

# **IMPORTANT**


Cottrell has announced the following upgrades on all new Cottrell trailers and headramps to become effective during the first quarter of 2005:

1. The tie-down bar supplied with each new Cottrell unit will be 38½” long versus the prior standard bar that is 34” long. This increase in length will allow you (the driver) to perform your job with less effort; and
2. The transport chain will change from ¼” Grade 70 Transport Chain to 5/16” Grade 70 Transport Chain.

## **IMPORTANT:**

- **The longer (38½”) tie-down bar MUST NOT be used on any chain other than 5/16” Grade 70 Transport Chain.**
- **The prior standard bar (34”) must continue to be used with ¼” Grade 70 Transport Chain.**
- **Using the longer tie-down bar (38½”) with the ¼” Grade 70 Transport Chain is a potentially dangerous misuse of the tie-down mechanism. Use of the longer (38½”) bar may place excessive force on the ¼” Grade 70 Transport Chain which could result in chain breakage and lead to serious injury.**


The 38½” tie-down bars supplied by Cottrell will contain the following warning on a bright orange warning label:

** WARNING: USE ONLY WITH 5/16” GRADE 70 TRANSPORT CHAIN. USE OF THIS BAR WITH CHAIN OTHER THAN 5/16” GRADE 70 TRANSPORT CHAIN MAY RESULT IN CHAIN BREAKAGE AND LEAD TO SERIOUS INJURY.**

Each 5/16” Grade 70 Transport Chain will have a bright orange durable-plastic warning tag affixed near the hook assembly that is color coded to coincide with the bright orange warning label on the longer (38½”) tie-down bar. Thus, the “orange” labeled tie-down bar is to be used ONLY with the “orange” tagged chain.

The orange warning tags on the 5/16” Grade 70 Transport Chains will state as follows:

**5/16” GRADE 70 TRANSPORT CHAIN                      WLL 4700 lbs.**

** WARNING: USE LONGER (38 ½”) TIE-DOWN BAR ONLY WITH CHAIN THAT HAS THIS TAG. USE OF THE LONGER (38½”) TIE-DOWN BAR ON CHAINS WITHOUT THIS TAG MAY RESULT IN CHAIN BREAKAGE AND LEAD TO SERIOUS INJURY.**

Anyone with questions may contact Cottrell at 1-866-677-6595 or at [www.cottrelltrailers.com](http://www.cottrelltrailers.com).