



# **SPEED-CASTER™ STAGE 2**

## **TAILGATE SPREADER Owner's Manual**



### **⚠ CAUTION**

Read this manual before installing or operating the spreader.

This manual supersedes all editions with an earlier date.  
This manual is for FISHER® SPEED-CASTER™ 2 Spreaders with serial numbers  
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## PREFACE

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This manual has been prepared to acquaint you with the safety information, operation and maintenance of your new tailgate spreader. Please read this manual carefully and follow all recommendations. This will help ensure profitable and trouble-free operation of your spreader. Keep this manual accessible. It is a handy reference in case minor service is required.

When service is necessary, bring your spreader to your local outlet. They know your spreader best and are interested in your complete satisfaction.

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**NOTE: This spreader is designed to spread snow and ice control materials only. Do not use it for purposes other than those specified in this manual.**

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## SAFETY INFORMATION

### WARNING

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious personal injury.

### CAUTION

Indicates a situation that, if not avoided, could result in damage to product or property.

**NOTE:** Identifies tips, helpful hints and maintenance information the owner/operator should know.

### Before You Begin

- Park the vehicle on a level surface, place shift lever in PARK or NEUTRAL and set the parking brake.

### WARNING

- Driver to keep bystanders minimum of 25 feet away from operating spreader.
- Before working with the spreader, secure all loose-fitting clothing and unrestrained hair.
- Before operating the spreader, verify all safety guards are in place.
- Before servicing the spreader, wait for conveyor or spinner to stop, then lock out power.
- Do not climb into or ride on spreader.

### WARNING

Overloading could result in an accident or damage. Do not exceed GVWR or GAWR ratings as found on the driver-side vehicle door cornerpost. See Loading Section to determine maximum volumes of spreading material.

### WARNING

Do not install the control for this product in the deployment path of an air bag. Refer to vehicle manufacturer's manual for air bag deployment area(s).

### CAUTION

If rear directional, CHMSL light or brake stoplights are obstructed by the spreader, the lights shall be relocated, or auxiliary directional or brake stoplights shall be installed.

### CAUTION

- Do not operate a spreader in need of maintenance.
- Before operating the spreader, reassemble any parts or hardware removed for cleaning or adjusting.
- Before operating the spreader, remove materials such as cleaning rags, brushes, and hand tools from the spreader.
- Before operating the spreader, read the owner's manual.
- While operating the spreader, use auxiliary warning lights, except when prohibited by law.
- Tighten all fasteners according to the Torque Chart. Refer to Torque Chart for the recommended torque values.

**⚠ CAUTION**

Disconnect electric power at spreader electrical wiring harness connection and tag out if required before servicing or performing maintenance.

**⚠ CAUTION**

Do not leave unused material in hopper. Material can freeze or solidify, causing unit to not work properly. Empty and clean hopper after each use.

**NOTE:** Maintain proper belt tension for correct belt functioning.

**NOTE:** Lubricate grease fittings after each use. Use a good quality multi-purpose synthetic grease.




**NOTE:** Airborne noise emission during use is below 70 dB(A) for the spreader operator.

## Torque Chart

**⚠ CAUTION**

Read instructions before assembling. Fasteners should be finger tight until instructed to tighten according to the torque chart. Use standard methods and practices when attaching spreader, including proper personal protective safety equipment.

### Recommended Fastener Torque Chart (Ft.-Lb.)

Size	 SAE Grade 2	 SAE Grade 5	 SAE Grade 8
1/4-20	6	9	13
5/16-18	11	18	28
3/8-16	19	31	46
3/8-24	24	46	68
7/16-14	30	50	75
1/2-13	45	75	115
9/16-12	66	110	165
5/8-11	93	150	225
3/4-10	150	250	370
7/8-9	150	378	591
1-8	220	583	893

### Metric Grade 8.8 (Ft.-Lb.)

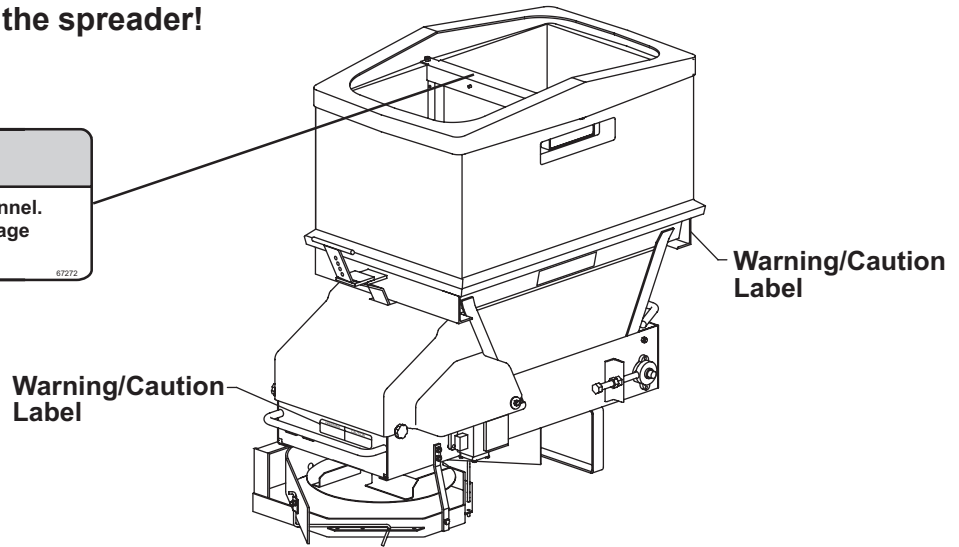
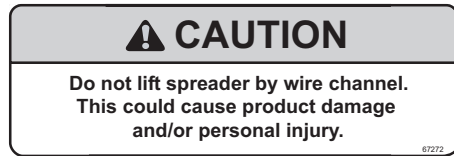
Size	Torque	Size	Torque
M 6	7	M 12	60
M 8	17	M 14	95
M 10	35	M 16	155

These torque values apply to fasteners except those noted in the instruction.

## SAFETY INFORMATION

**Please become familiar with the Warning and Caution labels on the spreader!**

### Caution Label



### Warning/Caution Label

<b>⚠ WARNING</b>	<b>⚠ CAUTION</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DO NOT EXCEED GVWR OR GAWR WITH SPREADER AND LOAD.</li> <li>• TURN SPREADER OFF BEFORE FILLING, ADJUSTING, OR CLEANING.</li> <li>• BYSTANDERS TO STAY A MINIMUM OF 25 FEET AWAY FROM OPERATING SPREADER.</li> <li>• DO NOT CLIMB INTO OR RIDE ON SPREADER.</li> <li>• KEEP HANDS, FEET, CLOTHING AWAY FROM MOVING CONVEYOR AND SPINNER.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• READ OWNER'S MANUAL BEFORE OPERATING OR SERVICING SPREADER.</li> <li>• EMPTY AND CLEAN SPREADER AFTER EACH USE.</li> </ul>

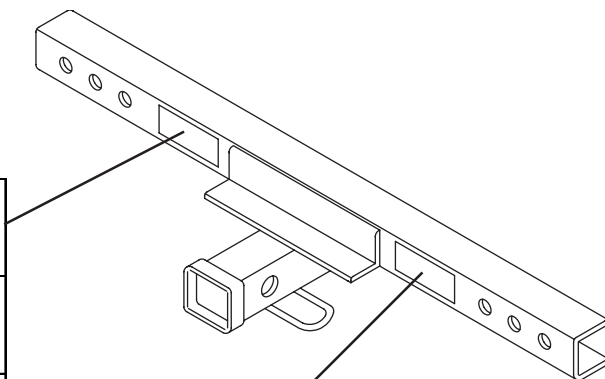
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## Under-Frame Mount Assembly Labels

The diagram below indicates the location of the safety and identification labels.

HITCH TYPE	MAX. GROSS TRAILER WEIGHT (LB.)	MAX. TONGUE WEIGHT (LB.)
WEIGHT DISTRIBUTING	10,000	1,000
WEIGHT CARRYING BALL MOUNT	10,000	1,000

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## LOADING

This manual covers vehicles which have been recommended for carrying the spreader. Please see your local dealer for proper vehicle applications.

### Certification

#### ⚠ WARNING

New untitled vehicle installation of a spreader requires National Highway Traffic Safety Administration altered vehicle certification labeling. Installer to verify that struck load of snow or ice control material does not exceed GVWR or GAWR rating label and complies with FMVSS.

#### ⚠ WARNING

Overloading could result in an accident or damage. Do not exceed GVWR or GAWR ratings as found on the driver-side vehicle door cornerpost.

#### ⚠ WARNING

The use of under-frame or in-bed mounts on half-ton trucks is restricted to spreading only salt or calcium chloride. (max. 50 lb. per cu. ft.) Failure to comply could result in exceeding the payload capacity.

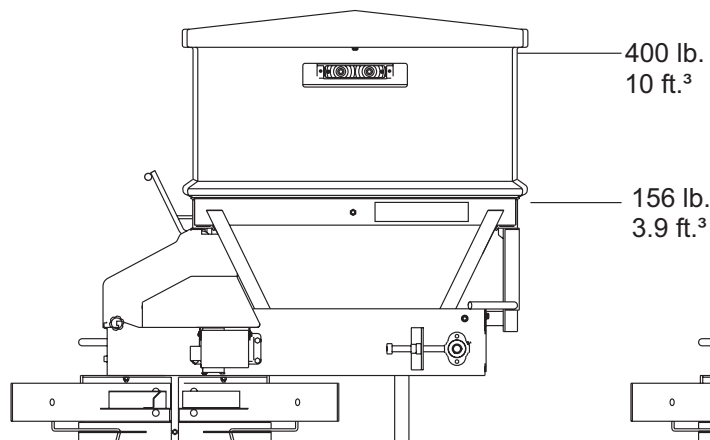
**NOTE:** If spreader and ice control material loading is in doubt, weigh vehicle for compliance with vehicle ratings.

### Load Weights

#### ⚠ CAUTION

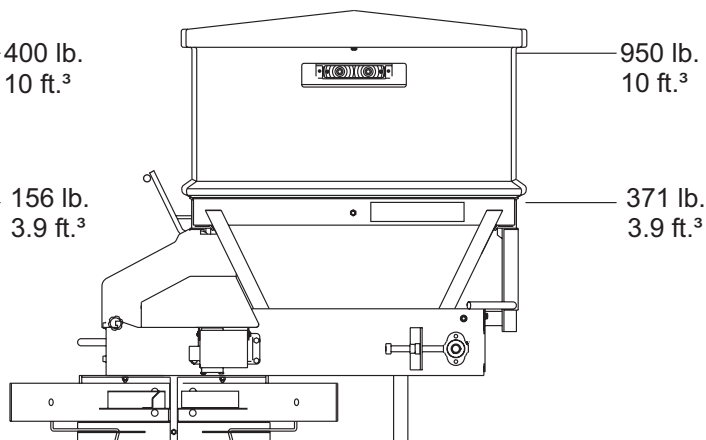
Read and adhere to manufacturer's ice control package labeling including Material Safety Data Sheet requirements.

#### Approximate Salt Weight



Salt = 40 lb./ft.<sup>3</sup>

#### Approximate Sand Weight



Sand = 95 lb./ft.<sup>3</sup>

Salt = 40 lb./ft.<sup>3</sup> (avg.)

Very Course = 35 lb./ft.<sup>3</sup>

Coarse = 45 lb./ft.<sup>3</sup>

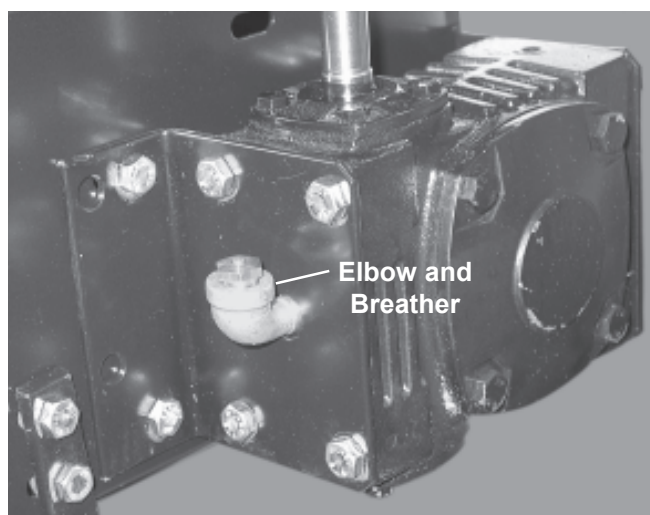
Fine = 50 lb./ft.<sup>3</sup>

Plus Approximate Base Unit Weight of 355 Lbs. Including Mount

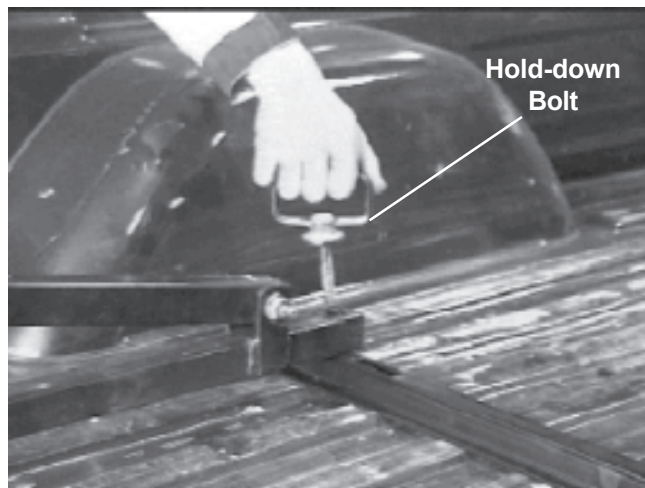
# MOUNTING THE SPREADER

## Before Mounting the Spreader

1. Remove the drive cover and remove the small plastic bag from that area.
2. Remove solid plug on gear case and replace with elbow and breather contained in the plastic bag.



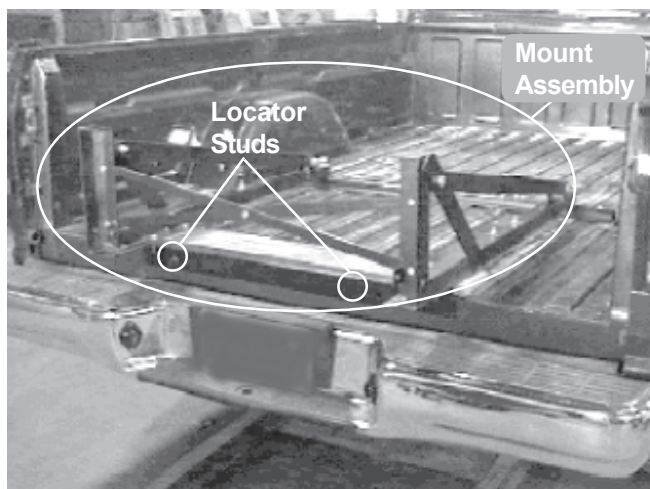
4. Secure the front of the mount assembly to the channel using hold-down bolts. Hand tighten.



**NOTE:** Apply a small amount of grease to the bolt thread periodically to ensure easy removal.

## In-Bed Mount

1. Remove the tailgate from the vehicle.
2. Place the mount assembly into the bed of the vehicle.
3. Slide the assembly forward engaging the locator studs.



5. Lift the hopper assembly using a hoist or two people, and tip slightly forward.





## MOUNTING THE SPREADER

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6. Position the tabs of the hopper assembly over the top of the mount assembly, and lower.

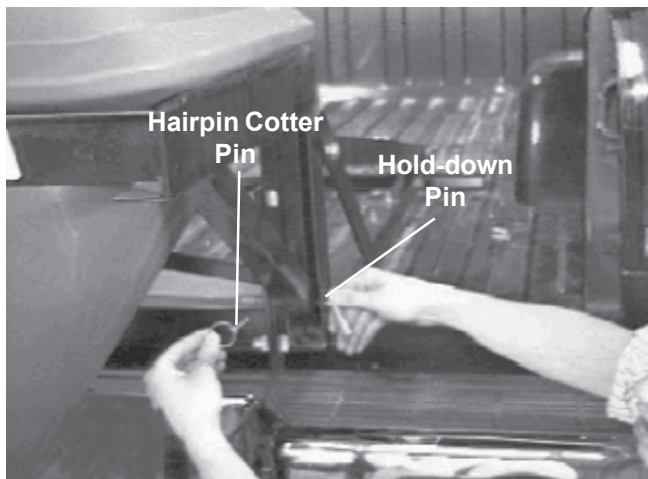


7. Allow the hopper assembly to lower into position.

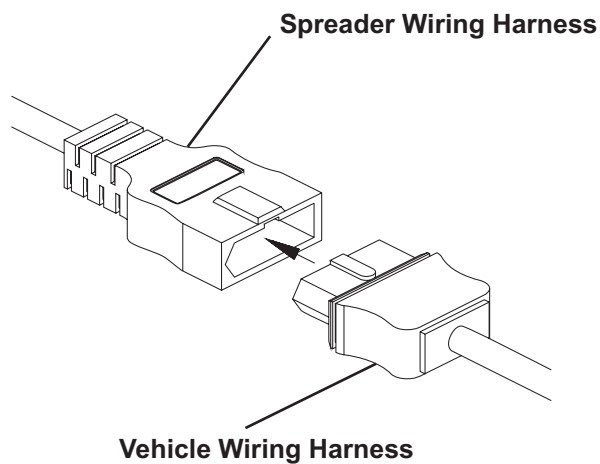
### **⚠ CAUTION**

Both hold-down pins must be in place and secured with hairpin cotter pins. The hopper assembly may become unstable if the pins are not properly secure while the vehicle is in motion. Never use a finger to check alignment.

8. Insert hold-down pins and secure with hairpin cotter pins.



9. Connect the spreader wiring harness to the vehicle wiring harness.



10. Verify vehicle stoplights and spreader center high mounted stoplight are working properly.

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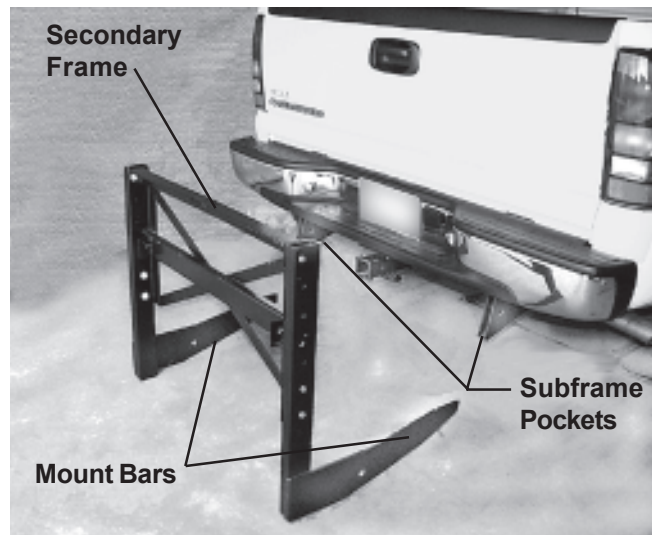
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## MOUNTING THE SPREADER

### Under-Frame Mount

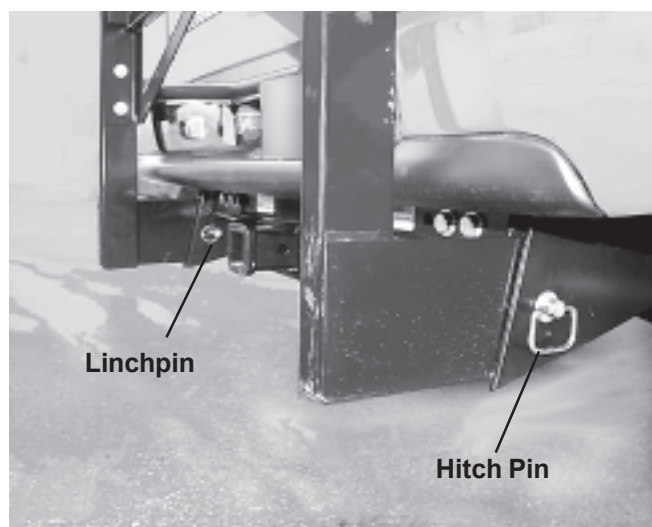
1. Install the secondary frame into the subframe.



#### **⚠ CAUTION**

Visually check Hitch Pin holes before assembly.  
Never use a finger to check alignment.

2. Insert a hitch pin on each side, and secure with linchpins.



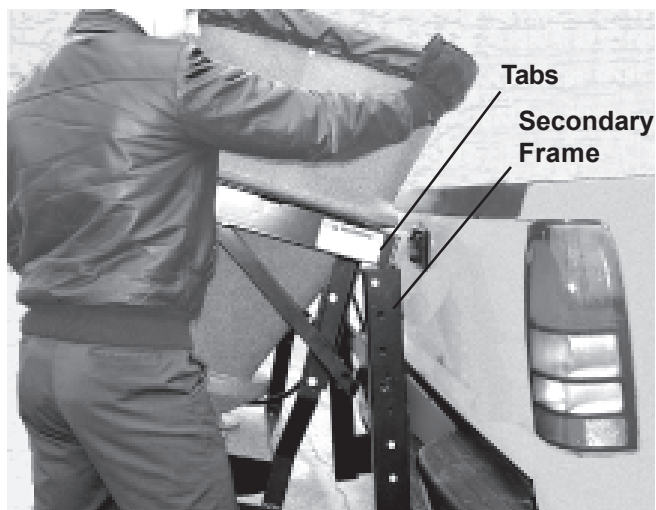
3. Lift the hopper assembly using a hoist or two people, and tip slightly forward.



#### **⚠ CAUTION**

Visually align tabs into the secondary frame.

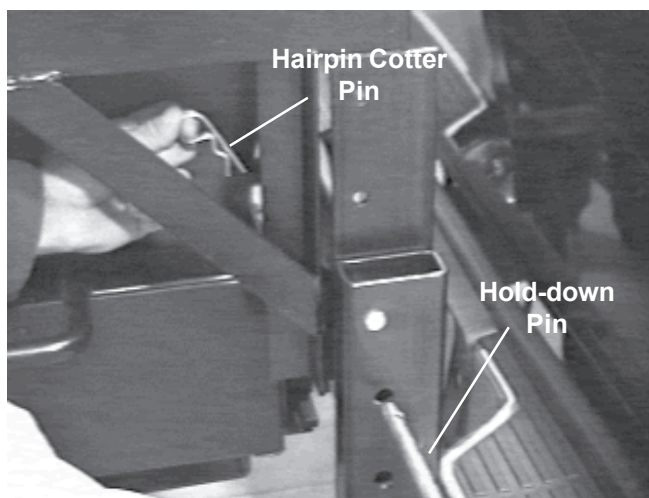
4. Position tabs of the hopper assembly over the top of the mount assembly, and lower.



## MOUNTING THE SPREADER

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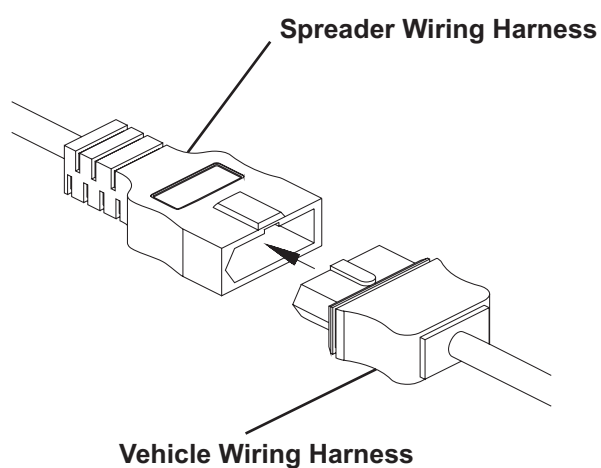
5. Insert a hold-down pin on each side and secure with hairpin cotter pin.



### **⚠ CAUTION**

Both hold-down pins must be in place and secured with hairpin cotter pins. The hopper assembly may become unstable if the pins are not properly secure while the vehicle is in motion. Never use a finger to check alignment.

6. Connect the spreader wiring harness to the vehicle wiring harness.



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7. Verify vehicle stoplights and spreader center high mounted stoplight are working properly.

# OPERATING THE SPREADER

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## Driving and Spreading on Snow and Ice

### CAUTION

**Drinking and then driving or spreading is very dangerous. Your reflex, perceptions, attentiveness and judgement can be affected by even a small amount of alcohol. You can have a serious or even fatal collision if you drive after drinking. Please do not drink, then drive or spread ice control materials.**

Follow your vehicle owner's manual instructions for driving in snow and ice conditions. Remember when you drive on snow or ice, your wheels will not get good traction. You cannot accelerate as quickly, turning is more difficult and you will need longer braking distance. Wet and hard packed snow or ice offers the worst tire traction. It is very easy to lose control. You will have difficulty accelerating. If you do get moving, you may have poor steering and difficult braking which can cause you to slide out of control.

Here are some tips for driving in these conditions.

- Drive defensively.
- Do not drink, then drive or spread snow and ice control materials.
- Spread or drive only when you have good visibility for operating a vehicle.
- If you cannot see well due to snow or icy conditions, you will need to slow down and keep more space between you and other vehicles.
- Slow down, especially on higher speed roads. Your headlamps can light up only so much road ahead.
- If you are tired, pull off in a safe place and rest.
- Spreader size reduces driver visibility to the rear of the vehicle due to spreader size and location. We recommend an OSHA compliant backup alarm for all governed employers.
- Keep your windshield and all glass on your vehicle clean to see around you.
- Dress properly for the weather. Wear layers of clothing, as you get warm, you can take off layers.

## Accessory Circuit

The yellow wire in the vehicle harness is provided for accessory use of 12 Amps or less.

# OPERATING THE SPREADER

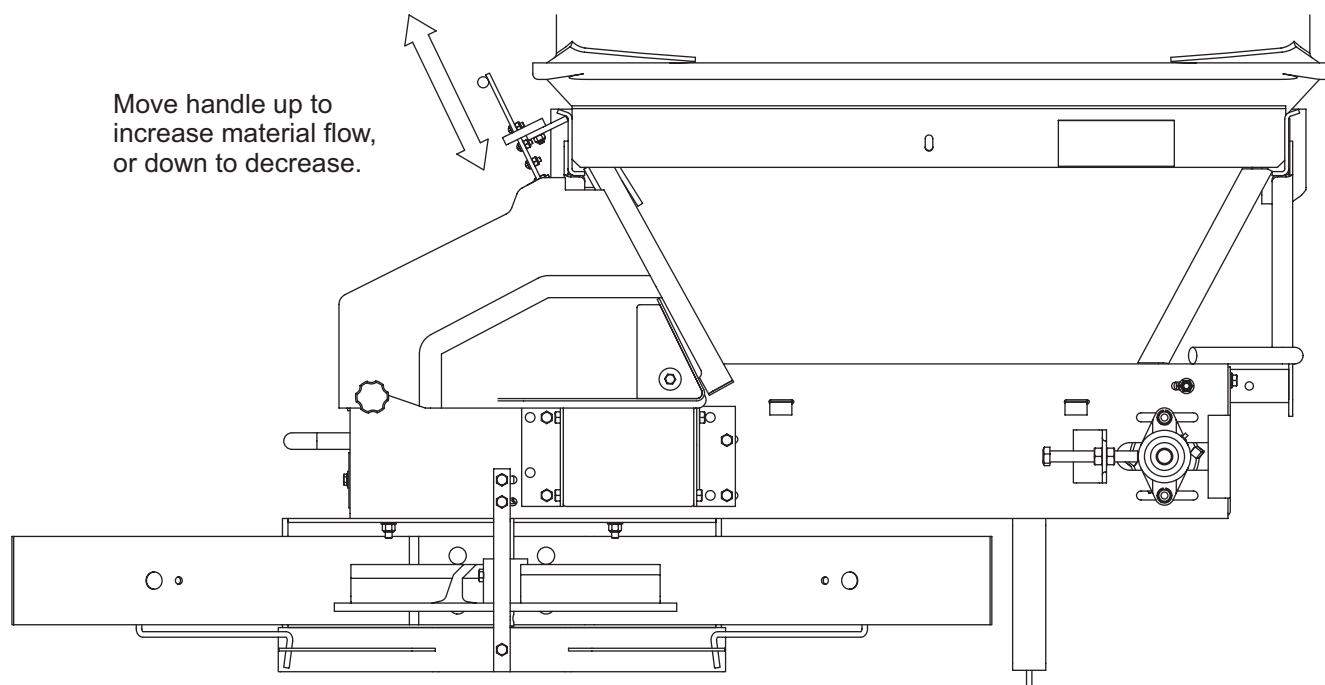
## Adjusting Feed Gate and Deflector

Spread pattern, pattern width and the amount of material dispensed are dependent on the spinner speed, feed gate position, and deflector position.

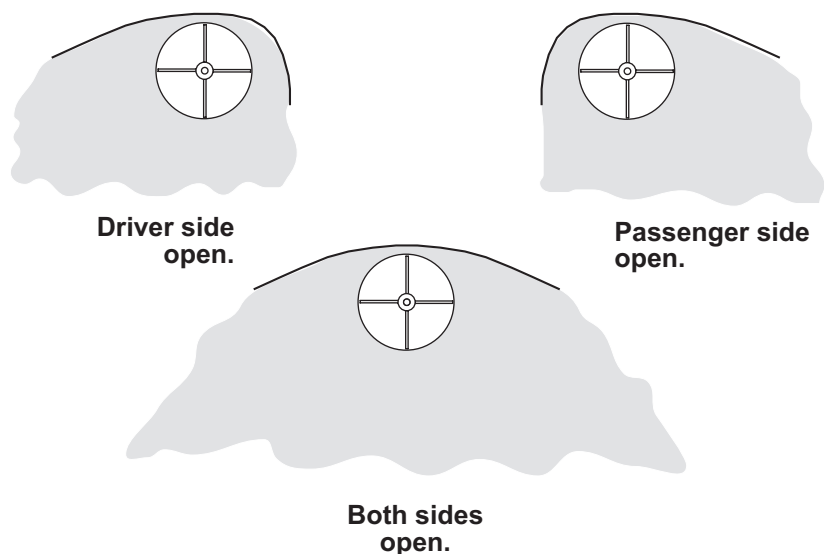
### ⚠ WARNING

Before making any adjustments to the gate/deflector settings, turn the spreader off. Wait for all conveyor or spinner movement to stop.

### Feed Gate Adjustment



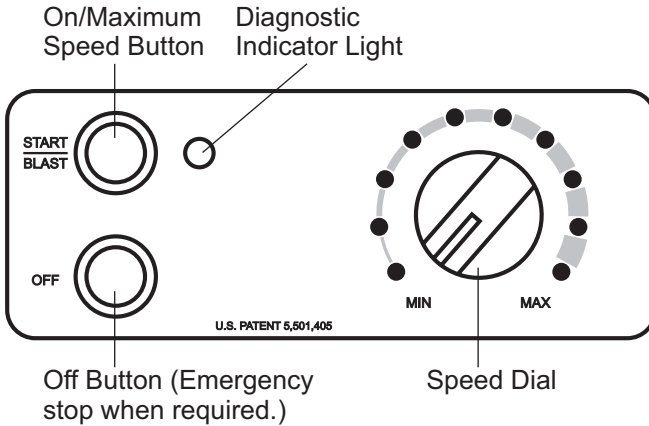
### Deflector Effect



# OPERATING THE SPREADER

There are two control options. They include the Variable Speed (PWM) Control and the ON/OFF Control. The variable speed control was redesigned. Identify old or new style by the face plates shown for correct operating instructions.

## Variable Speed (PWM) Control – New Style



## Starting and Stopping the Motor

### ⚠ WARNING

**Before starting the spreader, the driver shall verify all bystanders are a minimum of 25 feet away from operating spreader.**

1. To start the spreader motor, press the START/BLAST button and release. Both the START/BLAST and OFF buttons will be backlit when the motor is running. The spreader will operate at the speed selected on the speed dial.
2. Press the OFF button to stop the motor. The OFF button operates as emergency stop when required.

**NOTE: The truck ignition must be on to start the spreader.**

**NOTE: If the truck ignition is turned off while the spreader is running, the motor will stop.**

## Adjusting the Spinner Speed

The speed setting can be adjusted when the spreader is either on or off.

1. Turn the speed dial clockwise. The speed will increase as the number of green LED's illuminated on the speed dial increase.
2. Turning the speed dial counterclockwise will decrease the speed.

## Blast/Maximum Speed

1. Press and hold the START/BLAST button as long as maximum speed is needed.
2. Release the button when maximum speed is no longer needed. The control automatically returns to the ON position and the speed shown on the speed dial.

**NOTE: When blast is used, the speed dial does not move to the maximum speed setting, but remains at the preset speed.**

## Diagnostic Indicator Light

The diagnostic indicator light located to the right of the START/BLAST button remains dark unless a problem with the motor or wiring is detected. The light will flash a number of flashes in a row, pause, then repeat. Count the flashes to determine the nature of the malfunction and refer to the diagnostic chart below.

# of Flashes	Problem	Possible Causes
0	No Fault	–
2	No Power	Battery fuse is blown, or battery cable is disconnected or faulty.
3	No Motor	Motor is disconnected.
4	No Ground	Spreader harness ground is disconnected or faulty.
5	Overheated	Motor off due to controller overheat, possibly due to frozen or jammed spreader.
6	Excess Current	Over 35A for more than 1-2 seconds. (Higher overloads are allowed for shorter periods of time.)

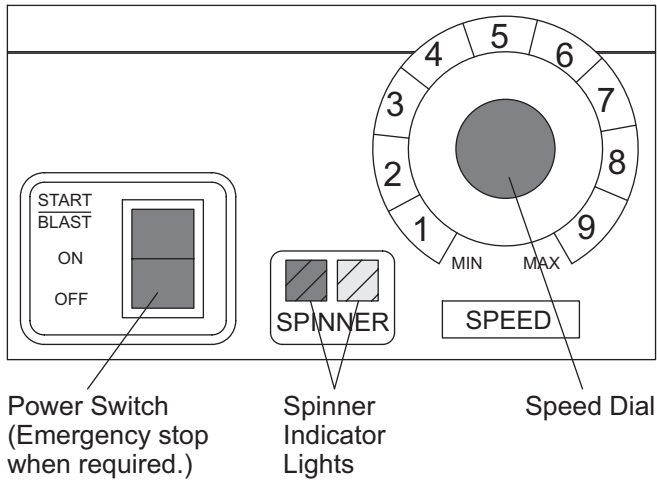
If additional information is needed, refer to the Troubleshooting section of this manual.

**NOTE: Always place the cover on the hopper to prevent moisture buildup. Do not let the spreader sit idle with material in the hopper for an extended period of time. This can cause the material to compact and reduce or stop the flow of material.**



# OPERATING THE SPREADER

## Variable Speed (PWM) Control – Old Style



### **⚠ WARNING**

**Before starting the spreader, the driver shall verify all bystanders are a minimum of 25 feet away from operating spreader.**

## Starting and Stopping the Motor

1. To start the spreader motor, press the power switch to the START/BLAST position and release. This is a momentary position and the power switch will automatically return to the ON position when released. The spreader will operate at the speed selected on the speed dial.
2. Press the power switch to the OFF position to stop the motor. The power switch will remain in this position. The power switch OFF position operates as emergency stop when required.

**NOTE: The truck ignition must be on to start the spreader.**

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1. Turn the speed dial clockwise. The speed will increase as the numbers on the speed dial increase.
2. Turning the speed dial counterclockwise will decrease the speed.

## Blast/Maximum Speed

1. Press and hold the power switch in the START/BLAST position as long as maximum speed is needed.
2. Release the power switch when maximum speed is no longer needed. The switch automatically returns to the ON position and the speed shown on the speed dial.

**NOTE: When blast is used, the speed dial does not move to the maximum speed setting, but remains at the preset speed.**

## Spinner Indicator Lights

Two lights on the cab control indicate the status of the motor:

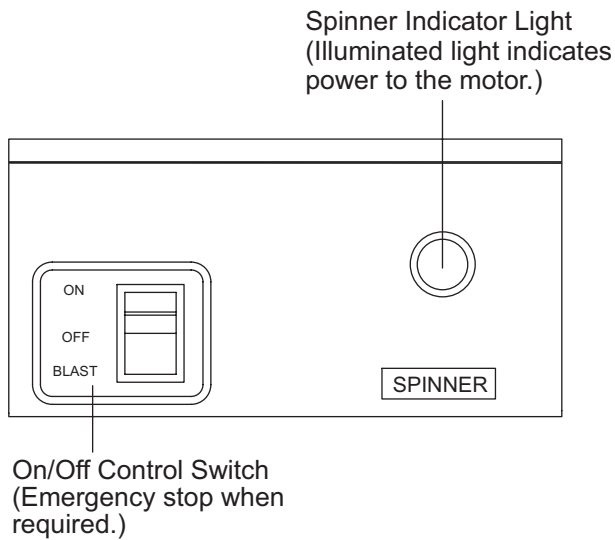
- Left light is red and indicates a fault. When the red (left) light is on, the power is on and the motor is not running.
- Right light is green and indicates power is on. When the green (right) light is on, there is power to the control and the motor is running.

If there are problems while operating the spreader, refer to the Troubleshooting section of this manual.

**NOTE: Always place the cover on the hopper to prevent moisture buildup. Do not let the spreader sit idle with material in the hopper for an extended period of time. This can cause the material to compact and reduce or stop the flow of material.**

# OPERATING THE SPREADER

## ON/OFF Control



## Blast/Maximum Speed

Move and hold the power switch to the BLAST position for as long as maximum speed is needed. When released, the switch will automatically return to the OFF position and stop the motor.

If there are problems while operating the spreader, refer to the Troubleshooting section in this manual.

**NOTE:** Always place the cover on the hopper to prevent moisture buildup. Do not let the spreader sit idle with material in the hopper for an extended period of time. This can cause the material to compact and reduce or stop the flow of material.

## Starting and Stopping the Motor

### **⚠ WARNING**

**Before starting the spreader, the driver shall verify all bystanders are a minimum of 25 feet away from operating spreader.**

1. Move the power switch to the ON position to start the motor. Motor will start immediately. The power switch will remain in this position.
2. Move the power switch the the OFF position to stop the motor. The power switch will remain in this position. The power switch OFF position operates as emergency stop when required.

**NOTE:** The truck ignition must be on to start the spreader.

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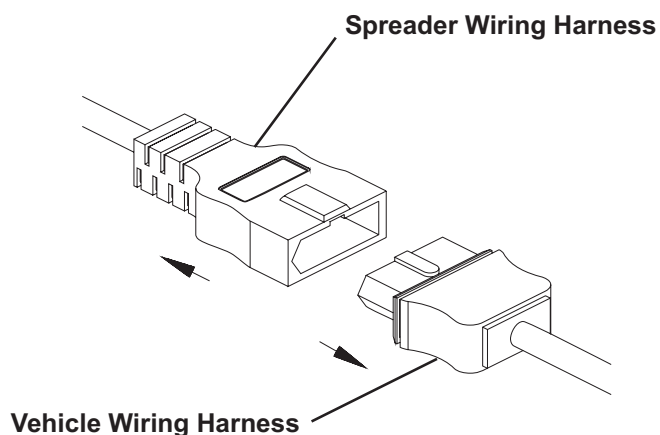


## REMOVING THE SPREADER

### In-Bed Mount

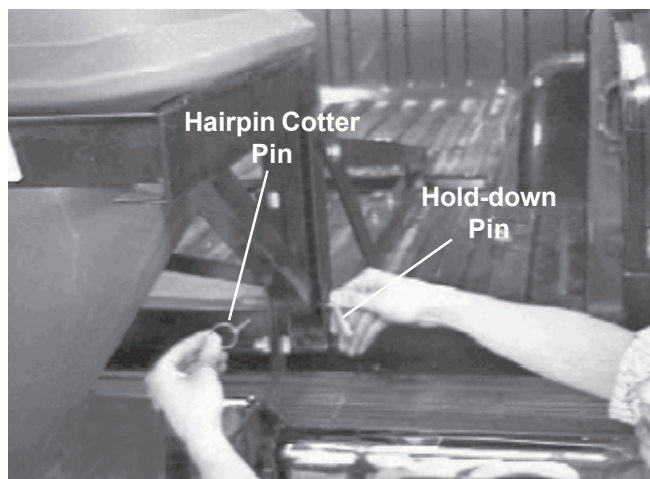
**NOTE: Empty the hopper before removing the spreader.**

1. Disconnect the spreader wiring harness from the vehicle wiring harness.



**NOTE: Grease the electrical connections using dielectric grease.**

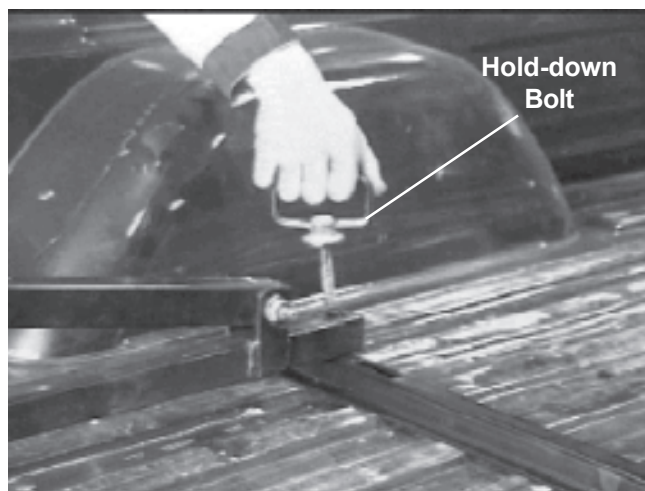
2. Install the plug cover over the vehicle harness plug.
3. Remove the hairpin cotter pins and hold-down pins.



4. Using a hoist or two people, tip the hopper assembly forward and lift it off of the mount assembly.



5. Loosen and remove the hold-down bolts from the front of the mount assembly.



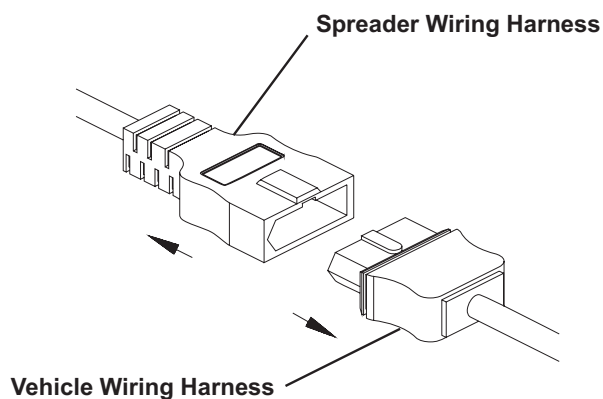
6. Remove the mount assembly from the vehicle.
7. Install the tailgate.

## REMOVING THE SPREADER

### Under-Frame Mount

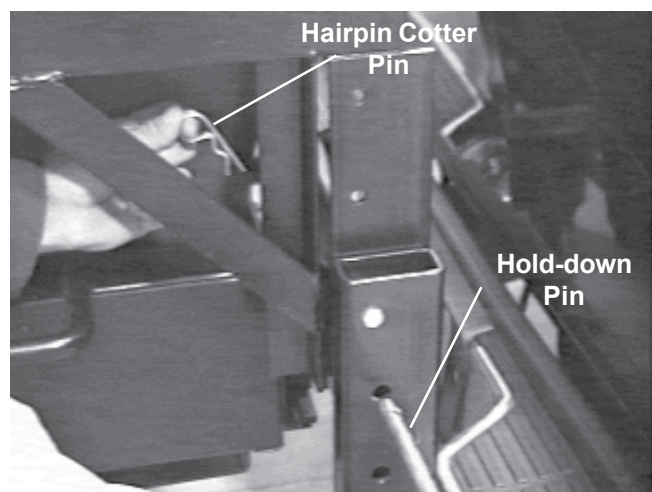
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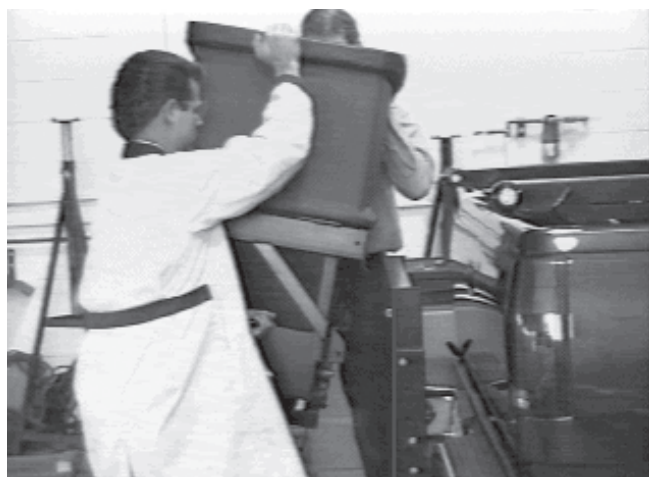


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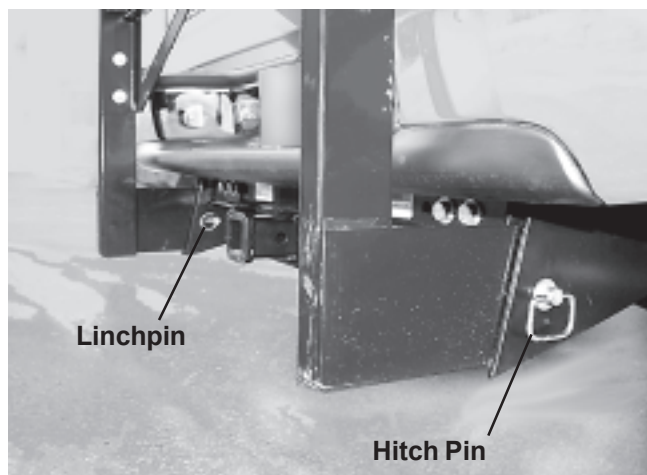
2. Install the plug cover over the vehicle harness plug.
3. Remove the hairpin cotter pins and the hold-down pins.



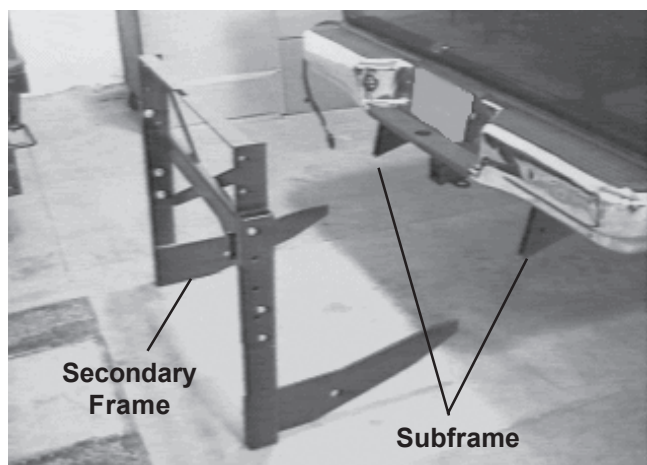
4. Tip the hopper assembly forward and lift it off of the mount assembly.



5. Remove the linchpins and hitch pins retaining the secondary frame.



6. Remove the secondary frame assembly from the subframe.



# RECEIVER HITCH

## Safety

### WARNING

- Do not overload any part of your towing system.
- Do not modify your hitch. Install only on specified vehicles which are in good condition.
- This product is designed to tow trailers. Do not use as cargo carriers, motorcycle carriers, boat hoists, or coupler alignment devices. Do not use as a jacking point. Do not attach anything with or in place of the ball.
- Do not pull multiple trailers. Towing one trailer behind another may cause severe instability and loss of control.

## Important Information on Towing

Make sure all operators of your equipment read and understand this information before towing. This information will help you properly select, use, and maintain your towing equipment. Learn the capabilities and limitations of each part.

### CAUTION

**Never exceed the gross trailer weight or tongue weight of this equipment. Never exceed the lowest weight rating of any part of your towing system. See the Label - information (rating) area in the Safety section of this manual.**

Gross trailer weight is the weight of the trailer plus the weight of the cargo. Measure gross trailer weight by putting the fully loaded trailer on a vehicle scale. Tongue weight is measured by placing the fully loaded trailer on a level surface with the coupler at normal towing height. Use a commercial scale to measure the weight at the coupler.

## Ball Mounts/Drawbars

Select these products by their gross trailer weight and tongue weight ratings. Select hitches and receivers for specific vehicles. Do not purchase a ball mount or drawbar which will give more than a four-inch drop or seven-inch extension as measured from the lower rear edge of the receiver.

## Hitch Balls

Select by gross trailer weight rating, coupler socket size, and mounting platform thickness and hole size. Hole must not exceed threaded shank diameter by more than 1/16 inch. Use lock washer. Tighten according to instructions. When tightened, shank must protrude beyond bottom of nut. Gross trailer weight rating and ball diameter are marked on balls.

## Trailer Couplers

The coupler socket should be smooth, clean and lightly lubricated. Tighten or adjust according to the coupler manufacturer's instructions.

## Safety Chains

Connect safety chains properly every time you tow. Cross chains under coupler. Attach securely to the hitch or tow vehicle so they cannot bounce loose. Leave only enough slack to permit full turning. Too much slack may prevent chains from maintaining control if other connections separate. Do not allow chains to drag on the road.

## Electrical Connections

Make these safety-critical connections every time you tow, no matter how short the trip. Check operation, including electric brake manual control, before getting on the road.

## Sway Controls

Sway controls can lessen the effects of sudden maneuvers, wind gusts, and buffeting caused by other vehicles. We recommend sway controls for trailers with large surface areas, such as travel trailers. Adjustable friction models can help control the sway of travel trailers with low tongue weight percentages.

## Other Useful Equipment

Air springs, air shocks, or helper springs are useful for some hitch applications. A transmission cooler may be necessary for heavy towing. Many states require towing mirrors on both sides.

# RECEIVER HITCH

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## Tire Inflation

Check often. Follow tow vehicle and trailer manufacturer's recommendations. Improper tire inflation can cause trailer sway.

## Equipment and Parts Check

Check ball, coupler, chains, retaining pins and clips and all other connections every time you tow. Re-check at fuel and rest stops.

## No Passengers in Trailers!

Under no circumstances should people be allowed in trailers while towing.

## Trailer Loading

Proper loading helps prevent sway. Place heavy objects on the floor ahead of the axle. Balance the load side to side and secure it to prevent shifting. Tongue weight should be 10-15 percent of gross weight for most trailers. Too low a percentage of tongue weight can cause sway. Never load the trailer rear-heavy; load the trailer front heavy.

## Vehicle

The spreader operating vehicle shall be maintained according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

## Driving

The additional weight of a trailer affects acceleration, braking and handling. Allow extra time for passing, stopping, and changing lanes. Severe bumps can damage your towing vehicle, hitch, and trailer. Drive slowly on rough roads. Stop and make a thorough inspection if any part of your towing system strikes the road. Correct any problems before resuming travel.

## Excessive Sway

Excessive sway can lead to loss of control. Sway motion should settle out quickly. Sway tends to increase on a downgrade. Starting slowly, increase the speed in gradual steps. If sway occurs, reduce speed slowly, stop, and adjust your trailer load and equipment. Repeat until the trailer is stable at highway speed. Do this whenever your trailer loading changes.

## Controlling Trailer Sway

Turbulence from another vehicle, a wind gust, or a downgrade can cause sudden sway along with shift of the trailer's load or a trailer tire blowout. If the trailer sways, it is the driver's responsibility to assess the situation and take appropriate action. Below are the suggestions that may apply when assessing the situation. If your trailer starts to sway:

- reduce your speed gradually.
- hold steering wheel as steady as possible.
- and if your trailer has electric brakes, apply the trailer brakes alone without using the tow vehicle's brakes.
- do not hit your brake pedal hard unless absolutely necessary.
- do not try to steer out of the sway condition. Sudden or violent steering can worsen the sway.
- do not speed up or swaying will increase.
- do not continue towing a trailer that tends to sway or you may lose control.



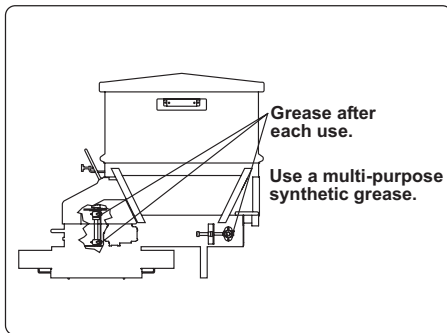
## MAINTENANCE

### **⚠ CAUTION**

**Disconnect electric power at spreader electrical wiring harness connection and tag out if required before servicing or performing maintenance.**

To keep your spreader running smoothly, observe the following recommendations:

- Lubricate grease fittings after each use and at the end of each season.



### **Belt Tension**

- Maintain proper motor to shaft belt tension.

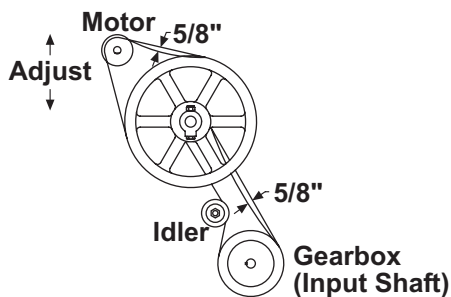
To adjust belt tension:

1. Loosen the carriage bolt that holds down the idler.
2. Slide the carriage bolt to increase or decrease tension.
3. After adjusting the idler, tighten the carriage bolt.

### **⚠ CAUTION**

**Overtightening the belt may result in damage to the motor bearing.**

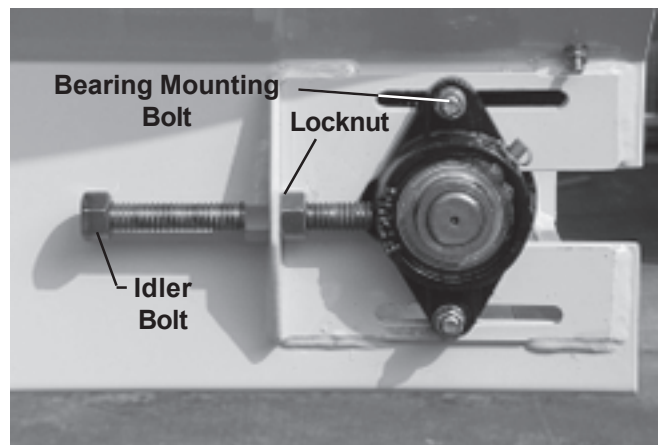
4. After tightening the carriage bolt, the belt should deflect 5/8" between the pulleys.



### **Conveyor Belt Tension**

To adjust the conveyor belt tension, please adhere to the following instructions.

1. Loosen the two bearing mounting bolts on each of the idler bearings.
2. Loosen the locknut on the idler bolt and then tighten the idler bolt about one full revolution.
3. Repeat this evenly on both sides of the unit.
4. Start the unit to determine if the tension is tight enough to restart the load. If it is not, repeat the procedure until the load restarts.
5. Run the load for a few minutes and check the idler pulley to determine if the belt is running closer to one side than the other. If belt tracking is centered and not rubbing the inside of the sills, retighten the locknuts against the angles and retighten the bearing mounting bolts.
6. If the belt is tracking off center, tighten the idler bolt of the side that the belt is tracking towards. Sometimes it is necessary to over tighten this side to make the belt track back to the other side and then loosen the idler bolt slightly to maintain center tracking of the belt.
7. After it is determined that the belt is tracking straight, retighten the locknuts against the angles and retighten the bearing mounting bolts.

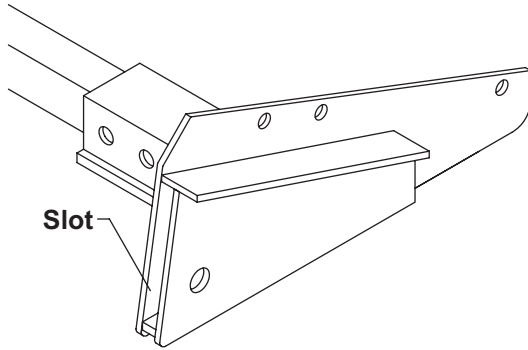


## MAINTENANCE

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### After each use

- Wash out hopper and rinse off all external surfaces.
- Wash out the secondary frame slots in the under-frame mount to prevent build-up of material.



- Apply dielectric grease on all electrical connections to prevent corrosion at the beginning and end of the season and after each use.
- Lubricate all grease fittings with a low temperature synthetic grease.

### At the End of Each Season (or extended storage)

- Wash out hopper and rinse off all external surfaces.
- Apply dielectric grease on all electrical connections to prevent corrosion.
- Lubricate all grease fittings with a low temperature synthetic grease.
- Oil or paint all bare metal surfaces.

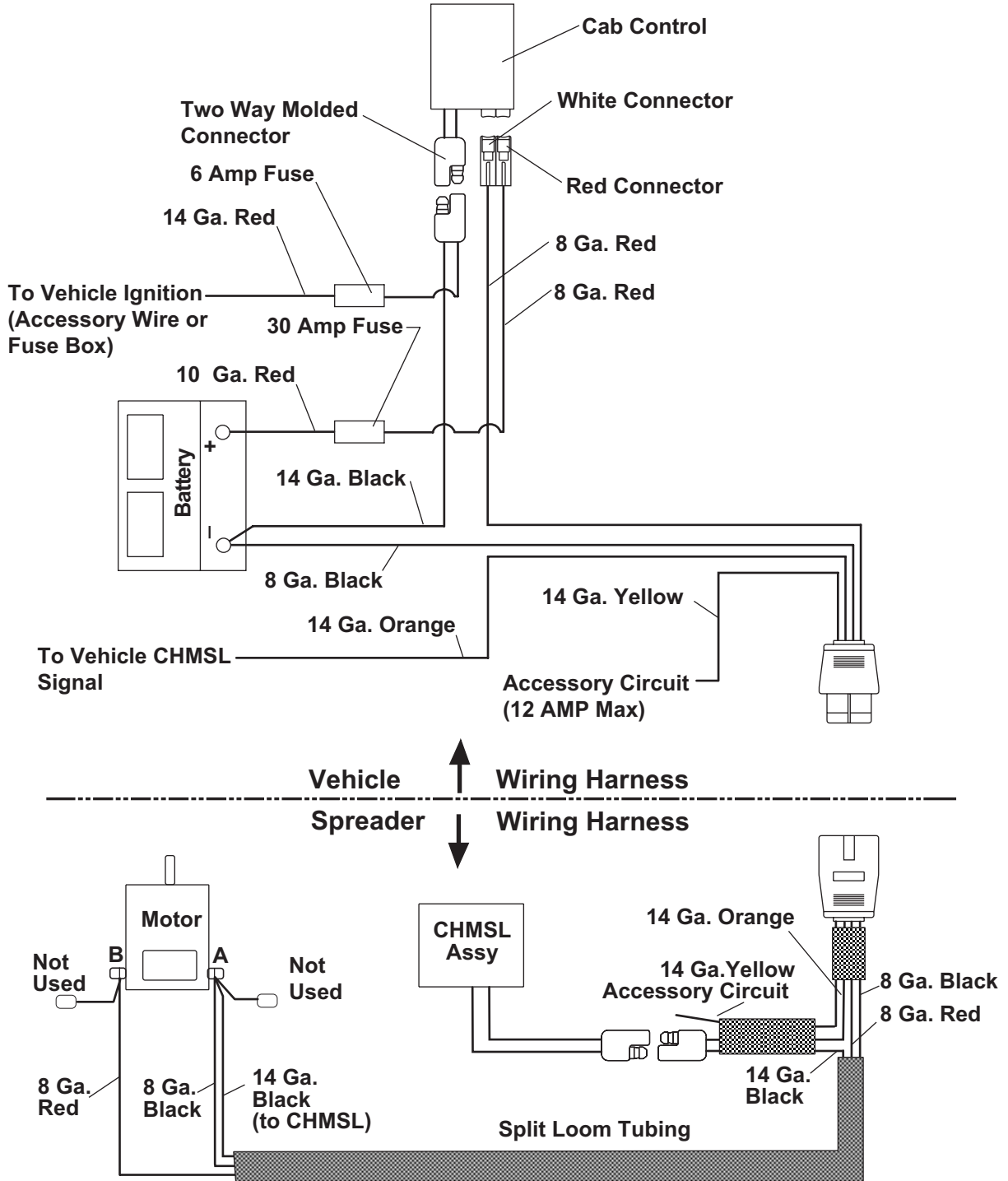
### Recycle

When your spreader has performed its useful life, the majority of its components can be recycled as steel. Gear oil shall be disposed of according to local regulations. Balance of parts made of plastic shall be disposed of in customary manner.

### Gear Oil Specification

Use Mobil SHC 632 or Exxon SHP320 or equivalent.

## 4 PIN HARNESS WIRING DIAGRAM

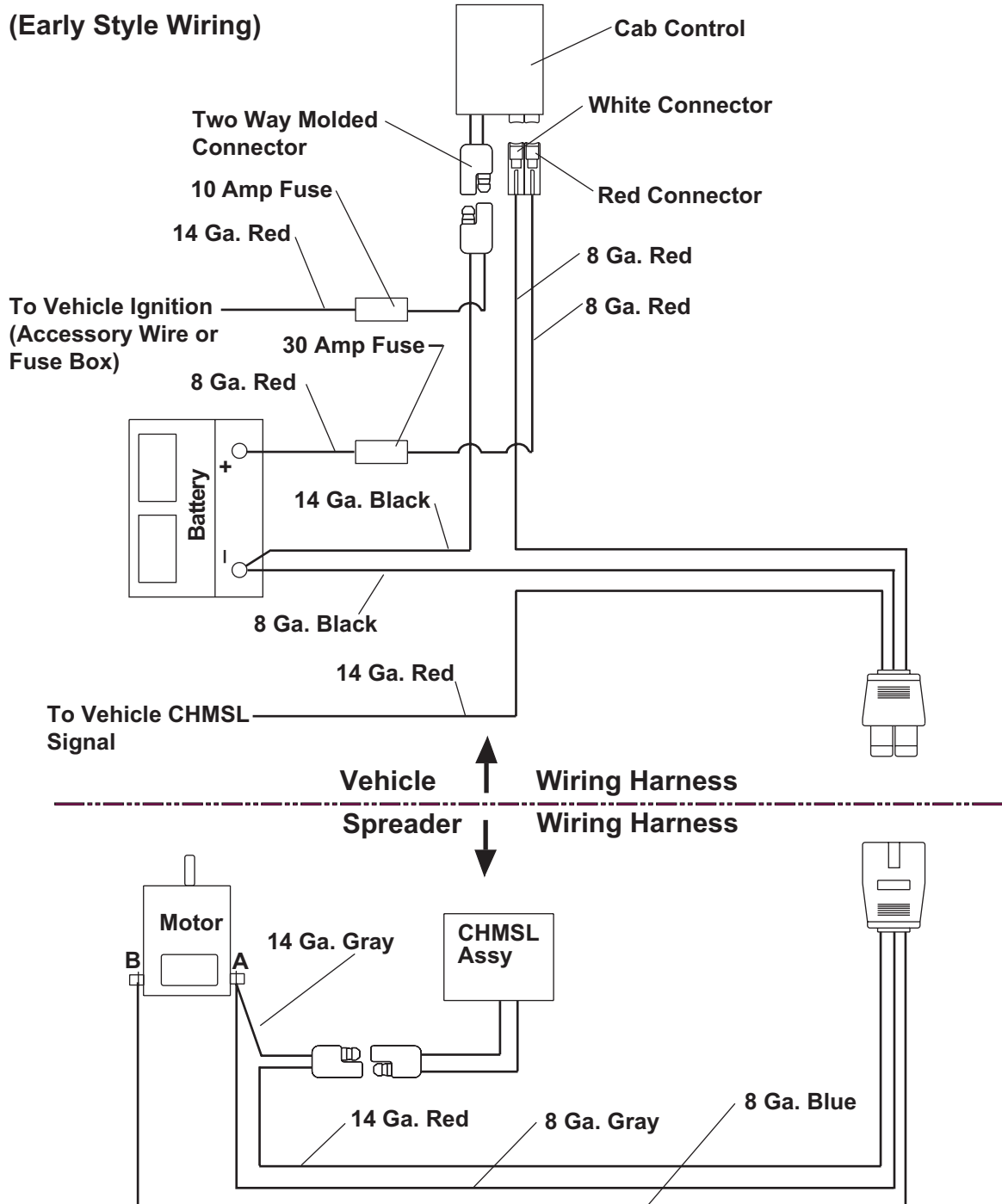


### Motor Specification

12 Volt DC, .56 kW Motor

## 3 PIN HARNESS WIRING DIAGRAM

(Early Style Wiring)



### Motor Specification

12 Volt DC, .56 kW Motor



## TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

For control operation and use of diagnostic indicator lights, locate the section for your control style in the Operating Section of this manual.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SUGGESTED SOLUTION
<b>No power to cab control</b> (Ignition and control switches ON; no illumination of indicator light(s).)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Control connector plug is loose.</li> <li>2. Battery lead in-line fuse is blown.</li> <li>3. Battery connection is poor.</li> <li>4. Battery wiring harness is damaged.</li> <li>5. Control circuit breaker is tripped (ON/OFF Control only).</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check plug connection at cab control.</li> <li>2. Change the fuse (4 pin harness- 6 amp fuse; 3 pin-10 amp) and inspect for short circuits. Check power supply for 12V DC.</li> <li>3a. Check for low battery.</li> <li>3b. Clean or replace ring terminal. Coat with dielectric grease.</li> <li>4. Repair or replace damaged wires or harness as required.</li> <li>5. Set the control to the OFF position. Reset the circuit breaker and set the control to the ON position.</li> </ol>
<b>Speed control dial on the Variable Speed (PWM) cab control does not change motor speed.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Malfunctioning cab control.</li> <li>2. Red and white connectors are incorrectly hooked up.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Replace cab control.</li> <li>2. Reconnect so red matches red and white matches white.</li> </ol>
<b>Spreader does not operate.</b> (Indicator light(s) illuminated.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overloaded condition is causing over-current protection to activate (Variable Speed Control only).</li> <li>2. Wire harness is damaged or has an open circuit between cab control and spreader.</li> <li>3. Spreader motor is not running.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reset cab control by turning the power OFF. Depress the START/BLAST switch to resume operation.</li> <li>2a. Check plug connections at cab control and spreader.</li> <li>2b. Check wire connections at spreader motor and at vehicle battery – disconnect motor leads, turn control on, set cab control to maximum on variable speed controls and check for voltage at motor leads.</li> <li>2c. Repair or replace damaged wires and connectors</li> <li>2d. Check the 30 Amp in-line fuse. Replace if necessary.</li> <li>3a. Replace motor if shaft will not turn.</li> <li>3b. Remove and inspect both motor brushes. Replace if worn (Brush kit 65241).</li> </ol>
<b>Spinner does not turn.</b> (Motor is running.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Obstruction is preventing rotation.</li> <li>2. Drive belt is loose or damaged.</li> <li>3. Motor pulley not secured to motor shaft.</li> <li>4. Spinner pulley is not secured to spinner shaft.</li> <li>5. Spinner shaft bearings are dry or seized.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Unplug the spreader harness and tag out, if required, before performing any of the following repairs.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clear obstruction.</li> <li>2. Adjust tension or replace belt if worn or damaged.</li> <li>3. Tighten pulley set screw or replace pulley if damaged.</li> <li>4. Replace cap screw and nut if missing or damaged. Replace pulley if damaged.</li> <li>5. Grease or replace bearings.</li> </ol>

## TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SUGGESTED SOLUTION
<b>Conveyor belt not moving</b> (Spinner is turning.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Obstruction is preventing rotation.</li> <li>2. Drive belt is loose or damaged.</li> <li>3. Pulley is not secured to the spinner shaft.</li> <li>4. Pulley is not secured to the gearbox shaft.</li> <li>5. Gearbox is damaged.</li> <li>6. Conveyor rollers are not secured to the shafts.</li> <li>7. Conveyor belt is loose or damaged.</li> <li>8. Conveyor belt is not aligned.</li> <li>9. Conveyor belt shaft bearings are seized or otherwise damaged.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Unplug the spreader harness and tag out, if required, before performing any of the following repairs.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clear obstruction.</li> <li>2. Adjust belt tension. Replace belt if damaged.</li> <li>3. Replace cap screw and nut if missing or damaged. Replace pulley if damaged.</li> <li>4. Replace damaged or missing key. Replace pulley if damaged.</li> <li>5. Replace gearbox if output shaft does not turn when input shaft turns.</li> <li>6. Replace missing cap screws and nuts. Replace shafts or rollers if damaged.</li> <li>7. Adjust belt tension. Replace belt if damaged.</li> <li>8. Align belt to ride centered on rollers.</li> <li>9. Grease or replace bearings.</li> </ol>
<b>Material in hopper does not flow.</b> (Conveyor belt and spinner are moving.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Feed gate is closed.</li> <li>2. Obstruction in hopper.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Unplug the spreader harness and tag out, if required, before performing any of the following repairs.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Open feed gate fully, then adjust to desired opening size.</li> <li>2. Clear obstruction.</li> </ol>
<b>Spread pattern not optimum</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deflector out of adjustment.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unplug the spreader harness and tag out, if required. Change deflector adjustment to suit desired pattern. See Adjusting Gates and Deflector in the Operating Section of this manual.</li> </ol>





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