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**Topic:** Demountable Wheel Cleats

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We have noticed a marked increase in the amount of wheel slippage on chassis equipped with demountable wheels. For this reason, we would like to remind everyone of the following practices to be observed any time maintenance is required to wheel cleats on chassis equipped with demountable wheels.

- Any time a demountable wheel is removed for any reason the cleats, lug nuts and studs are to be thoroughly inspected for excessive wear, defects, and especially, proper application
- Any time a wheel cleat is missing from a demountable wheel, the wheel is to be removed and the remaining 4-wheel cleats, as well as all 5 studs and lug nuts are to be inspected for wear, damage, and proper application
- Any wheel cleats replaced must be of the same manufacture and model as the remaining cleats on that wheel.
- When replacing wheel cleats, any time more than 2 cleats are required on any one wheel, all 5 cleats must be replaced
- When checking for proper cleat application it is imperative that the model of the cleat be checked for compatibility with the width of the spacer on that wheel. Different cleats are required for different widths of spacer.
- Any time a spacer is replaced the cleats on that wheel must be checked for compatibility with the new spacer.

Your cooperation in making sure that all affected personnel are aware of and are always observing these practices is requested.