

TF MULESKINNER SAFETY ALERT

RTCH SAFETY



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Subject: Safety Of Use (SOU) Message, TACOM Life Cycle Management Command, (TACOM LCMC) Control No. SOU 12-002, "Operational", Unauthorized use of Kalmar RTCH for lifting material other than approved containers.

Synopsis: Several reports from the field indicate that units are utilizing the Kalmar RTCH as a crane to lift material/equipment using chains, slings, or straps attached to the tie down points of the Kalmar Top Handler.



Unknown location on Bagram Airfield
Photos received anonymously 3 Jul 12

- ❖ Some units are using the Kalmar RTCH to lift equipment/material using its tie down point and other unauthorized structure points on the RTCH Top Handler.
- ❖ The Kalmar RTCH is not designed to be used as a crane. The capacity and capabilities of the tie down point, and other structures on the Top Handler are unknown; those points are provisions to tie/secure the RTCH Top Handler down to a vehicle during transportation and shipment.
- ❖ **If operators use unauthorized structure points to lift material or equipment, the load may release unexpectedly, and could result in damage to equipment and/or severe injury or fatality to personnel within the vicinity of the RTCH.**
- ❖ Kalmar RTCH operators will only use the Kalmar RTCH as it is designed, which is to lift, move, stack, or un-stack 20ft to 40ft ISO containers, and can also be utilized as a forklift with an operator installed forklift kit. Operators will use suitable lifting devices to safely accomplish their mission when moving equipment or material other than the Kalmar RTCH approved containers.
- ❖ Commanders will prohibit the use of the Kalmar RTCH as a crane and ensure operators use the Kalmar RTCH for its intended design

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E      X IN THIS MESSAGE ARE NOT FOLLOWED.          X      E
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