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Field observations of Tripod Safety Couplers have revealed discoloration and surface imperfections on a few of the 316 stainless steel ball sockets, see Figure 1. These blemishes only affect the non-critical surfaces exposed to the atmosphere. **The surface imperfections will not affect the operation of the Tripod Safety Coupler.** The change to the surface finish is caused by atmospheric corrosion on the 0.001 thick surface layer. It will not effect the 316 stainless steel base material of the part.

To remove discoloration for aesthetics proposes, a fine emery should be used to clean the blemished area only on the ball socket. Do not attempt to remove the black surface on the ball sockets.

FIGURE 1

