



Quickline Recalls Anchor Swivel

Quickline USA (www.quickline.us) recently announced a total recall of its UFS8 Ultra Flip Swivels designed for use with quarter-inch and 5/16-inch anchor chains.

The UFS8 swivels being recalled are easy to identify: They have a molded eagle on the side of the swivel like the one pictured above. All recalled swivels were produced between June 2009 and October 2010; those produced prior to June 2009 and after October 2010 have a smooth body and finish and are not part of the recall. Other Quickline Ultra Flip Swivels are not affected by the recall. Prior to June 2009, all pieces of the swivels had been machined; after that, the manufacturing process for the ball/chain portion was changed to casting.

According to Quickline USA's Randy Boelsems, two failures reported in recent weeks prompted the recall. "We have decided that the cast technique does not provide sufficient quality control as the original machined process did for this piece," Boelsems explained.

Practical Sailor regards an anchor swivel as an unnecessary potential failure point. If you insist on having one, it should be a high-quality galvanized swivel of adequate safe working load that you inspect regularly and replace at the first sign of corrosion.

Owners of the UFS8 Ultra Flip Swivel should stop using it immediately and contact Quickline to arrange a replacement unit. Replacement swivels will be machined from 316L round stock. For more information, call Quickline at 714/843-6964.