## SAFETY BULLETIN

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For Strainer Part Numbers 44373-100, 41767-100, 208092-100, and 210398-100

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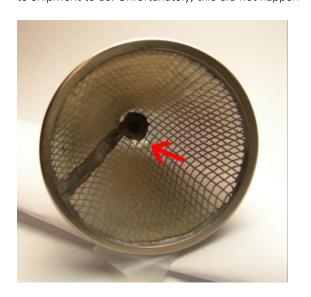
Applicable to all Eaton Carter Brand 100 – Mesh Strainers for use in Carter Brand refueling nozzles

## 100-MESH NOZZLE STRAINERS

It has come to our attention that some Eaton Carter® brand Nozzle Strainers exhibiting improper fabrication may have passed our Quality Control and found their way into service. One screen was returned from the field which led us to inspect our inventory. We found a small percentage of these nozzle strainers exhibited very small tears in the metal fabric in the area close to the soldered tip (see pictures below). The tears appear as small holes in the fabric and can better be seen by holding the strainers in bright light over a piece of white paper.

Our strainer fabricator has told us that these tears can happen during the shaping and soldering process but should have been caught and rejected at their plant prior to shipment to us. Unfortunately, this did not happen and in as much as the fabricator is a delegated supplier and their "inbound" material goes "dock-to-stock" it does not go through incoming inspection. As part of our standard internal processes, our QC group does inspect strainers on the final line prior to shipment, but these tears are difficult to see and as a result we have also had a few turn up in our distributors' inventory.

To be safe, please inspect all 100-mesh nozzle strainers for this problem. If you find any that exhibit this condition, please stop using them immediately. Our distributors have inspected their inventory and most have stock to provide no charge replacements. The bad strainers must be returned to your local Eaton Carter® brand distributor to receive full credit for the replacements.







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