



## SAFETY ALERT

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DATE: August 8, 2001

**SUBJECT:** TDSU – Cable Carrier (Grass-hopper)

**SERIAL NUMBERS:** All 40 ft TDSU buildings, presently in the field

**DISCUSSION:** The “grass-hopper” on the land rig TDSU building is designed to be a cable carrier, **not a walkway**. The unit does not have the structural strength to support the weight of a person.

**RECOMMENDATION:** **Never walk on cable carrier.**

Remove any “handrails” (if they have previously been mounted).

While rigging up the cable carrier, use the following method to avoid the necessity of walking or climbing on the cable carrier:

1. Before raising the cable carrier, ensure that all cables tails are laying on the cable tray and are secured (with rope or straps).
2. After the cable carrier is secured to the rig floor, release the rope or strap and pull each cable up to the lower torque guide junction box, one at a time.

While rigging down the cable carrier, use the following method to avoid the necessity of walking or climbing on the cable carrier:

1. Disconnect each cable from the lower torque guide junction box and lay it on the ground. Bundle the cables together so that they can be handled while storing the cable carrier back onto the TDSU building.
2. Once the cable carrier is on the TDSU, lay all cables (one at the time) into the cable tray of the top section of the cable carrier and secure them with rope or straps.

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