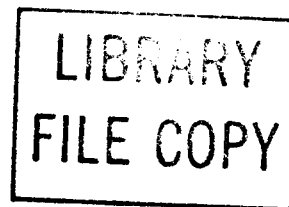


B POLE STEPS INSPECTION FOR CRACKS

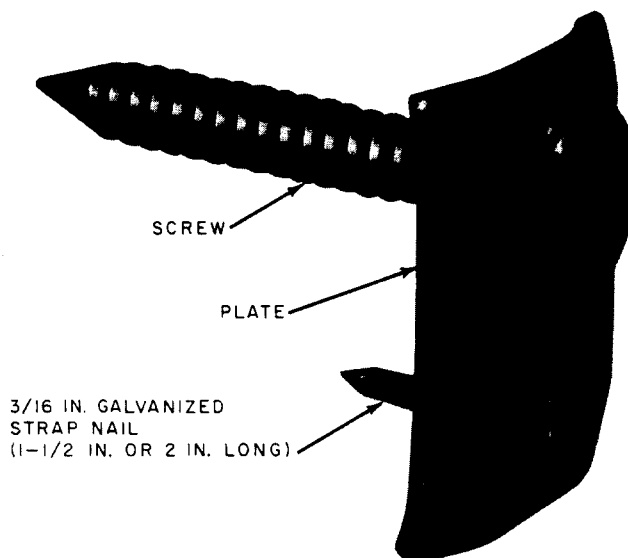


1. GENERAL

1.01 The B pole step is a detachable pole step used in conjunction with a B pole step mounting (Fig. 1). Two or more of these steps are used to enable a craft person to gain access to stepped poles which are not equipped with permanent steps at lower levels.

1.02 This section is being reissued to revise the text to delete specific height of the location of the pole step aboveground. Since this is the only change being made in this section, no revision arrows have been used to denote the change.

1.03 The combination of step and mounting is shown in Fig. 2. The installation of the mounting is described in Section 621-210-012.



NOTE:
THE B POLE STEP MOUNTING
INCLUDES THE SCREW AND PLATE.
THE STRAP NAIL MUST BE ORDERED
SEPARATELY.

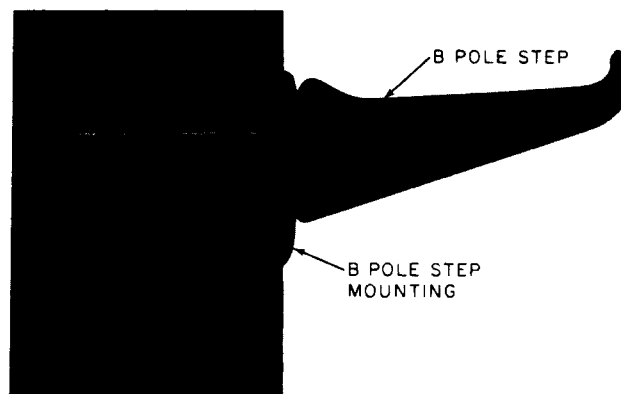


Fig. 2—B Pole Step and Mounting

Fig. 1—B Pole Step Mounting

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1.04 In a small number of cases, fine cracks have developed at the bends in the metal on the inside of the steps and at the top of the mounting slot. It appears that these cracks become progressively larger during service and tend to result in not only a faulty fit of the steps on the heads of the mounting screws but also possible eventual failure of the steps. The cracks are probably due to stresses in the metal introduced in forming the steps.

2. INSPECTION OF STEPS

2.01 In order to eliminate the risk of failure of any of the steps, proceed as follows:

- (a) Occasionally examine the steps which are being used to check for spreading of the slot and cracks. Pay particular attention to the inside of the steps where the metal is bent and at the inside top edge of the mounting slot. These locations are shown in Fig. 3. It is not necessary to examine

unused steps. Any cracks would probably be covered by the galvanized coating and would not be evident until after the steps had been in use.

- (b) Junk any steps found to have cracks. Do not use them.

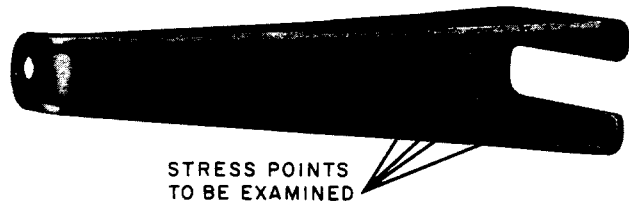


Fig. 3—Bottom of B Pole Step