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Item #1 - VIGIL AAD BULLETIN

Product Service Bulletin PSB-6, issued by AAD sa/nv on 4 October 2011 contains important information regarding possibly defective cutters. It came to light after a recent fatality in Quebec, that a production batch of 299 pieces produced in October 2007 may have a missing knife.

It is mandatory that Vigil AAD's with serial numbers listed in the bulletin, available from a posting on the CSPA/TSC forum, not be considered serviceable until a new cutter has been installed. All cutters with a DOM 10-07 must be replaced and returned.

All cutters in the batch are being recalled by AAD and will be replaced free of charge. The old cutter can be returned after receiving the new one.

There is the possibility some cutters from this batch were used as stock items or replacements for fired cutters so all Vigil units should be checked at the next repack to ensure the cutters are not from the aforementioned batch manufactured 10-07. AAD describes a field test that can be performed to help verify that a knife has been installed on the cutter.

Information on replacement cutters can be obtained at:

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