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To: All Owners / Operators of Amusement Devices

From: Thomas G. Gatzunis, Commissioner

RE: **Suspension of Permit to Operate Wisdom “Sizzler” Amusement Rides**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Safety is immediately suspending all permits to operate any and all Wisdom “Sizzler” amusement rides until owners have complied with this directive.

You are directed to perform a thorough review of each car to ensure that the proper bolts and lock nuts as specified by the manufacturer are in place and secure. Use of alternate or smaller bolts and/or nuts that are not in accordance with the ride manufacturer are expressly prohibited.

By design, each car side panel is secured with two (2) – 7/16 inch grade 5 bolts that screw into tapped holes at the base of the seat frame. Use of smaller sized bolts is prohibited unless engineered and approved by the ride manufacturer.

Verification shall be performed by removing the fiberglass seat on each car. This will enable you to view the bolt closely to ensure proper sizing and grade as designed by the manufacturer.



(two bolts per side panel)



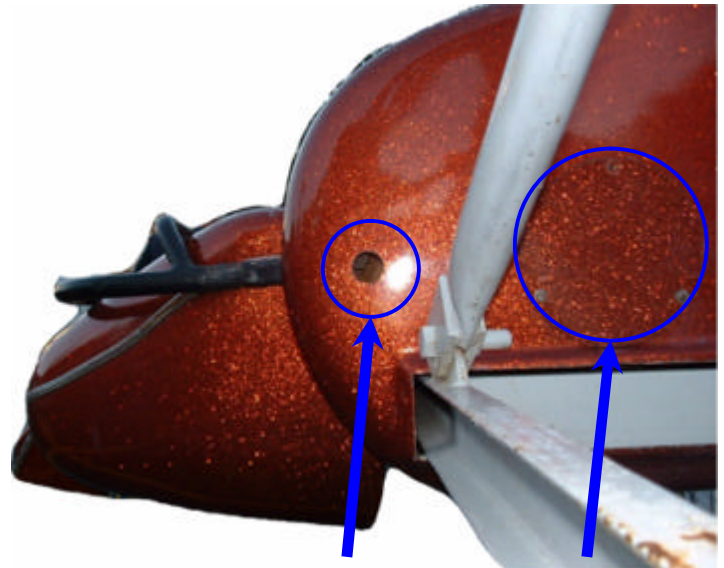
The lap restraints and foot tub are secured to the car side panels with two (2) 5/8" (requires use of a 15/16" socket), grade 5 bolts secured with lock nuts. These nuts shall be tightened as specified by the manufacturer. These nuts can be viewed and tightened from the side access panels on the car. Use of nuts that do not have locking capacity is prohibited.

Once you have completed the review on your ride, you are directed to provide a written report to the Department verifying compliance with this directive, under the signature of the owner and the person who performed the physical inspection, before the permit to operate this ride is re-issued.

This order shall remain in effect until such time that the Department has cleared your ride for permitting.

Failure to comply with this directive will result in the immediate suspension/revocation of your permits to operate all amusement rides in the Commonwealth.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Assistant Chief of Inspections, Mark Mooney at (617) 727-3200 ext. 25208.



*Location of 5/8" locknut*

*Access Port*

*Cc: Edward A. Flynn, Secretary of Public Safety  
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