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NEW USA Made Snatch Block

Utility Solutions Inc introduces a compact, easy to use, Conductor Lift Block to compete with the imports.

Hickory, NC - February 2, 2017 - Utility Solutions, Inc. will be the newest U.S. provider of lifting blocks. Their Conductor Lift Snatch Block is machined from aluminum, not cast, and will offer a high quality, USA made alternative for utilities and contractors. Production has already begun at their Hickory, North Carolina plant.

Lifting blocks, sometimes called snatch blocks, allow hotline crews to capture and control overhead conductors and maneuver them into place during construction, maintenance and repairs. Most blocks are heavy imported cast units that are difficult to operate.

"We have several examples of improving hotline tools and products", said Peter Shirilla, Engineer at Utility Solutions, Inc. "our new Conductor Lift was developed because a customer wanted a better lifting block option." The first thing noticed on the Conductor Lift Snatch Block is the frame; it is machined from a single piece of aluminum. "We have a lot of experience engineering and machining aluminum components," Shirilla goes on to say, "this is a well engineered and lightweight block with a high load rating that should outperform the cast imported units currently available."

Despite weighing only 3 lbs., the pulley lists a 1500 lb. maximum working load rating. In addition, the components have all been designed with longevity in mind. The lifting eye is 1.25" zinc-plated steel and the machined aluminum sheave, or roller, uses an oil-embedded bronze bearing.

The other noticeable feature of this Conductor Lift is the spring-loaded one-way gate. It allows a conductor to snap in easily without latches, locks or pins like most other blocks. The gate keeps the conductor captured until operated by a lineman and makes using the pulley easier and safer than conventional blocks.

Utility Solutions, Inc. will target utilities and contractors who want a better option than the imported blocks currently available. The USCL-001 Conductor Lift Snatch Block is available for purchase beginning in February 2017.

More information is available online at www.utilityolutionsinc.com.

About Utility Solutions, Inc.

Utility Solutions, Inc. is a designer and manufacturer of hot line tools and products for the electrical power industry. Founded in 1990 by engineers with broad electrical distribution experience, Utility Solutions has accumulated an impressive list of innovative and patented products that directly relate to a lineman's job.

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