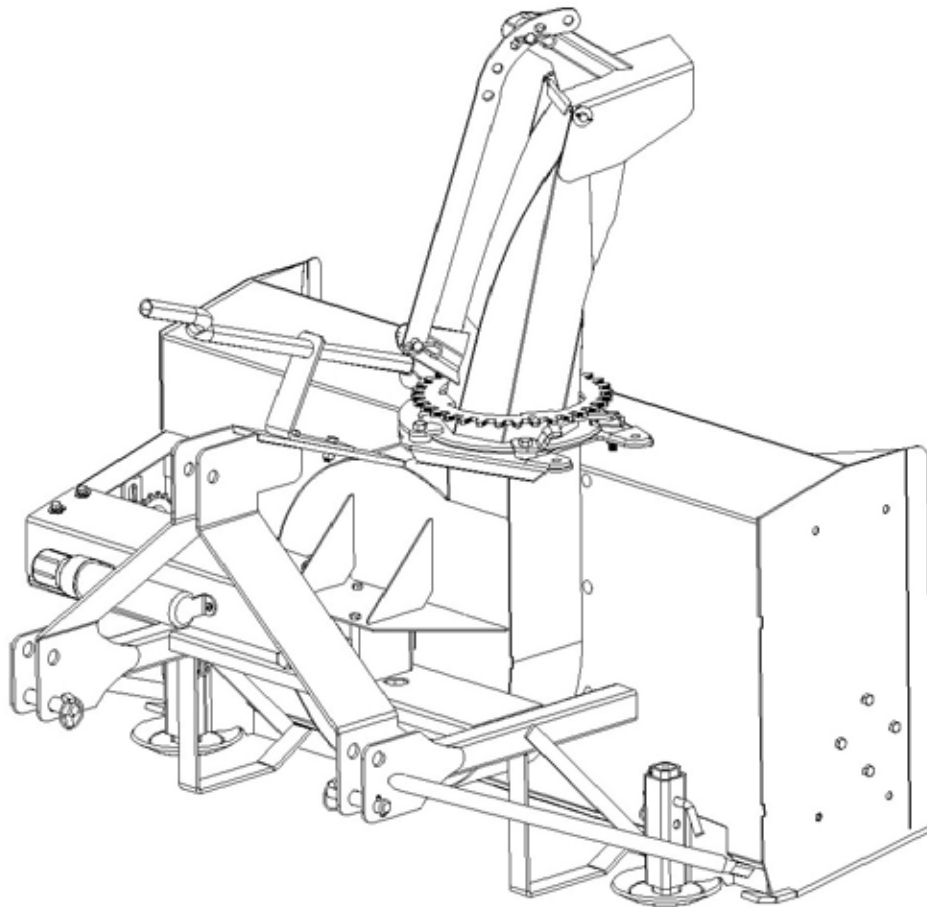




## 54-60 Meteor Snowblower Operator's / Parts Manual



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# Warranty

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## Two Year Limited Consumer Warranty

## Five Year Limited Consumer Warranty on Gearboxes

## 90 Day Limited Commercial Warranty including Gearboxes

Commercial includes rental and industrial applications.

**Warranty begins at the time of customer delivery and is activated upon warranty registration receipt at MK Martin Enterprise Inc.**

**Warranty coverage is null and void unless the Warranty Registration form has been completed in full and is on file at MK Martin Enterprise Inc.**

**Keep your registration copy in a safe place, it is required as proof of warranty activation.**

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**Date of delivery to purchaser** -----

**Type of Equipment** -----

**Model #** ----- **Serial #** -----

**Retailer's Signature Indicates**

- *Equipment was properly assembled as directed by manufacturer*
- *Equipment was tested for functionality and operates properly*
- *Purchaser was instructed in safe and proper operating procedures*
- *Warranty was explained to purchaser*
- *Purchaser was given the operators manual*

**Retailer**

**Signature** -----

**Company** -----

**Address** -----

**Purchaser's signature indicates**

- *Acceptance of equipment fully assembled*
- *Received operator's manual*
- *Clearly understands conditions of warranty*
- *Received instructions of safe and proper operation of equipment*

**Purchaser**

**Signature** -----

**Company** -----

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## Safety

**Take Note!** This safety symbol is found throughout this manual to call your attention to instructions involving yourself and others working around the machine.

- **Failure to follow these instructions can result in injury or death**



This symbol means

- **Attention!**
- **Become Alert!**
- **Your Safety is involved!**

Signal words are used in this manual.

**Caution:** Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that may result in injury.

**Warning:** Indicates a hazardous situation that could result in serious injury or death.

**Danger:** Indicates a hazardous situation that needs to be avoided. It is you the operator that needs to be aware of these dangers.

If you have any questions not answered in this manual please contact your dealer or

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**Safety -- It's in your interest.**



### **Safety Guidelines**

Safety of operation is one of our main concerns, however it is up to the operator to practice caution.

To avoid personal injury, study the following precautions and insist that those working with you follow them.

The Meteor Snowblower has only 2 shields, one shield is the PTO drive shield and the other is a shield for the power hood turner if used. **Do not use the blower with the auger drive cover removed as this is part of the blower frame.**

Replace any decals that may be missing or not readable. Location of decals are indicated elsewhere in this manual.

Do not use this machine while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Review the safety instructions with all users annually.

This equipment should not be operated by those unfamiliar with the operation of the Meteor Blower. **Do not allow persons to operate this machine until they have read this manual and/or were instructed by a qualified person,**

Do not use this machine to push snow as this can result in the auger being broken or bent.



Please be careful with the extra weight on the back to the tractor. It may be necessary to add weights on the front of the tractor to keep it balanced properly.



When changing shearbolts or removing ice or snow from the machine **Please stop the engine and remove the key from the tractor!** This will reduce the possibility of the blower being started and causing personal injury.



## Hydraulic Leak Test



**Warning!** Do not check for high pressure leaks with your hands or fingers. Use a piece of cardboard or a thin piece of wood to detect the leak.

A high pressure stream of fluid from a pin hole can penetrate the skin and inject hydraulic fluid into your blood veins.

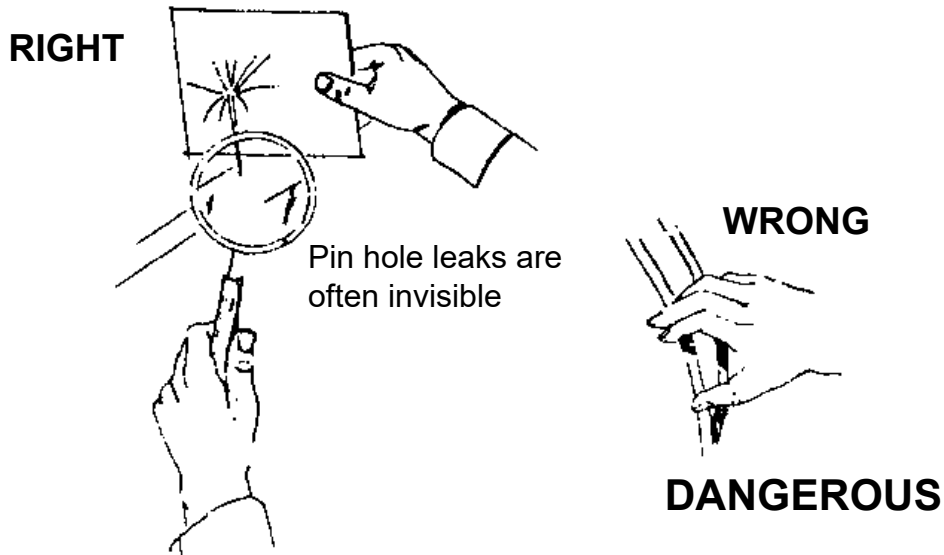


Figure 1. Detecting pinhole leaks in a hydraulic system.



**IF THE SKIN HAS BEEN PENETRATED GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY!**



Hydraulic lines may have high pressure fluid in the lines, even when the lines are disconnected.

Remember a small leak at high pressure may be invisible yet can penetrate the skin. If this happens get medical attention immediately, serious infection or toxic reaction can develop when hydraulic fluid pierces the skin.

Use caution when working with hydraulic components. Ensure there are no leaks, all fittings are tight and all components are in good repair.

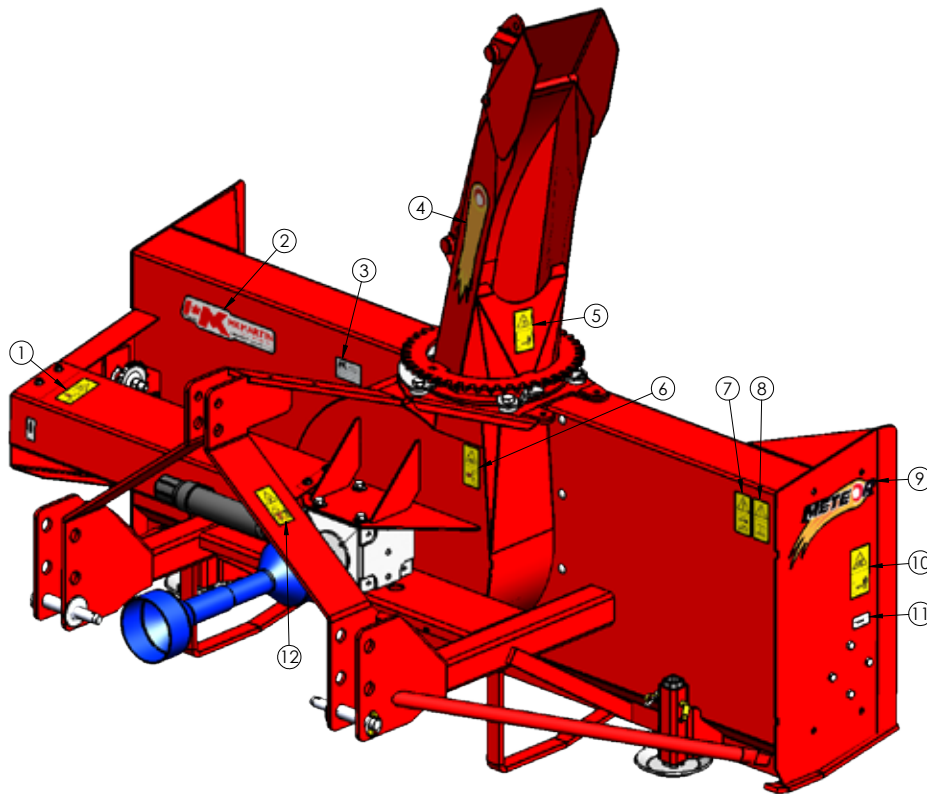


Use a piece of wood or cardboard as a backstop when searching for leaks, **NEVER** your hand or fingers.



Always relieve pressure before disconnecting or working on hydraulic system.

## Meteor Snowblower Decal Location 54-60



	<p>1- 212 Do not open or remove safety shields while engine is running. 1 piece</p>		<p>7- 226 Shut off engine and remove key before performing maintenance or repair work. 1 piece</p>
	<p>2- MK logo decal Made in Canada small. 1 piece</p>		<p>8- F9 Read operators manual. 1- piece</p>
	<p>3- Serial number plate. 1 piece</p>		<p>9- Meteor small decal. 2 pieces</p>
	<p>4- Meteor chute decal. 2 pieces</p>		<p>10- 236 Stay clear of rotating auger. 2 pieces</p>
	<p>5- 224 Keep a safe distance from this machine. 1 piece</p>		<p>11- Grease gun decal. Lubrication points. 3 pieces</p>
	<p>6- 220 Do not open or remove safety shields while engine is running. 1 piece</p>		<p>12- 207 Stay clear of draft link lifting range while operating rockshaft controls. 1 piece</p>

## Meteor Snowblower Hand Crank Assembly Information

### Upon receiving the Meteor Blower

The blowers are shipped in a packaged state

Carefully remove the chute and PTO shaft from the area of the auger and set them aside. Locate the bag or package of small components.

Remove the ties that hold the plastic ring on the blower, apply a light coat of grease to both sides of ring and replace. Place the base of the chute on top of the plastic ring, the base of the chute will now slide under the clamp with the 3 hold-down bolts.

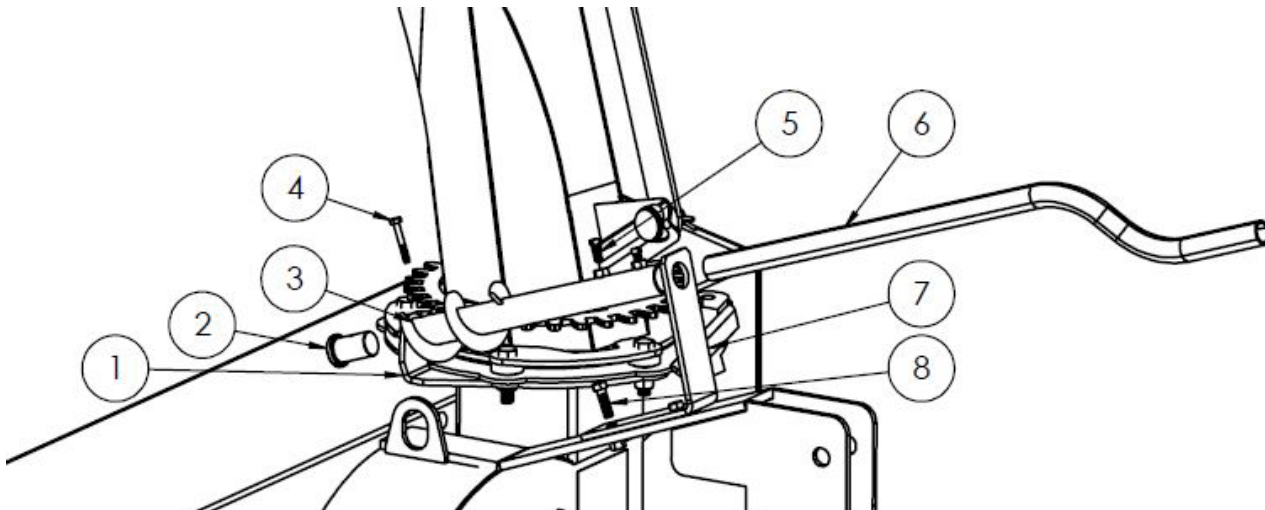
Place a 1/2" SAE washer and a bearing on the 2 holes of the chute support, place a thin wave washer on top of the bearing, place the 2 hole clamp on the washers and bearing with the off-set facing up and out. Secure with 1/2-20 x 2 bolts. The thin wave washer is to ensure the bearing race does not drag on the clamp.

### Install the hand crank.

First remove the 2 nuts as shown, and insert the crank tail bracket and reinstall the nuts. Bolt upper bracket to top "A" Frame brace. Test crank to make sure it rotates freely.

### Hand Crank Parts list

Item #	Part #	Description	Qty
1	31141	Tail Bracket	1
2	34969	Retainer Pin	1
3	31144	Crank Worm	1
4	OL	Bolt 1/4 x 1 1/2 c/w 2-Way locknut	1
5	OL	Bolt 5/16 x 3/4 Sq Set Screw	2
6	31142	Crank	1
7	31140	Upper Bracket	1
8	OL	Bolt 3/8 x 1 1/4 c/w lw,n	2



## 54-60 Meteor® Snowblower

This Blower is ideal for small tractors 15-20 HP Cat #1 3PH.

### Attaching the Meteor® Blower for the first time.

1. Set the blower on a level surface and back the tractor up to it. Place the lower 3PH arms of the tractor between the lower hitch plates on the blower and insert the hitch pins that came with the blower, secure these with the Lynch Pins.
2. Next swing the top link into place and adjust the length so the top link pin can be inserted. You will have to supply the top link pin. With the top link set at this length the blower will be flat or parallel to the ground.

### Do not fasten the PTO shaft to the tractor.

3. Slowly lift the blower until the gearbox shaft is at the same height as the PTO output on the tractor.
4. Push (or collapse the telescopic part of the PTO completely). **If you cannot collapse it far enough to slide it on the tractor then it has to be shortened!** (for more information see [PTO driveline dimensions](#) page)
5. Make sure the plastic shield is free to rotate on the shaft before installing on the machine.
6. Reinstall the PTO on the blower, and fasten it to the tractor pushing the spring-loaded pin in and sliding the yoke onto the tractor spline until the pin snaps into place.
7. Make sure PTO does not bottom out at any point when lifting or lowering the snowblower. PTO shaft should not come within 2" of the yoke at any time.
8. Lift and lower the 3PH arms to determine that the overlap on the PTO shaft is never less than 1/3 of the shaft length if it is too short then the PTO will jam, rather than collapse. This will put severe strain on the shaft and gearbox. It may come apart and this will allow a spinning PTO to become an uncontrolled weapon and could severely injure or kill someone!
9. After it has been determined that the PTO is OK and will not jam or come apart, make sure any bystanders are well away from the machine.
10. Lower the blower to ground level, engage the PTO and slowly start the blower. Make sure that everything is turning freely.
11. Slowly increase the speed until you have reached 540 RPM on the PTO. This is the speed that this blower was designed for. If it turns faster the fan could be going dangerously fast. If it turns slower it will not perform very well as the snow will not be blown very far.

**Snowblower performance will vary greatly due to ambient temperature and type of snow.**

## Operating the Meteor® Snowblower

This blower is on the back of the tractor facing toward the rear. While blowing snow the tractor has to be backed into the snow.



Stay in the seat of the tractor all the time that the blower is running.

Make sure the area is clear of people while blowing snow.

Do not direct discharged snow toward people, cars or buildings as stones or bits of ice can go a long distance.

- When you get to the place that you want to clear snow, lower the blower to the ground and turn the chute to discharge the snow in the direction you want the snow to go.
- Engage the PTO and slowly bring the blower up to operating speed. After the blower is running use reverse gear and start backing up. The chute can be rotated from the tractor seat while blowing snow.
- If your drive is paved then, you may need to lengthen the top 3PH link to tilt the blower ahead so it will scrape the hard surface better.
- If your drive is gravel then you may want to shorten the top 3PH link to tilt the blower back so it will not dig into the loose gravel.
- In colder climates where the bare ground is frozen during most of the winter the blower can be adjusted to scrape the snow off the frozen drive after freeze-up.
- In areas where the gravel is not frozen most of the time we have optional skid shoes available to raise the blower a few inches above the gravel.



This blower is designed to blow snow, but will blow loose gravel if care is not taken.

After the job is finished: **Disengage the PTO to stop the blower** before driving away or getting off the tractor.

The auger is protected with a safety shear bolt that will shear off if the auger becomes jammed.

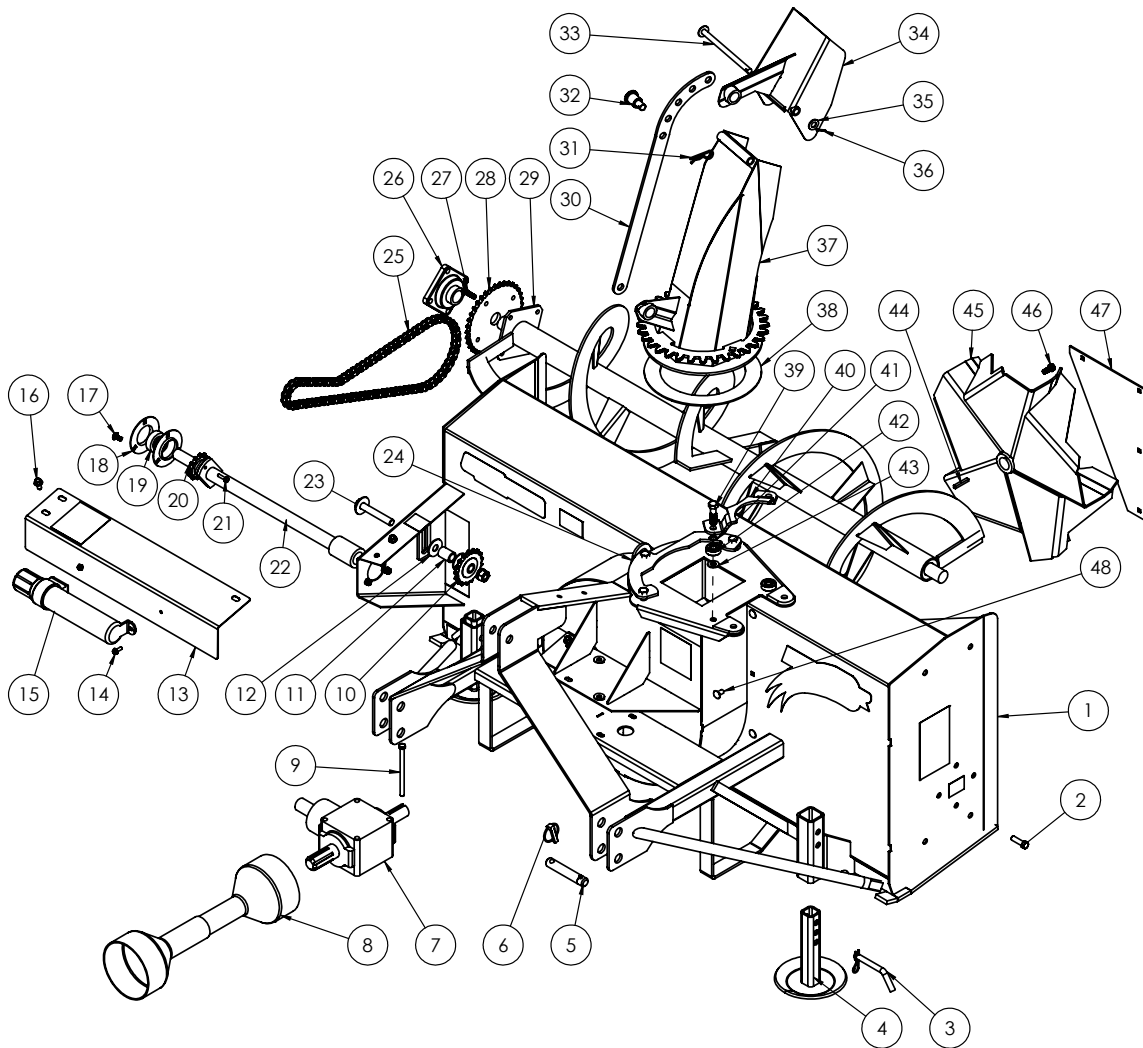
The fan is also protected with a shear bolt in the PTO shaft universal joint if the fan becomes jammed.



**When replacing the shear bolts STOP the engine and remove the key before attempting to replace them!**

There is a hydraulic hood turner available that couples into the tractor hydraulic remotes if your tractor is so equipped. This will allow you to rotate the hood without reaching back to the blower especially if you have a cab on your tractor.

## 54-60 Snowblower Parts



Item #	54 Part #	60 Part #	Description	Qty
1	23897	23898	Main Body	1
2	OL	OL	Bolt 7/16x1 1/2 c/w lw, n	8
3	OL	OL	Bent Pin 1/2"	2
4	21569	21569	Adjustable Skid Shoe	2
5	519-752096	519-752096	Hitch Pin	2
6	OL	OL	Lynch Pin	2
7	T281-1 3/8	T281-1 3/8	Gearbox	1
8	519-51118708C	519-51118708C	PTO	1
9	OL	OL	Bolt 3/8x5 1/2 c/w lw, n	4
10	519-512029	519-512029	Idler Sprocket	1
11	519-511028	519-511028	Spacer	1
12	OL	OL	Flatwasher 5/8"	3
13	33177	31101	Auger Drive Shield	1
14	OL	OL	Flange Bolt 1/4x3/4 c/w Flange Nut	2
15	DJA7011	DJA7011	Manual Tube	1
16	OL	OL	Bolt 3/8x1 c/w fw, lw	3

## 54-60 Snowblower Parts

Item #	54 Part #	60 Part #	Description	Qty
17	OL	OL	Carriage Bolt 5/16x3/4 c/w lw	3
18	519-511174	519-511174	Bearing Flange	2
19	519-511175	519-511175	Bearing	1
20	519-513025	519-513029	Shear Sprocket	1
21	OL	OL	Auger Shear Bolt 1/4x1 #2 c/w in	1
22	33179	519-60118408C	Auger Drive Shaft	1
23	OL	OL	Bolt 5/8x4 c/w lw, n	1
24	10730	10730	Large Hood Clamp	1
25	OL	OL	Roller Chain #50 x 52 1/2	1
26	519-751169	519-751169	Auger Bearing Complete	2
27	OL	OL	Bolt 3/8x1 1/4 c/w lw, n	4
28	519-511165	519-511165	Auger Sprocket 50A36	1
29	33182	519-601164	Auger	1
30	10680	10680	Deflector Adjuster Bar	1
31	OL	OL	Hair Pin	2
32	21773	21773	Deflector Adjuster Pin	2
33	20833	20833	Deflector Hinge Pin	1
34	10684	10684	Deflector	1
35	OL	OL	Flatwasher	1
36	OL	OL	Cotter Pin 1/8x1	1
37	10683	10683	Chute	1
38	519-511161	519-511161	Anti Friction Ring	1
39	OL	OL	Bolt 1/2x2 UNF c/w lw, n	5
40	10731	10731	Small Hood Clamp	1
41	519-511702	519-511702	Thin Wave Washer 1/2"	5
42	519-510710	519-510710	Bearing 1/2"	5
43	OL	OL	SAE Washer 1/2"	5
44	31175	31175	Fan Key	1
45	33185-19-1	31145-19-1	Fan	1
46	OL	OL	Bolt 3/8x1 1/2 c/w lw	1
47	20840	20840	Fan Cover Plate	1
48	OL	OL	Carriage Bolt 3/8x3/4 c/w In	5

**Note:**

OL = Obtain Locally  
c/w = complete with  
fw = Flatwasher  
lw = Lockwasher  
ln = Locknut  
n = Nut

**Shearbolt**

- PTO Shearbolt – M6x40 - 8.8 (Metric)
- Auger Shearbolt – ¼ x 1" Gr #2

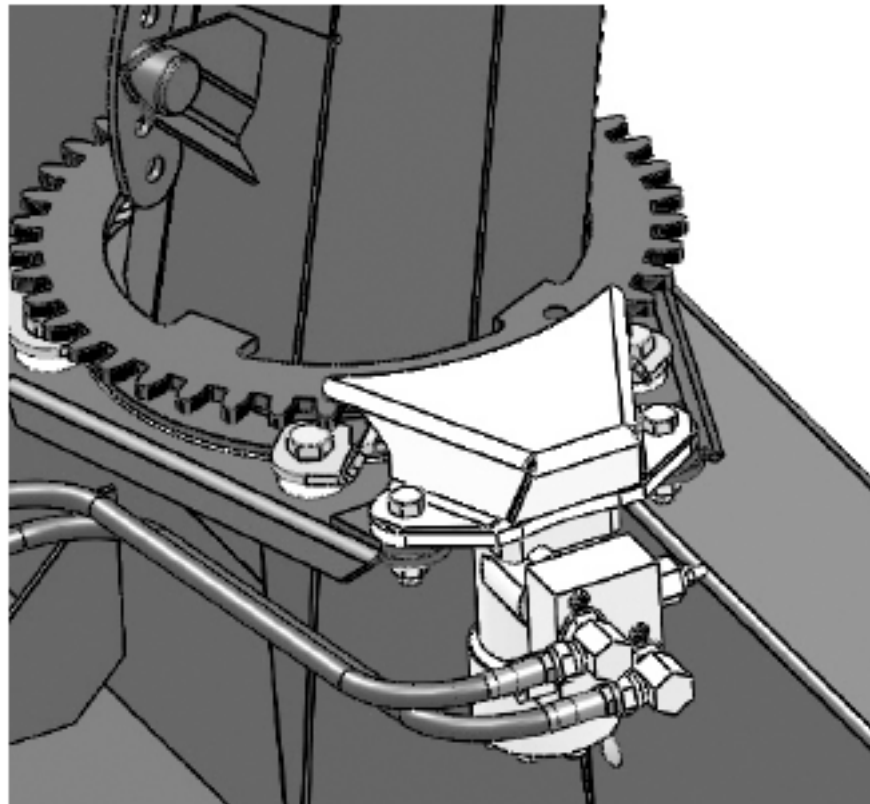
## Motor Hydraulic Rotator Installation

The Hydraulic Chute Rotator uses a hydraulic motor, controlled by the tractor hydraulics to rotate the chute. The kit includes a safety shield, 2 pcs 1/2-20 UNF bolts, hydraulic fittings, hoses and tractor couplings.

When installing the hydraulic elbows, turn them in “**no more than 4 rounds**” then tighten the jam-nut to secure the elbow in the direction that you want the hoses to go as shown.

The relief valves are factory preset at 900 PSI.

Route the hoses and tie them to the top “A” frame support, away from moving parts, Ensure that the hoses do not get too tight or rub on the frame when the blower is raised or lowered.



Set the motor with the bracket on top of the Chute Plate and then place the shield on top of the motor bracket and secure with 1/2-20 UNF bolts Please ensure that the gear does not jam or bind during the rotation of the chute. The bolt holes are slightly oversize, allowing you to adjust the clearance somewhat. You should be able to move the chute back and forth slightly.

Route and secure hoses so they do not come in contact with rotating chute, PTO or get pinched in 3ph when using snowblower.



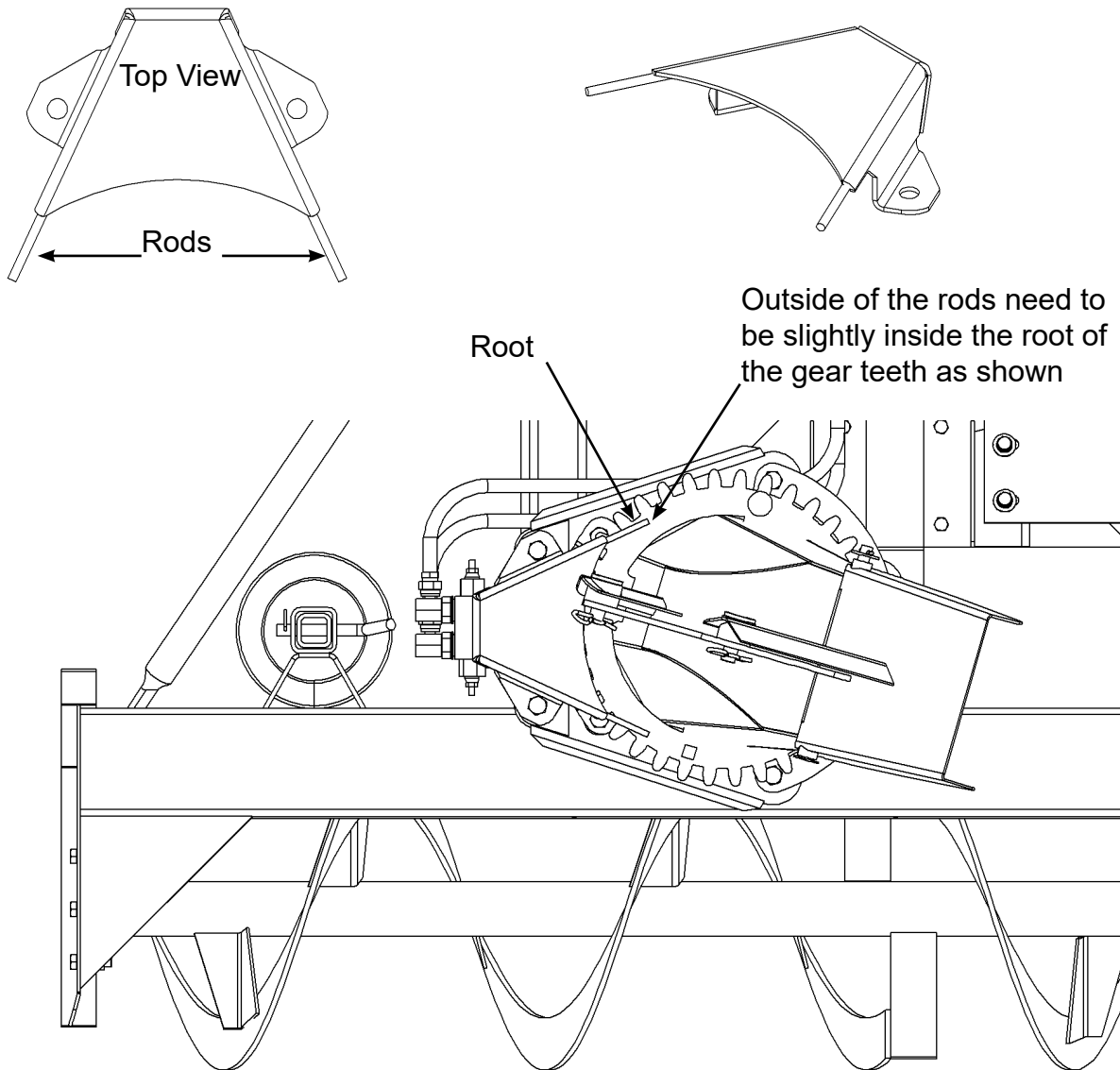
## Motor Hydraulic Rotator Installation

### Installing the Hydraulic Chute Rotator Safety Shield with Hose Guide

The Hydraulic Chute Rotator has rods that act as guides to guide the Deflector Hydraulic Hose (if used) to the outside of the shield.

All Shields are manufactured with the Rods straight.

They may need to be bent in or out for smaller or larger blowers.



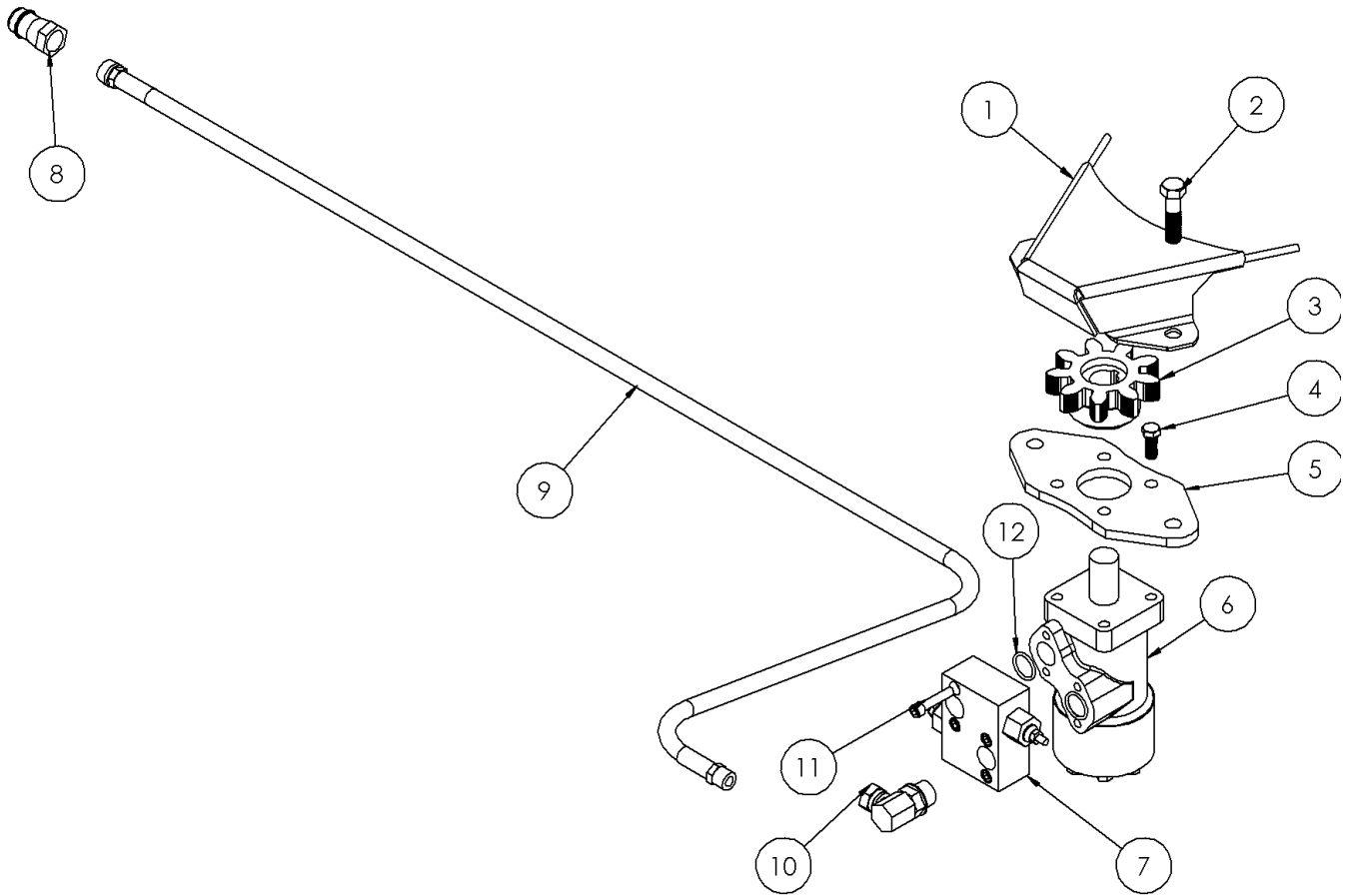
To bend the rod, you can use a short piece of 3/8 pipe for a lever, or an adjustable wrench to bend the rod.

Do not use a hammer as it has less control of the bend.

Keep the height of the rod the same, only bend it in or out.

After installation carefully rotate the chute to ensure that there is no interference or binding.

## Hydraulic Chute Rotator Parts



Item #	Part #	Description	Qty
1	23931	Shield	1
2	Bolt 1/2-20x2 c/w lw, n	OL*	2
3	519-511706	Small Gear	1
4	Bolt 3/8x1 c/w lw	OL*	4
5	519-511703	Motor Bracket	1
6	519-511704	Motor	1
7	519-511705	Crossover Relief Valve	1
8	S71-4	Tractor Adapter	2
9	23895	Hydraulic Hose	2
10	519-9515-10-6	Hydraulic Elbow	2
11	Socket Head Cap Screw 5/16x1 1/2	OL*	4
12	(O Ring 3/32x.75id	OL	2

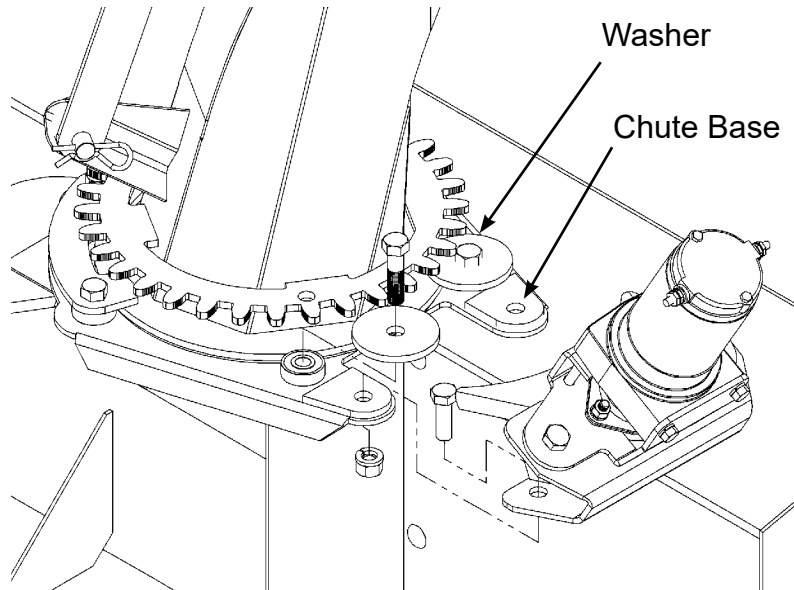
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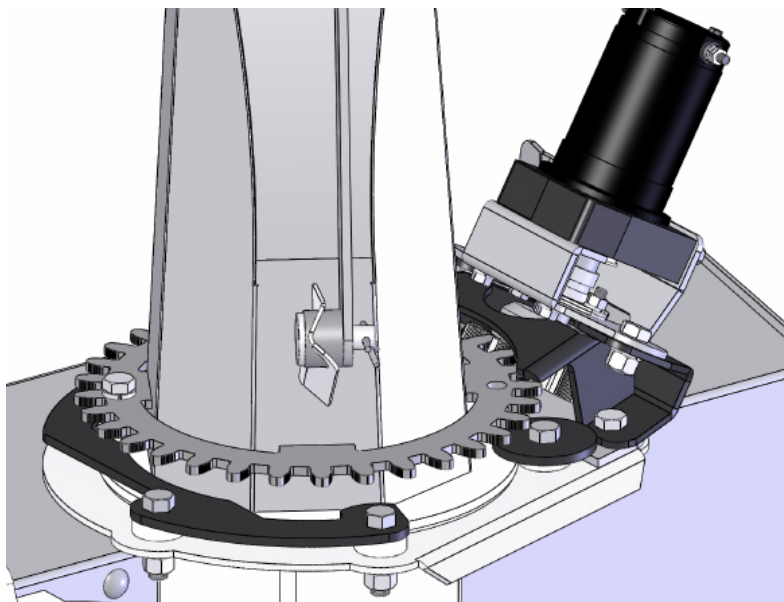
## Electric Chute Rotator

### Installation Instructions

1. Replace The 2 hole Chute Clamp with the appropriate washer. (54-68 has 1/2" hole, 75- has 5/8" hole. **Please Note:** the chute bearing is between 2 washers. An SAE Washer on bottom and a thin Wave Washer on top
2. Bolt Electric Motor unit on top of Chute Base.
3. Before tightening the bolts, check for binding gears or excessive clearance that may cause the gears to jam.
4. Finish by tightening the bolts

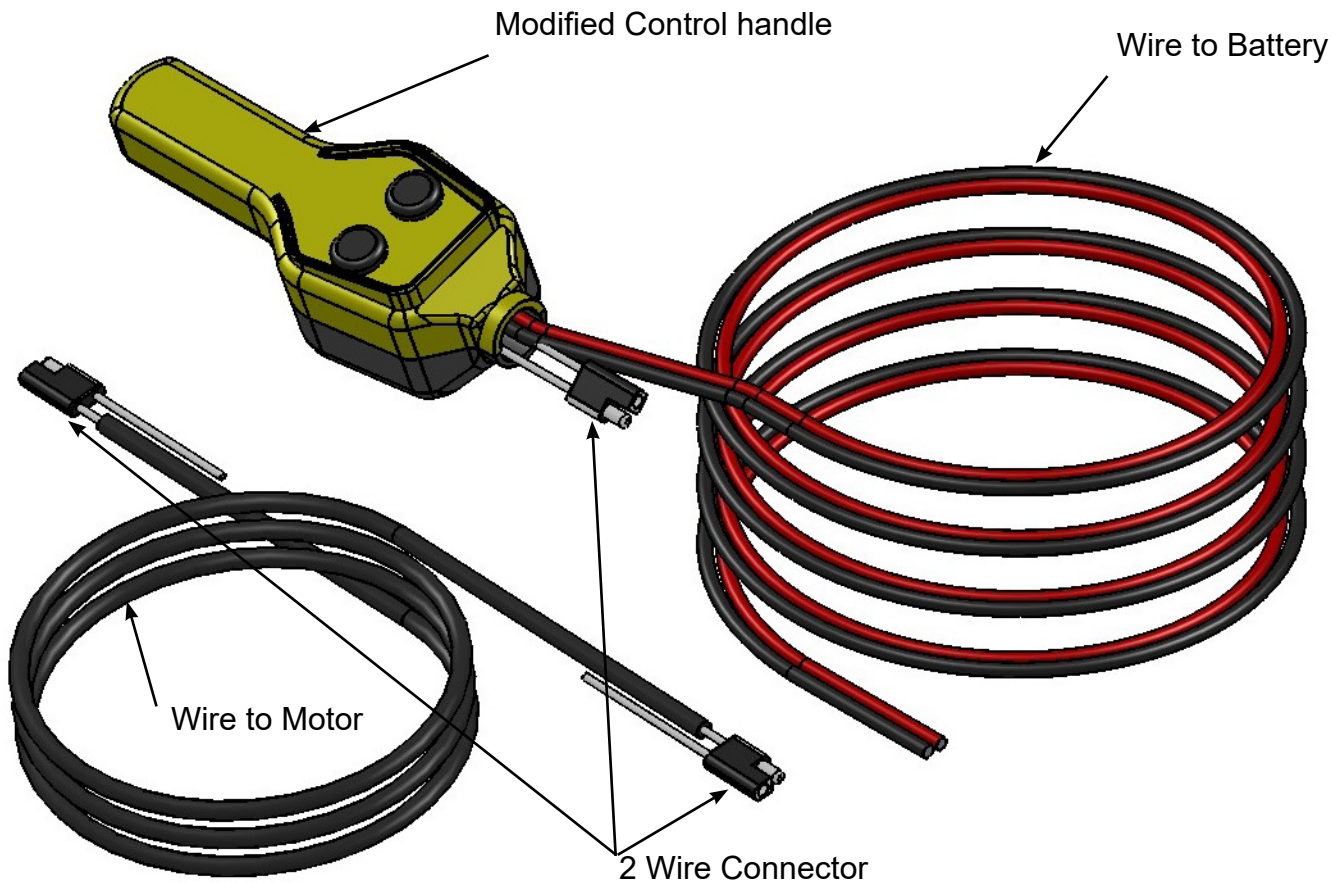


By pulling out the knob on the end of the gear shaft and giving it a 1/4 turn, the chute can be manually rotated to check for jamming.



## Modified 2 button 12 Volt Winch Control

### Installation

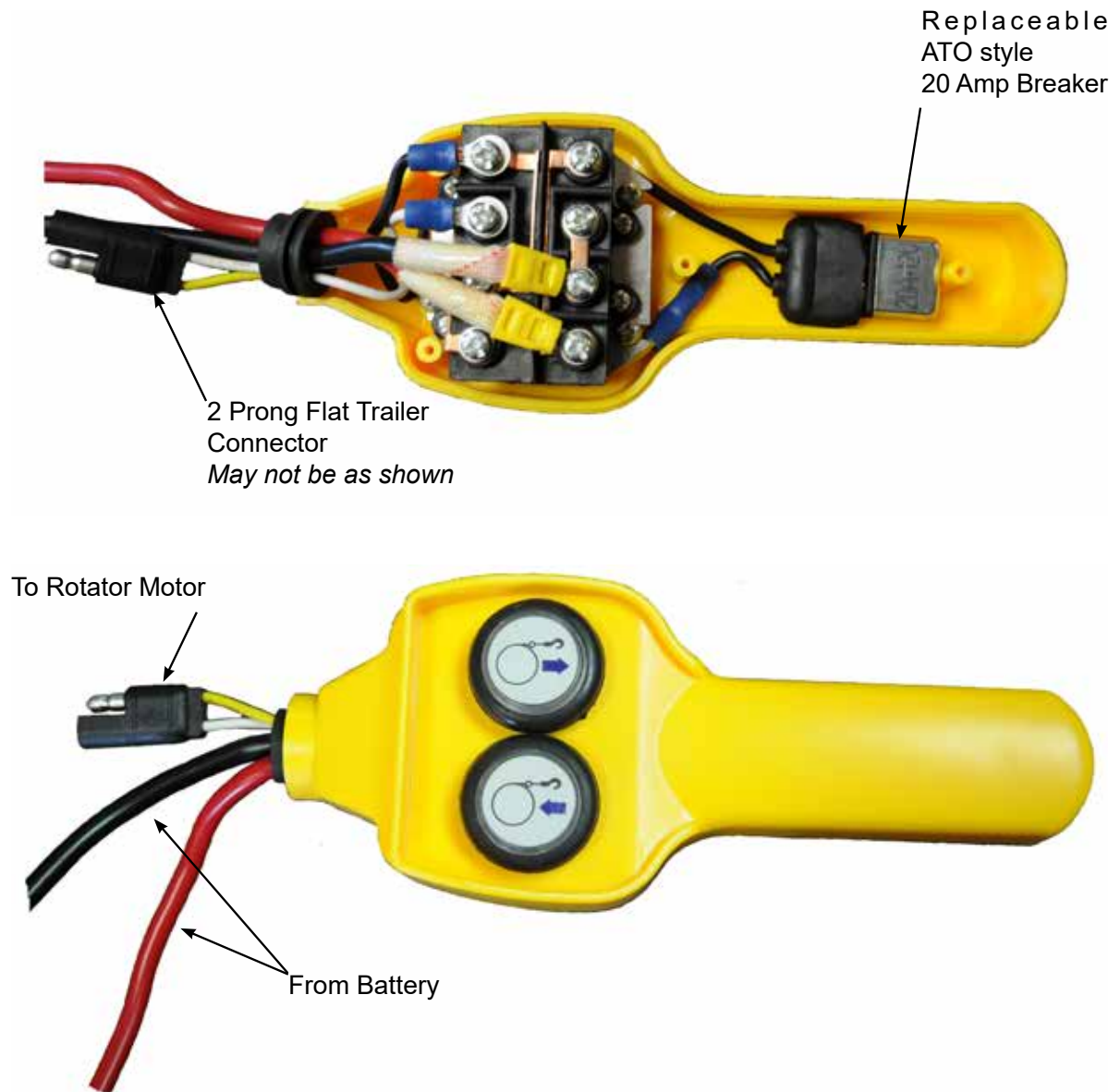


### Installing Remote Control Cable

1. Refer to page 5 in Superwinch® Owner's Guide and note the wire to the battery. The inline breaker is to protect the primary wires and the handle circuit. We have added an additional breaker inside the handle to limit the power to the motor. This should be trouble free and need minimal attention.
2. Plug one end of the Motor wire into the Motor Connector and secure the wire along the blower top brace. Plug the other end into the Control Handle, with the handle located at a comfortable place, ensure that the unsecured wire won't get entangled or pinched during the operation of the machine.
3. Depressing a button on the handle will cause the motor to turn in one direction, depressing the other button will reverse the rotation. To switch the orientation of the buttons, reverse the leads on the motor rather than the battery connections.
4. When unhooking the machine; unplug the motor wire form the handle. The handle can stay wired on the tractor. In the off season you can remove it and store it in a dry place until the next season.

## Electric Rotator Control Handle

### Installation



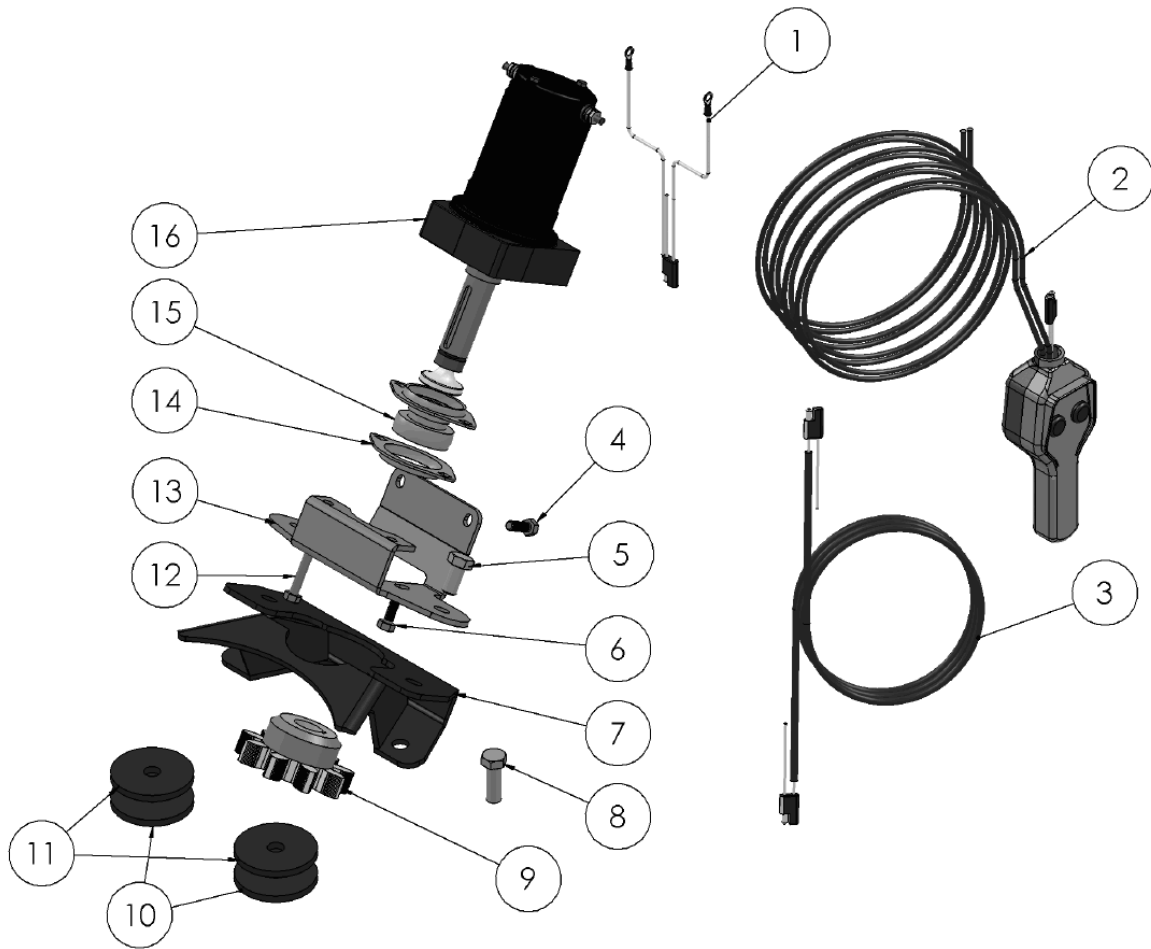
**See SuperWinch Owners Guide for Instructions for battery hookup.**

Use the 50 amp breaker as shown to protect the primary wires in case of a short circuit. The 20 amp breaker is added inside the handle to prevent the rotator motor from damaging the chute.

#### **Note:**

The symbol on the buttons may describe a cable winch, one button will still cause the motor turn one way and the other button will turn the motor the other way. If you want to reverse the functions of the buttons, reverse the wires on the motor terminals.

## 46-75 Electric Chute Rotator Parts



Item #	Part #	Description	Qty
1	519-6232053	Motor Connector	1
2	23589	Control Handle	1
3	10581	Control-Motor Wire	1
4	OL	Bolt 5/16x1 c/w lw,fw	2
5	OL	Bolt 1/2x1 c/w lw,fw, n	2
6	OL	Bolt 5/16x1 c/w lw, n	2
7	10669	Rotator Base	1
8	OL	Bolt 1/2x1 1/2 c/w lw, n	2
9	51376	Small Gear Modified	1
10	23612	Large Clamp Washer 5/8"	2
11	23584	Large Clamp Washer 1/2"	2
12	OL	Bolt 5/16x3 c/w lw,fw	2
13	31149	Motor Bracket	1
14	519-511712	Bearing Flange	2
15	519-511175	Bearing	1
16	23899	Electric Motor	1

## Bolt Torque

As used on this machine

- Bolt torque table shown below gives torque values for various bolts used.
- This chart is for non-lubricated threads.
- Replace with same strength bolt.

Torque Specifications. Torque values are identified by their head markings.

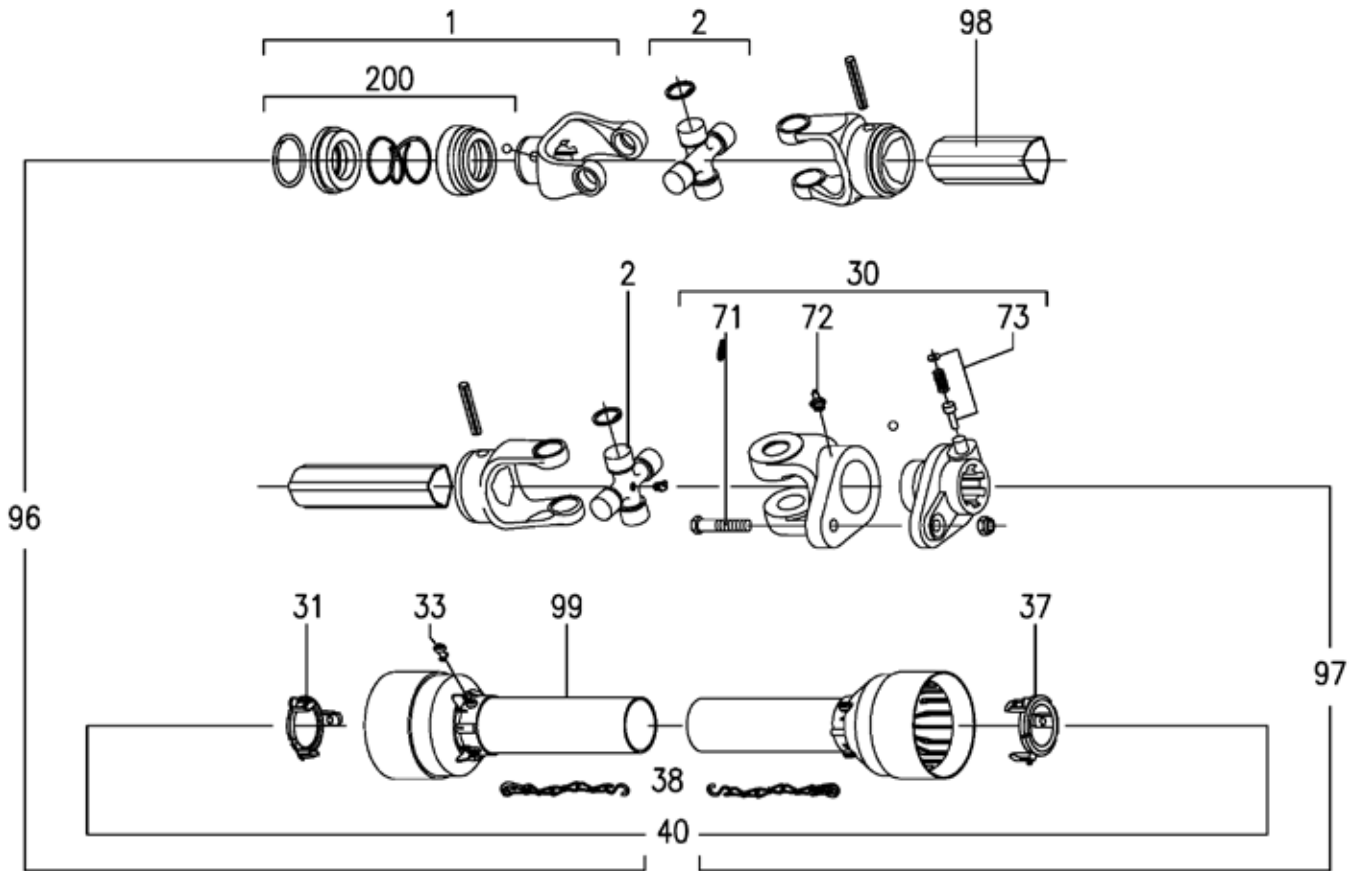
Diameter	SAE 2		SAE 5		SAE 8	
	Lb-ft	N.m	Lb-ft	N.m	Lb-ft	N.m
1/4	6	(8)	9	(12)	12	(17)
5/16	10	(13)	19	(25)	27	(36)
3/8	20	(27)	33	(45)	45	(63)
7/16	30	(41)	53	(72)	75	(100)
1/2	45	(61)	80	(110)	115	(155)
5/8	95	(128)	160	(215)	220	(305)
3/4	165	(225)	290	(390)	400	(540)
1	225	(345)	630	(850)	970	(1320)

Allen head cap screw are similar to SAE 8 quality



These torques are for reference only. Not all these sizes and grades are necessarily used in this machine. Bolts that are used as a pivot or hinge have to be used with a locknut, therefore only tighten enough to secure the bolt and still allowing the part to rotate freely.

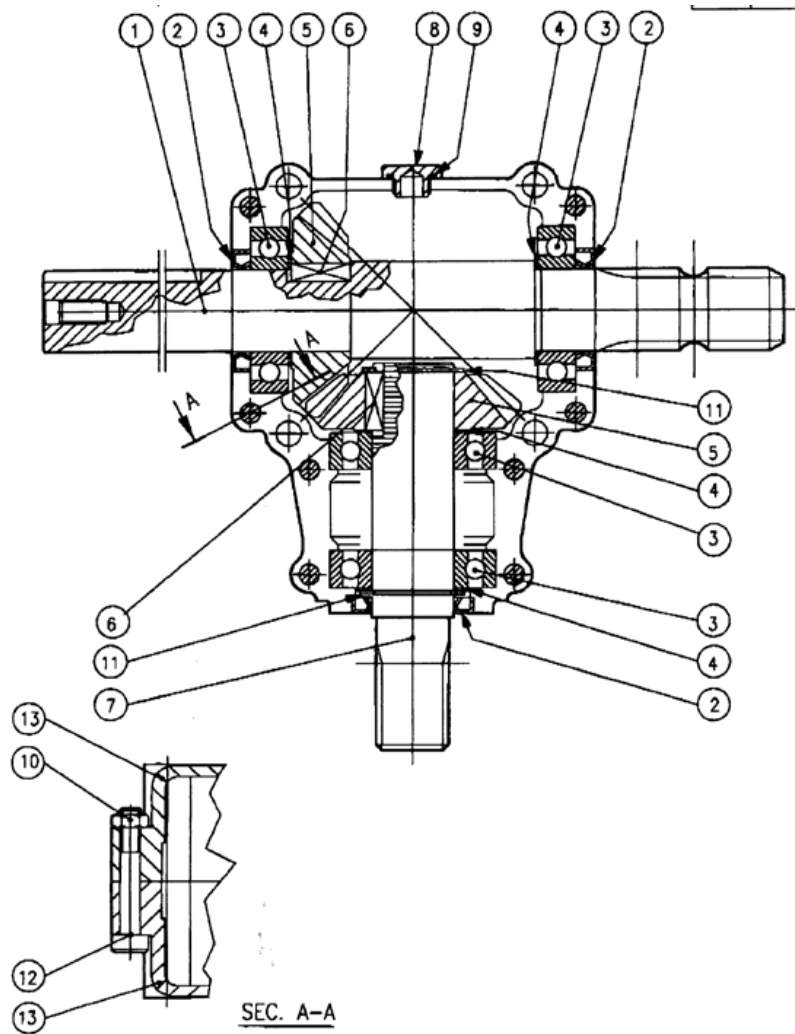
## Comer T20 PTO



Item #	Description	Part #	Qty
1	Complete Collar Yoke	141.022.324.1	1
2	Cross Journal Assy	180.012.130	2
30	Complete Shear Yoke	143.220.003.1	1
31	Guard Retaining Collar for Outer Tube	8180.012.184	1
33	Special Plastic Bolt	8180.014.240	6
37	Guard Retaining Collar for Inner Tube	8180.012.183	1
38	Safety Chain	180.016.790	2
40	Complete Guard with Instruction Manual	142.220.252.7221	1
71	Bolt & Nut M6x40 cl 10.9	165.000.544	1
72	Grease Fitting	190.000.020	1
73	Push pin Set 1 3/8	166.026.004	1
200	Collar Kit for 1 7/38 Yoke	165.000.628	1
98	Danger label for Outer Tube	190.000.216	1
99	Danger Label for outer Guard Tube	190.000.215	1
100	Instruction Manual	190.000.371	1



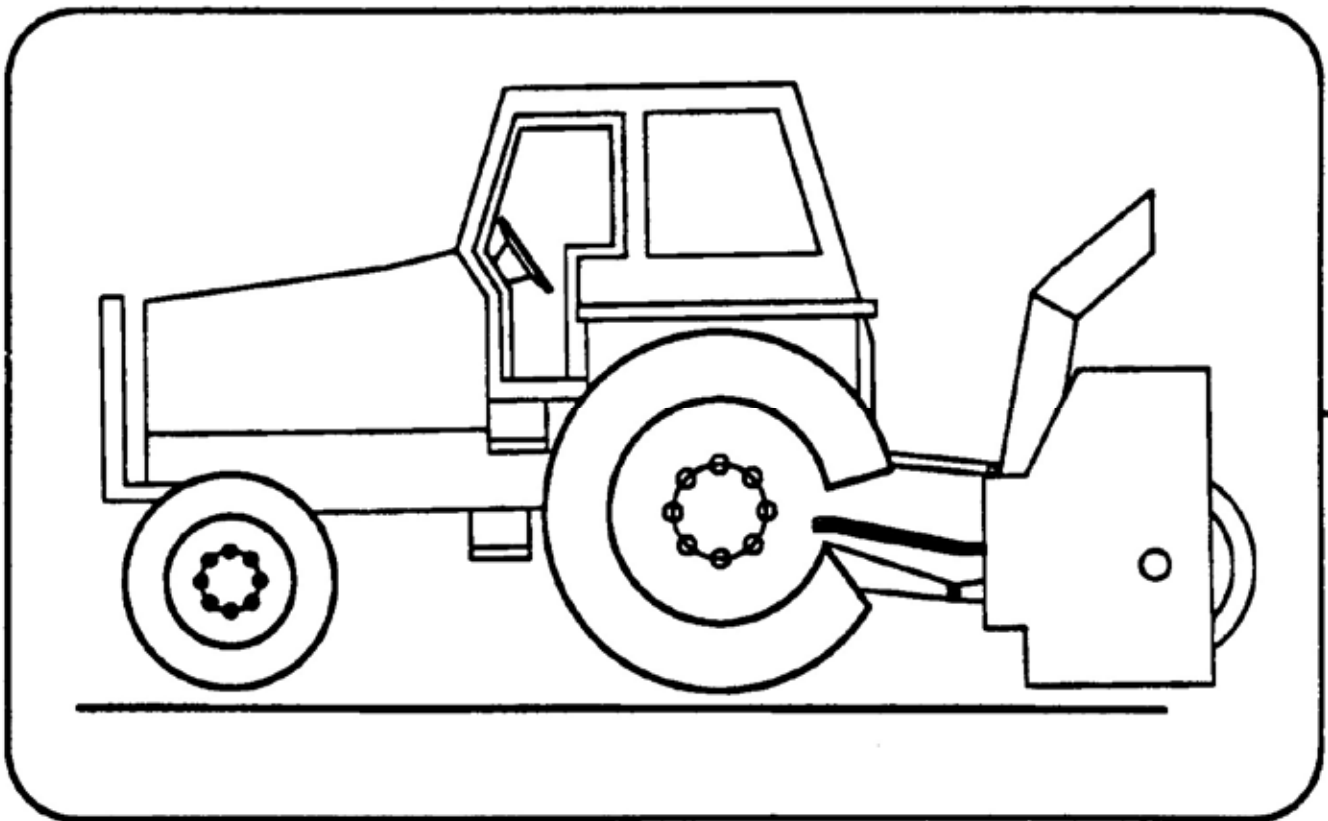
## T 281 J 54-60 Meteor Gearbox



Item#	Part #	Qty	Description
1	519-02814208	1	Output shaft 1 3/8" Z6
2	519-87300028	3	Oil Seal 35x52x7
3	519-80100870	4	Ball Bearing 6207 35x52x17
4	519-02597500	4	Shim Kit 35x3x48
5	519-02595020	2	Crown Gear Z18 M5
6	519-84100232	2	Key 10x8x25
7	519-02812212	1	Input Shaft ASA DP 16/32 Z19
8	519-02817100	1	3/8" DS Plug
9	519-87600636	1	O-Ring 3068
10	519-82100382	8	Hex Nut M8 UNI 5588 (8.8)
11	519-85100005	2	Snap Ring 35 UNI 7435
12	519-81201174	8	M8x55 Socket head cap screw
13	519-12810300	2	Half Casing



## PTO Installation Instructions for Snowblower



**PTO Installation Instructions for Snowblower  
For Better PTO Shaft and Gearbox Operation**

A proper initial installation will give you years of satisfactory service on your equipment. Please read carefully, following instructions which have been specially made to help you and make you satisfied with your purchase.

**Warning!** Unfortunately, snowblowers will be faced with forgotten or hidden objects under the snow, such as: chain, tires, stones, pieces of wood, etc. In spite of all our efforts, machines are not built to resist all those conditions.

**Danger: Too big tractors**

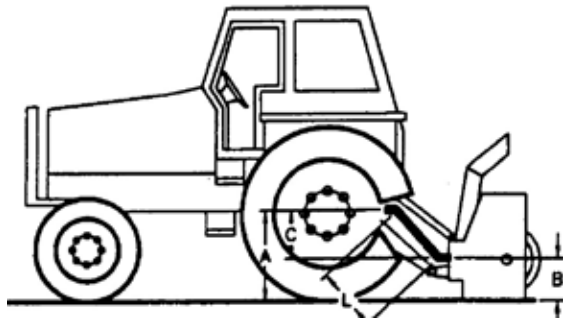
It is dangerous to use a tractor that is too big or too powerful. The tractor will always be able to overload the blower, even if the machine is already at maximum capacity. Tractor being very high, too large angles at PTO universal joints will result, and the life of the universal joints will be shortened dramatically.

**P T O Shaft angles**

PTO shafts are made to transmit power with angle at universal joints. However these angles should be kept to a minimum. Larger angles shorten the life of PTO. Take for example a snowblower sold for a tractor horse-power of 60-75 HP which would be attached to a 60HP tractor operating at maximum capacity of (60HP continuous).

HP	PTO angles	Estimated life in hours
60@540 RPM	5°	450 hours
	10°	195 hours
	15°	90 hours
	20°	40 hours
	25°	20 hours

**How to determine PTO angle**

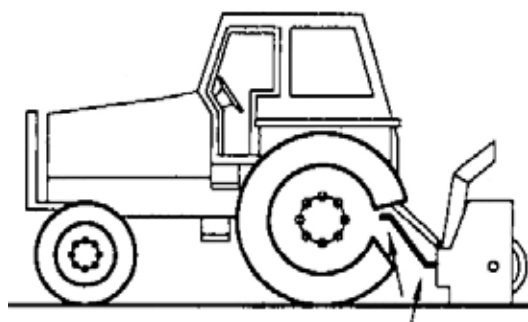


A =PTO height at tractor  
 B= PTO height at blower  
 C= A-B  
 L = Cross center distance in working position

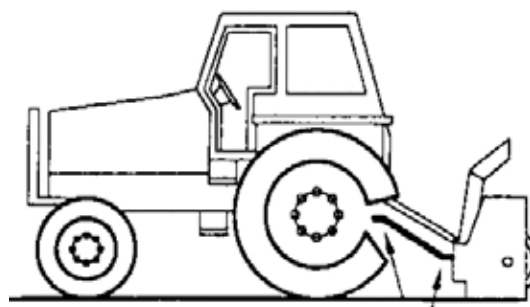
- 1) Lower blower on ground
  - 2) Measure A,B and L
  - 3) Subtract B from A (A-B=C)
  - 4) Divide L by C (L/C=F)
- 5) Compare F Factor in the table below to find PTO angle. (Interpolate if necessary)

F Factor	Angle
6	10°
3.75	15°
2.75	20°
2.15	25°
1.75	30°

Previous examples clearly demonstrate that universal joint angle is directly related with life of the PTO. In order to reduce angle, it is necessary to increase the distance between snowblower and tractor.



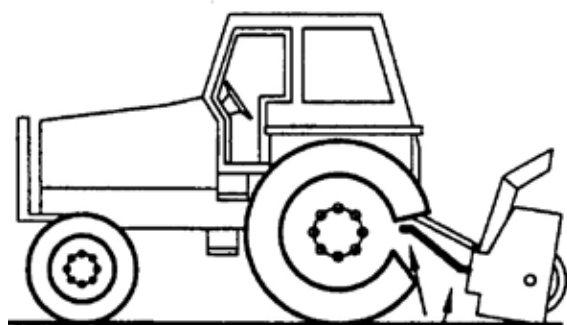
**Too Large Angles at PTO Joints  
To Avoid**



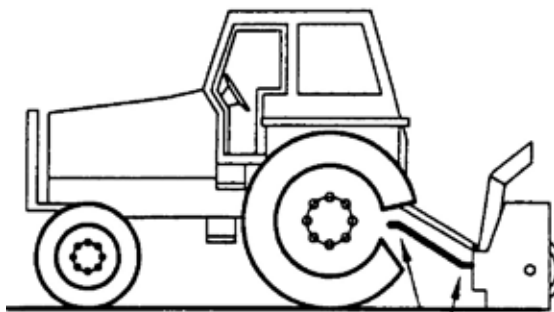
**Reasonable Angles at PTO Joints  
Acceptable**

If it is impossible to increase the distance between snowblower and tractor, in order to maintain a reasonable angle at the PTO, it is recommended to use a larger size PTO that is a greater capacity PTO. (please refer to your dealer for more details).

For snowblowers of 100HP, an additional gearbox is also available that can be mounted on the existing snowblower gearbox, which increases the input shaft height, reducing the angle at PTO joints. This Gearbox has an input speed of 1000RPM which greatly increases PTO capacity.



**Non-Equal Angles at PTO Joints  
To Avoid**



**Equal Angles At PTO Joints  
Recommended**

### Angles at each end of PTO

A popular habit is to change snowblower angle in order to obtain a better scraping effect. This practice can become harmful to the PTO if the angle is unequal at each end, There will be fan speed variation (as the fan speeds up and slow down twice per revolution) as well as a drastic increase of loading on the cross and bearings. **To avoid** it is recommended to keep tractor PTO and snowblower input shaft always parallel.

## **Shear Bolts**

Shear bolts are built to break under shock loads on the fan or auger. However under certain circumstances this security is not adequate. Example: a sudden high impact shock on the fan may, in some cases break the fan shaft without breaking the shear bolt.

If the shear bolt breaks, make sure to always replace it with the same grade of bolt (grade 5 for PTO series **20-40-50-60**, and grade 8 for PTO series **80**) it is necessary to always maintain this bolt very tight in order to keep the efficiency of the shearing mechanism.

**Warning:** The gearbox shafts are made with special alloy steel. However they are case hardened to increase capacity to shock load. These shafts cannot be broken under normal loads. However undesirable objects may enter the fan and either bend or break the gearbox shaft. It is understood that the gearbox cannot be built to resist every possible overload and consequently, gearbox fan shafts will not be replaced under warranty. Therefore the user of the snowblower must be very careful.

## **Maximum length of PTO shaft**

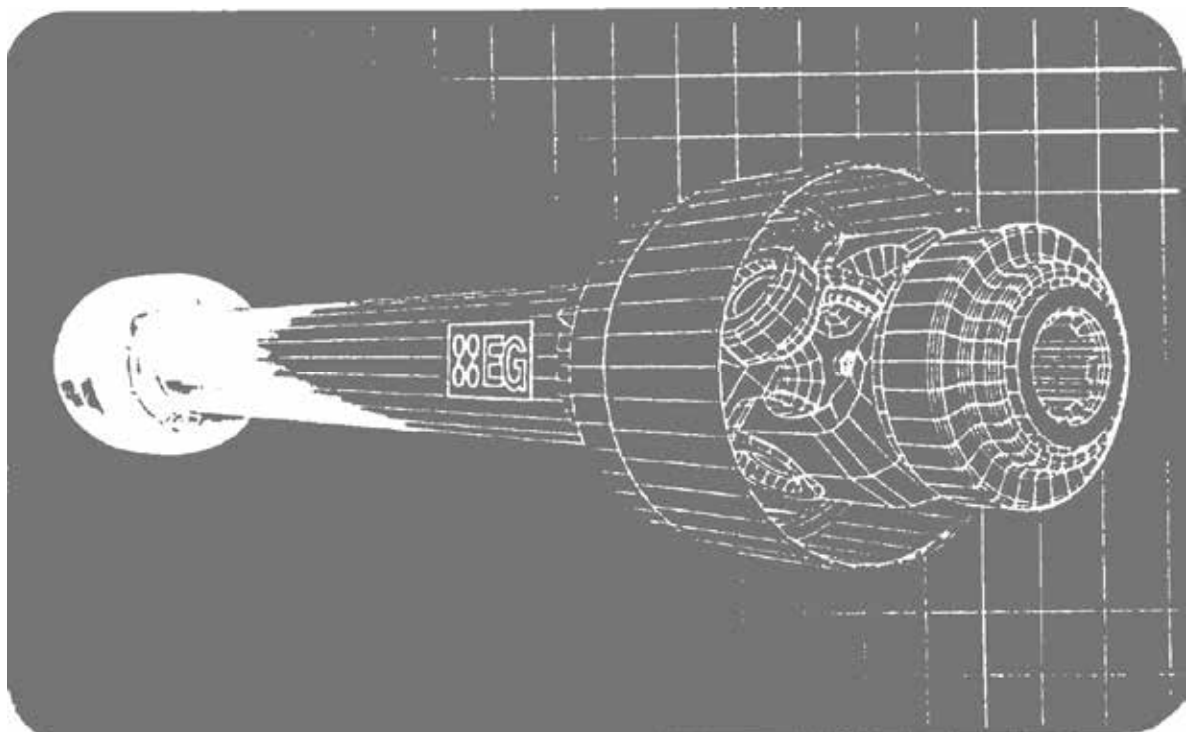
**Warning:** Telescopic tubes of PTO should overlap a minimum length to meet ideal conditions for transmitting power.


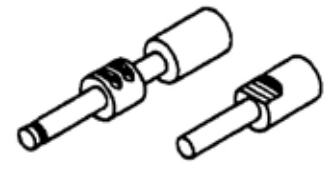
Following table could be used as a guide to find maximum permissible length of PTO.

PTO Description	Over-all length Closed	Over-all length Opened Max	Telescopic tube overlap
T20-056P	29 3/4"	41"	5"
T40-056P	30 1/2"	40 1/2"	6"
T50-071P	36 1/2"	51 1/4"	7"
T60-071P	37 3/4"	51 1/4"	7"
T80-066P	36"	47 1/4"	7"
T80-076P	40 1/2"	53"	8"
T90-071P	39"	51"	8"









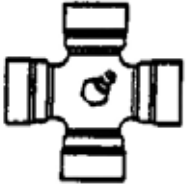

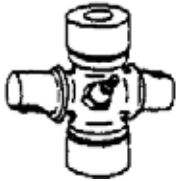
## Effective PTO Drive Shaft Maintenance







	<b>Avoidable Damage</b>	<b>Possible Causes</b>	<b>Corrective Actions</b>
Quick-disconnect yoke 	Quick-disconnect pin tight or completely seized Quick-disconnect pin damaged (broken or bent) Quick-disconnect pin damaged in locking position 	Quick-disconnect pin dirty (insufficient maintenance) Quick-disconnect pin defective (forced into place, incorrect handling). Excessive shaft length Axial load too high	Clean, oil and follow service instruction Replace Quick-disconnect pin Shorten shaft length (cut both telescopic tubes as well as shield, remove burrs) Replace Quick-disconnect pin Clean and grease telescopic tubes. Replace both tubes if necessary

Note: newer PTO shafts may have a locking collar. (Damages Causes and corrective actions will still be similar.)

	<b>Avoidable Damage</b>	<b>Possible Causes</b>	<b>Corrective Actions</b>
Yoke  	Deformed Yoke  	Excessive shaft length Axial load too high Excessive working angle and torque	Shorten shaft length (cut both telescopic tubes as well as shield, remove burrs) Replace defective yokes Clean and grease telescopic tubes. Replace both tubes if necessary Replace defective yokes Verify compatibility between shaft and working conditions (torque vs. angle) Disengage tractor PTO during lifting or lowering the implement. Change to a larger PTO size
	Distorted Yoke 	Overload caused by high starting and peak torque	Engage PTO more carefully Use appropriate safety device Replace defective yoke
	Worn or pounded Yoke 	Excessive working angle	Avoid excessive angle Replace defective yokes

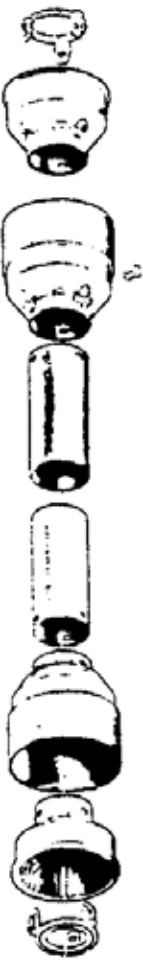

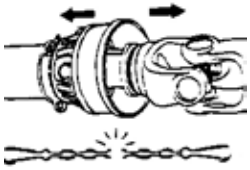
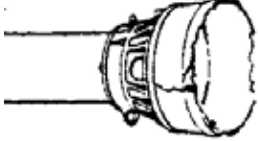
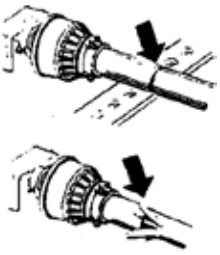
	<b>Avoidable Damages</b>	<b>Possible Causes</b>	<b>Corrective Actions</b>
Cross Kit  	Cross Arms broken  	Extreme torque peak or shock load  Axial loads too large	Use appropriate safety device Change to a larger PTO size  Shorten PTO shaft Replace defective cross bearings
	Bearing caps turning in their cross journal  Overheated bearing caps	Excessive continuous torque and/or excessive working angle  Inadequate greasing	Verify compatibility between shaft and working conditions  Carefully follow greasing instructions  Replace defective cross bearings
	Accelerated wear of cross kit  	Excessive continuous torque and/or excessive working angle  Inadequate greasing	Verify compatibility between shaft and working conditions  Carefully follow greasing instructions  Replace defective cross bearings

**Note: Cross bearings must be greased every 8 working hours**

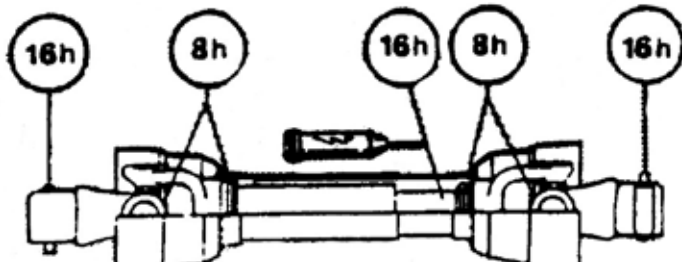
	<b>Avoidable Damages</b>	<b>Possible Causes</b>	<b>Corrective Actions</b>
Telescopic tube  	Telescopic tube failure or twisting  	Excessive torque or shock load  Short tube engagement (overlap)	Use appropriate safety device Change to a larger PTO size  Replace the PTO drive shaft with one of adequate length Replace defective tubes
	Accelerated wear of telescopic tubes  	  Short tube engagement  Inadequate greasing  Conditions (sand etc)	Change to a PTO with coated tube  Replace the PTO drive shaft with one having proper length  Carefully follow greasing instructions  Replace defective tubes

**Note: Telescopic tubes must be cleaned and greased every 16 working hours**



	<b>Avoidable Damages</b>	<b>Possible Causes</b>	<b>Corrective Actions</b>
Shield 	Excessive wear of shield bearings 	Insufficient lubrication Incorrect chain mounting Shield interfering with implement	Follow lubrication instructions Mount chain to allow maximum angularity Avoid shield contact with machine or tractor Replace shield bearings
	Chain failure 	Shield interfering with implement Incorrect chain mounting	Avoid shield contact with machine or tractor Mount chain to allow for maximum angularity Replace defective parts
	Guard cone damaged 	Guard cone in contact with implement or tractor Excessive angularity	Eliminate interference between guard cone and any part of implement or tractor Avoid excessive angles Replace damaged guard cone
	Guard tubes damaged (deformed and split at one side) 	Guards are in contact with tractor or implement Guard tube overlap too short or no overlap with PTO tube extended	Eliminate interference between guard cone and any part of implement or tractor Replace damaged tubes Adjust guard tube length with longer tubes

**Note: Shield bearing must be greased every 8 working hours**



## 54-60 Meteor Snowblower

### Maintenance

- Auger Drive Chain Tightener – tighten chain allowing  $\frac{1}{4}$ " sag in the bottom span of chain (between drive and driven sprocket).

### Lubrication

- Gearbox- check oil level every 50 hours. Fill to oil level plug (middle of gearbox) with SAE 90 gear oil. SAE 80W90 gear oil may also be used.
- Auger and Shear Sprocket Bearing – grease sparingly every 50 hours. (By using too much grease you will push the seals off the bearing).
- PTO Shaft – grease every 10 hours. Pull apart and apply grease to the sliding members. Grease the yoke bearings at this time as well.
- Discharge chute mount – slides on a plastic ring and roller bearings retain side play. If lubrication is desired oil can be injected on plastic to prevent sticking.
- Auger Chain – apply oil on a regular basis especially after using the snowblower.

### Storing the Meteor Snowblower in the off season

- At the end of the season lubricate the Bearings, PTO shaft, Discharge chute mount and Auger chain before storing it.

### Notes

Part numbers – Abbreviations

OL – obtain locally

N --- Nut

LN -- Locknut LW- Lockwasher

- All fasteners are Grade #2 unless otherwise specified.

## Sign Off Form

M K Martin Enterprise Inc. follows the general Safety Standards specified by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) and the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA). Anyone who will be operating and/or maintaining the equipment must read and clearly understand ALL Safety Operating and Maintenance instructions presented in this manual. Do not operate or allow anyone else to operate this equipment until such information has been reviewed. Annually review this information before the season start-up. Make these reviews of SAFETY and OPERATION annually as a standard practice for all your equipment. We feel that an untrained operator is unqualified to operate this machine. A sign-off sheet is provided for your record keeping to show that all personnel who will be working with the equipment have read and understood the information in the operator's manual and have been instructed in the operation of the equipment.

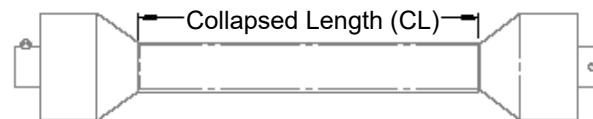
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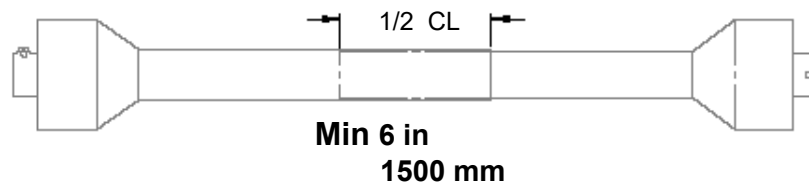
**The PTO Drive-line as supplied with the machine will need to be checked for the proper length before being put into service.**

To accommodate the various hitch and tractor configurations the supplied shaft may be too long, or in some cases too short. To determine shaft length, find the collapsed length, raise or lower the equipment until the PTO out of the tractor is horizontal with the input shaft on the machine. Measure lock-pin groove to lock-pin groove or bolt hole on the equipment. If this is on trailed equipment then turn tractor as sharp as possible.

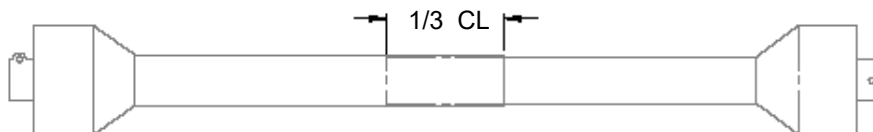
Measure collapsed PTO shaft from lock-pin to lock-pin or bolt hole and compare it with the measurement on the tractor. The difference of these measurements needs to be cut from Both Halves of the PTO shaft plus 1/2".



**Working Length overlap is 1/2 of above collapsed length**



**Minimum Overlap in Transport Position 1/3 of collapsed length**



**Following these guidelines will reduce the chances of damage to the equipment.**

- Use a sharp hacksaw to cut the PTO tube
- Use a fine file to remove any sharp edges and burrs from sawing
- Clean off all dirt and filings from tube , carefully test for smooth fit.
- Apply a light coat of grease to the outside of the small tube
- Reinstall the shields
- Install on equipment and recheck

**These procedures need to be done before first putting into operation and when attaching to a different tractor**







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