



Maintenance Research Bulletin

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Upcoming Events

Mechanic Workshop
St. Cloud Training Center
August 18-22, 2008

OMG/Superintendents Meeting
St. Cloud Training Center
September 23-25, 2008

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Proposal Form on our Website
[http://www.dot.state.mn.us/
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Congratulations and Good Luck to Norm Ashfeld (Metro Snow and Ice Superintendent) in his retirement after 40 years with MN/DOT

Comments? Questions?
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Landscape Stapler

The SureLock II stapler has made installing rolled erosion control blankets, geotextiles, sod and other materials a whole lot easier for employees in District 6. Ken Peterman said the Red Wing sub area used the stapler on a few small projects and it worked very well. He also mentioned that it held the fabric in place better than when stapling by hand. This landscape stapler is available in manual and pneumatic-drive models. The SureLock II easily installs the wire staples without having to bend over or individually pound each staple into the ground which could result in less back strain or injuries caused from bending over for long periods

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