



A Quick Coupler That's Putting Safety First.

It's been pretty hard to ignore news of proposed changes to safety regulations in the earthmoving industry, particularly those involving quick couplers. Work Cover NSW has taken the first leap forward on this point and we are now watching to see if and when other States follow suit.

With it being a topical point, we decided the time had come to review the latest and greatest in quick couplers. We were especially interested in automatic systems that meet all safety regulations, proposed or otherwise. It was during our review that we came across the Doherty Snaplock+ Coupler. Claiming to be one of the safest quick couplers around, we wanted to know what made this particular mechanism so special.

The key feature of the Snaplock+ Coupler is the Dual Pin Locking (DPL) system ensuring attachments remain securely engaged on both pins in the event of loss of engagement forces. For those of us who regularly work on sites requiring multiple attachment changes in any given day, it's pretty easy to understand how the safety pin can be missed or not engaged fully. It's an accident waiting to happen and it can happen to the best of us!

With the Doherty Snaplock+ Coupler, they've effectively given the industry a double-insurance policy by including two safety-locking mechanisms. The first or front locking mechanism engages the moment the lock cylinder is activated. Once locked, the second or rear locking mechanism prevents swinging on one pin in the event of loss of engagement force. In addition their highly innovative Keypad entry locking system provides another level of security and safety not available on other products in this category.

We reckon it's going to be pretty hard to beat the Snaplock+ for safety and all round compact design. We also like their front lock indicator, making it easy to check it's engaged properly. The fact the Snaplock+ is multi centre and doesn't require greasing or lubrication gets top marks too.

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