



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD**

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: Metro Fire/Life Safety Bulletin #2009-2 Trash Catchers

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is in the process of installing Trash Catchers in the track beds at the lead car end of the station.

Please refer to the attached Metro Fire/Life Safety Bulletin #2009-02 for specific information.

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Fire/life Safety Line

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Trash Catcher

WMATA is currently installing trash debris collectors (Trash Catchers) See **figure 1** on the track beds in the Metro Rail Stations. The Catchers are located on the lead car end of the station. As the train leaves the station the piston effect pulls the trash into the catcher.



Figure 1

The Trash Collectors are emptied by TSSM personnel on a regular basis. Since the installation of the Trash Collectors there has been a reduction in Debris Fires in the Metro rail system.

The collectors are made with Heavy duty plastics and are held together and mounted with metal hardware. **See Figure 2 and figure 3**



Figure 2

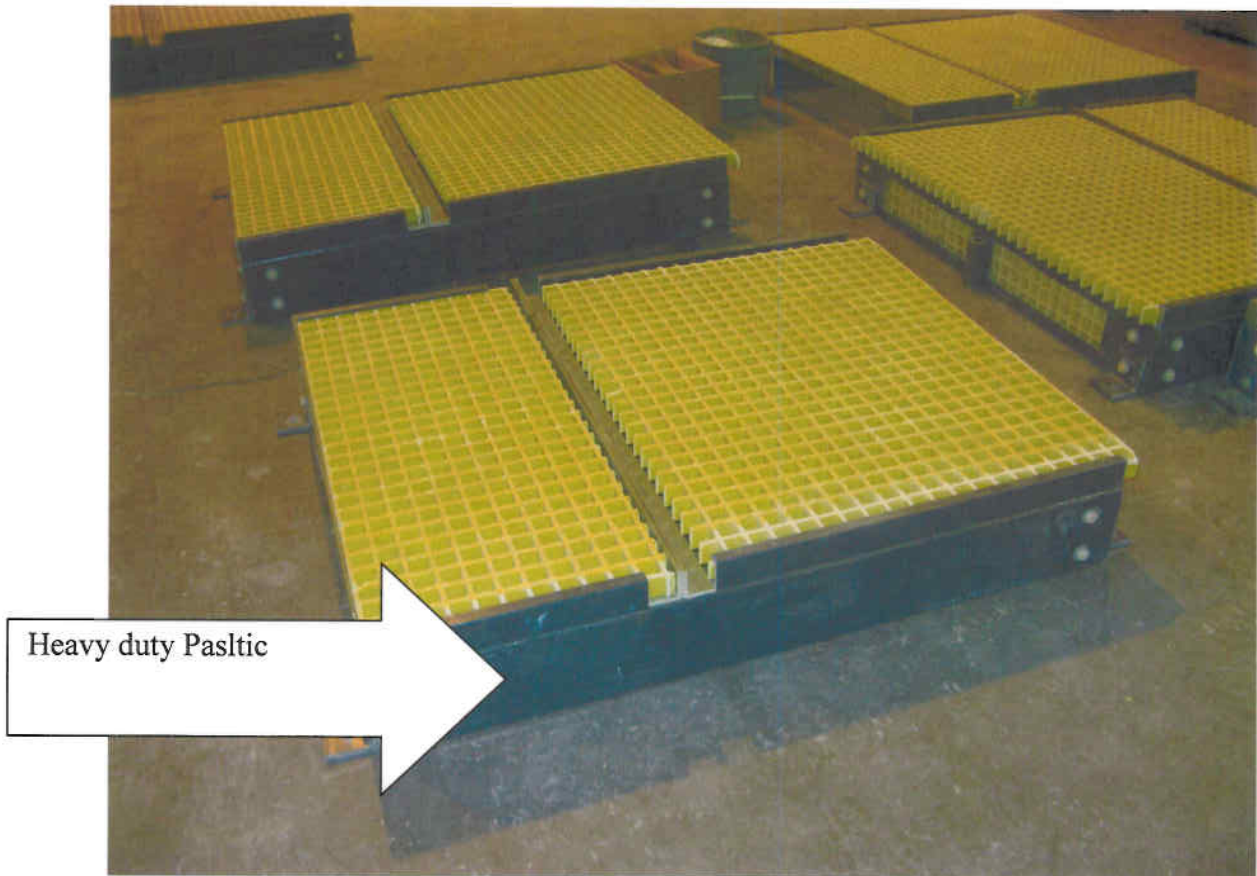


Figure 3

Note: A test burn of the Trash Catcher with normal debris will be conducted in the near future.

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