West Market Co. - Pendant Repairs

subject: recommendations for better service



Here are my best recommendations for your Pendant Pushbutton Station – to make its operation as reliable and trouble-free as possible. I'm sure you can do most of these yourself, at your convenience:

1) REDO PENDANT ATTACHMENT

- Install a "Quick Link" between the Pendant's "Strain Relief" Cable, and the Eye Hook it connects
 to on the Crane Bridge. This will allow the Pendant to be quickly attached & removed, without
 tools.
- Remove the bronze "Split Bolt" securing the Pendant's "Strain Relief" Cable to itself. (This is an
 electrical part, not designed for securing cable.) Replace with two steel "U-Bolts", designed for
 securing 1/8" Aircraft Cable.

2) SHORTEN PENDANT CORD

Much of the problem with the Pendant, is that its Cord makes several "hard bends". This strains the individual conductors inside the Cord, causing them to eventually break.

Undo all zip ties securing Cord loops. With another person holding the Pendant Pushbutton
Station about four feet above the floor, hold the Cord straight and mark the top at the Connector.
Cut the Cord and re-attach to the Connector. Shorten Strain Relief Cable as needed. Zip tie Cord
loosely to Strain Relief Cable (do not want it too tight, straining wires – "snug" is best).

3) REPLACE PENDANT CORD

Find current Pendant Cord specs (stamped on the side of the cable). Find a suitable replacement,
 rated for "Extra Hard Duty". Install as above (no "loops" in Cord, etc.).

4) OPERATION

- Detach Pendant from Crane for normal operation (by Radio Control).
- Periodically (monthly) attach Pendant, check for correct operation, repair as needed, detach.

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