

# Aviation Safety Bulletin

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Subject:

Cargo tie-down maintenance procedures.

## Background:

During a recent MD-90 Transit Inspection, conducted immediately after landing, it was noted that the 9G forward restraint net was not installed. In addition, the left mid-cargo side panel was damaged, loose screws were noted and two ground tow truck wheels were not tied down in the cargo compartment. We are noting increased damage to cargo tie down systems due to careless loading by ground personnel, a lack of maintenance to cargo systems and non-adherence to approved loading and weight and balance procedures.

## Recommendation:

Review amend or establish maintenance and loading procedures that assure proper loading of cargo and assure that cargo systems continuously meet airworthiness standards.

Review and amend training programs to assure cargo and maintenance personnel are competent to perform their assigned duties per the new procedures.

Increase supervision to assure all cargo loading and maintenance processes are completed per approved procedures.