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**CHANGE OF LOCKNUT FOR A-720/A-721/A-721-B/A-724 ANGLE VALVES**

**Scope:** This TSB alerts tank car builders, owners/lessees, and repair shops of a change to the A-72X Series Angle Valve Locknuts included in all related update kits, repair kits, new valves, and requalified valves shipped by Midland beginning March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Background:** Exposure to certain commodities may result in deterioration of the gold coating used to indicate rebuild status of the A-72X Series angle valves. The new design includes three holes (Figure 1) that serve as a supplemental indication that the valve has been rebuilt to the newest standard detailed in **TSB 20180525-02**.



**FIGURE 1.** New Gold Locknut with Supplemental Holes.



**NOTICE**

The primary indicator of rebuild continues to be the gold color. Valves in service, in storage, or in transit, and all repair kits on hand **DO NOT REQUIRE UPGRADE** to the new locknut if in accordance with TSB 20180525-02.

**Recommended Actions:** No actions are necessary. Use parts as-is. Locknuts shipped by Midland as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 will have the supplemental holes. Should you prefer to exchange kits or valves for the new design, please contact Midland Customer Service or your Midland Sales representative.