



# CATERPILLAR D10T

Innovative ripper pins streamline mine dozer maintenance



### FASTER MAINTENANCE

No need to rebuild lug ears or move the lift frame

### VALUE-ADDED INNOVATION

Bolt-through design eliminates problems caused by tight clearances

### EASY INSTALLATION

No line boring required

### COST SAVINGS

Reduced downtime and extended joint lifecycle

## THE CHALLENGE

### Unique pin clearances complicate maintenance

SMS Equipment, Canada's largest Komatsu mining equipment dealer, had a customer operating CAT D10T dozers in a British Columbian copper mine.

Workers were faced with a complex repair process due to pin clearance issues. The lift frame and tracks had to be removed to set up line boring equipment, and lug ears had to be rebuilt. As a result, maintenance was costly and time consuming.

## THE SOLUTION

### No line boring required

Expander System ripper pins resolved the clearance issues. We offered a bolt-through design that could be installed from one side, eliminating the problems caused by a tight clearance or blind hole on the opposite side.

This made the ripper pins easy to install and remove without moving the lift frame or need for line boring.



## MINING & MINERALS SUCCESS STORY



### LOCATION

British Columbia, Canada

### APPLICATION

CAT D10T

### CUSTOMER

Komatsu Dealer  
SMS Equipment

### PRODUCT

Expander System Ripper Pins

THE RIPPER PINS WERE EASY TO  
INSTALL AND REMOVE WITHOUT THE  
NEED TO REMOVE THE LIFT FRAME AND  
LINE BORING.



## THE OUTCOME

### Faster repair process

The Expander System reduced dozer downtime by streamlining maintenance. There were also substantial cost savings – there was no need to rebuild the lug ears, and Expander System innovation extended the joint life cycle.

Now when the mine purchases new dozers for their fleet, the OEM pins are immediately replaced with Expander System pins before the machines are put to work. Using Expander have become standard also for maintenance on their surface drills and trucks.



### FIND OUT MORE

Founded in Sweden, in 1986, Expander System is the creator of the original pivot pin technology that permanently eliminates lug wear. The result over an entire lifecycle is increased uptime, savings on maintenance costs and a safer work and public environment. We have the largest standard range on the market, as well as a vast experience to create custom solutions to solve our customers' unique challenges.

Expander System is part of the Nord-Lock Group, a world leader in secure bolting solutions that offers a range of innovative technologies, including Nord-Lock wedge-locking, Superbolt multi-jackbolt tensioning, Boltight hydraulic tensioning and Expander System pivot pin technology.

Find out how the Expander System can solve your bolted challenges at [Nord-Lock.com](http://Nord-Lock.com)

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