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## Safety Update

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Brothers and Sisters,

On August 12,2008 I went to SJU for a job task analysis of the A300 thrust reverser cowling open demonstration. Jerry Yates (TWU safety chairman), Jay Vance (AA engineer), and Mike Nichols (AA Industrial hygienist) came to assist with this task.

A sling was sent to SJU ahead of time. This sling is the same device used to replace the reverser cowling. The sling was attached at two locations on the cowling. We then used a gantry/cherry picker and attached it to the sling to lift the cowling open. It did open the cowling successfully. This procedure keeps AMT's from getting between the engine and cowling when manually opening the cowling, and preventing a possible injury. The gantry that is at SJU was too big to fit in between the engine and fuselage on the inboard side of the engine. The other option was to bring the gantry over the top of the engine and then attach it to the sling. The problem with this is the sling hits the cowling due to the angle of the gantry.

Jay Vance is now trying to design a new sling. He may use a nylon sling. If a nylon sling comes in contact with the cowling it will not get damaged.

I would personally like to thank AMT's Ray Williams, and Ron Cardona for their assistance with this job task analysis. I will keep everyone up-to-date on the progress of the new sling.

Fraternally,

Joe Urso  
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E- Board/Safety Chairman