Picker safety hazard on Trendsetter AL and NEWS

This safety alert is to advise you of a possible hazardous situation when working on the picker of the GMCE or TMCE versions of the Kodak® Trendsetter® NEWS™ or Trendsetter Autoloader output devices. As a precaution, we require you to read the instructions below and carefully adhere to our recommendations to work safely on the Trendsetter NEWS.



WARNING: There is a potential hazard when working on the picker with the safety interlock override (SIO) key switch in the Interlock Override position. Body parts can get trapped when the picker moves down unexpectedly.

Hazardous Situation Description

On Trendsetter NEWS and Autoloader devices, users have the option to move the picker up by pressing and holding the start button for five seconds. This allows machine operators without access to Service Shell to perform maintenance or checks on the picker head. In order to access the picker, one needs to open the bay door after the picker has moved to the up position. This opens the picker safety loop, making it safe to work on the picker.

A hazardous situation arises when an engineer moves the picker up by pressing the start button while the SIO key switch is in the Interlock Override position. There is a two-minute timeout in this case, after which the picker automatically moves down forcefully. (In future controlled releases, this two-minute timeout will be eliminated.)

In the operator's case, the picker would only move down after the bay door is closed, completing the safety interlock loop. In the engineer's case, the safety loop is overridden due to the SIO key switch being in the Interlock Override position, so the picker moves down after two minutes even with the bay door open.

Preventing Injury

To move the picker up and work on the picker head, there is no need to have the SIO key switch in the Interlock Override position. Leaving the SIO key switch in the Normal Operation position keeps you protected by the door safety loop and ensures that there can be no unexpected movement of parts in the machine.

Please be reminded that the SIO key switch is only to be used for observing mechanical machine operation with open doors, while keeping a safe distance from moving parts. As soon as work needs to be done to any of the subassemblies, you must turn the SIO key switch back to the Normal Operation mode and remove the key in order to prevent parts from moving unexpectedly. Depending upon the type of work required, lock out procedures may need to be followed for the electrical and pneumatic energy sources as well.

Providing Feedback to Product Development on Safety Issues

Please provide feedback to the Product Development PSS or other members of the PD team if you come across any related or non-related safety hazards that need to be addressed. See the appropriate Escalation page on TechPlanet for contact information.

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