

B BODY BELT
GENERAL

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1.01 The B Body Belt is the Bell System standard leather body belt intended for use by workmen who do not require a special body belt. The body belt, together with the safety strap, provides a means of securing a workman to a pole, strand, or other structure, thus promoting his safety while working aloft. Sections 081-720-600, 081-720-305, and 081-720-010 cover the inspection, care and maintenance of this body belt and the precautions to be observed in its use. Information on the tool holsters and the handline carrier for use with this belt is given in Section 081-720-111.

1.02 This section has been reissued to cover the circular type Dee ring now standard on this belt. Other changes are also incorporated in this issue and because of their extent the usual arrows indicating changes have been omitted.

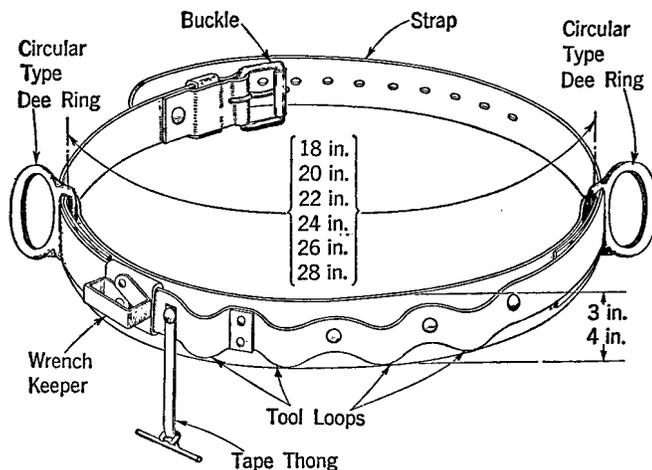
1.03 The circular type Dee ring minimizes the possibility of the safety strap snap hook riding back to the body belt, twisting and bringing pressure to bear on the snap hook keeper. This feature appreciably reduces the possibility of accidental disengagement of the snap hook.

1.04 The B Body Belt equipped with the former standard Dee rings is no longer supplied. However, the use, care and maintenance of these belts still in use in the field are the same as covered in the sections referred to in Paragraph 1.01.

2. B BODY BELT

2.01 The B Body Belt, shown in Fig. 1, is made of harness leather and is equipped with drop forged circular type Dee rings and buckle, a metal wrench keeper, a tape thong, and four leather tool loops. The portion of the strap between the Dee ring and the tool loop which is farthest from the wrench keeper will accommodate the holster. The belt is furnished in both a 3-inch and 4-inch width in six sizes ranging from 18 to 28 inches in 2-inch increments. Sizes are designated by a three digit number such as 318 for a 3-inch wide belt in size 18. The size of the belt is the distance between Dee rings measured in inches as shown in Fig. 1. The weight of the belt ranges from about 2-1/2 pounds for size 318 to about 3-1/4 pounds for size 428.

2.02 Fig. 1 shows a "Right" B Body Belt as supplied. In the field, the belt can be made into a "Left" belt by swinging the tape thong through 180° on its rivet and turning the belt over so that the belt buckle is to the wearer's



B BODY BELT (RIGHT)
LEATHER

Fig. 1

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right. In such case, if an offset double holster is used it should be the "Left" type.

2.03 The degree of comfort and satisfactory service a workman obtains from a body belt depends to a large extent on the location of the Dee rings with respect to the prominent portions of the hip bones. Most workmen prefer to have the Dee rings located slightly in front of the prominent portions of the hip bones. To obtain a properly fitting belt, measure the distance across

the back to the desired locations of the Dee rings and order a belt of the size that comes nearest to this dimension.

2.04 If the buckle strap is too long, it may be shortened by cutting off the excess length provided the cut passes through one of the buckle holes. This will ensure a minimum distance, between the last usable hole and the end of the strap, long enough to prevent tearing of the belt by the tongue of the buckle.