HOW TO PHOTOGRAPH A CYLINDER

FIRST, UNDERSTAND HOW YOUR CAMERA FUNCTIONS

- Choose the appropriate mode for the result you desire.
- Do not hold the camera too close to the subject or the result may be blurry.
- If possible, keep the light source behind you.
- Keep the camera steady.

PHOTOS ARE USED TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

- What is the size of the cylinder?
- What is the condition of the cylinder?
- What is the cylinder material of construction?
- Are there specific defects?
- What type of valve is on the cylinder?
- Does the valve outlet connection have righthanded or left-handed threads?
- Are they male or female?
- Is it a metal-to-metal seal or a gasket seal?
- What is the material of construction of the valve?

QUESTIONS cont.

- Are there Pressure Relief Devices (PRDs) on the cylinder or valve?
- What type of PRDs are they and are they intact?
- Are there any labels/partial labels on the cylinder?
- Is there any stenciling on the cylinder?
- What DOT specification was the cylinder manufactured to?
- What color is the cylinder?
- Is there any corrosion on/in the valve and what color is it?

THE FOLLOWING VIEWS WILL TYPICALLY ANSWER ALL OF THOSE QUESTIONS.

- Overall view
- View showing any specific defect
- Close-up of cylinder specifications
- Close-up of front of valve on a 30 to 45 degree angle
- Close-up of side of valve
- Close-up of back of valve
- Bottom view (for low pressure cylinders)

IN THE FOLLOWING SLIDES YOU WILL SEE EXAMPLES OF WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

OVERALL VIEW



LABELING



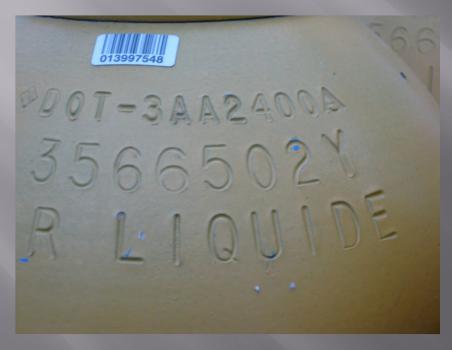
STENCILING



DOT SPECIFICATIONS

HIGH PRESSURE CYLINDER

LOW PRESSURE CYLINDER





DEFECT: CORROSION





DEFECT: DENT



DEFECT: BULGED CYLINDER



DEFECT: FIRE DAMAGE



DO NOT HOLD YOUR CAMERA TOO CLOSE TO THE SUBJECT

TOO CLOSE=BLURRY

PROPER FOCAL
DISTANCE=CLEAR





FRONT ANGLE VIEW CLOSE-UP

MALE EXTERNAL THREAD FEMALE INTERNAL THREAD





SIDE VIEW CLOSE-UP

RIGHT-HANDED THREAD LEFT-HANDED
____THREAD





BACK VIEW CLOSE-UP





PRESSURE RELIEF DEVICES (PRDs)

NO PRD

WITH PRD





PRDs ON CYLINDERS





PRDs ON VALVES





DEFECTIVE PRDs

EXTRUDED FUSE METAL

CORRODED





CORROSION COLOR

GREENISH

BLUISH





BOTTOM VIEW of LOW PRESSURE CYLINDERS

GOOD BOTTOM

BAD BOTTOM





PLEASE REVIEW YOUR PHOTOS FOR CLARITY BEFORE SENDING THEM TO US.

PRESENTED BY THE SET CYLINDER DEPT.