

FECON SERVICE BULLETIN

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Equipment Model: RK5015 and RK6015 Mulchers

Serial Numbers Affected: 00RK501510755 and lower and RK601510469 and lower

Component: Inline Check Valve (P/N: 182578)

Issue: In some instances, a lack of back pressure from the return port of the mulcher can cause the rotor rpm to drop to low fixed speed.

Summary

This service bulletin addresses a specific condition in which a lack of back pressure from the RK5015 or RK6015 can in some cases cause the rotor speed to drop to a low fixed speed.

Defect Description

- **Defect Type:** Design defect
- **Affected Component:** Inline Check Valve (P/N: 182578)
- **Defect Manifestation:** Low back pressure in the mulching circuit can cause the rpms to drop on the mulcher.
- **Failure Mode:** The rotor speed can drop to a low fixed speed.
- **Risk Level:** Medium - potential for improper rotor speed that does not recover as expected.

Symptoms

- RPMs drop to a slow fixed speed and do not recover until another function is activated on the prime mover.
- Rotor rpms are fixed at a slow speed and do not recover.
- Rotor rpm drops to a low fixed speed for an extended period of time before it recovers.

Required Tools

- Basic hand tools

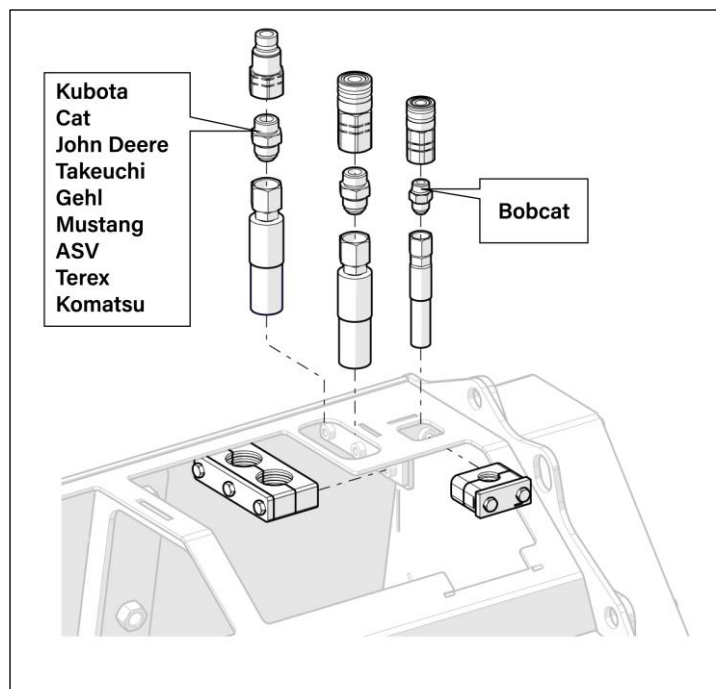
Repair Procedure

Step 1: Equipment Preparation

1. Park machine on level ground
2. Lower all attachments to ground
3. Turn engine off
4. Release hydraulic pressure by moving all control levers
5. Wait minimum 15 minutes for system cooling
6. Disconnect battery negative terminal

Step 2: Component Replacement

1. Replace the existing hose union in the main return hose with the new inline check valve (P/N 182578) as shown in illustration below:



Field Validation

1. Operate machine through full range of motion with no load
2. Gradually increase load to 50% of rated capacity
3. Monitor pressure gauges to ensure machine reaches expected values
4. Check for unusual operation or movements of the prime mover

Parts Information

Part Number	Description	Quantity
182578	Inline Check Valve	1

Service Time

- Repair time: .5
- Testing time: .5
- Total labor: 1 hour

Machine Learning Tags

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Related Documents

- Technical Bulletin: SB-174

Warranty Information: This repair is covered under standard warranty terms for affected units. For units outside warranty period, contact warranty@fecon.com for authorization.

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