



SafetyTech Outrigger Pads Receive 6th Patent for Recessed Handle Design

February 23, 2017 (Guthrie Center, Iowa) DICA has received U.S. patent No. 9,550,657, issued in January 2017, for its unique handle system on SafetyTech® outrigger pads. This is the sixth patent to be awarded for integrated SafetyTech and TuffGrip® designs.

The patent covers all recessed handles used with non-round SafetyTech outrigger pads. This newest award expands patent protection previously issued for TuffGrip handles on round SafetyTech outrigger pads by allowing for the popular recessed handle to now be included on square, rectangular or other shape SafetyTech pads.

Recessed handles are nearly flush with the edge of the pad, which helps reduce tripping and snagging hazards on the job site. The TuffGrip design provides excellent ergonomic benefits for operators with a handle length that encourages proper lifting posture and technique.

“The handle is an important part of making SafetyTech outrigger pads safe and easy to use, regardless of the size or shape of the outrigger pad,” said Kris Koberg. “Since 2011, TuffGrip handles have been as strong, dependable and beneficial to operators and organizations as our engineered thermoplastic outrigger pads,” he said.

An industry veteran agrees, “We’ve never had a SafetyTech outrigger pad break, but the older handle design would wear out. DICA’s customer service is great. They would always replace the handles, and now they’ve improved them,” said Bob Warianka, Business Development Manager for Crane Service Inc., a full-service crane rental and rigging company serving Colorado, New Mexico and Texas.

TuffGrip handles provide five key benefits:

- Guaranteed unbreakable strength
- Comfortable to grasp, lift, carry or pull
- Resistant to UV, hydraulic fluid, and road chemicals
- Compact and rigid to reduce tripping hazards
- High visibility safety orange color

DICA will highlight SafetyTech outrigger pads during ConExpo-Con/Agg in Las Vegas, March 7-11. Visit them at Booth C201571 in Central Hall. Additional products, including FiberMax® crane pads, will be on display at Booth G4011 in Gold Lot.



About DICA

DICA, Guthrie Center, Iowa, has been specializing in building a better outrigger pad since 1988. By creating engineered solutions for improving equipment stability and ergonomic safety, DICA is leading the way in product innovation for outrigger pads and crane pads.

DICA outrigger pads and crane pads are used in 38 countries and on 6 continents around the world in construction, maintenance, electrical utility, oil and gas and tree care as well as local, state and federal government agencies. Learn more at www.dicausa.com.

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