

Casing Elevators not latched properly result in a dropped joint of casing ALERT 3-20

WHAT HAPPENED:

While running casing, the pin in the Casing Elevators was incorrectly inserted before the latch was fully closed. This allowed the elevators to inadvertently open as a joint of 9-5/8" casing was hoisted out of the tubular handling trough. The joint bounced in the trough and fell on to the gull wings next to the catwalk. No one was injured, however the potential for serious injury and/or equipment damage was very high.

**Incorrect pin placement
(note: pin was not bent prior to the dropped object)**



Correct pin placement
(note: pin was not bent prior to the dropped object)



CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

1. Casing crew employee was not aware that improperly latched elevators allowed the pin to be installed and door still come open

LESSONS LEARNED:

1. This design of casing elevators allows the pin to be inserted w/o the elevators being latched.
2. Confirm that latch is completely closed before installing pin.
3. Familiarize employees with the manufacture's operating procedures and warnings.