

"HOT" STORIES AT LOADING DOCKS

Coast-to-Coast

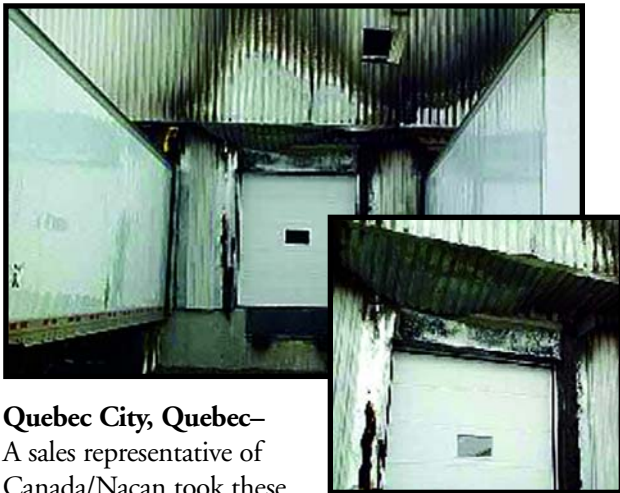
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"Hot" stories at loading docks can range from trailer marker lights becoming deformed, to the fabric of head pads being melted, to a full-blown fire that destroyed a 100,000 square-foot perishable warehouse of Jewel Food Stores in **Hillside, Illinois**.

This document cites dock seal users in cities where things have "heated up" at loading docks coast-to-coast.



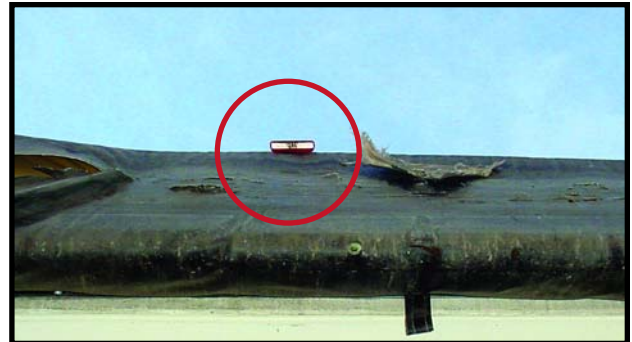
From Canada to California...



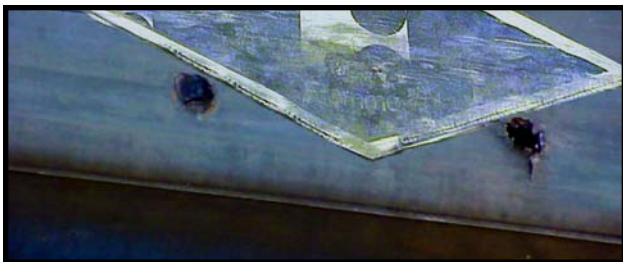
Quebec City, Quebec— A sales representative of Canada/Nacan took these photographs on a sales call. The cause of the fire is "unknown," but speculated to have been started from a burning dock seal.

From Colorado to Indiana...

Colorado Springs, Colorado— Where a lens cover of a trailer marker light literally melted into the head pad.



Champagne, Illinois— A grocery distributor had a head pad damaged by fire. The cause was cited as "unknown". When this same distributor built a new facility in Edgerton, Wisconsin, they were quick to install fire-resistant Firefighter™ head pads.



Central California— A strawberry facility has holes burned into its dock seal head pad.

Shelbyville, Indiana— A third party logistics company (3PL) had a head pad catch on fire. Though the fire was contained to the exterior of the building, the entire facility had to be evacuated as the fire department extinguished the fire. The building owner estimates that these four to six hours of downtime resulted in more than \$20,000 worth of lost production.

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OFTEN “UNKNOWN” DOCK FIRES RESULT FROM HOT TRAILER MARKER LIGHTS COMPRESSING INTO HEAD PADS.

From Wisconsin to New York...

Reedsburg, Wisconsin– A fire torched an entire head pad at a foundry. The cause of the fire remains “unknown”.

Holland, Michigan– While a truck was parked against a food manufacturing plant, it caught fire. The trailer's entire ceiling was destroyed, and the plant's loading dock wall burnt. The fumes may have impacted the facility's other food products, too. According to Holland Fire Chief Henderson, “The investigation is still open, and at this time the cause is unknown.”

Pennsylvania– A petroleum facility suffers a damaging head pad fire.



Bridgeville, Pennsylvania– A food service distributor that does most of its loading at night found impressions of trailer marker lights burned into the head pads.



Richmond, Virginia– A truck was parked with its marker lights on at the dock of this facility that makes backing paper for rolls of insulation. The heat from the lights melted through the header pad fabric and ignited the head pad foam. The fire was quickly extinguished, but not before damaging the exterior and interior of the building.



Canandaigua, New York– A truck was backed in for over an hour at this plant that makes the center cores for rolled goods (such as paper rolls). When the truck driver pulled away from the dock, a fire started, causing the damage depicted above. It is assumed that a marker light on the trailer shorted out and caused the fire.