

NEW SLIDE SLEDGE® TOOL PROVIDES FASTER, SAFER MAINTENANCE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT, REDUCES CATASTROPHIC DOWNTIME

LAS VEGAS – (September 27-30, 2004) – Slide Sledge introduces the new Slide Sledge® Heavy Equipment™ Hammer for safer, faster and more cost-effective maintenance of heavy equipment at MINExpo International® 2004. The Slide Sledge® tool delivers a powerful impact for quick, easy repairs, greatly reducing potentially catastrophic downtime.

Inside the Slide Sledge® Heavy Equipment™ Hammer, a chamber of steel contains a fatigue-proof drive bar. The mechanism slides inside its cylinder with a linear, contained motion for precise, maximum impact. One person can operate the Slide Sledge® tool to deliver the impact of up to a 21-pound sledgehammer. An optional 5-pound handle weight provides up to 26 pounds of sledgehammer power.

The Slide Sledge® Heavy Equipment™ Hammer delivers a smooth, targeted blow, significantly reducing effort and risks associated with the conventional sledgehammer-chisel combination, including:

- Threat of injury to the person holding the chisel
- Damage to the machinery
- Sledgehammer “bounce back”
- Danger to people nearby from flying material
- Lost worker hours and costs of employee injuries, sore muscles and cramps

A wide selection of application-specific tips can be used with the Slide Sledge® tool for precision repairs and change-outs, including:

- Pin drivers in six sizes to allow removal and installation of pins on virtually any equipment.
- A curved chisel tip made from specially engineered shock-resistant steel to cut through most stripped out, rusted bolts in seconds.
- Ripper tooth pin inserters and removers to get between ripper teeth and insert or remove pins with a linear impact. Ripper tooth pin inserters and removers are available in a variety of sizes.
- Race/bearing/seal adapters to press a bearing into place, insert a race and drive home a seal quickly and easily.
- Bushing driver adapters to line up and drive the bushing, rather than to swing a hammer at a conventional bushing driver.
- Ball joint and tie rod separator tips, available in four sizes, to apply maximum force with ease. The separator forks smoothly thread onto the adapter for fast, easy change-outs.
- A scarifier tooth tip to remove scarifier teeth easily with a specialized tip design that allows direct, linear force.

The Slide Sledge® Heavy Equipment™ Hammer and its specialized, easy-switch tips can perform virtually any heavy equipment repair job. The safer, more efficient Slide Sledge® tool decreases repair turnaround time, reduces catastrophic downtime and eliminates the risks associated with the sledgehammer-chisel combination.

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