# HPL SERIES WRECKER (HPL35 & HPL60)

# OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL



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#### **FOREWORD**

This manual is intended to serve as a guide to the owner and operator in the safe operation and optimum performance of this Jerr-Dan equipment.

Establishment of good operating habits and familiarity with the equipment and its capabilities combined with good judgement are essential.

Before attempting to operate the unit carefully read all sections of this manual.

This manual is intended to serve as a guide to the owner and operator in the safe operation and optimum performance of this Jerr-Dan equipment.

This manual should be kept with the equipment at all times and referred to whenever in doubt of proper operation.

Information contained in this manual reflects how this vehicle was built at the factory. Modifications or additions by the distributor or owner are not reflected in this manual.

This manual does not include operation and maintenance information for the commercial chassis (IHC, Ford, GM, etc.). This information is provided by the chassis manufacturer.

When inquiring about operation, maintenance or warranty, please refer to your equipment's Sales Order Number, Serial Number and Model Number. This information can be found on the aluminum tag riveted inside the driver's side toolbox on the back wall in the upper right corner.





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#### **SAFETY**

The safe operation of your HPL is your responsibility. Read this manual and the truck manufacturer's manual and thoroughly understand them. You can be held legally responsible for injuries or damage resulting from careless or unsafe operating practices.

Our recommendations for operating your equipment can help you avoid unsafe practices and their bad consequences. These recommendations are contained in this manual.

Jerr-Dan Corporation is not responsible for the results of any unsafe practice of tow operators or for the failure of your equipment or its accessories resulting from improper use or lack of maintenance.

The danger from a vehicle continues after it is disabled or wrecked. Recovering or towing vehicles can be dangerous too! The danger threatens tow operators and everyone else close by. As a tow operator you must develop an awareness of the hazards involved. You must use every safeguard to prevent injuries.

Careful consideration of the immediate surrounding conditions such as the weather, terrain, type or condition of the vehicle to be recovered and the condition and experience of the operator is foremost to the safety and success of the operation.

Tie-down straps are provided for use with your new Jerr-Dan Recovery Vehicle. Each week inspect all straps for any signs of rips, tears, cuts, fatigue or other damage. Check the hooks to. Make sure they have not been bent or deformed. If strap or hook damage is noted, they must be replaced before being used.

For each step in operating your equipment develop the habit of asking yourself "is it safe to proceed?" Carefully check your set up before starting a lift or tow.

Because recoveries can be so different, we cannot warn you of all the possible hazards you will encounter, but we will tell you of the most common hazards that we know about. We also strongly recommend that you receive specialized and advanced training from a professional Towing and Recovery instructor before operating any recovery equipment and that the Vehicle Manufacturers Towing Manual and/or American Automobile Association (AAA) Towing Manuals be used as a reference for operating safety methods.

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#### AAA address and phone number:

#### THE AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

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To alert personnel to hazardous operating practices, safety messages are used throughout the manual. Each safety message contains a safety alert symbol and a signal word to identify the hazard's degree of seriousness.



#### **CAUTION:**

Identifies when a potentially hazardous situation exists and may result in a minor or moderate injury or property damage.



#### **DANGER:**

Identifies when an imminently hazardous situation exists and can result in death or serious injury.



#### **WARNING:**

Identifies when a potentially hazardous situation exists and could result in death or serious injury.



#### DO NOT EXCEED THE FOLLOWING RATINGS:

All ratings comply with SAE J2512 Recommended Practice

HPL35	Under Lift Rating:
	"I" Arm Grid

"L" Arm Grid	3,500 lbs.
"T-37" Pivoting Grid	4.000 lbs.
Frame Forks	·
Tow Rating:	7,500 lbs.
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#### **HPL60** Under Lift Rating:

"L" Arm Grid	5,000 lbs.
"T-37" Pivoting Grid	4,000 lbs.
Frame Forks	6,000 lbs.
Detings	04 000 lbs

#### **NOTE:**

These ratings apply to the structural design of the HPL. They might be limited by the axle rating and gross vehicle weight rating of the truck chassis.

The payload and towing capacity of any towing vehicle must meet the following:

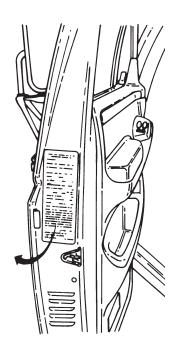
- The actual payload on the towing vehicle must not exceed the posted rating and the towed vehicle load must not exceed the posted lift / towing ratings.
- The total weight of the towing vehicle (cab chassis, body, payload, driver, passenger(s), tools, fuel, etc.) and the towed vehicle load must not exceed the GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating) of the towing vehicle.
- The total weight of the towing vehicle and a towed vehicle load must be distributed so that each axle's GAWR (Gross Axle Weight Rating) is not exceeded.
- The total weight of the towing vehicle and towed vehicle (everything that moves with the towing vehicle) must not exceed the GCWR (Gross Combination Weight Rating) of the towing vehicle.

Staying within these ratings is necessary to maintain the safety and performance of the towing vehicle.

CHECK TRUCK MANUAL FOR SPECIFIC GVW & AXLE RATINGS. ALSO LOOK ATTHE CERTIFICATION DECAL AFFIXED TO DRIVER'S SIDE DOOR JAMB, HINGE PILLAR OR LATCH POST AND THE S.T.A.R. PLACARD ON THE TOP OF THE UNDER LIFT BOOM.



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#### **Certification Decal**

Affixed to the Driver's Side DoorJam, Hinge Pillar or Latch Post

Provided by the Final Stage Vehicle Manufacturer according to Title 49 Part 567 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)





 Don't use a recovery vehicle that has not been properly maintained. Pay special attention to the mounting bolts, and lubrication of moving parts.



 Don't operate the wrecker's engine faster than recommended. Excessive speeds can damage PTO, hydraulic pumps, and winches.



 Don't rely on anti-theft steering locks to secure the steering wheel. Use a special steering wheel clamping device designed for this purpose.



 Don't pick-up and tow a vehicle that reduces the weight on the front wheels of the wrecker more than 50 percent.



 After you have hooked up a vehicle for towing, don't start the tow until you have double checked the hook-up, installed safety chains, and released the parking brakes of the towed vehicle.



 Don't travel with the PTO or Clutch Pump engaged. Damage to the trucks transmission, engine or hydraulic components will occur. Engage it only while operating the controls.



 Don't tow a vehicle on its front wheels if they are damaged.



 Don't tow a vehicle on its front wheels unless the steering wheel is secured with the front wheels straight ahead.

## SAFETY CHAINS MUST BE USED WHEN TOWING AND TRANSPORTING

Safety chains are provided for use with your new Jerr-Dan Recovery Vehicle. Periodically inspect all chains for any signs of fatigue or damage. Don't overlook the hooks; be sure they have not been bent or deformed. If chain or hook damage is noted, they must be replaced before being used. **Do not use safety chains for recovery operations.** 

Many states require that the towed vehicle be secured to the wrecker body with safety chains. Check your local regulations and use your safety chains. Safety chains are provided for use with your new JERR-DAN.



 Never attach the chain hooks in such a way as to damage brake lines or other functional parts.



 Check that the chain does not become over tensioned when raising the towed vehicle to the towing position or during the towing operation.



 Keep in mind that driving over bumps and hollows and around corners will tend to tighten or loosen the chains.



 Always use two safety chains when towing all vehicles, regardless of distance.



#### **LIFT SAFETY**

Careful consideration of the immediate surrounding conditions such as the weather, terrain, type or condition of the vehicle to be recovered and the condition and experience of the operator is foremost to the safety and success of the operation. In addition, the intent of the design of this unit should be taken before the undertaking of its use.

Your HPL is unique. It not only can make lifts from level surfaces, our boom tilt feature allows pickup of vehicles that are parked on both inclines and declines.



 You should never make a lift or movement while close to or under the vehicle being lifted!



 Always use jack stands to support the vehicle if it is necessary to work under it.



 Towing lights are required in many areas and are always recommended for safe tows.

#### **BOOM SAFETY**

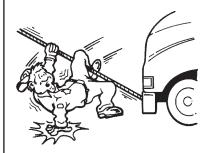
Your HPL is equipped with a recovery winch and the following safety procedures must be observed:



 Jog the winch control lever to be sure of complete engagement of the clutch gears before making a lift or pull.



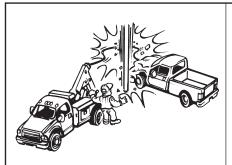
 Take up the wire rope slowly and be sure the hook is securely set.



Never stand on or straddle a working wire rope.



 Be sure of your lift or pull and do not exceed the working strength of the wire rope or hook.
 Rig to keep the estimated amount of pull well within equipment ratings. Use wire rope breaking strength ratings only for selecting replacement wire rope.



· Never lift or pull over or around a sharp obstacle.



 Never allow the wire rope to cross wrap (criss-cross) on the winch drum. Crushing of the wire rope can cause wire rope failure.



 Never completely unwind wire rope from a winch while loaded. Always be sure that a minimum of five (5) wraps of wire rope are on the drum at all times.



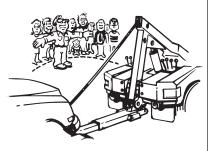
 Never make a lift or pull with the wire rope attached to light gauge or sheet metal parts; use the frame or major structural members.



 Never tie down the front end of your wrecker for recovery work of heavy lifts. You will likely damage the truck frame if you do.



• Don't disengage the winch drum clutch while the wire rope is loaded.



Don't permit bystanders in the area while performing recovery work.



• Be sure all brakes and locks are properly set on the recovery vehicle.



 Never wrap the wire rope around frames or cross members. Use chains and hook the wire rope to the chains.



 Never under any circumstances use the winch or boom to lift people!



 Don't use damaged wire ropes on your wrecker. Become familiar with the various types of wire rope damage and periodically inspect the entire wire rope for wear and corrosion. Never use wire rope menders. Replace with similar rated wire rope and hooks.



 Lubricate and maintain both the wire rope and winch on regular intervals. (See maintenance charts.)



 Avoid using the boom raise or boom up control to lift a load. This causes undue stress and weight loading on the rear axle.
 Use the winch to lift the load.



 All boom placement functions should be made with the winch wire ropes set in "free spool" to avoid over tensioning or breaking the winch wire ropes.



 After rigging wire ropes, don't begin pulling without rechecking connections. Make sure that all wire ropes and snatch blocks are securely attached and cannot accidently pull loose.



 Don't exceed ratings of booms, wire ropes, snatch blocks, or winches. Stay within nameplate ratings.



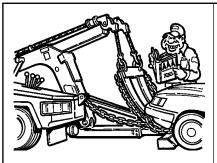
 Don't tow a vehicle on its drive wheels unless steps have been taken to protect its transmission and differential. Follow the recommendations of the vehicle manufacturer. As an alternative, use a towing dolly.



 To avoid birdnesting and premature failure of the wire rope, always keep tension on the wire rope when unwinding.

#### **SLING SAFETY**

If your HPL is equipped with an optional tow sling certain safety precautions must be taken to ensure safe operation. Consult the AAA Towing Manual for the make and model of the vehicle to be towed and observe the following safety procedures:



 Hook up and make the lift in strict accordance with AAA's instructions.



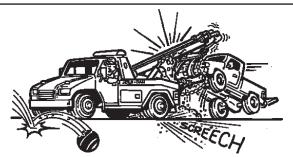
 Be sure the chains and hooks are attached to frame members and not sheet metal.



 Never attach the chain hooks in such a way as to damage brake lines or other functional parts.



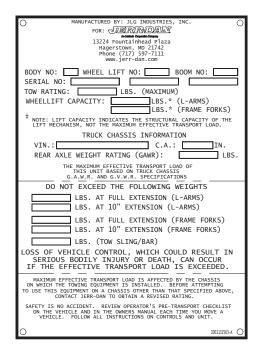
 Never make a front lift without unlatching the hood of the vehicle.



 The bottom anchor assembly (round tube) must never be higher than the attachment point on the rear of the HPL. The rear stand off bar assembly acts as a pivot in the event of a sudden stop. This will asure that the casualty vehicle will not catapult forward onto the deck of the recovery vehicle.

#### CAPACITY/RATING INFORMATION PLACARDS

These placards provide information about carrier and vehicle ratings, capacities and load limits. You must stay within these ratings/capacities when using the HPL. These placards must not be obliterated, removed or painted over. They are there to remind and protect the operator. (Not all placards are used on all units) If a placard becomes lost or unreadable, it should be replaced. Replacements are available through the Service Parts Department.



WRECKER BOOM  SERIAL NO  MODEL NO  BOOM RATINGS (MAX) SAE J2512  EXTENDED LBS. RETRACTED LBS.
WINCH RATING SAE J706 EACH DRUM LBS. CABLE/WIRE ROPE
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#### SAFETY WARNING LABELS

These safety warning labels describe hazards and what happens if you encounter them. Read each safety warning lable and figure out how to avoid the hazard. These lables must not be obliterated, removed or painted over. They are there to remind and protect the operator. (Not all decals are used on all units) If a decal becomes lost or unreadable, it should be replaced. Replacements are available through the Service Parts Department.

### **A WARNING**

#### OPERATORS' PRE-TRANSPORT CHECKLIST

REVIEW THIS CHECKLIST BEFORE EACH TOW. FAILURE TO FOLLOW CHECKLIST COULD CREATE A DANGEROUS CONDITION FOR YOU, OTHER MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS, AND MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

#### VEHICLE ON WHEEL LIFT - CHECKLIST

- HEED ALL WARNINGS ON EQUIPMENT AND CONTROLS.
   DO YOU HAVE TURNING OF EARLANGE FOR TOWER VEHICLE.
- DO YOU HAVE TURNING CLEARANCE FOR TOWED VEHICLE?
   ARE BOTH WHEEL LIFT TIE DOWN STRAPS INSTALLED AND TIGHTENED DOWN ON TOWED VEHICLE?
- TIGHTENED DOWN ON TOWED VEHICLE?

  ARE BOTH SAFETY CHAINS ATTACHED FROM TOWING TRUCK TO TOWED VEHICLE?
- IS THERE SUFFICIENT GROUND CLEARANCE FOR TOWED VEHICLE?
   IS THE WHEEL LIFT RETRACTED AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE
- IS THE WHEEL LIFT RETRACTED AS CLOSE AS POSSIBL TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION?
- IS THE WHEEL LIFT EXTENDED AT LEAST 4" TO INSURE UNOBSTRUCTED CROSSBAR PIVOTING?
   ARE AUXILIARY TOWING LIGHTS ATTACHED TO TOWED
- VEHICLE?

  DO NOT OVERLOAD. SEE LOAD RATING PLACARD ON UNIT. STOP VEHICLE AT ONCE AND REARRANGE LOAD IF YOU NOTICE FRONT END OF TRUCK FEELS LIGHT OR BOUNCES EXCESSIVELY OR IF STEERING FEELS EXCESSIVELY LIGHT. LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL CAN RESULT FROM AN OVERLOAD AND CAN CAUSE A SERIOUS

#### **VEHICLE ON TOW SLINGS - CHECKLIST**

- ARE CHAINS SECURED FIRMLY AROUND THE AXLE OR
- ARE CHAINS SECURED INSIMIT AROUND THE AALE OR THE FRAME OF THE TOWED VEHICLE?

   ARE CHAINS SECURELY FASTENED IN THE HOOKS AND SAFETY WRAPPED ON EACH SIDE OF THE SLING BOTTOM BAR ASSEMBLY?
- ARE BOTH SAFETY CHAINS ATTACHED FROM TOWING TRUCK TO TOWED VEHICLE?
- IS THERE SUFFICIENT GROUND CLEARANCE FOR TOWED VEHICLE?
- IS TOW SLING ASSEMBLY IN A BELOW HORIZONTAL POSITION TO PREVENT RIDING UP?
   ARE AUXILIARY TOWING LIGHTS ATTACHED TO TOWED
- DO NOT OVERLOAD YOUR VEHICLE?

ACCIDENT

VEHICLE?

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HAVE YOU REVIEWED THE OPERATOR'S PRE-TRANSPORT CHECK LIST ON THE UNIT?

## **AWARNING**

A MINIMUM OF 5 WRAPS OF CABLE MUST BE LEFT ON WINCH DRUM TO ACHIEVE RATED LOAD.

DO NOT USE WINCH TO MOVE OR LIFT PERSONS.



FULLY RETRACT WHEEL LIFT BOOM AGAINST STOP FOR TOWING WITH BALL HITCH OR REESE. EXTEND BOOM 4 INCHES MINIMUM FOR TOWING WI WHEEL GRID.





VEHICLE MUST BE SECURED TO WHEEL GRID USING BOTH TIE DOWN STRAPS PRIOR TO LEAVING LOADING SITE

## **ACAUTION**

CHECK HYDRAULIC FLUID LEVEL FILL ONLY WITH APPROVED FLUID (SEE OPERATOR'S MANUAL)

## **A WARNING**

TOWED VEHICLE MUST BE CONNECTED TO TOW TRUCK BODY WITH SAFETY CHAINS

## **A CAUTION**

DO NOT EXCEED THE FOLLOWING RATINGS: LIFTING CAPACITY (Each Arm).....2,000 lbs. LIFTING CAPACITY (Total).......4,000 lbs. TOWING CAPACITY (Maximum)......8,000 lbs.

THE LIFTING AND TOWING CAPACITIES OF THIS EQUIPMENT MAY BE LIMITED BY THE RECOVERY VEHICLE.

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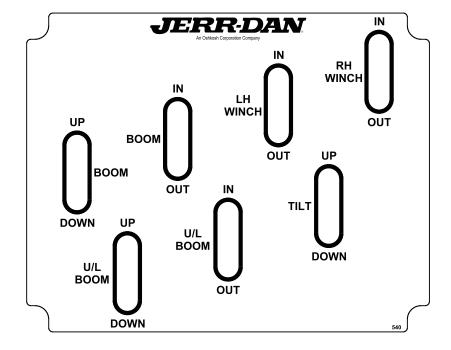
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#### **OPERATION PLACARDS AND LABELS**



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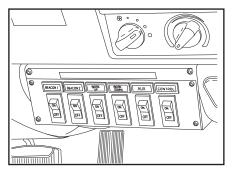
#### **OPERATION**

#### WHEEL-LIFT OPERATION

Your HPL is one of the most useful and efficient towing and recovery vehicles available. It is hydraulically powered and careful consideration should be given to the selection of commands. You can afford to work smart, the vehicle will do most of the work for you.

The safe operation of your HPL is your responsibility. You can be held legally responsible for any injuries or damage caused by the unsafe operation of your equipment. If you follow our tested and proven procedure you will operate the equipment properly. Remember you alone are always responsible for your actions.

Always know the weight distribution of your load and ensure you are within your truck's Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR), Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) and Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR) as well as any federal or state roading regulation. In addition, be aware of your truck's overall loaded height to be sure that you are under the federal bridge law height of 13 feet 6 inches.

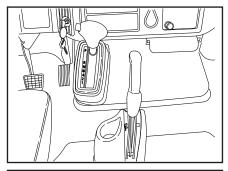


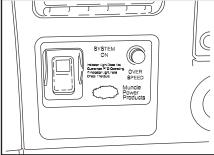
Follow these simple steps:

 Turn on the safety and work lights. (Switches located on the dash panel).

Position the truck within 3 to 4 ft. of the subject vehicle and as close to the direction of the pull as possible.





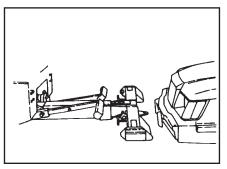


- Set the truck's parking brakes and put the transmission in park or neutral.
- 4. Engage the Power-Take-Off (PTO) or Clutch Pump and the hand controller using the "Control" switch in the switch panel. Most trucks will automatically throttle up when the parking brake is set and the transmission is in park or neutral. NEVER TRAVEL WITH THE POWER-TAKE-OFF or CLUTCH PUMP CONTROL ENGAGED. This could result in damage to the PTO or Clutch Pump unit and the truck transmission.



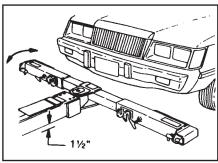
#### **CAUTION:**

Never exceed 1,500 R.P.M. When your hook up is complete, reset the engine idle to normal.

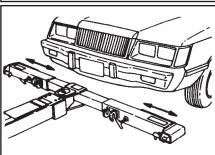


 Confirm the truck's position in relation to the vehicle to be towed. Three (3) to four (4) feet is recommended. Reposition the HPL if necessary. Be sure the towed vehicle is not in gear or park. Keep the brake set.

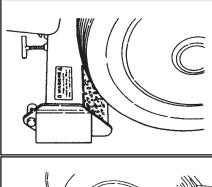




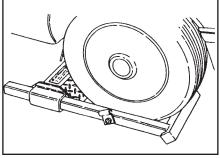
6. Lower the lift arm to about 1-1/2" from the ground and swing the cross bar parallel to the tires.



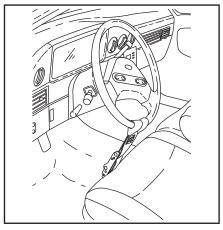
 Set the grid width as required for the vehicle to be towed. Be sure both grids are as close to the center of the boom as possible. (See your particular grid option instructions.)

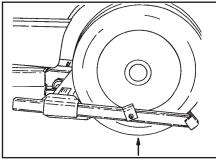


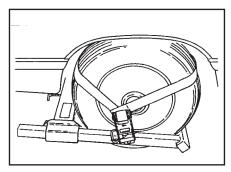
8. Extend the lift arm under the vehicle being sure that all under carriage parts are cleared and that the front portion of the grid is in contact with both tires. Lower the grid fully to the ground. There is no reason for the operator to get under the vehicle.



- Visually inspect the tire to grid contact before proceeding.
- Secure the grid arm around the towed vehicle's tires following the instructions given for your particular grid option.





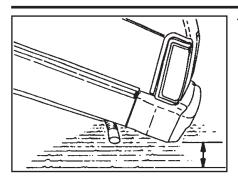


11. After securing the grid arms around the towed vehicles tires and before making the actual lift, check to be sure the towed vehicle's parking brake is released, the transmission is in neutral, and the wheels are straight.

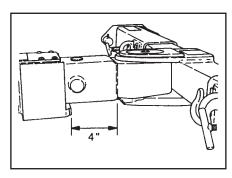
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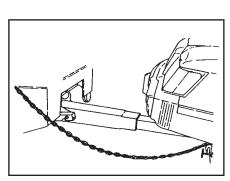
If vehicle to be towed is on a slope, do not release the brake until the tie-down straps are installed. Observe the wheels in the grid for any slippage.

- 12. It is recommended that the steering wheel be secured by a steering wheel strap for any tow.
- 13. Lift the vehicle high enough to allow the tires to clear the ground. Make sure that the grid is not in contact with any engine or body components.
- Remove the tie down straps from tool boxes and attach the tie down straps. (See Tie-Down Strap instructions).
- 15. With the straps in place, the vehicle in neutral and the parking brake released, you can move the vehicle safely up, down, in or out. All of these movements are hydraulically controlled.



16. Raise the vehicle into the final towing position observing the far end for sufficient ground clearance. It is possible to set the rear of a front lifted vehicle completely onto the ground, causing damage. Take irregular roadsurfaces into consideration. Observe the lift function from the side and away from both vehicles if possible.



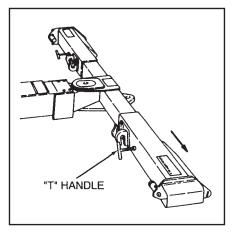


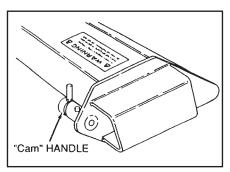
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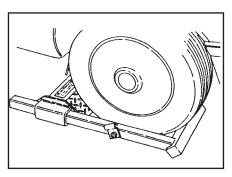
For the best towing and maneuverability the boom should be as close to horizontal as possible.

- 17. Power retract the grid boom until the towed vehicle is about 3 to 4 feet from the back of the truck. Leave enough room to maneuver around corners without corner binding or causing contact between the two (2) vehicles. Be sure that the boom is extended at least 4" to ensure unobstructed crossbar pivoting.
- Be sure to maintain sufficient clearances with the bottom of the towed vehicle.
- 19. Attach the safety chains and towing lights. Safety chains should be crossed from one side of the recovery vehicle to the opposite side of the towed vehicle.

#### "L" ARM GRID OPERATION

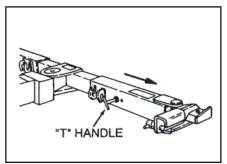






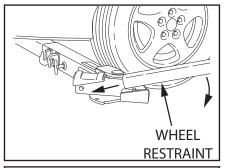
- Remove the "L" arms from storage.
- 2. Set the grid width as required for the vehicle to be towed.
- 3. To set the grid width, loosen the "T" handles on the front of the grid arms and pull the grids out. Be sure both tires are as close to the center of the boom as possible and wide enough to allow the "L" arms to slide into their channels. Tighten the "T" handles to secure the grids.
- Retract the "Cam" handle locking pin on the grid by turning it a half turn. It should remain in the open position.
- Lower the lift arm to the ground and extend under the vehicle to be towed as described in the Wheel Lift Operation section.
- 6. Take the "L" arms and slide them into the channels on the side of the grid. Insure that they are resting snugly against the tires. With the "L" arms in close contact with the tires, retract the locking pin by turning the "Cam" handle back to the original position. Be sure that the pin seats in one of the holes. The tires are now constrained front and back.
- Attach the tie down straps. (See Tie-Down Strap instructions).

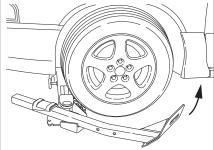
#### "T37" PIVOTING GRID OPERATION

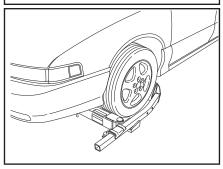


- WHEEL RESTRAINT RECEIVER

- Set the grid width as required for the casualty vehicle to be towed.
- To set the grid width, loosen the "T" handles on the front of the grid arms and pull out. Be sure both grids are as close to the center of the boom as possible, and wide enough to allow the wheel restraints to fit into their receivers. Tighten the "T" handles to secure the grids.
- Pivot the wheel restraint receivers on the end of the grid arms outward by lifting up on the receiver. Rotate the "Cam" handles on the receivers 180° to the open position for easier placement of the restraint into the receiver.
- 4. Extend the lift arm under the casualty vehicle. Make sure that all under carriage parts are cleared and that the front portion of the grid is in contact with both tires. Lower the grid fully to the ground. There is no reason for the operator to get under the casualty vehicle.
- 5. Visually inspect the tire to grid contact before proceeding.







- 6. Take the wheel restraints and place them into their receivers on the side of the grid. The restraints should be placed in a position as close as possible to fit the tires. Be sure that the holes in the bottom of the restraints lock over the retaining pin on the receivers.
- Pivot the receivers and wheel restraints inline with the tires. Make any adjustments to the wheel restraints making sure that you clear body and undercarriage components. Be sure that the holes in the bottom of the restraints lock over the retaining pin on the receivers. Rotate the "Cam" handles back to their original positions making sure that they fully retract to the closed position. The tires are confined front and back. Readjust the wheel restraints to insure that they are resting snugly against the tires.
- Attach the tie down straps. (See Tie-Down Strap instructions).

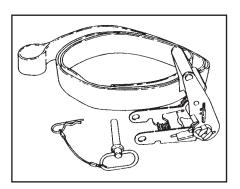
#### TIE DOWN STRAPS - "L" ARM GRID

The "L" Arm gird is supplied with a set of high strength polyester web tie down straps. They are to be used to secure wheels of the towed vehicle to the wheel lift grid. **NEVER TOW A VEHICLE WITHOUT THE TIE DOWN STRAPS INSTALLED.** 

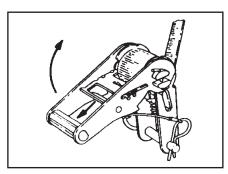
The tie down strap assembly is comprised of 3 basic components:

- 1. The Strap
- 2. The Ratchet Spool Mechanism
- The Ratchet retaining pin and cotter key

The following steps should be followed to properly install the tie down straps:

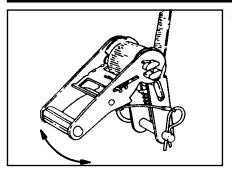


#### USING THE RATCHET SPOOL MECHANISM



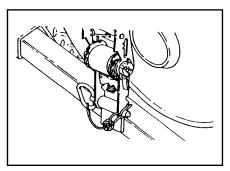
- First the spool must be set into "free spool". This is done by pulling the lock bar out and swinging the handle upward until it rests in the free spool notch and then simply pulling out the amount of strap required to fit over the tire.
- Now pull on the lock bar and move it downward until it engages the ratchet teeth on the take up spool. By pushing and pulling the handle up and down, the strap will be wound onto the spool.



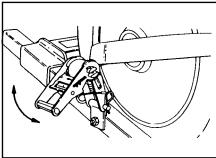


 To release the ratchet, simply pull on the locking bar, disengaging the teeth and raise the handle to the "free spool" position.

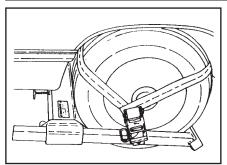
#### INSTALLING THE TIE DOWN STRAP



 With the vehicle lifted just barely off the ground, attach the strap to the wheel grid. Be sure the ratchet pin is secured with the hairpin cotter pin.



 Set the ratchet spool in "free spool" position and pull the webbed strap out and form a loop which will wrap around the tire. Be sure the loop is over approximately 1/3 of the tire.



- Take up the slack in the strap by ratcheting the takeup spool arm. Continue until the tires show some compression.
- 4. Raise the wheel grid to the towing position. RE-TIGHTEN THE RATCHET PERIODICALLY AS THE TIRE SETTLES IN GRID FROM TOWING.

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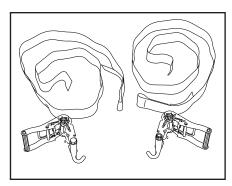
Never tow a vehicle without tire tie-down straps and safety chains installed.

## **TIE-DOWN STRAPS - "T37" PIVOTING GRID**

The "T37" pivoting grid is supplied with a set of high-strength polyester web tie-down straps. They are to be used to secure wheels of the towed vehicle to the wheel lift grid. **NEVER TOW A VEHICLE WITHOUT THE TIE-DOWN STRAPS INSTALLED.** 

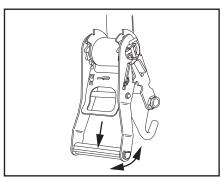
The tie-down strap assembly is comprised of 2 basic components:

- 1. (2) The Strap/Hook Assemblies
- (2) The Ratchet Spool Mechanisms



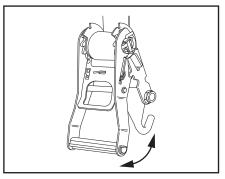
Follow these steps to properly install the tie-down straps:

# **USING THE RATCHET SPOOL MECHANISM**



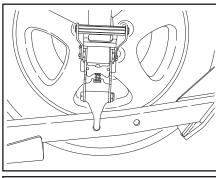
- First set the spool into "free spool". This is done by pulling the lock bar out and swinging the handle upward until it rests in the free spool notch and then simply pulling out the amount of strap required to fit over the tire.
- 2. Now pull on the lock bar and move it downward until it engages the ratchet teeth on the take-up spool. By pushing and pulling the handle up and down, the strap will be wound onto the spool.





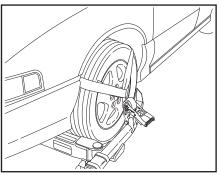
 To release the ratchet, simply pull on the locking bar, disengaging the teeth and raise the handle to the "free spool" position.

## INSTALLING THE TIE DOWN STRAP

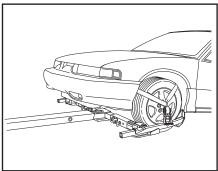


- 1. With the vehicle lifted just barely off the ground, attach the strap to the wheel restraints. Be sure the hook on the ratchet is securely seated in the wheel restraint.
- 2. Set the ratchet spool in "free spool" position and pull the webbed strap out and form a loop which will wrap around the tire.

  Be sure the loop is over a minimum of 1/3 of the tire.



 Take up the slack in the strap by ratcheting the take-up spool arm. Continue until the tires show some compression. Repeat for other side.

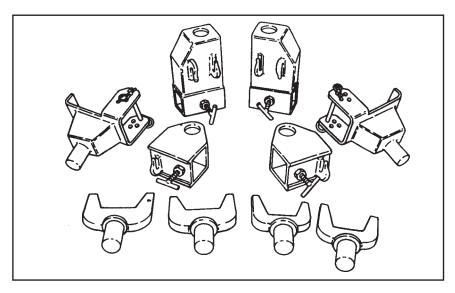


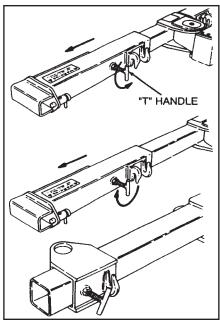
4. Raise the wheel grid to the towing position. RE-TIGHTEN THE RATCHET PERIODICALLY AS THE TIRE SETTLES IN GRID FROM TOWING.

#### NOTE:

Never tow a vehicle without tire tie-down straps and safety chains installed.

## FRAME FORK LIFT ATTACHMENT PACKAGE OPTION

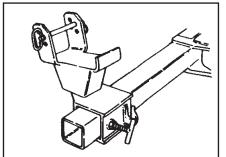


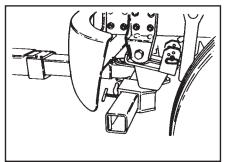


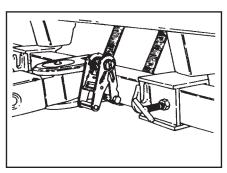
- First, you will need to remove the wheel lift grids and install the lift attachment receivers.
- 2. To remove the wheel lift grids, loosen the "T" handles on the front of the grid arms and pull the grids out to the stops.
- Turn the "T" handle clockwise until the grid is release, then remove the grid from the crossbar. Do this on both sides of the bar.
- 4. Now you will need to choose the lift attachment receivers that are best suited to your needs and slide them over the end of the crossbar. Turn the "T" handles to lock the receivers onto the crossbar.

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- 5. Now, choose the lift attachments that are best suited to your need and insert them into the receivers that you just put onto the crossbar. (Frame forks are for lifting by axles and frame crossmembers, spring hanger attachments are for lifting by leaf springs).
- Move the lift attachments under the vehicle so that they are in the proper position for lifting. At the same time make sure you are not attaching the lift attachments to any steering components.
- 7. Now you may lift the vehicle slightly off the ground.
- 8. Secure the vehicle to the wheel grid crossbar with straps and ratchets.

## RECOVERY WINCH OPERATION

The HPL deck mounted winch is an extremely effective tool in recovery or retrieval prior to lifting and towing. To operate the winch effectively, care and thought must be given.

Winch Rating .......8,000 lbs.

Wire Rope:

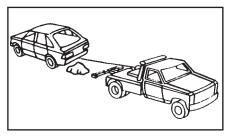
Working Limit	4,100 lbs.
	6 x 25 EIPS RRL FW IWRC
Diameter	3/8 inch
Standard Length	40 Feet

All ratings comply with SAE J2512 Recommended Practice

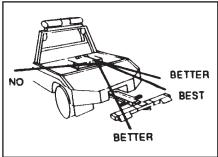


#### **WARNING:**

Do not exceed the working limit of the wire rope/cable. Use snatch blocks and multiple lines to reduce the load on the wire rope/cable.



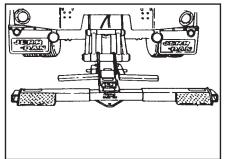
 Check the direction you wish the work to travel, being sure there are no major obstacles in the way.

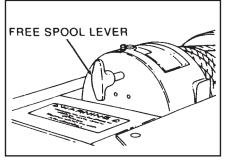


 Position and align the truck to obtain as direct a pull as possible. Straight line pulls are the best and most efficient.

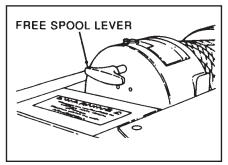




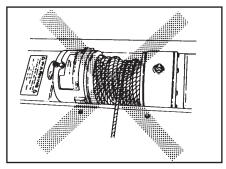


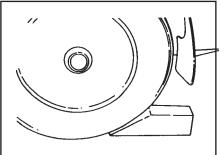


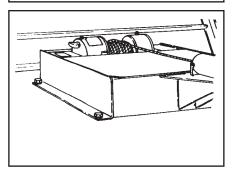




- Set the brakes on your Jerr-Dan unit. If the pull will be a heavy one you may also use the controls to set the grid boom down on the ground giving the truck more traction and resistance to slippage. The use of scotch blocks is also recommended.
- 4. Release the free spooling lever on the winch by pulling and turning the handle 90°. Never pull this while the wire rope/ cable is under load! This allows the wire rope/cable to be pulled directly off the drum to the work. Return to the wire rope/cable drum and be sure that at least five (5) wraps of cable remain on the drum.
- Attach the chain sling, hook or wire rope/cable hook securely to the work. Be sure of this hook up; you don't want it breaking loose during the pull. (See the safety sections earlier in the manual).
- Re-engage the winch drive by turning the handle back 90°. It should retract cleanly. Jog the winch control lever to confirm engagement. Using the controls, slowly take up any slack in the wire rope/cable.







- 7. With the wire rope/cable tight, slowly bring it in, observing both the work and the cable drum. Be sure that the wire rope/cable does not cross wrap or criss-cross on the drum. Observe the path the work must travel for snags or obstructions which could stall the work movement and overload the wire rope/cable.
- 8. Once the work is in the desired position, use blocks or tie the work down if there is an question about the stability. Slowly reduce the wire rope/cable tension using the controls. After enough wire rope/cable has been unwound, you may remove the hookup.
- 9. Now slowly retrieve the wire rope/cable, winding it back onto the drum. Many operators take this opportunity to do a visual inspection. When you've finished respooling the wire rope/cable, be sure you don't overwind it. Always wear safety glasses and gloves when doing recovery work or handling the winch wire rope/cable.

Remember, most wire rope/cable failures are caused by the operator underestimating the pull or over estimating the wire rope/cable strength.

## WRECKER BOOM OPERATION

The wrecker boom is probably one of the most useful accessories you can put on your HPL. It allows the operator to perform lifting and retrieval tasks that cannot be performed in any other way. Safe operation of the wrecker boom demands knowledge of the controls and the boom functions. Review the boom safety section of this manual and USE CAUTION AND GOOD JUDGEMENT!





Position the truck to best takeadvantage of the leverage the boom offers. A vertical lift is the best and most efficient, so attempt to place the boom over the work. This reduces the chance of the work breaking free and swinging during the lift. Place the truck as close as possible to the work. A shorter boom extension will result in less rear axle loading. Wheel lift boom should be lowered onto the ground and used as a rear stabilizer which also results in less rear axle loading. When pulling, align the truck with the work so that the direction of the pull is in line with the length of the truck. If the front wheels of the truck raise completely from the ground,

STOP! And Re-Rig.



# SINGLE WINCH OPERATION

If your Jerr-Dan Wrecker Boom is of the single winch design, then it has the following ratings:

Fully Retra	ded       2,500 lbs.         cted       8,000 lbs.         ng       8,000 lbs.
Wire Rope:	Working Limit
0808S Boo	m Rating (Horizontal)
Fully Retra	ded
Wire Rope:	Working Limit
1210S Boo	om Rating (Horizontal)
Fully Retra	ded
Wire Rope:	Working Limit



# 1210S Boom Rating w/ West Coast Package (Horizontal)

Fully Extended	8,000 lbs.
Fully Retracted	24,000 lbs.
Winch Rating	10,000 lbs.

#### Wire Rope:

Working Limit	5,537 lbs.
Construction	6 x 25 EIPS RRL FW IWRC
Diameter	7/16 inch
Standard Length	150 Feet

All ratings comply with SAE J2512 Recommended Practice

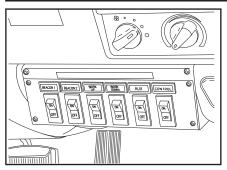


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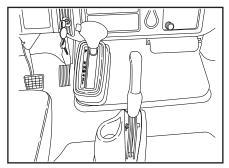
Do not exceed the working limit of the wire rope/cable. Use snatch blocks and multiple lines to reduce the load on the wire rope/cable.

These ratings are supplied for day to day reference. See rating placard affixed to side of wrecker boom base for the ratings of your particular wrecker boom. The operator must be sure he knows and understands this information before placing the boom into service.

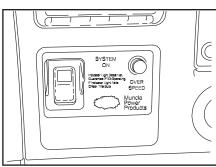




- 1. Turn on the safety and work lights. (Switches located on the dash panel).
- 2. Position the truck as close as possible to the work. Confirm that the truck is on firm ground.



3. Set the truck's parking brakes and put the transmission in park or neutral.



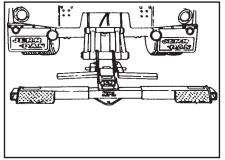
4. Engage the Power-Take-Off (PTO) or Clutch Pump and the hand controller using the "Control" switch in the switch panel. Most trucks will automatically throttle up when the parking brake is set and the transmission is in park or neutral. NEVER TRAVEL WITH THE POWER-TAKE-OFF or CLUTCH PUMP CONTROL ENGAGED. This could result in damage to the PTO or Clutch Pump unit and the truck transmission.

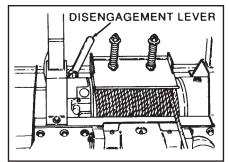


## CAUTION:

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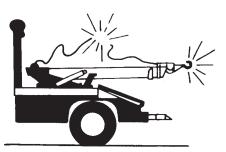






- Set the wheel grid on the ground.
   The grid now acts as a rear jack and stabilizer. The use of scotch blocks is also recommended.
- Set the boom winch into "free spool" using the disengagement lever. Moving the boom head with the wire rope/cable locked can result in damage to both the wire rope/cable and boom.
- Position the boom head using the boom up/down and boom in /out controls.
- Unwind enough wire rope/cable to make the hook-up. Be sure that a minimum of five (5) wraps of wire rope/cable remain on the drum.
- Attach the chain sling, hook or wire rope/cable hook securely to the work. Be sure of this hook up; you don't want it breaking loose during the pull. (See the safety sections earlier in the manual).
- 10. Re-engage the winch and slowly take up the slack in the wire rope/cable. Check all hooks and chains for possible slippage before continuing the lift or pull. As the wire rope/cable is retrieved, be sure that it doesn't criss-cross on the drum.





- 11. Complete the lift or pull being sure the work is placed in a stable location where it won't slip or roll. Use blocks or tie the work down if there is any question about the stability after the wire rope/cables and chains are removed.
- 12. Unwind enough wire rope/cable to remove the hooks or chains and remove them carefully. Avoid straddling the wire rope/cable.
- 13. Respool the wire rope/cable and take this opportunity to inspect it for damage.
- Retract the boom and lower it to the normal (horizontal) position and carefully snug up any loose wire rope/cable.



# **CAUTION:**

Don't stress the wire rope/cable by over retrieving or tightening..



# **DUAL WINCH OPERATION**

If your Jerr-Dan Wrecker Boom is of the dual winch design, then it has the following ratings:

## 0808D Boom Rating (Horizontal)

Winch Ra	ting	8,000 lbs.
Wire Rop	e: Working Limit6 Construction6 Diameter Standard Length	x 25 EIPS RRL FW IWRC
1210D B	oom Rating (Horizontal)	
Fully Retr	ended acted ting	18,500 lbs.
Wire Rop	e: Working Limit Construction6	

# 1210D Boom Rating (Horizontal)

Fully Extended	8,000 lbs.
Fully Retracted	24,000 lbs.
Winch Rating	10,000 lbs.

# Wire Rope:

Working Limit	5,537 lbs.
Construction	6 x 25 EIPS RRL FW IWRC
Diameter	7/16 inch
Standard Length	100 Feet



## 1210D Boom Rating w/ West Coast Package (Horizontal)

Fully Extended	8,000 lbs.
Fully Retracted	24,000 lbs.
Winch Rating	10,000 lbs.

#### Wire Rope:

Working Limit	5,537 lbs.
	6 x 25 EIPS RRL FW IWRC
Diameter	7/16 inch
Standard Length	150 Feet

## 1212D Boom Rating (Horizontal)

Fully Extended	8,000 lbs.
Fully Retracted	24,000 lbs.
Winch Rating	12,000 lbs.

#### Wire Rope:

Working Limit	7,220 lbs.
	6 x 25 EIPS RRL FW IWRC
Diameter	1/2 inch
Standard Length	200 Feet

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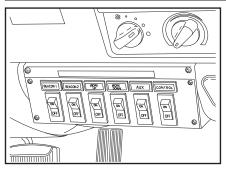


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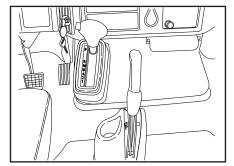
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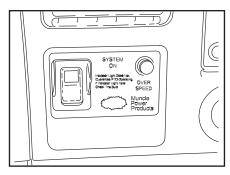




- 1. Turn on the safety and work lights. (Switches located on the dash panel).
- Position the truck as close as possible to the work. Confirm that the truck is on firm ground.



Set the truck's parking brakes and put the transmission in park or neutral.



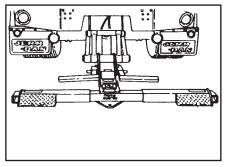
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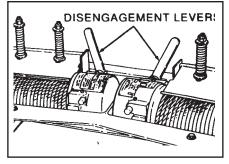


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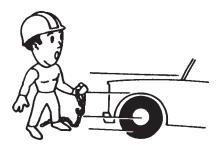


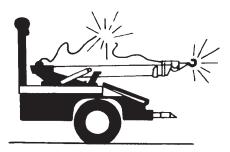






- Set the wheel grid on the ground.
   The grid now acts as a rear jack and stabilizer. The use of scotch blocks is also recommended.
- Set both boom winches into "free spool" using the disengagement lever. Moving the boom head with the wire rope/cables locked can result in damage to both the wire rope/cables and boom.
- Position the boom head using the boom up/down and boom in /out controls.
- Unwind enough wire rope/cable to make the hook-up. Be sure that a minimum of five (5) wraps of wire rope/cable remain on the drums.
- Attach the chain sling, hook or wire rope/cable hook securely to the work. Be sure of this hook up; you don't want it breaking loose during the pull. (See the safety sections earlier in the manual).
- 10. Re-engage the winches and slowly take up the slack in the wire rope/cables. Check all hooks and chains for possible slippage before continuing the lift or pull. As the wire rope/cables are retrieved, be sure that it doesn't criss-cross on the drums.





- 11. Complete the lift or pull being sure the work is placed in a stable location where it won't slip or roll. Use blocks or tie the work down if there is any question about the stability after the wire rope/cables and chains are removed.
- Unwind enough wire rope/cable to remove the hooks or chains and remove them carefully. Avoid straddling the wire rope/cables.
- 13. Respool the wire rope/cables and take this opportunity to inspect them for damage.
- 14. Retract the boom and lower it to the normal (horizontal) position and carefully snug up any loose wire rope/cables.



# **CAUTION:**

Don't stress the wire rope/cables by over retrieving or tightening..



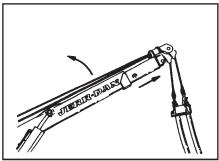
## **SLING OPERATION**

If your HPL is equipped with a tow sling, then it has the following ratings:

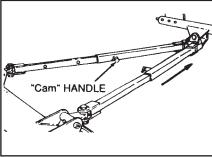
Sling Rating (50 M.P.H. Transport Speed)

Single Line Boom .......4,000 lbs. Dual Line Boom .......4.000 lbs.

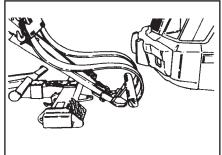
Consult the AAA Towing Manual and follow these steps:



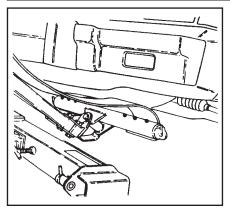
- 1. Raise the wrecker boom to approximately 45° and telescope out to allow for working clearance.
- 2. Lower the lift grid to 1-1/2" from the ground.

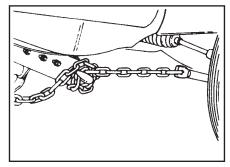


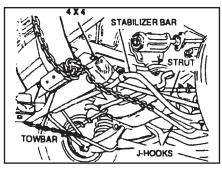
3. Lower the sling assembly to horizontal using the winch. Rotate the "Cam" handles on the stand off bars 90°. Pull the stand off bars to their full extension.



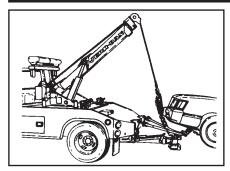
Lower the tow sling on the skid plate so that it will easily clear the bottom of the vehicle.



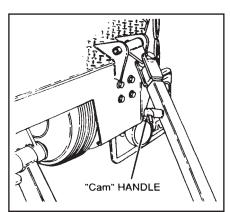




- Maneuver the sling under the vehicle to be towed, far enough under so the vehicle will ride on the rubber belts.
- 6. The chain J hooks must be secured firmly around the axle or the frame of the towed vehicle. When fastening the J hook, be sure the it is attached to the towed vehicle in such a manner as to prevent any damage to the brake lines or other functional parts of the vehicle. With the chain securely fastened in the hook on each side of the bottom bar assembly, the chain should then be wrapped around the bottom bar. Secure the remaining chain to the hook at the top of the tow sling.
- 7. In using the tow sling with late model vehicles it may be necessary to use spacer blocks or a cross beam in order to get sufficient height to prevent any damage to body parts. The AAA Towing Manual will diagram this.
- Be sure the fuel tank is not in contact with the sling or towing mechanism. The fuel tank must not support any weight whatsoever.



9. Raise the vehicle using the wrecker boom winch. (Read the safety and operating instructions for the boom and winch beforehand.) The vehicle should be raised until the wheels are a minimum of ten inches off the ground. Observe the opposite end of the vehicle for ground clearance.

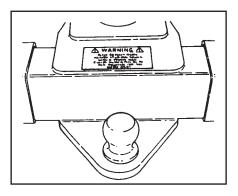


- When using Dual Winch Boom ensure that both wire rope/cables are retracted with equal tension.
- 11. Retract the boom slowly drawing the vehicle forward until the stand off bars are fully retracted. Relock the "Cam" handles for traveling by turning 90° to the closed position.
- 12. The boom should be fully retracted and safety chains must be installed before traveling.
- 13. Raise the wheel lift grid.

The Bottom Anchor Assembly (round tube) must never be higher than the attachment point on the rear of the truck. The Stand Off Bar Assembly acts as a pivot in the event of a sudden stop. This will assure that the towed vehicle will not catapult forward onto the deck of the HPL.

# **TOWING BALL**

The towing ball option has its own special safety and use requirements. Since it is not likely to see continual service it is recommended that the ball be stored in the tool boxes and installed as needed. Once installed be sure to torque the nut down tightly and check it periodically when in use. Care should be taken when making a lift as the ball could come into contact with the paved surface, as



the threaded shank could damage the surface if the wheel grid is moved. The grid must be fully retracted against the stop, thus restraining the cross bar from pivoting. Periodically check to assure that the grid has not drifted away from the stop causing hazardous stopping or backing up. Do not tow without attaching safety chains.



## **DOLLIES**

Quick Loading Dollies are available as a Jerr-Dan option. These dollies are simple to set up and use.

#### **Dolly Specifications:**

Dolly Capacity		2,360 lbs
Tire/Wheel	4.80 x 4.00/8	590 lbs./Tire
Axle	2-1/:	2 Square Tube
Max. Speed		50 M.P.H

The Quick Loading Dolly is simple to use once the principles of the unit are understood.

- Extend telescopic cross rails by first depressing spring-loaded plunger and sliding inner (male) tube until plunger locks into the hole that matches the width of the vehicle to be towed.
- 2. Place cross rails on ground, fore and aft of the vehicle's tires.
- 3. Place dolly in the fully collapsed position with dolly tires closest to each other.
- 4. Set rail ends into dolly pockets, adjusting for the size of the vehicle's tires, positioning rails as close as possible to tires.
- 5. Make sure safety locks are disengaged, allowing trip assemblies freedom of movement while lifting vehicle.
- 6. Engage ratchet assemblies to prevent injury and damage to the operator and vehicle in case pry bar slips from hand.
- 7. Insert pry bar into pry pocket.
- 8. Swing outer end of pry bar in an arc until trip assembly rises then locks spindle assembly in the down position. **Do not release pry bar until spindle assembly is locked down.**
- 9. Repeat this action for all four (4) assemblies. Dolly is now raised.
- 10. After dolly is in the raised position, engage safety locks over trip assemblies to prevent releasing while vehicle is in tow.



11. Safety tie-down straps should be used to secure dolly to vehicle in case of rough road. Dolly is now ready for towing.

BE SURE EACH WHEEL IS SECURELY HELD IN ITS DOLLY AND INSPECT THE GROUND CLEARANCE OF THE VEHICLE BEFORE ATTEMPTING A TOW.

To unload the vehicle, stand clear of both the vehicle and the dollies and slip the chain link off of the cam bar. Carefully slide the jack handle over the cam bar and slowly lift the handle allowing the vehicle to drop. Repeat this step on the other dolly and then remove the axles from the dollies.

USE CARE WHEN RELEASING OR UNLOCKING THE CAM BAR AS IT CAN MOVE SUDDENLY AND WITH FORCE, CAUSING INJURY. JERR-DAN ASSUMES NO LIABILITY FOR THE USE OR MISUSE OF THESE DOLLIES OR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THEM.



## **MAINTENANCE**

#### MAINTENANCE AND LUBRICATION

Your HPL has been designed to give you excellent service and long life but like all equipment, it requires proper and periodic maintenance. The truck chassis itself is on a maintenance schedule recommended by the manufacturer. Follow these guidelines and protect your vehicle warranty. There are a number of different lubricants used on your HPL and the following chart details the proper lubricant and the most common brands and specification which meet the requirements.

Use only safe practices when maintaining this equipment. Always shut off the engine before reaching into pinch areas.

Inspect the vehicle and underlift system periodically for damage or evidence of pending failure. Damaged or broken parts should be replaced immediately. Never operate a machine which is known to be defective or operating improperly. The cause of any binding or leakage should be determined immediately and the problem promptly fixed.

Critical wear points on your HPL must be lubricated at regular intervals. Sliding surfaces are to be cleaned and coated with a heavy grease periodically. Cleaning every month is recommended for normal highway operations, but this frequency will vary appreciably with the type of service. Sliding on dirty wear surfaces will cause rapid wear. Fittings on linkage pivots should be greased every two (2) months, again depending upon usage. The Lubrication Chart and diagram shows the location of these points, lubrication schedules, and what type of lubricant to use.

Check the hydraulic oil level bi-monthly or after any leakage. A dipstick has been provided and can be accessed through the deck surface of the HPL body. The proper oil level is best checked with all cylinders fully retracted. Use a Super Premium Grade Multi-Viscosity hydraulic oil. (Shell Tellus STX 32 is recommended) (See Chart) (Automatic transmission fluid may be used in the hydraulic system if necessary.)

The hydraulic filter located on the return side of the hydraulic tank comes equipped with a restriction indicator gauge. This gauge shows the operator the condition of the filter element. When the needle reaches the red band (25 psi), the filter is starting to bypass and the element needs to be changed. Failure to change the element will result in premature wear and/or failure of any or all of the hydraulic components. **Check gauges when the hydraulic** 

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# fluid is at operating temperatures. Cold oil is more dense and will give a false indicator gauge reading.

If a cylinder seal leaks, disassemble the cylinder and ascertain the cause of the leak. Small scores caused by chips or contaminated fluid can usually be worked out with fine emery cloth to avoid repetition of the trouble. Whenever any seal replacement is necessary, it is always advisable to replace all seals in that component. These seals are available in kits. Also, thoroughly clean all components before reassembly.

The body of your Jerr-Dan has been built from high strength aluminum which has been carefully assembled and polished in our factory. To keep it clean and free of dirt use any non-abrasive soap or detergent recommended for automotive finishes. Use a soft cloth or sponge and finish with a thorough rinsing. Drying with a soft cloth or chamois will prevent spotting or streaking. A coat of automotive wax is recommended.

The HPL is mounted to the truck chassis by bolts. These bolts are torqued at the factory to 70 ft. lbs. The HPL aluminum body is mounted to the subframe by bolts. These bolts are torqued at the factory to 70 ft. lbs. We recommend periodic inspection and retorquing of these bolts. Your truck is equipped with winches and the winch mounting bolts should be regularly inspected and tightened if necessary. Replace any broken or damaged bolts immediately.



	NING TORQUE FOR SCREWS	S (FOOT-POU AND NUTS	NDS)
SIZE INCHES (MM)	GRADE 2	GRADE 5	GRADE 8
1/4 (6.350)	6	8	10
5/16 (7.938)	10	14	19
3/8 (9.525)	17	27	33
7/16 (11.112)	28	45	60
1/2 (12.700)	45	68	90
9/16 (14.288)	63	100	120
5/8 (15.875)	90	135	180
3/4 (19.050)	145	230	310
7/8 (22.225)	145	380	500
1 (25.400)	220	570	760

- All torque values shown are for bolts (cap screws) and nuts that are either zincplated or lubricated.
- Torques shown above apply to screws and nuts used for assembly and installation of all wrecker components.
- Different torque values may be given in instructions for certain components due to short thread engagement or low-strength internal threads.
- When nuts are used, tighten nuts to torques shown (screws or bolts should be held but not turned).
- Retighten <u>nuts</u> of all mounting screws that secure the wrecker and wrecker-body within two weeks after they are first installed on the vehicle. Thereafter, inspect such screws and nuts visually once every month and after each job imposing extremely heavy loads on the equipment. Periodically recheck all accessible screws and nuts for proper tightness.
- Converting ft/lbs to Nm (Newton metres) can be accomplished by using the following:

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#### **OILS AND GREASES**

The following oils and greases are suitable for use with your Jerr-Dan.

Company Product

#### HYDRAULIC OILS

1. Chevron AW Hydraulic Oil MV

2. Exxon Univis N323. Mobil DTE13

4. Texaco Rando DHZ-32
5. Shell Tellus Oil T 32
6. Citgo A/W All Temp
7. Amoco Rycon Oil 32

8. Conoco AW Hydraulic Fluid MV 46

9. Mobil DTE11M

(for cold weather use)

10. Conoco AW Hydraulic Fluid MV 32 (for cold weather use)

## GREASES

1. Drydene
2. Gulf
Crown EP2
3. Amoco
Amolith EP2
4. Shell
Alvania EP2
5. Texaco
Marfax EP2
6. Mobil
Mobilux EP2
7. Sunoco
Prestige EP2

#### WINCH AND GEAR LUBE

1. Phillips 140 wt. EP Gear Lube 93301

(or approved equivalent)

2. Mobil Mobil SCH624

(or approved equivalent for

cold weather use)



#### WIRE ROPE HANDLING AND INSPECTION

# **WARNING**

Wire Rope WILL FAIL if worn-out, overloaded, misused, damaged, improperly maintained or abused.

Wire rope failure may cause serious injury or death!

Protect yourself and others:

- ALWAYS INSPECT wire rope for WEAR, DAMAGE or ABUSE BEFORE USE.
- NEVER USE wire rope that is WORN-OUT, DAMAGED or ABUSED.
- NEVER OVERLOAD a wire rope.
- INFORM YOURSELF: Read and understand manufacturer's literature or "Wire Rope and Sling Safety Bulletin".
- REFER TO APPLICABLE CODES, STANDARDS and REGULATIONS for INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS and REMOVAL CRITERIA.

A new wire rope requires a break in period. Run the wire rope through several cycles at low speeds gradually increasing the load on the wire rope. Make sure that the wraps of the wire rope are tight and evenly wound on the winch drum. A loose wire rope on the winch drum will cause crushing of the wire rope when heavy loads are applied.

All wire rope in continuous service should be observed during normal operation and visually inspected on a weekly basis. A complete and thorough inspection of all ropes in use must be made at least once a month and all rope which has been idle for a period of a month or more should be given a thorough inspection before it is put back into service. All inspections should be the responsibility of and performed by an appointed competent person with the training and experience to look for deterioration of the wire rope.



It is good practice, where the equipment is consistently in use, to give the rope a certain length of service, several hundred hours, several weeks or months and then renew the rope regardless of it's condition. This method eliminates the risk of fatigue causing rope failure.

Any deterioration, resulting in a suspected loss of original rope strength, should be carefully examined and a determination made as to whether further use of the wire rope would constitute a safety hazard.

There are certain points along any given rope which should be given more attention than others, since some areas will be subjected to greater stresses, forces, and hazards. Some of these areas include at the winch drum, at the boom sheaves and at the end attachments.

All products are subject to age, wear and deterioration, all of which cause a reduction in the products breaking strength capacity.

Probably the most common sign of rope deterioration and approaching failure is broken wires. Inspection criteria are specific as to the number of broken wires allowable under various circumstances. It is important that a diligent search be made for broken wires, particularly in critical areas. Inspection of wire rope ends should include hooks and thimbles.

Any wire ropes that have been abraded, crushed, kinked or twisted should be replaced.

Wire rope should be routinely cleaned of any and all debris. Grit and gravel can quickly reduce a wire ropes life. A wire rope should be well lubricated so that it can act and perform as it was designed. Lubrication keeps a wire rope flexible and free from rust.

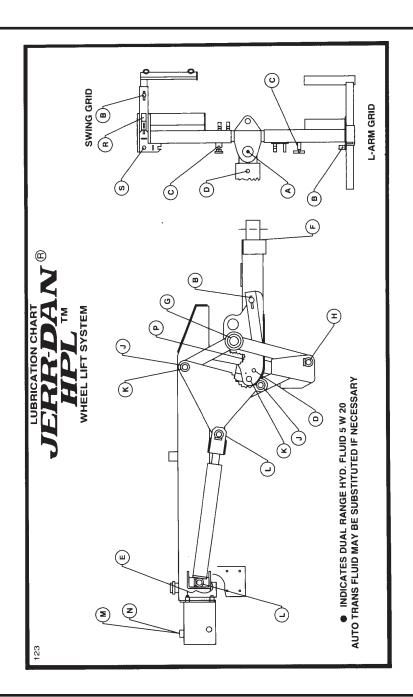
Consult the manufacturer or your local distributor for the proper replacement wire rope.



# **LUBRICATION POINTS**

The following lubrication charts is located inside the tool box lid on the driver's side of the HPL body.

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INTERVAL (HOURS)	REF. NO.	IDENTIFICATION	SERVICE	LUBRICANT	NO. OF POINTS
50 OR MONTHLY	C F N P	ADJ. KNOB BOOM (FLY) MAGNETIC PLUG BOOM (FLY)	OIL COAT CLEAN LUBE	ENGINE OIL MPG MPG	2 1 1 1
100 OR BI- MONTHLY	A B D G H J K L M R S	GRID PIVOT PLUNGER EXT. CYLINDER PIVOT TUBE PIVOT PINS PIVOT ARMS TILT CYLINDER HYD. RESERVOIR LATCH ARM PIVOT	LUBE LUBE LUBE LUBE LUBE LUBE LUBE LUBE	MPG	1 4 2 4 2 6 2 3 1 2 2
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1000 OR YEARLY	М	HYD. RESERVOIR	DRAIN-FILL	•	1





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	OR YEARLY	Σ	HYD. RESERVOIR	DRAIN-FILL	•	-



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JEKK-DAN		3 HANDLI	HANDLES	10.5	ENGINE OIL	7
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# TROUBLE SHOOTING

You probably won't require anything but preventive maintenance to keep your HPL running, however, the following chart should help you isolate and correct minor problems if they occur with use. Any service work on the hydraulic system should be performed by qualified mechanics.

# **HYDRAULIC SYSTEM**

Problem	Cause	Solution	
Slow operation	a. Low engine RPM b. Low oil level  c. Blocked or restricted hoses d. Dirty hydraulic oil  e. Hydraulic pump worn  f. Clutch Pump belt slipping	a. Speed up engine b. Check dipstick and fill with the specified oil c. Inspect: remove blockage d. Drain, flush and refill with clean oil, replace filter e. Rebuild or replace f. Tighten or Replace belt	
Valve Solenoid(s) sticking or frozen	a. Broken centering spring or clogged with foreign material     b. Low Amperage/Voltage at Solenoid	a. Inspect, clean or replace b. Check Amperage/Voltage	
Valve leaks	a. Defective seals	a. Replace	
Cylinder leaks	a. Defective seals or rods     b. Dirty or Defective     CounterBalance Valve	a. Inspect and replace     b. Clean or Replace     CounterBalance Valve	
Erratic cylinder function	a. Air in the system     b. Defective pump     (pulsating)	a. Cycle hydraulic system 10 to 15 times to remove air     b. Replace if necessary	
Remote hand controller fails to respond	a. Electric power turned off     b. Bad or discharged battery     c. Faulty Remote Hand         Controller     d. Loss of program memory	power on controller ry b. Replace battery c. Use Manual Controls at Rear of Body	

# **HYDRAULIC CLUTCH PUMP**

Problem	Cause	Solution	
No oil flow from pump	a. No oil in reservoir b. Pump not "primed" c. Clutch not engaging	a. Fill hydraulic reservoir b. Fill inlet hose from pump end c. Check wiring/fuse	
Pump will not build or hold pressure	a. Relief valve improperly set     b. Relief valve stuck open	Adjust relief valve to manu facturers specification     B. Remove, clean and reset	
Pump is noisy - whines	a. Air in the system b. Cavitation	See "Oil Foaming"     b. Check Hoses, Reservoir breather or strainer	
Pump is noisy - squeals	a. Belts are worn/loose  b. System horsepower demand exceeds belt capacity c. Clutch is slipping	a. Inspect, adjust and/or replace b. Review application  c. Check voltage/ground	
Pump 'throws" belts	a. Engine and pump pulley alignment b. System horsepower demand exceeds belt capacity c. High-speed engagement	a. Check installation b. Review application c. Reduce start-up RPM	
Pump leaks at shaft seal	a. Damaged seal b. Damaged pump body	a. Replace seal b. Replace pump body	
Pump leaks at body section	a. Damaged seal b. Damaged pump body c. Body section bolt torque	a. Replace seal b. Replace pump body c. Torque to specification	
Pump leaks a fittings	a. Loose fitting     b. Damaged fitting     c. Damaged pump body	a. Inspect and/or tighten     b. Replace fitting     c. Replace pump body	
Pump is overheating	a. Low oil level b. Dirty oil c. Relief valve stuck open d. Relief valve improperly set e. Improper weight oil	a. Fill hydraulic reservoir     b. Replace oil and filter     c. Remove, clean and reset     d. Adjust relief valve to manufacturers specification     e. Replace with correct oil	
Oil foaming	a. Low oil lever b. Improper oil	a. Fill hydraulic reservior b. Fill with correct oil	



# PTO FUNCTIONING IMPROPERLY

Problem Cause Solution

Cable tight or frozen	a. Cable kinked or bent     b. Cable and P.T.O. connection not adjusted properly     c. Mounting bracket nuts     are over tightened at P.T.O.	a. Straighten or replace     b. Inspect and adjust     c. Loosen if necessary
Rattling noise in P.T.O.	a. P.T.O. backlash too loose (Consult P.T.O. Manual)	a. Shims must be removed
Howling Noise in P.T.O.	a. P.T.O. backlash too tight (Consult P.T.O. Manual)	a. Shims must be added
Gear oil leak between P.T.O. and pump	a. Defective shaft seal	a. Remove and replace
P.T.O. will not engage or disengage	a. Cable and P.T.O. connection not adjusted properly     b. Defective shifter cover plate	a. Inspect and adjust     b. Inspect and replace

# **HYDRAULIC PUMP**

Droblem	Causa	Calutian
Problem	Cause	Solution

Pump noisy (Cavitation)	a. Low oil supply b. Heavy oil c. Dirty oil filter d. Restriction in suction line e. Pump worn	a. Fill to proper level b. Fill with proper oil (See chart) c. Replace filter d. Clean out and remove e. Repair or replace
Pump/Clutch Pump slow or fails to respond	a. Low oil supply b. Worn or Loose Belt(s)	a. Fill to proper level b. Tighten or Replace Belt(s)
Oil heating up	<ul> <li>a. Foreign material lodged in relief valve</li> <li>b. Using too light oil</li> <li>c. Dirty oil</li> <li>d. Oil level too low</li> <li>e. Pump worn (slippage)</li> </ul>	a. Inspect and remove/ replace filter b. Drain and refill with clean oil c. Drain, flush and refill with clean oil/replace filter d. Fill to proper level e. Repair or replace

# HYDRAULIC PUMP - con't

Problem Cause Solution

Oil foaming	a. Air leaking into suction line b. Wrong kind of oil     c. Oil level too low	a. Tighten all connections b. Drain and refill with non-foaming type of hydraulic oil (See lube chart) Replace filter c. Refill to proper level
Hydraulic oil leak between P.T.O. and pump	a. Defective shaft seal	a. Replace shaft seal
Clutch Pump leaks at Pulley Shaft	a. Defective Shaft Seals     b. Hydraulic Supply/Return     lines connected incorrectly	a. Replace seals or Pump     b. Check hydraulic line     connections
Pump leaks at front and rear covers	a. Defective seals	a. Replace seals

# WINCH FUNCTIONING IMPROPERLY

Problem Cause Solution

Winch screeches during operation	a. Insufficient lubrication	a. Lubricate per lube chart
Winch will not pull load or take in cable	a. Free spooling device not engaged     b. Sheared keys or broken coupling     c. Hydraulic pump worn     d. Insufficient pump pressure     e. Overload	a. Engage  b. Inspect or replace  c. Inspect and replace d. Check hydraulic pump and hydraulic fluid level e. Install snatch block in the rigging line



# **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

### Α

**Anchoring Device** - Used to attach cable ends, snatch blocks, safety chains, and tie-down assemblies to the towing vehicle.

**Approach Angle** - Angle between the plane of the platform and the ground.

Attachment - Any device that can be added to a basic unit or assembly.

**Auxiliary Braking Device** - A device which attaches to the disabled vehicle to assist the tow truck's brakes in retarding or stopping both vehicles.

**Auxiliary Equipment** - Equipment that is not necessary to perform the basic function of the primary equipment.

**Auxiliary Towing Lights** - Stop, tail, and turn signal lights attached to the trailing end of the towed vehicle and operated as part of the towing vehicle lighting system.

## В

**Bending Moment** - The force times the distance from a reference point to the point the force is applied causing bending.

**Bird Nesting** - The tangling and intertwining of wraps and layers on a drum.

**Body** - The structure mounted on a chassis cab or that portion of the vehicle that carries the load.

**Body Hinge** - The attachment mechanism connecting the body to the hinge pin at the pivot axis about which the body rotates into the tilt position.

**Body Subframe** - Another term for body understructure or mounting frame.

Body Weight - Unmounted weight of a body with applicable options.

**Boom** - The structure member that supports the load.

**Boom Angle** - The boom angle is measured between a horizontal line and a line through the boom pivot and center of sheave.

**Boom Head** - The structural member at one end of the boom which can swivel and support the load lifted through the sheave and sheave support device.



- **Boom Length** The straight line distance from center of the revolving base to the center of the boom head.
- **Brakes Parking -** A system used to hold a stopped machine in a stationary position.
- **Brakes Service** A primary brake system used for retarding and stopping the truck.
- **Bumper DOT** A bumper designed to provide rear-end protection that meets the requirements of FMCSR 393.86.
- **Bus Bar Grid** A device used for towing vehicles by lifting one end of the towed vehicle by the wheels.

### C

- **CA (Cab to Axle)** The distance from the back of the truck cab to the center of the rear axle.
- **CG** (Center of Gravity) The point at which the weight of the chassis, body/ equipment and payload, if collectively or individually supported, would balance vertically, horizontally, and laterally.
- **CT (Cab to Tandem)** The distance from the back of the truck cab to a point midway between the tandem axles.
- **Cable** Steel wire rope used for pulling.
- **Car Carrier** Vehicles equipped to transport other vehicles mounted on a flat platform and/or with an additional assembly attached to the rear to facilitate towing a second vehicle. These units are also known as slidebacks, rollbacks, transporting equipment carriers and flatbeds. See Carrier.
- Carrier A platform body with a winch for loading.
- Casualty Vehicle The damaged or disabled vehicle.
- **Capacity** The load that a machine can lift at any given point.
- **CAUTION** A signal word used when a potentially hazardous situation exists that might result in minor injury or property damage.



- Certification Label Required by Public Law 89-563, which states that a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment complies with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) in effect on the date of manufacture.
- Chain Assemblies Chain with all hardware and coupling devices.
- **Chassis Cab** A vehicle consisting of a chassis upon which is mounted a cab; capable of being driven by the addition of wheel or other items of running gear, but lacking a body or load-carrying structure.
- **Completed Vehicle** A vehicle that requires no further manufacturing operations to perform its intended function, other than minor finishing operations such as painting.
- Component Any part of an assembly on a machine when referred to individually.
- Control A device used to control the functions of a unit.
- Control Lever- A device for imparting motion into a control linkage.
- **Crossbar** A transverse horizontally pivoting member attached to the boom of a wheel-lift or underlift for attaching towing accessories.
- **Curb Side** The right or passenger side of the vehicle when viewed from the rear, opposite side from *ROADSIDE*.
- **Curb Weight** The weight of a vehicle in operational status, with all standard and commonly installed equipment and the fuel tank(s) filled to capacity.
- **Cylinder** A device which converts fluid power into a linear mechanical force and motion usually consisting of a movable piston and piston rod within a cylinder bore.

#### D

- **DANGER** A signal word used when an imminently hazardous situation exists that can result in death or serious injury.
- **Disabled Vehicle** Any vehicle that cannot operate under its own power.
- **Dolly** A four-wheeled carriage used in towing to support the trailing end of the towed vehicle.



**DOT (Department of Transportation)** - A federal agency dealing with regulations concerning both the manufacture and operation of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment. See NHTSA.

Driveline - The driveshaft and associated joints.

**Drum** - Any spool on which are wrapped ropes used in machine operation.

### E

Extend Cylinder - Cylinders used to extend or retract boom structures.

### F

- Filter- A device whose primary function is the retention by a porous media of insoluble contaminants from a fluid.
- **Final Stage Manufacturer** A person, firm, or corporation who performs such manufacturing operations on an incomplete vehicle that it becomes a completed (end-user) vehicle.
- **FMVSS (Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards)** Regulations promulgated by NHTSA under Public Law 89-563, which are mandatory and must be complied with when motor vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment are manufactured and certified thereto.
- **Frame** Structure on which either the upper or lower equipment is located.
- **Frame Cutoff** Centerline of rear axle(s) to the rearmost point of the chassis frame as modified for body installation.
- Frame Lift See Underlift.
- **Frame Section Modulus** The engineering term that indicates the relative strength of frames as it relates to shape. It takes into account frame depth, flange width, and material thickness. All other things being equal, the frame with the largest section modulus will have the greatest strength and stiffness, i.e., the ability to more effectively resist deflection under load.
- **Free Spool** The operation of unspooling wire rope from a drum by pulling on the end of the wire rope while the winch is stationary. The drum is disconnected (declutched) from its powertrain during this operation.



- **Forks** A device attached to the lift bar for lifting a vehicle by the tires, axle, frame, or structural member. May be classified as chain, axle, or frame forks.
- **FW** (Frame Width) The overall width of the chassis frame measured outside to outside behind the cab.

#### G

- **GAWR (Gross Axle Weight Rating)** The value specified by the manufacturer as the load-carrying capacity of a single-axle system as measured at the tire-roadway interface.
- **GCWR (Gross Combination Weight Rating)** Represents the entire weight of a vehicle on the ground with a trailer or trailers including vehicle, equipment, driver, fuel, and payload (everything that moves with the vehicle.) Gross combination weights published represent maximum allowed.
- Grab Hook For use with chains and some tow-sling hookups.
- **Grid** A device that attaches to the lift bar for engaging the tires of a towed vehicle.
- **GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating)** The maximum total vehicle rated capacity, measured at the tire ground interface, as rated by the chassis manufacturer.
- **GVW (Gross Vehicle Weight)** Value specified by the manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of a single vehicle including all equipment, fuel, body, payload, driver, etc.

#### н

- **Headboard -** Structure on which an emergency light bar is mounted.
- **Hook-up Chains** Length of chain used to connect a recovery vehicle to a casualty vehicle.
- **Horizontal Center of Gravity (HCG)** The point at which half of the gross weight is forward and half is aft.
- **Hydraulic Control Valve** A mechanical device to divert or control the flow of fluid in a hydraulic system.
- Hydraulic Hose Flexible oil lines used to transmit fluid.



Hydraulic Oil - Fluid used in operation of hydraulic systems.

**Hydraulic Relief Valve** - A mechanical device used to limit the pressure in a hydraulic circuit.

I

**Incomplete Vehicle** - As assemblage consisting, as a minimum, of a frame and chassis structure, powertrain, steering system, suspension system and braking system to the extent that those systems are to be part of the complete vehicle that requires further manufacturing operations.

**Independent** - The Wrecker Boom and Underlift Boom are separate (independent) from each other.

**Integrated** - The Wrecker Boom and Underlift Boom are combined together as a complete unit.

J

J-Hook - Attachment device used for towing/recovery.

#### L

L-Arm - See Wheel Arm

**Layer** - All wraps of the same diameter on a drum.

**Lift Bar** - A traverse horizontally pivoting member attached to the boom of a wheel-lift or underlift for attaching towing accessories.

**Lift Cylinder** - Cylinders used to raise or lower boom structures.

Lift Forks - See Forks.

**Lifting Capacity** - The load that a machine can lift at any given point.

Lift Tow Rating - Maximum Steering Towing Load.

**Light Bar (Emergency)** - An array of lamps used in accordance with local ordinances.



**Light Pylon** - Structure on which an emergency light bar is mounted.

**Line Pull** - The maximum wire rope pull, in pounds, at the drum, at full-load engine speed, with specified lagging diameter.

**Line Speed** - Speed in feet per minute of a single rope, based on full load engine speed with specified lagging diameter.

### M

**Marker Lights** - Small amber and red lights attached to bodies to indicate overall clearance at night.

**Maximum Loaded Vehicle Weight** - The sum of curb weight, passengers and cargo.

**Motor** - A rotary motion device which changes hydraulic energy into mechanical energy.

Motor Vehicle Safety Standards - See FMVSS.

**Mud Flap** - Splash-Deflecting shields at rear of wheel.

#### N

NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) - The federal agency responsible for promulgating and insuring compliance of regulations dealing with the manufacture and certification of motor vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment. See DOT.

#### 0

**Outriggers** - A beam type device attached to frame of a truck or rubber tired carrier, to provide maximum stability by reducing load on tires and increasing width of operating base.

**Overall Vehicle Height** - Distance from the ground to the highest point on the vehicle with equipment in stowed position.



Overall Vehicle Width - The design dimension of the widest part of the vehicle, exclusive of signal lamps, outside rearview mirrors, flexible fender extensions, and mud flaps, determined with doors and windows closed and the wheel in the straight ahead position.

**Overhang** - The horizontal distance for the centerline of a single rear axle or center point of a tandem rear axle to a point where the vertical component is imposed.

## P

**Payload** - The weight of the commodity being hauled. Payload capacity is computed by subtracting the completed weight of the vehicle (including driver and passengers) from the GVWR.

Pintle Hook - Hook mounted on a truck or semitrailer used to couple a full trailer.

**PTO (Power Takeoff)** - Mechanical device used to transmit engine power to auxiliary equipment. Power takeoffs can be mounted on either a main or auxiliary transmission. Front mounted and flywheel mounted power takeoffs are also used in various applications.

**Push Bumper** - Device used to push a vehicle, sometimes equipped with a rubber face.

### R

Rating - The specified design operating limit of a device.

Rear Jack - One or more devices designed, when used, to stabilize chassis.

**Recovery** - Act of moving a vehicle to a position from which it can be driven or towed.

**Recovery Vehicle** - Vehicle to retrieve and if necessary lift and tow other vehicles.

**Resisting Bending Moment (RBM)** - A calculation used to compare frames of different section modulus and of different material. It is the product of the section modulus times the yield strength of the frame material.



**Roadside** - The left or driver's side of the vehicle when viewed from the rear, opposite side from *Curbside*.

**Rolling Resistance** - The restraining forces contributed to the load when rolling on wheels.

Rollback - See Car Carrier

Rope - See Wire Rope

Rub Rail - Member running longitudinally providing rub service on side of body.

### S

**SAE** - Society of Automotive Engineers.

**Safety Chain(s)** - Used to connect the towing and towed vehicle as a secondary coupling system to prevent separation of a vehicle trailer, converter dolly, or towed vehicle, should the primary coupling become detached.

**Safety Wrap** - Wrapping the tow chain(s) around the grab hooks of the tow bar inboard of chain.

Scotch Blocks - A device used to prevent chassis movement.

**Serial Number** - An identification number stamped on a metal plate by the passenger car, van, or truck manufacturer (see VIN), or the towing equipment manufacturer, and placed on chassis, body, or components for identification purposes.

**Sheave** - A wheel grooved for a wire rope to transfer power.

**Shipping Weight** - The dry weight of a complete truck with all standard equipment including grease and oil but without and fuel or coolant.

Side Rail - Horizontal extensions of the body sides, either sheet or tubular metal.

**Slew** - A rotating super structure about a vertical axis.

**Snatch Block** - A single or multiple pulley used to reduce line tension or change cable direction.

**Spacer Blocks** - Used in conjunction with wood beams to provide additional clearance between the tow bar, chains, and the body of the casualty vehicle.



- **Spade** One or more ground penetrating devices designed primarily, when used, to stabilize rearward chassis movement.
- **Stabilizers** A hydraulic or manually operated leg device (i.e., outboard legs, outriggers, or jack legs) attached to trucks to give additional support down to the ground for improved stability.
- **Steering Wheel Securing Device** Used to secure front wheels in lieu of standard steering column lock.
- **Stroke** The length of travel of a cylinder rod or piston.
- **Suction Line** A tubular connection line to convey fluid between a reservoir or tank and the inlet of a hydraulic pump.
- Supply Tank An oil reservoir used in the hydraulic system.
- Swivel Head See Boom Head.

#### Т

- **T-Hook** Attachment device used for towing.
- **Tail Plate** Rearmost part of the towing vehicle body.
- **Tail Swing** Clearance distance from center of rotation to the extreme rear extension of the revolving superstructure.
- **Tie-Down Assemblies** Device(s) used to restrain cargo or vehicles (i.e., strap, bridle, chain, or cable.)
- Tie-Down Chains Chains used to restrain cargo or vehicles.
- **Tilt Cylinder** Cylinders used to change the attitude of a structure or body.
- **Tire Clearance** Necessary space between tires and the nearest component to allow operation of truck without damage to tires.
- **Tire Lift** A device used for towing vehicles by lifting one end of the towed vehicle by the wheels.
- **Tow** Act of transporting a vehicle form one point to another by a second vehicle.
- **Towed Vehicle** The vehicle being towed.



Towing - See Tow.

**Tow Bar** - A device for positioning a towed vehicle behind a towing vehicle.

Tow Chain - Length of chain used to connect the sling with the towed vehicle.

**Tow Sling** - A device used for lifting and towing vehicles with a partial load supported on rubber straps.

Tow Vehicle - Vehicle used to lift-tow other vehicles.

Towing Light/Bar - See Auxiliary Towing Lights.

**Trailer 5th Wheel Plate** - A plate attached to a tow truck-lifting device that captivates the kingpin on trailers allowing a trailer to be towed in the same manner as intended by the trailer manufacturer.

### U

Underlift - A device used for towing vehicles by lifting one end of the towed vehicle from under the axle or structural member.

**Unloaded Vehicle Weight** - The weight of a vehicle with maximum capacity of all fluids necessary for operation of the vehicle, but without cargo or occupants. Also referred to as curb weight.

#### V

**Valve** - A device which controls fluid flow direction, pressure, or flow rate.

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number)** - The number assigned to a vehicle by the manufacturer primarily for registration purposes. It may consist of numerals, letters, or a combination thereof.

### W

**WARNING** - A signal word used when a potentially hazardous situation exists and could result in death or serious injury.

Weight Distribution - The portion of total weight of the vehicle on each axle.



- **Wheel Arm** A device that attaches to the lift bar for engaging the tires of a towed vehicle.
- **Wheelbase** Horizontal dimension from centerline of front axle to the effective centerline of the rear axle(s).
- Wheel Chock A device used to prevent chassis movement.
- Wheel Fork See Wheel Arm.
- **Wheel-Lift** A device used for towing vehicles by lifting one end of the towed vehicle by the wheels.
- Wheel Securing Device A strap or mechanical device, when attached to the liftbar, which limits the potential for separation of the towed vehicle from the underlift, during operating conditions.
- **Wheel Straps** Used to tie down wheels of the towed vehicle when using wheellift, car carrier, or dolly towing equipment to limit the potential for separation of the towed vehicle from the towing apparatus.
- Winch A device for winding and unwinding cable.
- Wire Rope See Cable
- Working Load Limit Minimum breaking strength divided by the factor of safety.
- Wrap A single coil of wire rope wound on a drum.
- Wrecker See Tow Vehicle, or Recovery Vehicle.



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