Protect your Lift Leg Pockets with Loctite MR 5898

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Objectives

- Understand the risks associated with dust, debris, and tooling filling up the leg pockets
- 2. Understand the time and cost associated with repetitive maintenance of the current solution
- **3**. Learn the key benefits of a cure-in-place sealing system for the lift leg pockets
 - Safety
 - Time
 - Cost









Background The Problem

- A chronic issue in longwall mining, lift leg pockets are susceptible to and collect debris, such as dirt, rocks, coal, metal tools and cutting tips from the shear which become lodged under the hydraulic rams.
- Over time, the debris packs into the pocket, restricting movement.
- Wear begins to develop through the bottoms of the rams, damaging the shield causing catastrophic failure, expensive repairs, and extended or unexpected downtime.





Background The Problem

- Cleaning out the pockets can take upwards of 8 man-hours per pocket of severely compacted coal debris
- Typical planned maintenance is done daily over a 6 hour shift
- Now that solutions exist, fines can be issued for unprotected pockets





The Current Solution Pre-Molded Foam Inserts

Pre-molded inserts are a common solution in the industry:

- Pro's
 - Fit to the exact model of equipment
 - Push-in-place
 - Flexible and don't take compression set



Problems with the Current Solution Pre-Molded Foam Inserts

- Con's
 - Long lead time
 - Take up significant space for storage and transport
 - One size does not fit all
 - Pocket must be completely clean for correct fit
 - Tend to slip or fall out of place in short period of time, rendering them ineffective
 - Easily Damaged no repair option







Loctite MR 5898 Flexible Foaming Polyurethane Cure-In-Place Foaming Pocket Sealing

- Developed with an industry partner and direct involvement from a Longwall Maintenance Coordinator
- Objective was to create a product that would bond to and seal the pockets from debris while remaining flexible to prevent pushout and allow hydraulic lift leg movement during operation





Loctite MR 5898 Flexible Foaming Polyurethane Cure-In-Place Foaming Pocket Sealing

- Loctite MR 5898 is a cure-in-place twocomponent foaming polyurethane
- Expands 700%-1000% from liquid to foam within 5 minutes
- Functional cure within 15 minutes
- Fills in all crevices/geometries and bonds to the pocket to prevent pushout or separation from pocket and leg
- No special equipment required easy to mix kits



Loctite MR 5898 Flexible Foaming Polyurethane Preparation Recommendations

- Pockets should be clean and dry, however Loctite MR
 5898 is tolerant to some contamination and moisture
- Tape off holes/leak paths
- If non-stick is preferred, apply mold release to support of the support of the
- Keep temperature in mind
 - Designed to be poured underground ~50°F
 - Ideal temperature ~72°F
 - Maximum application temperature ~100°F
- Be mindful of foaming volume
 - Start off with less until fill is "dialed in"





Loctite MR 5898 Flexible Foaming Polyurethane Mixing

- Pre-mix component A
- Pour A into B
- Mix until "milky white"
- Pour immediately into pocket





Loctite MR 5898 Flexible Foaming Polyurethane Foaming

- Foams 700%-1000%
- Consistent foam volume at same temperature and volume mixes
- Foams and begins to skinover within 5 minutes
- Functional cure in about 15 minutes
- Bonds to itself





Loctite MR 5898 Flexible Foaming Polyurethane Manipulation Techniques

- After reaching full foam, a couple techniques can be used to manipulate the geometry
 - Push-down using plastic or form with mold release
 - Cut using serrated knife
 - Apply more to top-off area or fill hole – product will bond to itself





Loctite MR 5898 Flexible Foaming Polyurethane Finished Product

- Loctite MR 5898 has the consistency of "rubbery memory foam" after cured.
- Longwalls can return to service 15 minutes after the product has been poured
- Product is self-extinguishing and compatible with other materials used underground





Loctite MR 5898 Flexible Foaming Polyurethane

- Benefits
- Cure-in-place foaming system that bonds to pocket
 - Fast return to service (15 min)
 - Will not slide/push out, doesn't take compression set
 - One size fits all
- Can be applied at repair stage above ground or during operation underground
- No special equipment required
- Safe to use
 - Low odor
 - Self-extinguishing
- No significant lead time
- Less space requirements for storage and transport



Loctite MR 5898 Flexible Foaming Polyurethane Durability

• After 9 months in service:



Customer has been using for over 3 years!



Loctite MR 5898 Resources

- Sell Sheet
- Data Sheet
- YouTube Channel
- On-Site Training
- Cost Savings and Value Calculations









Thank you!



