

# GRAVELY *Technical* BULLETIN



BULLETIN NO. 1031  
DATE: September 6, 1963  
TO: ALL OUTLETS  
SUBJECT: Fuel Tank Band Breakage Corrected

Further engineering checks into the cause of Fuel Tank Band breakage have been conducted.

Cause of this breakage, as determined by these checks, is a fatigue failure brought about by overtightening the Bands during assembly at the factory.

Factory personnel have been instructed to tighten the Tank Bands just enough to keep the Tank from rotating. It is not necessary, as was the previous practice, to tighten until the ends touch the ear that connects the Tank Bands to the Fan Housing.

Quality Assurance is placing heavy emphasis on checking assembled Tractors for proper tightening of the Tank Bands.

When replacing Tank Bands, be sure to tighten them only enough so that the Fuel Tank does not rotate within the Bands.

