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SAFETY ADVISORY

Hose Coupling Rocker Lugs

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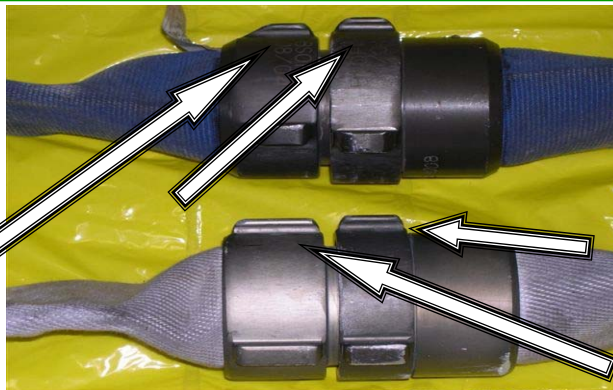
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All personnel should be aware that the couplings on the recently issued Ponn Conquest 2.5 inch attack lines have approximately the same size rocker lugs on the male coupling as the female.

This information is vital when attempting to determine the direction of travel on a fire hose for access to the nozzle crew or emergency egress (towards water supply).

New Style
Ponn
Conquest
2.5 inch
Coupling
Rocker
Lugs
Similar
Length



Older Style
2.5 inch
Coupling
Male
Rocker Lug
Notably
Longer
than
Female Lug

In the past, companies have been instructed to follow couplings from short to long, *IE* female to male (while exiting) as the female coupling had the shorter rocker lugs. **This rule no longer applies as consistently as it once did.**

Crews must be cognizant that on certain types of attack lines, the rocker lugs may be the same length.

In order to determine direction of travel, crews should be instructed to feel for the rocker lugs and determine if they die into a **smooth shank** (female coupling) or die into the hose (male coupling) if the rockers appear to be the same length.

Please discourage your personnel from shedding protective gear to perform this procedure if the atmosphere is hostile.

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