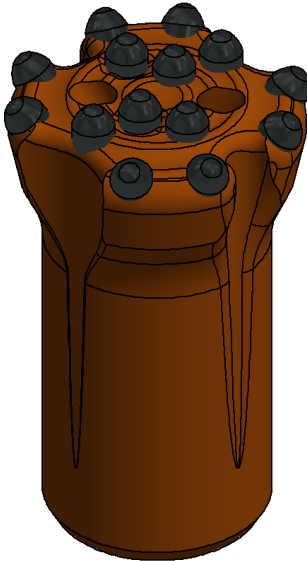




## BUTTON BIT FAILURES

### BODY WASH



#### PROBABLE CAUSE

EXCESSIVE FLUSHING  
VOLUME

INADEQUATE  
FLUSHING TO REMOVE  
THE CHIPS FROM THE  
HOLE

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

REDUCE FLUSHING VOLUME FOR  
DRILL CONDITIONS

ADJUST FLUSHING TO MATCH  
CONDITIONS

### SPLIT SKIRT



#### PROBABLE CAUSE

DRILLING WITH LOOSE  
THREADS

IMPROPER  
UNCOUPLING  
PROCEDURE

DRILLING WITH WORN  
THREADS

HAMMERING BEFORE  
THE THREADS ARE  
FULLY MATED

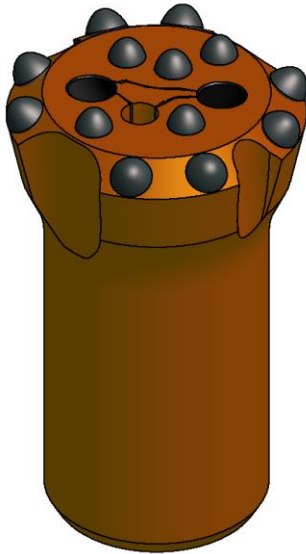
#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

INCREASE FEED PRESSURE AND  
ENSURE TIGHT JOINTS BEFORE  
DRILLING

REDUCE FEED PRESSURE AND  
ROTATION WHEN UNCOUPLING

REPLACE WORN COMPONENT

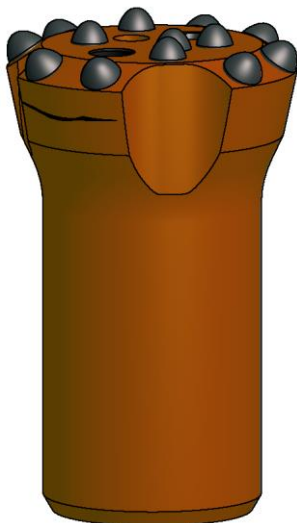
ENSURE PROPER DRILLING  
PROCEDURE

**CRACKS BETWEEN BUTTONS OR FLUSHING HOLES****PROBABLE CAUSE**

FINAL FAILURE FOR  
HEAVY DUTY BITS WITH  
VERY LARGE BUTTONS

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

REPLACE BIT AND POTENTIALLY  
TRY ANOTHER BIT DESIGN

**CRACKS INITATING FROM BUTTON HOLE****PROBABLE CAUSE**

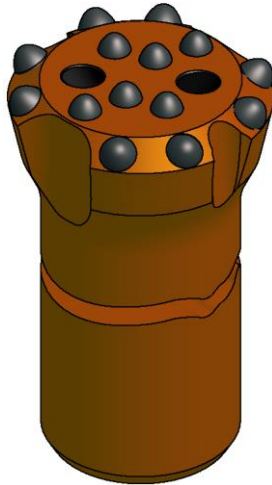
STEEL FATIGUE

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

NORMAL FAILUE MODE FOR VERY  
WORN BIT

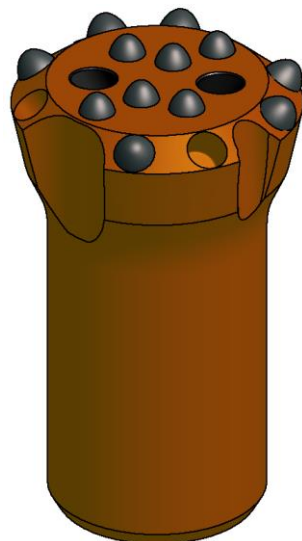


## SKIRT RING OFF

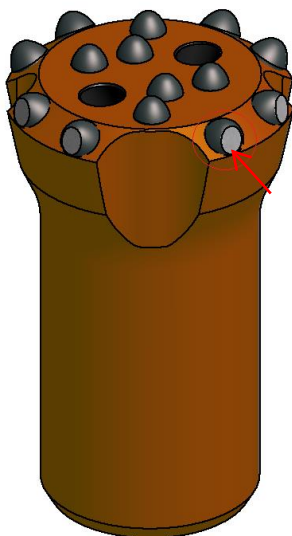


PROBABLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED ACTION
EXCESSIVE ROTATION APPLIED TO STUCK BIT	APPLY MINIMAL HAMMER PRESSURE BEFORE ROTATION ON STUCK BIT
IMPROPER COLLERING PRACTICE	REDUCE PERCUSSION AND FEED PRESSURE WHEN COLLERING
CORROSION	IMPROVE STORAGE PRACTICES
HAMMERING ON BIT TO BREAK CONNECTION	LOOSEN BIT ON SOLID ROCK USING MINIMAL FEED AND ROTATION PRESSURE
EXCESSIVE BACKHAMMERING	CHANGE TO A RETRAC BIT AND ENSURE PROPER DRILLING PROCEDURE
LOW ROCK RESISTANCE	REDUCE FEED AND PERCUSSION POWER
FINAL FAILURE	NORMAL FAILURE MODE FOR WORN BIT

## LOST BUTTONS



PROBABLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED ACTION
FREE HAMMERING	INCREASE FEED PRESSURE AND DON'T HAMMER UNTIL IN CONTACT WITH ROCK
INADAEQUATE FEED PRESSURE	INCREASE FEED PRESSURE
SCALING WITH BIT	USE PROPER SCALING TOOL

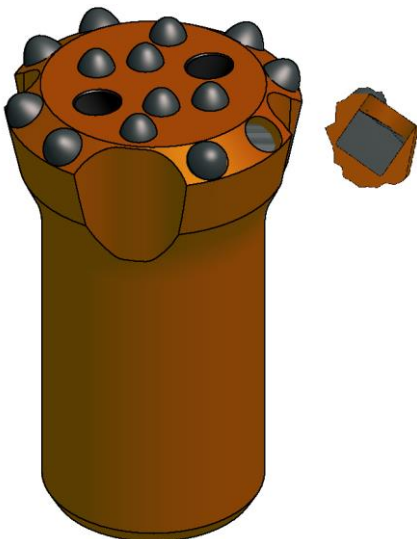
**MICRO CRACKING ON CARBIDES (SNAKESKIN)****PROBABLE CAUSE**

DRILLING INTO NON-  
ABRASIVE MATERIAL

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

INCREASE REGRINDING  
FREQUENCY

USE A BIT WITH A SOFTER  
CARBIDE

**BUTTON SHEAR UNDER BODY LEVEL****PROBABLE CAUSE**

EXCESSIVE BUTTON  
PROTRUSION

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

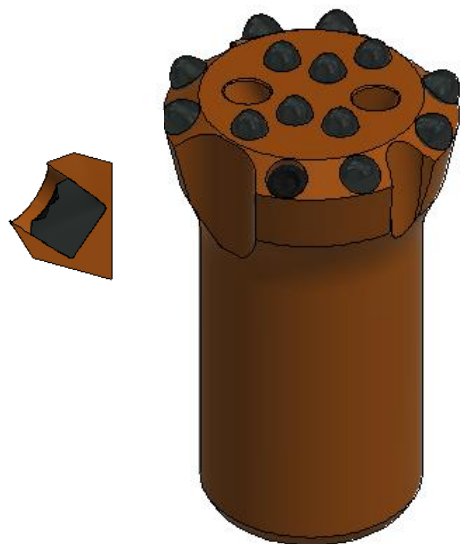
INCREASE REGRINDING  
FREQUENCY

CARBIDE PINCHING IN  
THE HOLE DUE TO  
WORN CARBIDES

REGRIND OR REPLACE BIT



## BUTTON CRUSHED INSIDE BODY



PROBABLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED ACTION
INCORRECT COLLERING PRACTICE	REDUCE FEED AND IMPACT PRESSURE WHEN COLLERING
ANTI-TAPER FROM ABRASIVE ROCK	GRIND TO ORIGINAL TAPER
EXCESSIVE PROTRUSION FROM IMPROPER GRINDING	ENSURE PROPER GRINDING PRACTICE

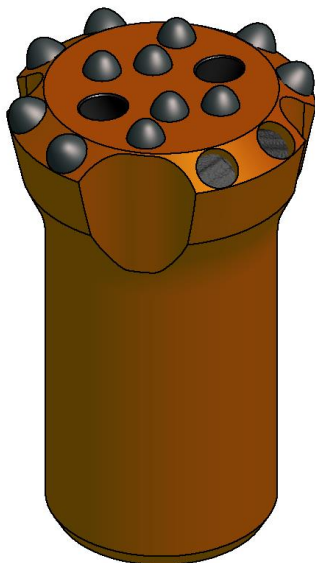
## CHIPPED BUTTON



PROBABLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED ACTION
OVER DRILLING	REDUCE GRINDING INTERVAL
SNAKESKIN	INSPECT THE CARBIDES REGULARLY FOR MICRO-CRACKING
CARBIDE IS TOO HARD	USE A BIT WITH A SOFTER CARBIDE
REGRINDING ALREADY FRACTURED MATERIAL	INCREASE ROTATION SPEED
DAMAGED IN THE HANDLING PROCESS	USE BEST PRACTICES IN HANDLING BIT TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE



## CARBIDE CRUSHED DOWN TO LEVEL OF BIT BODY

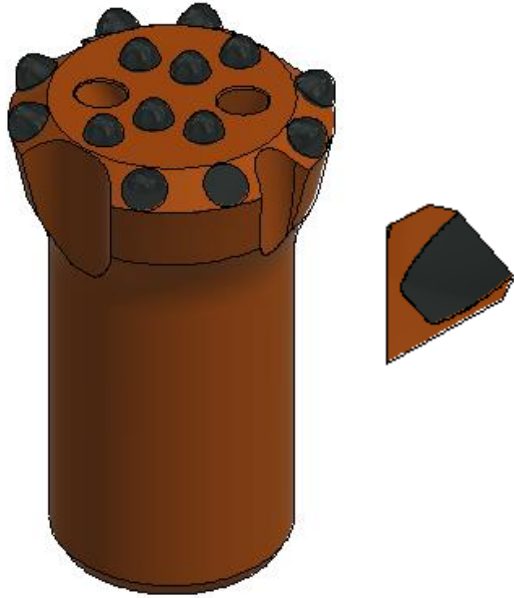


PROBABLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED ACTION
SNAKESKIN	INCREASE REGRINDING FREQUENCY
OVERDRILLING	INCREASE REGRINDING FREQUENCY
INCORRECT GRINDING PROCEDURE	DRY GRINDING CAN LEAD TO SNAKESKIN, TRY WET GRINDING
BUTTON CARBIDE TOO HARD	USE A BIT WITH A SOFTER CARBIDE

## CRACKED BUTTON



PROBABLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED ACTION
OVERDRILLING	INCREASE REGRINDING FREQUENCY
SNAKESKIN	INCREASE REGRINDING FREQUENCY
INCORRECT GRINDING PROCEDURE	DRY GRINDING CAN LEAD TO SNAKESKIN, TRY WET GRINDING
BUTTON CARBIDE TOO HARD	USE A BIT WITH A SOFTER CARBIDE
DAMAGED IN THE HANDLING PROCESS	USE BEST PRACTICES IN HANDLING BIT TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE

**TOP OF BUTTON SHEAR OFF LEVEL WITH BODY****PROBABLE CAUSE****RECOMMENDED ACTION**

OVERDRILLING

INCREASE REGRINDING  
FREQUENCY

SNAKESKIN

INCREASE REGRINDING  
FREQUENCY

DRILLING INTO METAL

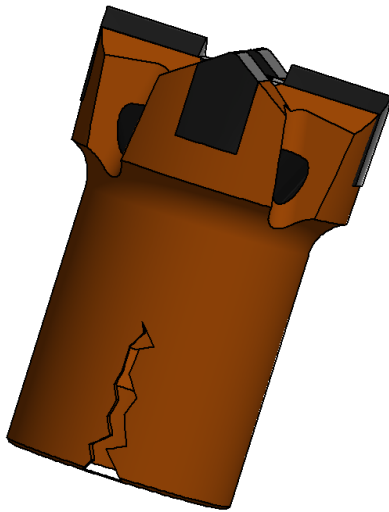
USE CORRECT DRILLING  
PRACTICESEXCESSIVE  
PROTRUSION

REDUCE REGRINDING INTERVAL



## CROSS BIT FAILURES

### SPLIT SKIRT (TAPER)



#### PROBABLE CAUSE

WORN TAPER OR  
INCORRECT TAPER  
MATCH

REMOVING WITH  
HAMMER

HAMMERING BEFORE  
BIT IS FULLY SEATED

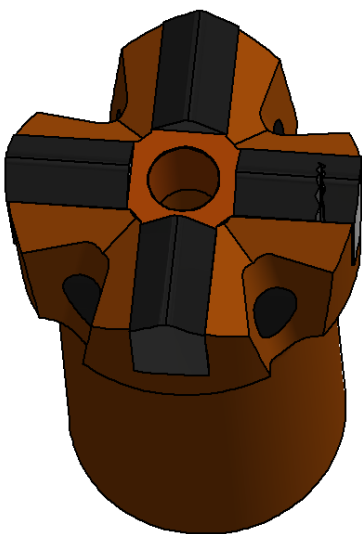
#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

CHANGE STEEL TO CORRECT  
TAPER

USE PROPER BIT REMOVAL  
PRACTICES

INSURE THREADS ARE TIGHT  
PRIOR TO STARTING HAMMER

### TRANSVERSE CRACKS



#### PROBABLE CAUSE

OVERHEATING FROM  
IMPROPER GRINDING

ANTI-TAPER FROM  
ABRASIVE ROCK

SCRATCHES DUE TO  
INCORRECT GRINDING  
WHEEL

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

USE CORRECT GRINDING  
PRACTICES AND REGRIND BIT

INCREASE REGRINDING  
FREQUENCY

ENSURE PROPER REGRINDING  
PROCEDURE



**LONGITUDINAL CRACKS****PROBABLE CAUSE**OVERHEATING FROM  
IMPROPER GRINDING

CARBIDE IS TOO HARD

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**REGRIND TO ORIGINAL SHAPE  
USING PROPER GRINDING  
PROCEDURESWITCH TO A BIT WITH A SOFTER  
CARBIDE**LOST CARBIDE INSERT****PROBABLE CAUSE**

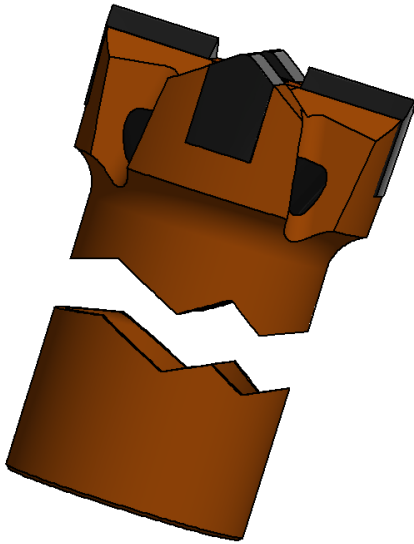
BRAZED JOINT FATIGUE

CARBIDE TOO HARD

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**NORMAL FATIGUE FROM WORN  
BITSWITCH TO A BIT WITH A SOFTER  
CARBIDE



## SKIRT RING OFF (TAPER BIT)



### PROBABLE CAUSE

WRONG TAPER  
SELECTION

BROKEN TAPER

HAMMERING TO  
REMOVE BIT

SPINNING

OVERDRILLING

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

USE CORRECT TAPER FOR STEEL

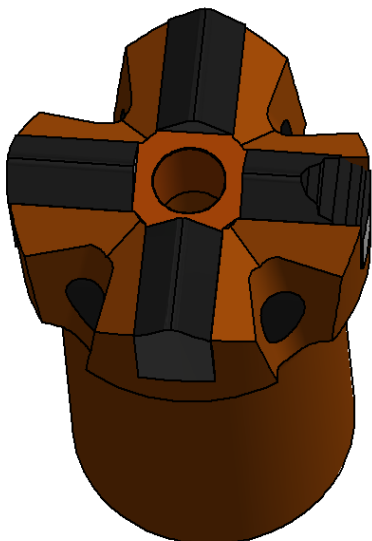
CHANGE BIT AND POTENTIALLY  
FIX STEEL TAPER OR REPLACE  
STEEL

USE PROPER BIT REMOVAL  
PRACTICES

INCREASE FEED PRESSURE

INCREASE REGRINDING  
FREQUENCY

## INSERT CORNER FRACTURE



### PROBABLE CAUSE

PINCHING

SHARP CORNERS ON  
ANTI-TAPER

HAMMERING TO  
REMOVE BIT

SNAKESKIN

INCORRECT COLLERING  
PRACTICES

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

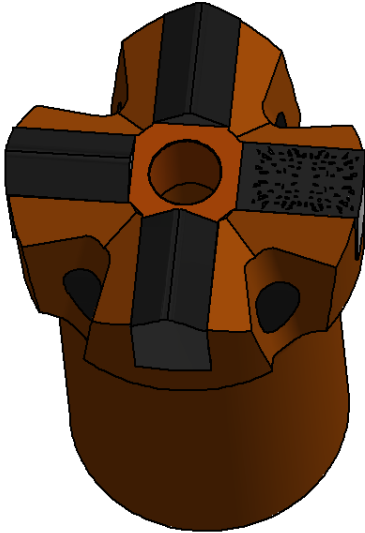
ENSURE PROPER GRINDING  
PROCEDURE AND GRIND THE  
GAGE BACK TO CORRECT CARBIDE  
PROTRUSION

ENSURE PROPER GRINDING  
PROCEDURE

USE CORRECT UNCOUPLING,  
REDUCE FEED PRESSURE AND  
ROTATION

INCREASE REGRINDING  
FREQUENCY

REDUCE PERCUSSION AND FEED

**SHATTERED CARBIDE INSERT****PROBABLE CAUSE****RECOMMENDED ACTION**

INCORRECT CARBIDE

USE SOFTER OR HARDER CARBIDE  
DEPENDING UPON ROCK  
CONDITION

INADEQUATE  
FLUSHING VOLUME

INCREASE FLUSHING VOLUME

IMPROPER GRINDING

ENSURE PROPER GRINDING  
PROCEDURE

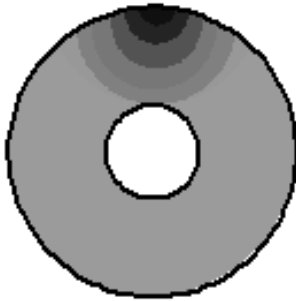
STRIKING ROOF BOLT  
OR SIMILAR OBJECT

AVOID ROOF BOLTS IF POSSIBLE  
AND OR OTHER NON-ROCK  
MATERIAL



## EXTENSION ROD FAILURES

### SURFACE LAYER COMPRIMISED



#### PROBABLE CAUSE

WORN OR NO  
CENTRALIZER

HAMMERING ON STEEL

IMPROPER STORAGE

DRILL STRING  
DEVIATION

EXCESSIVE FEED  
PRESSURE

BENDING

POOR DRILLING  
CONDITIONS

FEEDER DAMAGED

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

REPLACE OR INSTALL  
CENTRALIZER

ENSURE PROPER UNCOUPLING  
PROCEDURE

ENSURE PROPER STORAGE

MONITOR DRILL STRING,  
IMPLIMENT GUIDE TUBE AND  
RETRAC BIT

REDUCE AND TUNE TO DRILL  
CONDITIONS

MONITOR DRILL STRING AND  
IMPLIMENT GUIDE TUBE

TUNE DRILLING TO CONDITIONS,  
USE RETRAC BIT

CHECK FOR BENDING AND  
TWISTING OF HAMMER

### SURFACE COMPRIMISED FROM FLUSHING HOLE

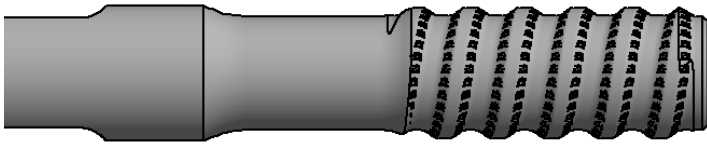


#### PROBABLE CAUSE

CORROSIVE FLUSHING  
AGENT

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

ENSURE PROPER STORAGE  
PROCEDURE AND OR TREAT  
FLUSHING AGENT



## PITTING OR WEAR IN THREADS

### PROBABLE CAUSE

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

OVERHEATING DUE TO  
LOSE DRILLING

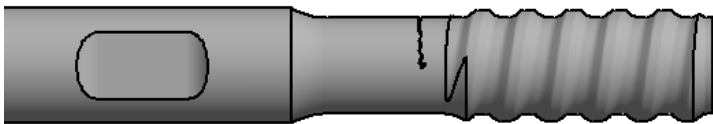
INCREASE FEED PRESSURE

FREE HAMMERING

INCREASE FEED PRESSURE

DRILLING WITH A  
WORN BIT

INCREASE REGRINDING  
FREQUENCY



## FAILURE AT BEGINNING OF THREADS

### PROBABLE CAUSE

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

WONDERING

MONITOR DRILL STRING, USE  
GUIDE TUBE AND RETRAC BIT

WORN COUPLING

REPLACE WORN PARTS

BENDING DUE TO  
OVERFEEDING

REDUCE FEED PRESSURE

BENDING DUE TO  
HAMMER  
MISALIGNMENT

REPLACE WORN COMPONENTS

PROPERLY COLLAR HOLE AND  
ADJUST FEED PRESSURE TO  
CONDITIONS

HIGH REFLECTION  
ENERGY DUE TO WORN  
BIT

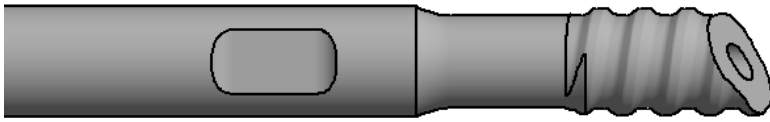
INCREASE REGRINDING  
FREQUENCY

POOR DRILLING  
CONDITIONS

TUNE DRILLING FOR CONDITIONS,  
USE RETRAC BIT

PERCUSSION ON STUCK  
ROD

USE ANTI-JAMMING SYSTEM AND  
USE RETRAC BIT

**CHIPPED OR BROKEN MALE THREAD****PROBABLE CAUSE****RECOMMENDED ACTION**FEED PRESSURE TOO  
LOW

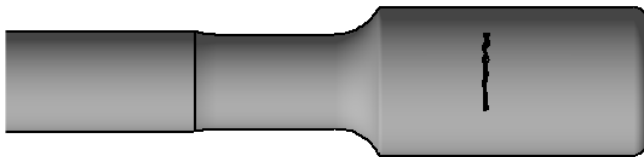
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REPLACE WORN PARTS

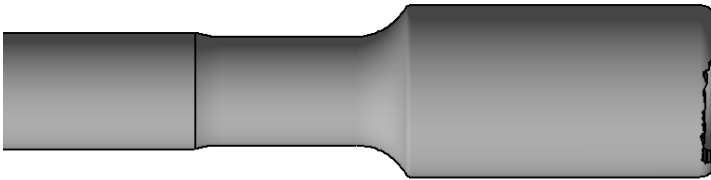
HIGH REFLECTION  
ENERGY DUE TO WORN  
BITINCREASE REGRINDING  
FREQUENCY**FAILURE ACROSS FEMALE THREADED SECTION****PROBABLE CAUSE****RECOMMENDED ACTION**BENDING DUE TO  
HAMMER  
MISALIGNMENT

REPLACE WORN COMPONENTS

FEED PRESSURE TOO  
LOW

INCREASE FEED PRESSURE

HIGH TORQUE FROM  
DRILLING WITH WORN  
BITINCREASE REGRINDING  
FREQUENCYNICK OR DING IN STEEL  
SURFACEENSURE PROPER UNCOUPLING  
PROCEDURE



## FEMALE END CHIPPED, CRACKED OR FLARED

### PROBABLE CAUSE

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

FREE HAMMERING

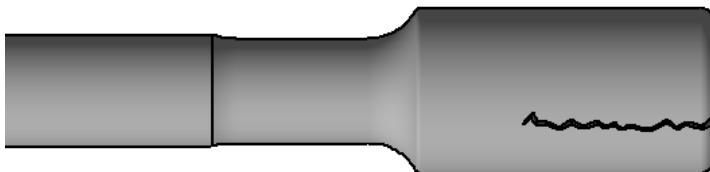
INCREASE FEED PRESSURE AND  
ENSURE STING IS TIGHT BEFORE  
DRILLING

HAMMER  
MISALIGNMENT

REPLACE WORN PARTS OR  
ENSURE PROPER DRILLING  
PROCEDURE IF BIT IS WONDERING

DRILL STEEL STRIKING  
TOP OF COUPLING

PROPERLY ALIGN STEEL PRIOR TO  
HAMMERING



## LONGITUDNIAL CRACKS IN FEMAL SECTION

### PROBABLE CAUSE

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

WORN THREADS

REPLACE STEEL

HOLE DEVIATION

ENSURE PROPER DRILLING  
PROCEDURE, USE GUIDE TUBE  
AND RETRAC BIT

FREE HAMMERING

INCREASE FEED PRESSURE

HAMMER  
MISALIGNMENT

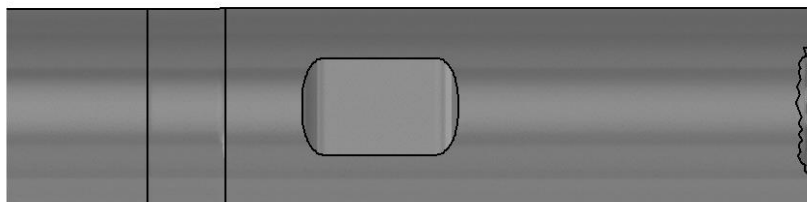
REPLACE WORN PARTS

HAMMERING BEFORE  
THE THREADS ARE  
FULLY MATED

INSURE THREADS ARE TIGHT  
PRIOR TO STARTING HAMMER



## GUIDE TUBE FAILURES



### FEMALE END CHIPPED, CRACKED OR FLARED

#### PROBABLE CAUSE

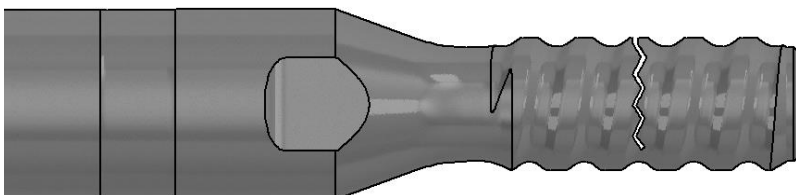
FREE HAMMERING

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

INCREASE FEED PRESSURE AND  
ENSURE STING IS TIGHT BEFORE  
DRILLING

HAMMER  
MISALIGNMENT

REPLACE WORN PARTS OR  
ENSURE PROPER DRILLING  
PROCEDURE IF BIT IS WONDERING



### FAILURE ACROSS THREADED SECTION

#### PROBABLE CAUSE

BENDING DUE TO  
HAMMER  
MISALIGNMENT

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

REPLACE WORN PARTS

FEED PRESSURE TOO  
LOW

INCREASE FEED PRESSURE

HIGH TORQUE FROM  
DRILLING WITH WORN  
BIT

INCREASE REGRINDING  
FREQUENCY

NICK OR DING IN STEEL  
SURFACE

ENSURE PROPER UNCOUPLING  
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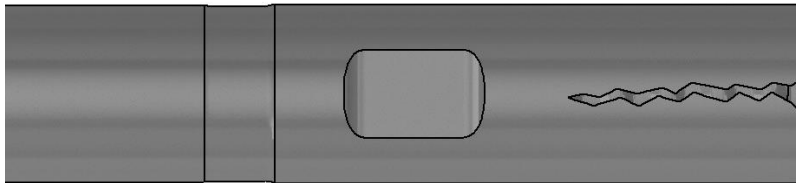


**PITTING OR WEAR IN THREADS****PROBABLE CAUSE****RECOMMENDED ACTION**OVERHEATING DUE TO  
LOSE DRILLING

INCREASE FEED PRESSURE

FREE HAMMERING

INCREASE FEED PRESSURE

DRILLING WITH A  
WORN BITINCREASE REGRINDING  
FREQUENCY**LONGITUDNIAL CRACKS IN FEMAL SECTION****PROBABLE CAUSE****RECOMMENDED ACTION**

WORN THREADS

REPLACE STEEL

HOLE DEVIATION

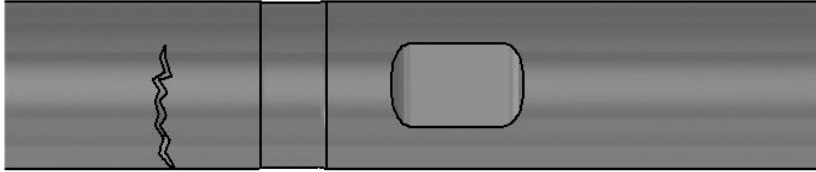
ENSURE PROPER DRILLING  
PROCEDURE, USE GUIDE TUBE  
AND RETRAC BIT

FREE HAMMERING

INCREASE FEED PRESSURE

HAMMER  
MISALIGNMENT

REPLACE WORN PARTS



## BREAK IN TUBE BODY

### PROBABLE CAUSE

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

WORN CENTRALIZERS

REPLACE WORN PARTS

NICK OR DENT IN  
SURFACE

ENSURE PROPER UNCOUPLING  
PROCEDURE



## SHANK ADAPTER FAILURES



### IMPACT MARKS, FRACTURED OR MUSHROOMED STRIKING FACE

#### PROBABLE CAUSE

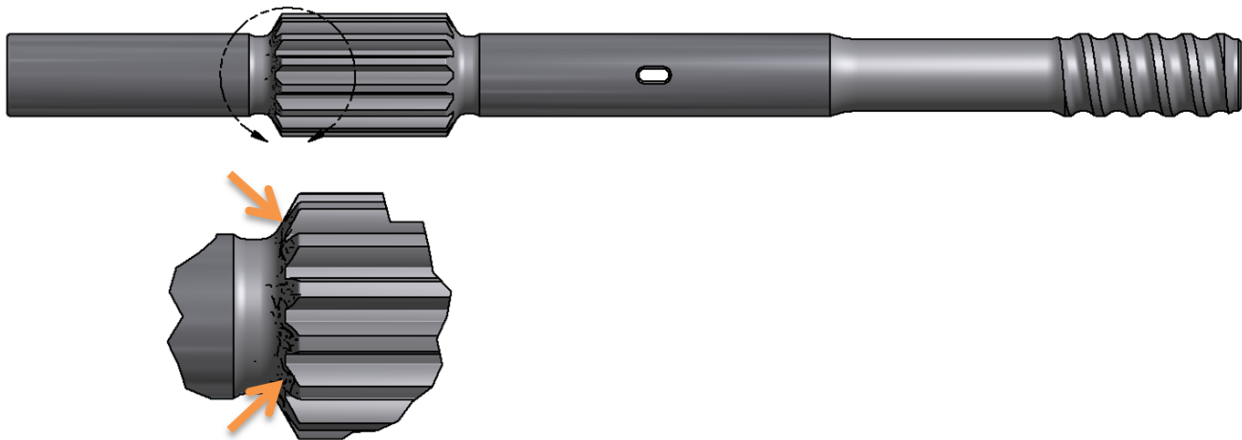
DAMAGED PISTON

MISALIGNMENT DUE  
TO WORN OR  
DAMAGED BUSHING

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

RSPLACE PISTON AND SERVICE  
EQIPMENT

REPLACE BUSHING



### ABNORMAL WEAR ON BACK FACE OF SPLINES

#### PROBABLE CAUSE

WORN CHUCK  
BUSHING

DAMPENING  
MECHANISM  
DAMAGED OR  
INOPERABLE

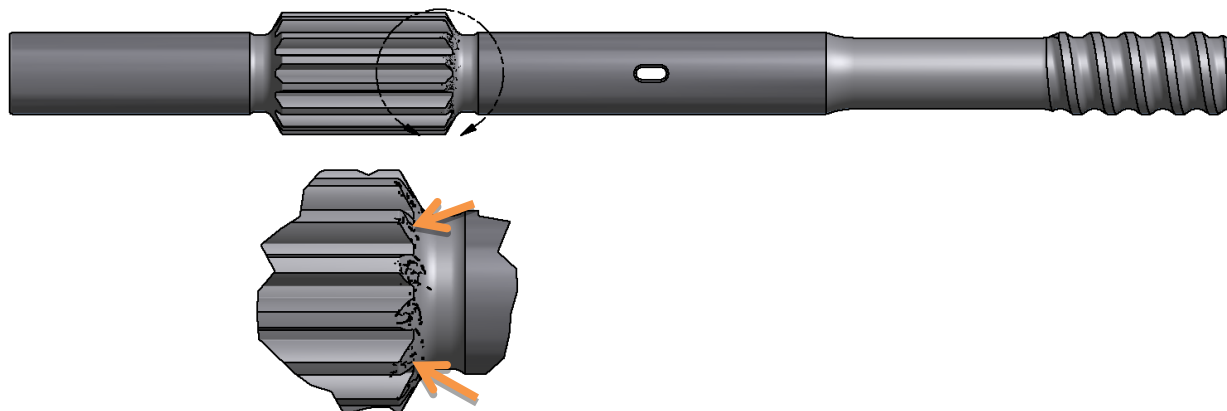
DAMPENING  
MECHANISM  
OPERATIONAL

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

REPLACE BUSHING

REPAIR FAULTY COMPONENTS

CHECK FOR ADEQUET PRESSURES



## ABNORMAL WEAR ON FORWARD FACE OF SPLINES

### PROBABLE CAUSE

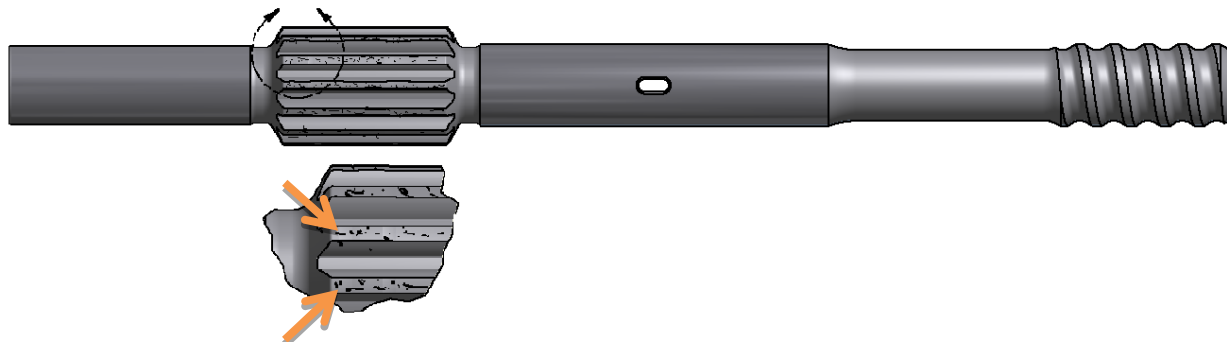
WORN HAMER  
BUSHING

STUCK STRING IN  
BROKEN ROCK

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

REPLACE BUSHING

ENSURE PROPER DRILLING  
PROCEDURE, USE RETRAC BIT, USE  
ANTI-JAMMING SYSTEM



## PITTING, GALLING AND MATERIAL BUILD UP ON OUTSIDE OF SPLINES

### PROBABLE CAUSE

LACK OF LUBRICATION

EXCESSIVE ROTATION  
IN SOFT ROCK

WORN CHUCK  
BUSHING

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

ENSURE LUBRICATION SYSTEM IS  
OPERATIONAL WITH THE CORRECT  
TYPE OF LUBRICANT

TUNE ACCORDING TO DRILLING  
CONDITIONS

REPLACE BUSHING

**FAILURE IN THREADED REGION**

PROBABLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED ACTION
BENDING DUE TO HAMMER MISALIGNMENT	MONITOR DRILL STRING, USE GUIDE TUBE AND OR RETRAC BIT
BENDING DUE TO OVERFEEDING	DECREASE FEED PRESSURE
HIGH TORQUE DUE TO WORN BIT	INCREASE REGRINDING FREQUENCY
POOR DRILLING CONDITIONS	TUNE DRILLING FOR CONDITIONS, USE RETRAC BIT
LACK OF THREAD LUBRICATION	ENSURE PROPER LUBRICATION WITH PROPER LUBRICANT
DRILLING WITH LOOSE DRILL STRING	INCREASE FEED PRESSURE

**CHIPPED FACE ON THREADED END**

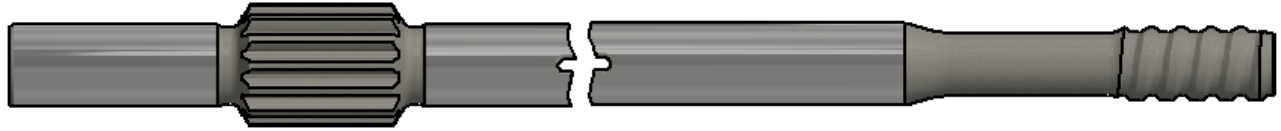
PROBABLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED ACTION
BROKEN DRILL STEEL	REPLAE BROKEN COMPONENTS
DEVIATION IN DRILL STRING	LOOSE OR WORN COMPONENTS SHOULD BE REPLACED, USE OF GUIDE TUBE AND RETRAC BIT

**FAILURE ACROSS SPLINES**

PROBABLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED ACTION
POOR LUBRICATION	ENSURE PROPER LUBRICATION WITH CORRECT LUBRICANT
STUCK DRILL STRING/ EXCESSIVE BACKHAMMERING	USE ANTI-JAMMING SYSTEM AND RETRAC BIT
WORN CHUCK BUSHING	REPLACE BUSHING
HIGH ROTATIONAL TORQUE	DECREASE ROTATION
OVERDRILLING	INCREASE REGRINDING FREQUENCY
FEED PRESSURE TOO LOW	INCREASE FEED PRESSURE

**BROKEN AT FRONT BUSHING OR FRONT HEAD**

PROBABLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED ACTION
MISALIGNED BOOM OR HAMMER	MONITOR ALIGNMENT AND REPLACE WORN PARTS
WORN FRONT BUSHING	REPLACE BUSHING

**FAILURE ACROSS FLUSHING HOLE****PROBABLE CAUSE****RECOMMENDED ACTION**

CORROSION

ENSURE NUTRAL FLUSHING  
MEDIUM

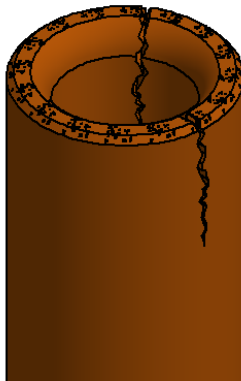
FATIGUE

TYPICAL OF HIGH USE  
COMPONENTDIRTY FLUSHING  
MEDIUMCLEAN FLUSHING COMPONENTS  
AND OR TREAT FLUSHING  
MEDIUM



## COUPLING FAILURES

### IMPACT MARKS, CHIPPED OR CRACKED END



#### PROBABLE CAUSE

PERCUSSION ON  
SHOULDER

MISALIGNMENT OF  
HAMMER

HOLE DEVIATION

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

ENSURE CORRECT COUPLING  
PROCEDURE

REPLACE WORN PARTS

MONITOR DRILL STRING, USE  
GUIDE TUBE AND RETRAC BIT

### LONGITUDINAL CRACKS



#### PROBABLE CAUSE

WORN THREADS

HOLE DEVIATION

FREE HAMMERING

HAMMER  
MISALIGNMENT

BACK ROTATION WITH  
HAMMER

INSURE THREADS ARE  
TIGHT PRIOR TO  
STARTING HAMMER

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

REPLACE STEEL

ENSURE PROPER DRILLING  
PROCEDURE, USE GUIDE TUBE  
AND RETRAC BIT

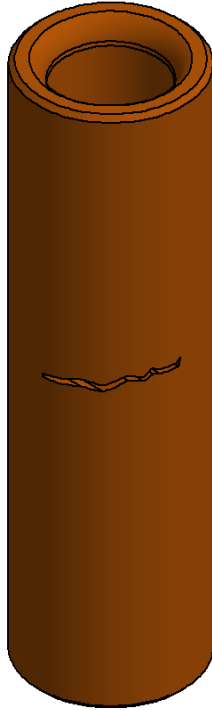
INCREASE FEED PRESSURE

REPLACE WORN PARTS

ENSURE CORRECT DRILLING AND  
UNCOUPLING PROCEDURE

INSURE THREADS ARE TIGHT  
PRIOR TO STARTING HAMMER



**TRANSVERSE CRACKS****PROBABLE CAUSE****RECOMMENDED ACTION**

NICK OR DING IN  
SURFACE

ENSURE PROPER UNCOUPLING  
AND DRILLING PROCEDURE

WORN THREADS

REPLACE

HOLE DEVIATION

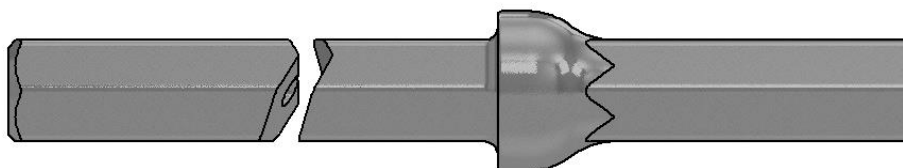
MONITOR DRILL STRING, USE  
GUIDE TUBE AND RETRAC BIT

WORN BIT

INCREASE REGRINDING  
FREQUENCY

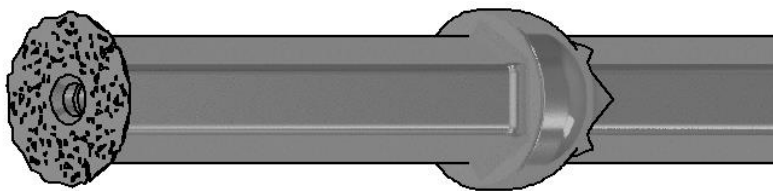


## TAPER ROD/ INTEGRAL ROD FAILURES



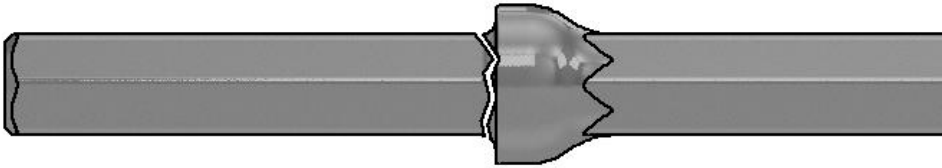
### FAILURE IN SHANK END

PROBABLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED ACTION
WORN CHUCK BUSHING	REPLACE BUSHING
INSUFFICIENT LUBRICATION	ENSURE PROPER LUBRICATION FROM THE OILER AND OR OTHER LUBRICATION POINTS
FREE HAMMERING	INCREASE FEED PRESSURE



### STRIKING FACE DEFORMED

PROBABLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED ACTION
WORN CHUCK BUSHING	REPLACE BUSHING
DAMAGED PISTON	REPLACE WORN PART
HIGH OPERATING PRESSURE	ENSURE PROPER OPERATING PRESSURE



## WEAR AND OR BREAK AT BEGINNING OF COLLAR RADIUS

### PROBABLE CAUSE

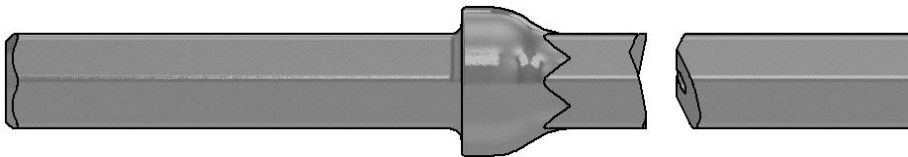
INDENTATION BY  
CHUCK BUSHING

OVERHEATING FROM  
INSUFFICIENT  
LUBRICATION

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

REPLACE BUSHING

ENSURE PROPER LUBRICATION  
FROM THE OILER AND OR OTHER  
LUBRICATION COMPONENTS



## BREAK IN ROD SECTION

### PROBABLE CAUSE

BENT ROD

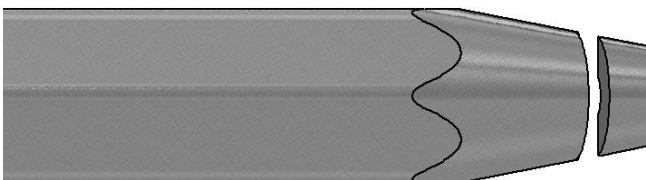
SURFACE DAMAGE

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

ENSURE CORRECT DRILLING  
PROCEDURE

ENSURE CORRECT STORAGE AND  
ROD HANDLING

## BREAK IN TAPER RADIUS



### PROBABLE CAUSE

WORN SOCKET

DAMAGED BIT

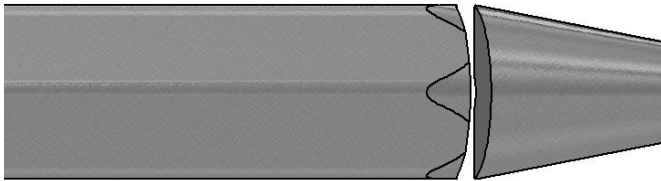
SPINNING

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

REPLACE BIT

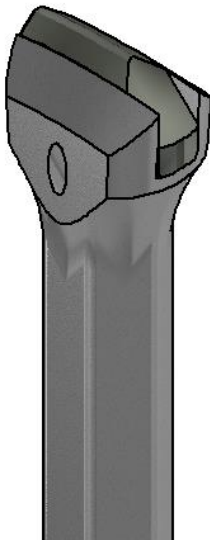
CHANGE BIT OR REAM  
IMPERFECTION

INCREASE FEED PRESSURE

**BREAK CLOSE TO BIT END****PROBABLE CAUSE**

DRILL THROUGH

EXCESSIVE GAGE WEAR

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**ENSURE PROPER DRILLING  
PROCEDUREENSURE PROPER GRINDING  
PROCEDURE AND RESURFACE  
GAGE**FAILURE IN CARBIDE****PROBABLE CAUSE**

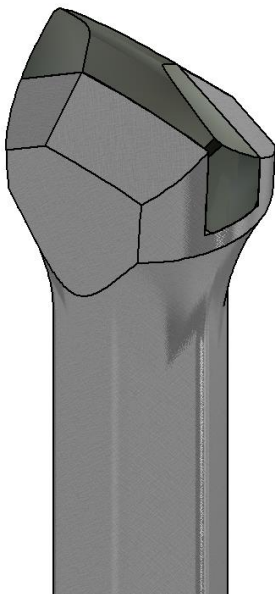
IMPROPER GRINDING

OVERHEATING WHEN  
REGRINDING

SNAKESKIN

ANTI-TAPER

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**ENSURE PROPER GRINDING  
PROCEDUREENSURE PROPER GRINDING  
PROCEDUREINCREASE REGRINDING  
FREQUENCYENSURE PROPER GRINDING  
PROCEDURE, GRIND GAGE

**UNEVEN CARBIDE WEAR****PROBABLE CAUSE**

IMPROPER FLUSHING

IMPROPER ROTATION

IMPROPER GRINDING

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**INCREASE FLUSHING, TUNE TO  
CONDITIONS

TUNE TO ROCK CONDITIONS

SHARPEN AT THE CORRECT ANGLE