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SUBJECT: Discontinued Use of Metal Shim and Heat Shrink on Midland A-3400 and A-3500 Series Pressure Relief Valve Springs

Effective immediately, springs for all Midland A-3400 series and A-3500 series pressure relief valves will no longer have a circular shim and heat shrink applied to the spring.

The shim and heat shrink were intended to prevent excessive wear of the zinc coating and other damage due to rubbing during normal operating conditions. Midland has been gathering information for some time through our repair and remanufacturing business in order to review whether these two pieces do provide a useful protective system to reduce wear on the spring. Based upon our observation and review of springs from a variety of pressure relief valves, the wear patterns do not show any benefit based upon having these parts installed on the spring.

Therefore, the intent of the notice is to inform users that these components will not be applied to springs for new valves or replacement springs for existing valves.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Midland Manufacturing via phone 847-677-0333 or email at www.midlandmfg.net.

Thank you.

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