



Customer Service Bulletin Commercial Business Group

ProCore® 440, 660 and 880 Aerators

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<u>Model/Serial Range:</u>	<u>Model Numbers:</u>	<u>Serial Numbers:</u>
	09700 & 09700TE	200000000-230009999
	09701 & 09701TE	200000000-230009999
	09702 & 09702TE	200000000-230009999

Subject: Rotalink Arm damage and loose Rotalink Element.

The Rotalink Arm may become damaged or distorted due to improper operating techniques resulting in a loose Rotalink Element. Damaged Rotalink Arms and loose Rotalink Elements may result in poor hole-quality. The key factors below are covered in the Operator's Manual and Operator's Video (Tape 01087SV or CD 02096SD).

1. Always disengage the PTO or lower the engine speed to idle before raising the aerator. Never operate the coring head in the air at full speed. The uncontrolled Tine Arm mass will cause the Rotalink Arms to make heavy contact with the frame opening and mounting bracket. The Rotalink Arms will only withstand a limited amount of this abuse before damage occurs.
2. Select the proper tractor gear and control downhill tractor speed to prevent exceeding the maximum 2.5 mph (4 km/hr) coring speed. Exceeding the maximum recommended speed while coring will over-run the coring operation. Doing so can result in the Rotalink Arm making heavy contact with the framework as the tines fail to clear the turf soon enough.

Typical signs of damage due to improper operation are highlighted below.

