

Memorandum

To: Dillon Model AN and ANC Dynamometer
Customers and Dillon Distributors
From: Jim Head, Dillon Product Manager
Date: August 15, 2003
Reference: Obsolescence of the Model AN
Dynamometer

The Model AN and ANC Dynamometers have not been manufactured since 1978 and were declared obsolete from the factory on May 2, 1996 when all factory service support of this instrument was discontinued.

The Model AN/ANC Dynamometer was commonly used in overhead lifting, and any units still in service may be approaching their fatigue limit (number of times that a load-bearing component can be loaded and unloaded) and therefore present a safety risk. Dillon highly recommends all AN and ANC dynamometers used in overhead lifting or safety-sensitive environments should be removed from service immediately.

We highly recommend to our distributors that they also discontinue support for the Model AN/ANC dynamometer, including service repairs and recalibrations.

Dillon's current Model AP Dynamometer and ProLift Dynamometer are suitable replacements for the Model AN/ANC Dynamometer. Both embrace a number of feature improvements over the retired AN design. The ProLift incorporates even greater fatigue life, higher safety factors, preferred materials and other qualities important in overhead lifting.

Dillon is concerned that only the safest products should be permitted in all overhead lifting applications and many other applications in which a dynamometer is employed. To continue to have an unparalleled safety record that is the envy of the industry, we recommend that our equipment be removed when it is approaching the threshold of its safe working life.

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