Appendix A: LO/TO Tags and Locks

LO/TO Lock and Tag Requirements (per 29 CFR 1910.147):

- Lockout devices and tag out devices shall be singularly identified; shall be the only devices(s) used for controlling energy; shall not be used for other purposes; and shall meet the following requirements:

- Lockout and tag out devices shall be capable of withstanding the environment to which they are exposed for the maximum period of time that exposure is expected.

- Tag out devices shall be constructed and printed so that exposure to weather conditions or wet and damp locations will not cause the tag to deteriorate or the message on the tag to become illegible.

- Tags shall not deteriorate when used in corrosive environments such as areas where acid and alkali chemicals are handled and stored.

- Lockout and tag out devices shall be standardized within the facility in at least one of the following criteria: Color; shape; or size; and additionally, in the case of tag out devices, print and format shall be standardized.

- Lockout devices shall be substantial enough to prevent removal without the use of excessive force or unusual techniques, such as with the use of bolt cutters or other metal cutting tools.

- Tag out devices, including their means of attachment, shall be substantial enough to prevent inadvertent or accidental removal. Tag out device attachment means shall be of a non-reusable type, attachable by hand, self-locking, and non-releasable with a minimum unlocking strength of no less than 50 pounds and having the general design and basic characteristics of being at least equivalent to a one-piece, all environment-tolerant nylon cable tie.

- Lockout devices and tag out devices shall indicate the identity of the employee applying the device(s).
• Tag out devices shall warn against hazardous conditions if the machine or equipment is energized and shall include a legend such as the following: *Do Not Start. Do Not Open. Do Not Close. Do Not Energize. Do Not Operate.*

Sample UR Lockout Tag out Tag

This tag is used when implementing LO/TO at the University of Rochester.