



# RIBLET

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**Applicability:** All Riblet Chairlifts using Riblet Insert Chair Clips.

**Subject:** Riblet Chair Clip Relocation Interval Policy.

**Compliance:** General Information.

Note: This Service Bulletin may or may not apply to chairlifts which incorporate modifications not authorized in writing by the Riblet Tramway Company, to chairlifts which have been relocated and/or re-engineered by others, or to chairlifts which are comprised of parts, some or all of which may have been originally sold by Riblet but which have been engineered and applied by others. These chairlifts are not considered to be Riblet chairlifts, and operators of such equipment should consult the Qualified Engineer responsible for the design.

The following was first published on Oct. 16, 1991 and has been available on an "on request" basis. We offer it now, unchanged, as a service bulletin for your convenience.

### Riblet Chair Clip Relocation Interval Policy

We occasionally receive a request for "permission" to exceed the Riblet-specified chair clip relocation interval of 2 years or 2000 hours, whichever comes first. Typically, this results from a lack of snow or other conditions which have limited the operation of a lift to a very few hours over one or two seasons.

In addition to the Riblet requirements noted above, ANSI B77.1 sect. 4.3.3.3 requires that clips and grips be relocated at least once every 24 calendar months.

Only your "authority having jurisdiction" can grant a variance to the B77.1 (or other) Standard. Riblet is not an "authority having jurisdiction"; if you are not sure who your authority is, the following excerpt from the B77.1-1990 Standard may help:

**1.4.2 Authority Having Jurisdiction.** The phrase "authority having jurisdiction" means any governmental agency empowered to oversee the design, manufacture, construction, operation, maintenance, and use of aerial passenger tramways. Where no such agency exists, the owner of the tramway shall be considered the authority having jurisdiction.

Keeping in mind that only your authority having jurisdiction can issue a variance to the Standard, Riblet will generally agree to an extension of the chronological

clip relocating interval from 2 years to a maximum of 3 years, provided that the following conditions exist and are met:

1. You do not expect to exceed 2000 hours of operation since the last chair clip relocation before the end of the coming operating season.
2. All chair clip locations have been inspected for any signs of corrosion or broken wires.
3. All specified preventative maintenance and inspection procedures as required by your Riblet manuals and service bulletins are carried out.
4. A variance is obtained from the authority having jurisdiction.

Thank You,

Riblet Tramway Company