cold flow)
 - Typical for newer rubber
 - Tighten multiple times until relaxation no longer appears to be present
 - One final time should be immediately prior to shipping



Best Practices for Proper Railcar Securement

HCl-Specific Tips:

5. Remove handles if there is no protective housing in place
 - Option to remove handles if protective housing is in place
 - Ensures fittings aren't accidentally opened during transport



AVAILABLE CI RESOURCES

CI Website: <http://www.chlorineinstitute.org/>

CI Bookstore:
<https://bookstore.chlorineinstitute.org/mm5/merchant.mvc?>

Technical Service Inquiries: techsvc@cl2.com



Available CI Resources

- Chlorine
 - Pamphlet 1 – *Chlorine Basics*
 - Pamphlet 6 – *Piping Systems for Dry Chlorine*
 - Pamphlet 66 - *Recommended Practices For Handling Chlorine Tank Cars*
- HCl
 - Pamphlet 98 – *Recommend Practices for Handling Hydrochloric Acid in Tank Cars*
 - Pamphlet 170 – *Hydrochloric Acid Solution Bulk Transports Emergency Response Guidelines Handbook* (soon to be available)

QUESTIONS???

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