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USER ADVISORY NOTICE
3M™ Supplied Air Hose W-9435

Dear Valued 3M Customer:

A recent random audit indicated that some of the 3M™ Supplied Air Hoses W-9435 produced on March 17, 2004 were released without a thread sealant applied to the threads at the point where the quick-disconnect fitting attaches to the hose connector. This resulted in a small amount of air leakage at the point of connection. This leakage was not identified on hoses produced on any other dates.

Production controls have been modified to ensure that this incident will not re-occur. Nevertheless, 3M is requesting that users of supplied air hoses W-9435 perform the inspection and corrective action procedures as listed below.

Inspection Procedure:

1. Attach the hose to a compressed air source with approximately 38 psig (262 KN/m²). Apply soapy water on the fittings at the point where the fitting threads onto the hose connector. Leakage in the connection will cause bubbles to form.
2. If a flow of bubbles is observed, depressurize the hose, and perform the Corrective Action Procedure.

Corrective Action Procedure:

1. Remove the fitting using two wrenches, one for the hose connector and the other for the airline fitting.
2. Apply pipe thread tape to the male threads on the hose connector and re-attach the fitting to the hose.
3. Attach the hose to a compressed air source with approximately 38 psig (262 KN/m²). Use soapy water on the fittings to confirm a tight fit.

3M regrets any inconvenience this may cause. 3M remains committed to providing only the highest quality products for our customers. If you have need for pipe thread tape or have any questions regarding this issue, please contact 3M Technical Service at 1-800-243-4630.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M.D. Martinez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

M.D. Martinez
National Sales Manager