



TECHNICAL BULLETIN- #A1002
SUBJECT: **TRANSPEC HATCH HANDLE REVISION**
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Recently SMI improved the design of the Transpec Vandal Lock hatches. The Vandal Lock system features a cam style microswitch which interacts with the release mechanism to prevent the opening of the hatch lid when locked. The cam lock slides underneath the handle (handle shown below). Occasionally, the cam could be difficult to rotate into the locked position. This design change addresses this situation.

The improvement is a small “ramp” feature on the back side of the handle. This feature allows the cam lock to gradually connect with the handle thus improving the overall alignment of the handle and the cam lock.

Previously produced hatches that do not have this ramp feature are still considered fully functional. This change does not affect the normal “release operation” of the handle mechanism. In the future, the ramp feature will be present in all styles of Transpec hatches regardless of whether it is a Vandal Lock hatch or not.

Please note that the change will not typically be noticed as the handle is covered by the handle shield in the final hatch assembly. However, it might be noticed and questioned in a repair type situation.

