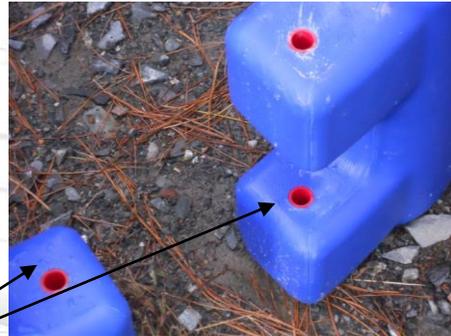


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Bal-Last block fit adjustment.

Bal-Last production noticed in the last run of the block shells that the molding machine was allowing more material into the mold form. This resulted in a slightly thicker wall material in the blue mold shell. The outer dimensions are controlled by the block shell mold and have not been affected by this thicker material. However the area that holds the red pin sleeve has been expanded slightly by the installation of the ABS plastic pin sleeves. The pin sleeves are dimensionally controlled and of constant length.

Because the mold shell material is thicker, the pin sleeves are fitting tighter on some of the blocks and slightly expanding the block at this location. The result can be a slightly tighter assembly of the ballast block system.



A relatively easy solution is to use a grinder to grind down the blue block shell until the outer surface is flush with the red pin sleeves. Most pipeline installers use a gas powered cut off saw that will work well to make this modification.



Grinding this material away will not impact the product. The outer shell is used as a form for the concrete and can be filed or ground to loosen the fit enough to assemble the block set. Use of the Bal-Last tensioning tool will help with assembly of the Bal-Last block system.

Our molder noticed this issue during installation of the pin sleeves. We have stopped installation of the standard pin sleeves and our molder has machined these pins to compensate for the thicker wall material.

This issue is temporary and has been corrected. We apologize for any inconvenience.