This manual must be with the vehicle on which this winch is installed.

Please check the Allied Systems website regularly for updates to this manual.

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The safe and efficient operation of a winch requires skill and alertness on the part of the operator. To develop the skills required, the operator must:

- Receive training in the proper operation of the winch and the machine on which it is mounted.
- Understand the capabilities and limitations of the winch and the machine on which it is mounted.
- Become familiar with the winch and the machine on which it is mounted and see that they are maintained in good condition.
- Read and understand the SAFETY SUMMARY and OPERATING PROCEDURES contained in this Operating Manual.

In addition, a qualified person experienced in the operation of the winch must guide a new operator through several load handling applications before the new operator attempts to operate the equipment alone. It is the employer’s responsibility to make sure that the operator can see, hear, and has the physical and mental ability to operate the equipment safely.

This Operating Manual contains basic information necessary for the operation and maintenance of a winch. Optional equipment is sometimes installed that can change the characteristics described in this manual. Make sure the necessary instructions are available and understood before operating the winch.

Some of the components described in this Operating Manual will NOT be installed on your winch. If you have questions about any item on your winch or described in this Operating Manual, contact your local winch dealer, or contact Allied Systems Company:

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Fax: 503-625-7269
E-Mail: marketing@alliedsystems.com

Also visit our website, www.alliedsystems.com, where the most current copy of this manual is always available.
Note: For repairs and overhaul, contact your Allied winch dealer. If you maintain your own equipment, a service manual is available for your specific winch.

Note: This publication may be translated to different languages for sole purpose of easy reference in non-English speaking locations. Should there be differences in interpretations to the text, please refer to the English language edition published by Allied Systems Company as the controlling document.
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Safety Summary

General Safety Notices

The following pages contain general safety warnings which supplement specific warnings and cautions appearing elsewhere in this manual. All electrical and hydraulic equipment is dangerous. You must thoroughly review and understand the Safety Summary before attempting to operate, troubleshoot or service this winch.

The following symbols/terms are used to emphasize safety precautions and notices in this manual:

⚠️ **DANGER**

The “DANGER” symbol indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. Carefully read the message that follows to prevent serious injury or death.

⚠️ **WARNING**

The “WARNING” symbol appears wherever incorrect operating procedures or practices could cause serious injury or death. Carefully read the message that follows to prevent serious injury or death.

⚠️ **CAUTION**

The “CAUTION” symbol appears where a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor to moderate injury and equipment damage.
This signal word alerts to a situation that is not related to personal injury but may cause equipment damage.

NOTE: …

The term “NOTE” highlights operating procedures or practices that may improve equipment reliability and/or personnel performance.

Safety Regulations

Each country has its own safety legislation. It is in the operator’s own interest to be conversant with these regulations and to comply with them in full. This also applies to local bylaws and regulations in force on a particular worksite.

Should the recommendations in this manual deviate from those in the user’s country, the national regulations should be followed.

NOTE: All possible safety hazards cannot be foreseen so as to be included in this manual. Therefore, you must always be alert to potential hazards that could endanger personnel and/or damage the equipment.

Operation, Inspection, and Maintenance Warnings

WARNING

The winch shall not be used for hoisting.

WARNING

Use hearing protection when operating winches.
Obey the following cautions and warnings before using your winch to avoid equipment damage, personal injury or death.

- Do not operate the winch unless you are authorized and trained to do so.
- Do not operate the winch unless the vehicle is equipped with a screen to protect the operator if the wire rope breaks.
- Read, understand, and follow the operating, inspection, and maintenance instructions in this Operating Manual.
- Do not use the control levers for hand holds when entering or leaving the vehicle.
- Do not permit other people near the control area when you inspect or repair a machine.
- Never inspect, repair, or perform maintenance on a machine that is in motion.
- Inspect the winch before each use:
  » Make sure that the controls and instruments operate correctly.
  » Report the need for repairs immediately.
- Do not work with a damaged or worn wire rope.
- Do not use a winch that needs repairs.
- If the wire rope and ferrule must be removed from the drum, make sure the end of the wire rope and ferrule are controlled when the ferrule is released. The end of the wire rope can suddenly move from the drum like a compressed spring when the ferrule is released and cause an injury.
- Stay in the operator's seat when operating the winch.
- Do not stand on the vehicle when operating the winch.
- Avoid winch operation near people or other machines.
- Never stand nor permit others to stand in the bight (loop) of a wire rope.
- Do not stand nor permit others to be near the winch or wire rope when there is tension on the wire rope.
- Observe jobsite rules.
- Be in complete control at all times.
- Do not use the control levers as hangers for clothes, water bags, grease guns, lunch pails, etc.
• Do not leave the vehicle when the winch wire rope is under tension.
• Do not permit riders on the vehicle or load.
• Do not use the winch as an anchor for a double or two-part line.
• Do not pull the hook through the throat or over the drum, which will cause damage.
• When the winch is not in use, make sure the control lever is in BRAKE-ON position and the winch brake is applied.
• Do not use winch as a hoist. Tractor and skidder mounted winches are designed for towing.

• Always inspect wire rope, tail chain and other rigging components for wear, damage, broken strands or abuse before use.
• Never use wire rope, tail chain or other rigging that is worn-out, damaged or abused.
• Never overload wire rope, tail chain or rigging.
• Wire rope and tail chain will fail if worn-out, overloaded, misused, damaged, improperly maintained or abused. Wire rope or tail chain failure may cause serious injury or death!

• Do not terminate wire rope to tail chain by the use of a knot.
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- Do not handle wire rope if the hook end is not free. A load could break away, suddenly tensioning the wire rope, resulting in serious injury or death.

- Stay clear of wire rope entry areas (fairlead or arch rollers, winch drum etc).

- Make sure ground personnel are in plain view of the operator, and at a distance of at least 1½ times the working length of the wire rope.

- Make sure that any hand signals used by ground personnel are clearly defined and understood by everyone involved.

- Do not attempt to “jerk” or “shock” a load free. Doing so can cause loads in excess of the rated capacity of the wire rope, winch, or mounting hardware.

- Replace any parts only with genuine Allied Winch parts. Refer to W8L Parts Manual (P/N 599781W).

- Maintain a minimum of three (3) complete wraps of wire rope on the drum for normal operation. It may help to paint the last five wraps of wire rope a contrasting color, to serve as a visual indicator.

- Do not handle wire rope with bare hands. Wear leather gloves at all times.

- Align the tractor with the load to prevent side loading the winch, and to maintain even spooling of the wire rope.

- If applying tension to the wire rope manually during spooling:
  - ensure that the operator is winching in slowly,
  - keep your hands and clothing well clear of any rollers or the winch drum,
  - do not maintain tension by letting the wire rope to slip through your hands,
  - use a hand-over-hand technique to maintain tension.

- Be aware of the ground conditions, and make sure the ground and tractor are stable enough to pull the intended load.

- Do not attempt to pull loads in excess of the rated capacity of the winch.

- Keep yourself informed of any applicable codes, regulations and standards for the job.

- Your winch may have temperature shut-off system for protection of tractor and winch. Manual override of high temperature shut-off will cause damage to tractor and winch.
• This winch is neither intended, designed, nor rated for any application involved in the lifting or moving of personnel.

• Use only the lubricants listed in the Recommended Oil List. See Page 5.

• Do not weld on any part of the winch. Contact Allied Systems if weld repairs are needed.

• The hydraulic system must be kept clean and free of contamination at all times.

• Be aware of the hazards of pressurized hydraulics:
  » Wear personal protective equipment, such as gloves and safety glasses, whenever servicing or checking a hydraulic system.
  » Assume that all hydraulic hoses and components are pressurized. Relieve all hydraulic pressure before disconnecting any hydraulic line.
  » Never try to stop or check for a hydraulic leak with any part of your body; use a piece of cardboard to check for hydraulic leaks.
  » Small hydraulic hose leaks are extremely dangerous, and can inject hydraulic oil under the skin, even through gloves.

» Infection and gangrene are possible when hydraulic oil penetrates the skin. See a doctor immediately to prevent loss of limb or death.
General

Introduction

This Operating Manual contains basic information necessary for the operation and maintenance of the W8L winch.

How the Winch Operates

A winch is normally installed on a skidder or tractor:
• to increase the pulling power of the skidder or tractor.
• to reach into an area where a skidder or tractor cannot go.
• to make lift functions available when special attachments are installed.

The winch has hydraulic clutches that are similar to a hydraulic (powershift) transmission. The tractor or skidder has a power take-off (PTO) that is used to connect the power from the engine to the winch. The SCH (Self Contained Hydraulics) on the winch label indicates that the hydraulic system for control of the winch is inside of the winch case. When the PTO is operating, a hydraulic pump in the winch case takes hydraulic oil from the winch sump and sends it to the hydraulic control valve. The hydraulic valve controls the operation of the winch.

Removable covers on the winch case allow access for repairs and adjustments.

When PTO is rotating, the hydraulic pump shaft is also rotating. Oil from the hydraulic pump is used to cool and lubricate the winch components. The pressure is connected via gears to an oil clutch for the LINE-IN (power forward) operation and another oil clutch for the LINE-OUT (power reverse) direction.

The power through the winch to the drum for the wire rope is controlled by a LINE-IN and a LINE-OUT clutch. When the LINE-IN clutch is applied, the drum rotates to pull the wire rope into the winch. When the LINE-OUT clutch is applied, the drum rotates to reel the wire rope from the winch at the speed controlled by the engine rpm.

When the control lever is in the BRAKE-ON position, the oil brake is automatically applied by a spring to hold the drum in its position. If the control lever is moved to apply one of the clutches, the brake is released by the same oil pressure that applies the clutch. In the event that hydraulic power is lost, the brake remains applied and the winch will not turn.
Nameplate

Each winch is shipped from the factory with a nameplate as shown in Figure 1. The nameplate is stamped with:

- winch model
- winch serial number
- maximum bare drum line pull
- maximum wire rope diameter

DO NOT operate the winch with larger diameter wire rope. If the nameplate is missing, DO NOT operate the winch until its capacity is known.

The serial number for the winch is also stamped into the frame next to the nameplate.
Wire Rope Selection

Each winch model can have a variety of wire rope sizes installed by the user. The maximum wire rope size is shown on the nameplate. See Figure 2 for approved wire rope sizes and drum capacities. When a larger diameter wire rope is used, the length of wire rope installed on the drum will be shorter. In some situations, the winch can create a tension in the wire rope that is greater than the strength of the wire rope. The user must be careful to select a wire rope that has enough strength and length for the job.

WARNING

Load loss hazard.

A loaded wire rope with fewer than three complete wraps on the drum could disengage from the ferrule pocket, causing load loss and possible injury. Paint the last five wraps of wire rope a contrasting color to alert the operator that end of the wire rope has been reached.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Wire Rope Diameter</th>
<th>Capacity for 12 in (305 mm) Drum Diameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>7/8 in (22 mm)</td>
<td>354 ft (108 m)</td>
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<td>1 in (25 mm)</td>
<td>275 ft (84 m)</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 1/8 in (28.6 mm)</td>
<td>220 ft (67 m)</td>
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NOTE:
1. Loosely or unevenly spooled line will reduce capacities.
2. Use flexible wire rope with independent wire rope center.

Figure 2 - Wire Rope Size and Capacities
Recommended Oil List and Oil Capacity

The type of oil used in Allied winches affects the line control. Use the following oils in the W8L winch:

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<tr>
<th>Manufacturer</th>
<th>Oil Type</th>
<th>Ambient Temperature Range</th>
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<tr>
<td>ExxonMobil</td>
<td>Mobil Fluid 424 (Factory fill)</td>
<td>-13 to 105, -25 to 43</td>
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<tr>
<td>John Deere</td>
<td>Hy-Gard™</td>
<td>-13 to 122, -25 to 50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chevron</td>
<td>1000 THF</td>
<td>-13 to 105, -25 to 43</td>
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<tr>
<td>Caterpillar</td>
<td>Multipurpose Tractor Oil (MTO)</td>
<td>-13 to 104, -25 to 40</td>
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<td>Case</td>
<td>Hy-Tran Ultra</td>
<td>-20 to 122, -30 to 50</td>
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<tr>
<td>John Deere</td>
<td>Low Viscosity Hy-Gard</td>
<td>-40 to 86, -40 to 30</td>
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<td>Chevron</td>
<td>THF W</td>
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* Note: Use of non-recommended oils may void warranty.

Figure 3 - Recommended Oil List

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<th>Winch Model</th>
<th>Oil Capacity</th>
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<tr>
<td>W8L</td>
<td>20.0 Gallon (76 L)</td>
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Figure 4 - Oil Capacity
W8L Winch Description

Figure 5 - W8L Winch

1. Drum
2. Access Cover for Filter
3. Access Cover to Hydraulic Valve
4. Access Cover to Hydraulic System
5. Plug to Check Oil Level
6. Plug to Drain Oil
7. Tie Rod
8. Fill Plug
9. Cover for Oil Brake
10. Intermediate Shaft Bearing Retainer
11. Drum Shaft Bearing Retainer
12. Drawbar
13. Breather
14. Nameplate
15. Drawbar Pin
16. Clutch Shaft Retainer
17. Brake Shaft Retainer
Optional Equipment (See also Page 51 for details)

The W8L winch may be equipped with the following options:

- Fairlead assembly - To protect wire rope and frame from damage at odd pull angles;
- Alternate gear ratio - To allow better line speed control;
- Electronic controls - Line control.

NOTE: Not all optional equipment listed is available for each model of tractor.

Figure 6 - Fairlead
Serial Number Codes

The nameplate with the serial number code is found on the left front corner of the winch case. A serial number indicates the following information:

**Manufactured By**
- A = Allied Systems Company
  - (No "A" = Hyster Company)

**Winch Model**
- W8L = Standard Product
- K8L = Special Design (Contact Factory)

**Type Drive**
- P = Power Controls
- E = Electronic Controls
- X = Direct Drive (Gear Drive)

**Gear Ratio**
- Code = Forward Ratio/Reverse Ratio
- 1 = 49.8:1/19.9:1
- 2 = 71.6:1/28.6:1 (95.4/38.1 - K50)
- 3 = 94.0:1/37.6:1 (125/50 - K50)
- 4 = 84.0:1/33.6:1 (Non-Current)
- 5 = 90.1:1/36.0:1 (Non-Current)
- 6 = 68.8:1/27.5:1 (49.8/19.9 Winch x 1.38 Gearbox)
- 7 = 47.1:1/31.1:1
- 8 = 125:1/190:1 (94/143 Winch x 1.33 Gearbox)
- 9 = 124:1/102:1
- 10 = 125:1/136:1 (94/102 Winch x 1.33 Gearbox)
- 11 = 85.4:1/34.1:1 (49.8/19.9 Winch x 1.71 Gearbox)

**Vehicle Code**
- See Figure 7

**Sequence Number**
- N = 1555

**Internal Option**
- F = Freespool (Non-current. See Appendix A for details)
- N = Non-Freespool
- V = Underwind Non-Freespool

**Notes:**
1. In addition to the serial number plate, the serial number is stamped on to the left hand side of the frame.
2. Circled numbers in Figure 7 indicate possible gear ratios.
### Figure 7 - Tractor Identification and Gear Ratio

<table>
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<th>Code</th>
<th>Tractor Make Model and Starting Tractor Serial Number Where Applicable</th>
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<td>FD20/FL20, FP60</td>
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- **A**
  - Caterpillar: D7F *a, D7G PS
  - Terex: D700A, 82-20B, 82-20
  - Dresser: TD20E/G/H PS, TD20M
  - Komatsu: D80A-12
  - MF: D85A-12
  - Zoomlion: D700C, D700D TEREX

- **B**
  - S/N 10301 & UP
  - D7F DD, D7G DD
  - 572 *c, 572G
  - 983 S/N 38K, D7R, D7H PS
  - D8N *d

- **C**
  - D68ESS-12
  - D85E/ PX-15
  - D85E-18, D85P-18
  - D85E-21, D85P-21
  - D83-1, D85ESS-1

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</table>

*a  Caterpillar D7F S/N 94N5660 & UP  
*b  Caterpillar D7 DD S/N 91V, 93N, 64V & 45W  
*c  Caterpillar 572 S/N 40U, 6J  
*d  Caterpillar prior to D8N S/N 5TJ0001, same as C56 for AW8L-2293 & up; D7H not used  
*e  Caterpillar D8N S/N 5TJ0001 & UP  
*f  Komatsu D85E-SS-2 Gear Ratios 1 & 5 are both 90.1:1.
Checks Before Operation

- Check that the cable and hook are not worn or damaged. Check that the periodic inspection and maintenance have been done at the recommended operating hours. (See Figure 15, Maintenance Schedule.)

- Check lever adjustment.

Operating Procedures

The control lever assembly is connected to the winch through a control cable to the control valve spool. This lever is used to select one of the following operations:

- BRAKE-OFF
- LINE-OUT
- BRAKE-ON
- LINE-IN

When using the LINE-IN and LINE-OUT functions, the control lever will return to BRAKE-ON (neutral) position when released.

The BRAKE-ON position is a neutral position. No hydraulic pressure is applied to the brake or the clutches. Springs apply the brake so that the winch drum will not rotate.
The **BRAKE-OFF** position is a detent position, and the control lever must be pulled back to the **BRAKE-ON** (neutral) position. Hydraulic pressure is applied to release the brake. The winch will not rotate easily because of friction in the clutches, the brake and the gear train. Wire rope cannot be pulled from the winch by hand. The **BRAKE-OFF** position is used when the operator has a load on the winch wire rope. The operator can move the tractor forward without moving the load and still keep the wire rope tight.

Figure 8 - Winch Operator Controls

1. Power Control Lever
Power Operation

**BRAKE-ON** position is a neutral position. Neither clutch is applied. The brake is fully applied.

**LINE-IN** position applies the **LINE-IN** clutch and releases the brake. The winch will wind the wire rope at a speed controlled by the PTO speed of the tractor.

**LINE-OUT** position applies the **LINE-OUT** clutch and releases the brake. The winch will unwind the wire rope at a speed controlled by the PTO speed of the tractor and the weight of the load.

**BRAKE-OFF** position is a detented position. The clutches are released and the oil pressure has released the brake. This position will permit the wire rope to unwind from the winch against the friction of the clutches, the brake, and the gear train as the tractor moves away from the load.
**Inching** is used for a fine control of the winch speed. When the power control lever is slowly moved to a position between **BRAKE-ON** and **LINE-IN** or between **BRAKE-ON** and **LINE-OUT**, inching occurs. The normal adjustment of inching for **LINE-IN** is different from the adjustment for **LINE-OUT**. These adjustments can be modified by changing the overlap pressures of the modulator valves. This change is necessary for some customer operations. The following paragraphs describe the normal adjustments for inching.

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**CAUTION**

Excessive inching will accelerate clutch and brake wear, and cause winch overheating.

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**Inching (LINE-IN)**. This operation is used to slowly move a load toward the tractor. The control valve will cause the oil pressure to slowly release the brake and slowly apply the **LINE-IN** clutch. As the brake is released, the clutch takes control and begins to move the load.

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**Inching (LINE-OUT)**. This operation will release the brake before the **LINE-OUT** clutch is applied. This adjustment permits the weight of the load to unwind wire rope from the winch drum against the resistance of the brake. The operator controls the resistance of the brake by the position of the power control lever. The **LINE-OUT** clutch is not applied until the operator moves the power control lever more toward the **LINE-OUT** position. When the power control lever is moved so that the **LINE-OUT** clutch is engaged, the speed that the drum unwinds is controlled by the rpm of the tractor PTO.
## Troubleshooting Analysis Chart

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<td>Operation is rough or not regular.</td>
<td>Hydraulic oil is too cold.</td>
<td>Put the control lever in the BRAKE-OFF position, and run the engine at 1000 rpm to warm the oil to 80°F before operating the winch.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Low oil level.</td>
<td>Add hydraulic oil to the correct level.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Low oil pressure.</td>
<td>See the Service Manual for additional troubleshooting.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Wrong oil.</td>
<td>Drain oil and replace with correct grade. Refer to Figure 3, Recommended Oil List.</td>
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<td>Control cables need adjustment.</td>
<td>Check for correct adjustment. Make sure the ends of the cables are fastened correctly.</td>
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<td>Hydraulic oil becomes too hot.</td>
<td>Winch has been operated in the <strong>BRAKE-OFF</strong> position for long periods.</td>
<td>Use the <strong>BRAKE-OFF</strong> position less. When the <strong>BRAKE-OFF</strong> position is used, the hydraulic oil flows continuously through the relief valve. See the Service Manual for additional troubleshooting.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Low oil level.</td>
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<td>Add oil.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Extensive inching.</td>
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<td>Allow time for oil to cool after inching.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clogged suction strainer.</td>
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<td>Check and clean or replace the suction strainer.</td>
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<td>Defective or improperly adjusted oil relief valve.</td>
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<td>See the Service Manual for additional troubleshooting.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Brake begins to release before clutch is applied.</td>
<td>Brake is worn or needs adjustment.</td>
<td>See the Service Manual for additional troubleshooting.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pressure modulator needs repair or adjustment.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Winch brake does not apply or release correctly.</td>
<td>Brake is worn or needs adjustment.</td>
<td>See the Service Manual for additional troubleshooting.</td>
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## PROBLEM POSSIBLE CAUSE CORRECTION

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<td>Clutch does not apply correctly.</td>
<td>Worn or damaged clutch.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Control valve or control cable needs adjustment.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Low oil pressure.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clutch does not apply correctly at low PTO rpm.</td>
<td>Accumulator not charged.</td>
<td>Check accumulator.</td>
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<td>PTO stalled (0 rpm).</td>
<td>Increase tractor rpm.</td>
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<td>Worn or leaking pump.</td>
<td>Check pump and replace if necessary.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Winch stalls tractor engine during winch shift when tractor RPM is low.</td>
<td>Not enough engine torque.</td>
<td>Increase engine rpm.</td>
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*Figure 10 - Troubleshooting Analysis Chart*
Checks Before Operation

- Check that the cable and hook are not worn or damaged.
- Check that the periodic inspection and maintenance have been done at the recommended operating hours. (See Figure 15, Maintenance Schedule.)
- Turn activation switch ON, and check the winch indication light:
  - Light on means filter plugged or oil cold;
  - Light fast blink (1/2 second on and 1 second off) means system fault;
  - Light slow blink (3 second on and 3 second off) means controls not active.

Note: The winch oil should be warm (approximately 80°F) prior to operating a winch with a suspended load.

Checks During Operation

- Check the winch indication light:
  - Light steady on after oil warmup means some problem(s).

The Troubleshooting Chart (Figure 13) can be used by the operator to identify a problem with the winch operation. Check for light trouble codes if the chart does not cover the problem. A trained service person is needed for additional troubleshooting and repair that requires disassembly of parts of the winch.
Operating Procedures

The electronic control lever is connected to the winch through electrical wiring, an electronic control module, a solenoid actuated control valve, and an activation switch. The activation switch is a locking rocker switch installed near the control lever. When the activation switch is in the OFF position, the control lever is disabled. This prevents inadvertent winch operation if the control lever is bumped. The activation switch should be in the OFF position unless the winch is being used. This control lever is used to select one of the following operations:

- BRAKE-OFF
- LINE-OUT
- BRAKE-ON
- LINE-IN

The BRAKE-OFF position is detented, the control lever must be pulled back to the BRAKE-ON (neutral) position. When using the LINE-IN and LINE-OUT functions, the control lever will return to the BRAKE-ON position when released.

NOTE: The filter LED illuminates briefly at startup. This is part of the normal system check. Consult the troubleshooting guide (see Figure 13) if the light does not turn off.

NOTE: The winch will not operate unless the control lever is centered at startup.

WARNING

Moving the control lever with the engine OFF and the keyswitch ON may result in accumulator discharge and brake release, which will cause loss of load.
Figure 11-1 - Control Levers
Figure 11-2 - Operator Electronic Controls

1. CONTROL LEVER
2. WINCH INDICATOR LIGHT
3. ACTIVATION SWITCH ASSEMBLY

SWITCH ON BEFORE OPERATING WINCH
SWITCH OFF IF WINCH IS NOT BEING USED

1/2 SECOND ON 1 SECOND OFF
3 SECOND ON 3 SECOND OFF
**Power Operation**

**BRAKE-ON** is a neutral position. Neither clutch is applied. The brake is fully applied.

**LINE-IN** position applies the forward clutch and releases the brake. The winch will wind the wire rope at a speed controlled by the PTO rpm of the tractor and the weight of the load.

**LINE-OUT** position applies the reverse clutch and releases the brake. The winch will unwind the wire rope at a speed controlled by the PTO rpm of the tractor and the weight of the load.

**BRAKE-OFF** is a detented position. Oil pressure has released the brake, but the wire rope cannot be pulled from the winch by hand because of friction in the clutches, brake and gear train. **BRAKE-OFF** is used to move the tractor away from the load while keeping the wire rope tight.
Inching is used for fine control of the winch speed. When the control lever is slowly moved to a position between BRAKE-ON and LINE-IN or between BRAKE-ON and LINE-OUT, inching occurs. Any adjustments require computer program changes and may be necessary for some customer operations. Contact Allied Systems Company if inching needs adjustment. The following paragraphs describe the normal procedures for inching.

**CAUTION**

Excessive inching will accelerate clutch and brake wear, and cause winch overheating.

Inching (LINE-OUT). This operation will release the brake before the reverse clutch is applied. This permits the weight of the load, with assistance from the reverse clutch, to unwind wire rope from the winch drum against the resistance of the brake. The reverse clutch is completely applied when the operator moves the control lever into the LINE-OUT position. When the control lever is moved so that the reverse clutch is engaged, the speed that the drum unwinds is controlled by the rpm of the tractor PTO.

Inching (LINE-IN). This operation is used to slowly move a load toward the tractor. The control valve will cause the oil pressure to slowly release the brake and slowly apply the forward clutch. As the brake is released, the clutch takes control and begins to move the load.
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<td>Winch is operated in the <strong>BRAKE-OFF</strong> position for long periods.</td>
<td>Use the <strong>BRAKE-OFF</strong> position less. When the <strong>BRAKE-OFF</strong> position is used, the hydraulic oil flows continuously through the relief valve. See the Service Manual for additional troubleshooting.</td>
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<td>Low oil level.</td>
<td>Add oil.</td>
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<td>Clogged suction strainer/filter.</td>
<td>Check and clean or replace the suction strainer.</td>
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<td>Clutches are dragging.</td>
<td>Check the clutch pressure.</td>
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<td>Defective or improperly adjusted oil relief valve.</td>
<td>See the Service Manual for additional troubleshooting.</td>
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<td>Brake begins to release before clutch is applied.</td>
<td>Brake is worn.</td>
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<td>Winch brake does not apply or release correctly.</td>
<td>Brake is worn.</td>
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<td>Control valve failure.</td>
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<td>Clutch does not apply correctly at low PTO rpm.</td>
<td>Accumulator not charged.</td>
<td>Check accumulator.</td>
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<td>PTO stalled (0 rpm).</td>
<td>Increase tractor rpm.</td>
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<td>Filter LED illuminated.</td>
<td>Filter is clogged.</td>
<td>Change filter and oil</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Cold oil is causing filter bypass.</td>
<td>Monitor LED condition. If LED remains illuminated after normal operating temperature has been reached, change oil and filter.</td>
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<td>Electrical short circuit.</td>
<td>Check appropriate section of wiring harness.</td>
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<td>Winch will not freespool (older models).</td>
<td>Inadequate freespool piston pressure.</td>
<td>Inspect freespool shaft O-rings and replace as necessary. Tighten loose fittings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control lever does not return to <strong>BRAKE-ON</strong> position when released.</td>
<td>Defective return spring, worn detent parts, or lubricant evacuation.</td>
<td>See the Service Manual for additional troubleshooting.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Control lever is in detented position (<strong>BRAKE-OFF</strong>).</td>
<td>Move control lever out of detent.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Winch stalls tractor engine during winch shift when tractor RPM is low.</td>
<td>Not enough engine torque.</td>
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<td>Winch will not operate in any function.</td>
<td>Control lever off-center at startup.</td>
<td>Return control lever to the BRAKE-ON position and attempt function again.</td>
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<td>Control module not powered.</td>
<td>Check fuse &amp; replace if necessary.</td>
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<td>Control lever DC-DC converter malfunction.</td>
<td>Check converter &amp; replace if necessary.</td>
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<td>Control module fault.</td>
<td>Check status indicator on module. Red LED should not be illuminated. If it is, consult factory.</td>
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<td>Coil open or shorted.</td>
<td>Check module output LEDs. Flashing LED indicates open or shorted circuit. Check wiring harness continuity. Replace faulty coil. <strong>Note: A working coil will have 15 to 50Ω resistance and will be magnetized when energized.</strong></td>
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<td></td>
<td>Cartridge valve plugged.</td>
<td>Replace cartridge if pressure at appropriate gage port is not close to relief pressure with coil energized.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Loose or worn connector.</td>
<td>Check and replace as needed.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Relief pressure not being reached.</td>
<td>Check cooling coil &amp; cartridge—replace faulty parts.</td>
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<td>Activation switch off.</td>
<td>Check the switch and turn it on.</td>
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## Operation, Electronic Controls

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<td>Noisy buzz emanating from winch.</td>
<td>Air in relief cartridge.</td>
<td>This is not a detrimental condition. Noise may be intermittent.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Control lever will not detent in BRAKE-OFF.</td>
<td>Detent pin, plate, or spring worn or broken.</td>
<td>Replace appropriate parts. <strong>Note</strong>: see procedure for control lever disassembly and reassembly in Service Manual. Lubricate detent plate with bearing grease.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winch does not engage and tractor engine draws down in LINE-IN or LINE-OUT.</td>
<td>Plugged brake cartridge.</td>
<td>Replace cartridge.</td>
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<td>Faulty brake coil.</td>
<td>Replace coil.</td>
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<td>Open or shorted brake circuit.</td>
<td>Check wiring harness. See “winch will not operate…” above.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winch does not engage and/or load rolls out in LINE-IN or LINE-OUT.</td>
<td>Plugged LINE-IN or LINE-OUT cartridge.</td>
<td>Replace cartridge.</td>
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<td>Faulty LINE-IN or LINE-OUT coil.</td>
<td>Replace coil.</td>
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<td>Open or shorted LINE-IN/LINE-OUT circuit.</td>
<td>Check wiring harness. See “winch will not operate…” above.</td>
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Figure 13 - Troubleshooting Analysis Chart
The Maintenance Schedule is a program that includes periodic inspection and lubrication. Use the operating time on the hour meter of the tractor to determine the maintenance time for the winch.

**Maintenance Points**

1. Access Cover for Control Valve
2. Plug to Check Oil Level
3. Plug to Drain Oil
4. Cover for Filter & Strainer
5. Fill Plug
6. Breather

*Figure 14 - W8L Winch Maintenance Points*
## Maintenance Schedule

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<tr>
<td>50 hours or weekly</td>
<td>Check oil level at plug (item 2). Add oil as necessary through fill plug (item 5).</td>
<td>See Figure 3 – Recommended Oil List.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Do not operate tractor when checking the oil level.</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Check winch control lever (cable controls). See Figure 16.</td>
<td>Use SAE 30 oil on the linkage if needed. Check that the control cable and control</td>
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<td>housing are fastened correctly. Tighten U-bolts if required.</td>
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<td>Check oil filter light, if continuously illuminated with winch warm, replace the filter</td>
<td>Replace the filter.*</td>
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<td>Clean the breather (item 6).</td>
<td>Remove debris around breather.</td>
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<td>Lubricate the rollers on the fairlead assembly, if the winch is so equipped.</td>
<td>Use multi-purpose grease with 2-4% molybdenum disulfide.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>250 hours or monthly</td>
<td>There may be a gear box fastened to the front of the winch which has a separate oil</td>
<td>Fill to proper level if low. If oil level cannot be checked, add 1/2 quart. See</td>
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<td>reservoir. If this gear box lowers the Input shaft of the winch, then the oil level in</td>
<td>Figure 15-1 for details.</td>
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<td>this gear box must be checked and filled independently of the main winch.</td>
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<tr>
<td>500 hours or every 3 months</td>
<td>Clean the oil suction screen and magnets.*</td>
<td>Use a new gasket between the cover and the suction tube.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Replace the filter.*</td>
<td>See the Parts Manual for filter element and cover gasket. When replacing, be</td>
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<td>sure to lubricate filter seal ring between element and filter head.</td>
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<td>1000 hours or every 6 months.</td>
<td>Change the hydraulic oil. Drain oil from plug (item 3). Clean the oil strainer. Through fill plug (item 5), add 20 gallons (75 liters). Check the oil level at item 2.</td>
<td>See Figure 3 – Recommended Oil List.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Check control lever.</td>
<td>See “Control Lever Detent Force Adjustment”.</td>
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*NOTE: Clean the oil strainer screen and change the oil filter after the first 250 hours on new and rebuilt winches.
†Amount of oil may vary slightly with tractor.*

Figure 15 - Maintenance Schedule

Figure 15-1 - Oil Checking/Adding Points
Control Cable Adjustment

There are three configurations of operator controls normally used on the W8L winch. Adjustments of the three configurations are described in the following paragraphs. Check the operation of the power control lever to make sure it moves smoothly and will return to the BRAKE-ON position. The power control lever will stay in BRAKE-OFF when pushed into DETENT position. Make sure the control lever does not hit the housing at the end of its travel.

A. See Figure 16. Make sure the positions of the power control lever (Item 2) are the same as the position indicators on the control housing. Remove the two capscrews and raise the cover. Loosen the U-bolt (Item 4) that holds the power control cable (Item 5) in the housing to adjust the control lever.

Figure 16 - Control Cable Adjustments
B. See Figure 17. Make sure the positions of the power control lever are the same as the position indicators on the decal. Remove the access cover (Item 1) on the housing to make adjustments. Loosen the jam nut (Item 8) that keeps the tall nut (Item 3) from turning. Remove the cotter pin and link pin (Item 5) from the clevis (Item 2). Turn the tall nut and clevis to adjust the length of the control cable (Item 5). Use the link pin and cotter pin to connect the clevis to the control handle again and check the operation. When the adjustment is complete, install the access cover.
C. See Figure 18. Make sure the positions of the power control lever (Item 1) are the same as the position indicators on the decal. Loosen the U-bolt (Item 4) that holds the power control cable (Item 5) in place. Turn the jam nut (Item 3) to adjust the power control cable.
Tractor or Skidder Operation

**Step 1.** The tractor or skidder is moved to an area where a load will be connected. The operator moves the control lever to the **LINE-OUT** position so that the wire rope can be pulled from the winch drum.

**Step 2.** A load (logs) is connected to the wire rope. The operator moves the control level to the **BRAKE-ON** position.

Note: Black dots indicate the position of the control levers.
Step 3. The operator can move the control lever to the **LINE-IN** position. If the load is less than approximately 75% of the maximum line pull, the operator can begin traveling with the vehicle at the same time. The winch will wind the load toward the vehicle as it travels. If the load is nearly the capacity of the line pull, the operator must move the load close to the vehicle before beginning to travel.

Step 4. If the tractor or skidder must travel through an area with bad traction conditions, the operator can move the control lever to the **BRAKE-OFF** (DETENT) position. This procedure will permit the vehicle to move through the bad traction area without pulling the load at the same time.
Step 5. When the vehicle is on firm ground, the operator can move the control lever to **LINE-IN** position to pull the load toward the vehicle.

Step 6. When the operator wants to disconnect from the load, the vehicle is stopped and the control lever is moved to the **BRAKE-OFF** (DETENT) position to loosen the wire rope. The wire rope is then disconnected from the load.
Tractor or Skidder Operation

Step 1. The tractor or skidder is moved to an area where a load will be connected. The operator turns on the activation switch, and moves the control lever to the LINE-OUT position so that the wire rope can be pulled from the winch drum.

Step 2. A load (logs) is connected to the wire rope. The operator moves the control lever to the BRAKE-ON position.
Step 3. The operator can move the control lever to the **LINE-IN** position. If the load is less than approximately 75% of the maximum line pull, the operator can begin traveling with the vehicle at the same time. The winch will wind the load toward the vehicle as it travels. If the load is nearly the capacity of the line pull, the operator must move the load close to the vehicle before beginning to travel.

Step 4. If the tractor or skidder must travel through an area with bad traction conditions, the operator can move the control lever to the **BRAKE-OFF** (DETENT) position. This procedure will permit the vehicle to move through the bad traction area while keeping the wire rope tight, but without pulling the load at the same time.
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Step 5. When the vehicle is on firm ground, the operator can move the control lever to **LINE-IN** position to pull the load toward the vehicle.

Step 6. When the operator wants to disconnect from the load, the vehicle is stopped and the control lever is moved to the **BRAKE-OFF** position to loosen the wire rope. The wire rope is then disconnected from the load. At the end of the winch usage period, turn off the activation switch.
Intentionally Blank
How to Move a Disabled Vehicle

A. A vehicle equipped with a winch can be used to remove itself from mud or other areas where it cannot move using only the drive wheels or tracks. See Figure 19. Use the following procedure:

1. Fasten the winch wire rope to a structure, tow bar of another vehicle, or a tree that has enough strength for the line pull. The wire rope must be in a direction that is approximately parallel to the direction of travel of the vehicle.

2. Use the throttle to set the engine speed at a power level to operate both the winch and the tracks or drive wheels. (Operator experience is required, because the winch can use most of the engine power in some vehicles.)

3. Put the control lever in the LINE-IN position to tighten the winch wire rope. When the winch wire rope is tight, put the vehicle transmission in REVERSE* and engage the tracks or drive wheels. Use the power from the engine to the winch and tracks together to remove the vehicle from the bad area.

4. If the vehicle travels faster than the winch winds the wire rope, disengage the transmission until the winch wire rope is tightened again.

* NOTE: If the tracks or drive wheels on the vehicle stop turning, the torque converter in the transmission has stalled and the winch will stop also. If this happens, put the vehicle in neutral to operate the winch.
B. A tractor or skidder equipped with a winch can be used to pull another vehicle from mud or other areas where it cannot move using only the drive wheels or tracks. See Figure 20. Use the following procedure:

WARNING

Use extra care if the traction conditions are bad or if the vehicles are on a slope. Bad traction can cause the disabled vehicle or the tractor to slide. A slope can require additional distance to stop the vehicles.

Make sure the wire rope and tow chain have the capacity to do the job. If the disabled vehicle does not have a tow pin or other equipment for towing, carefully fasten the tow chain around the axle of the disabled vehicle. Make sure the tow chain is fastened so that the chain will not cause injury to people or damage the vehicle.

An operator must be on the disabled vehicle to operate the steering and brakes as it is towed.

1. Fasten the winch wire rope to the tow bar of the other vehicle. The wire rope must be in a direction that is approximately parallel to the direction of travel of the vehicle. Apply the brakes on the tractor or skidder. Use the throttle to set the engine speed at a power level to operate the winch. (Operator experience is required, because the winch can use most of the engine power in some vehicles.)

2. Put the control lever in the **LINE-IN** position to tighten the winch wire rope. When the winch wire rope is tight, use the power from the engine to the winch to pull the vehicle from the bad area. If the disabled vehicle moves under its own power, keep the towing wire rope tight so that the wire rope does not pass under the drive wheels or tracks of the vehicle being towed.
Working on a Steep Slope

WARNING

Death or equipment loss hazard.

A failure of the tractor, winch, wire rope, or anchor system while working on a steep slope can cause death or personal injury and loss of equipment.

Make sure the winch and the tractor are in good condition for the following procedures, and that all required maintenance has been done. Use only a wire rope that is in good condition. Make sure the wire rope and winch have enough capacity for the load. Make sure the anchor for the wire rope has enough capacity for the load.

Tractor is Down the Slope (See Figure 21).

Sometimes a tractor must work on a steep slope and can use a winch to give assistance when moving on the slope. Fasten the winch wire rope to the drawbar of another tractor, a structure or a tree that has enough strength to hold the tractor on the slope.

A. Moving down the slope:

1. Set the throttle on the tractor for the required engine speed.

2. Put the tractor in FORWARD. At the same time, move the winch control lever to a position between BRAKE-ON and LINE-OUT ( inching ) to control the speed of the tractor down the slope.
B. Moving up the slope:

1. Set the throttle on the tractor for the required engine speed.

2. Use the **LINE-IN** control lever to tighten the winch wire rope. When the winch wire rope is tight, put the tractor transmission in the FIRST speed range and **REVERSE** and engage the tracks or drive wheels. At the same time, move the control lever on the winch to **LINE-IN** position.

3. Use the steering on the tractor to keep the travel of the tractor in line with the winch wire rope.

4. Fully engage the **LINE-IN** clutch as necessary, and use minimal inching to prevent additional heat and wear. Do not permit the winch wire rope to loosen and pass under the drive wheels or tracks of the tractor.

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**Other Equipment is Down the Slope (See Figure 21).**

In this operation, the tractor and winch are on stable ground and other equipment is working on a steep slope. The winch is used to give additional control to the equipment working on the steep slope. A winch with a fairlead option is recommended for this operation if alignment of the other equipment with the winch and tractor is a problem.

Make sure the tractor and winch are on stable ground and will not slide when the load is applied. Align the tractor and winch with the load. Apply the parking brake on the tractor.
A. Lowering the equipment on the slope:

1. Set the throttle on the tractor for the required engine speed. Operator experience is required for this operation so that the load is carefully controlled.

2. Keep the winch wire rope tightened between the tractor and the equipment being lowered down the slope. Use the control lever in the LINE-OUT position to control the lowering of the equipment down the slope.

3. Move the control lever between LINE-OUT and BRAKE-ON positions if inching is required. Use minimum inching to prevent additional heat and wear.

B. Raising the equipment on the slope:

1. Set the throttle on the tractor for the required engine speed. Operator experience is required for this operation so that the load is carefully controlled.

2. Keep the winch wire rope tightened between the tractor and the equipment being raised up the slope. Use the control lever in the LINE-IN position to control the raising of the equipment up the slope.

3. Move the control lever between LINE-IN and BRAKE-ON positions if inching is required. Use minimal inching to prevent additional heat and wear.

4. Keep the equipment being raised in alignment with the winch and tractor. Do not permit the winch wire rope to loosen and pass under the drive wheels or tracks of the tractor.
Operational Differences, Optional Equipment

Fairlead

A fairlead consists of a set of top and bottom horizontal rollers and side rollers that the wire rope is fed through. With this attachment, if the direction of line pull is not within the small window of the fairlead, then the wire rope is pulled across one of the fairlead rollers instead of across the frame, thus protecting both the frame and the wire rope from excessive wear.

Stability of the tractor is affected somewhat by the fact that the fairlead rollers are more rearward than the drum, thus putting slightly more moment on the tractor during side pulls. The operator must take care to assure stability on slopes.

Drawbar

Do not use the drawbar as an anchor point for a two-part line from the winch. Loads applied to the drawbar are transmitted to the bolts holding the winch to the tractor. Drawbars are designed to handle pulls of 66% of winch rated capacity.

Optional Gear Ratios

Lower speed ratios allow better operator control of line speed. They may also allow the winch to pull in excess of wire rope or winch rated capacity. They do not increase the durability or damaging load limit of the winch. Line pulls in excess of rated capacity will dramatically reduce the life of winch components.
Description

Some W8L power controlled winches of very early production were equipped with an optional FREESPOOL function. The winch has an intermediate gear assembly that provides a gear reduction and increases the available torque at the winch drum. A sliding sleeve with splines engages the drum pinion gear and the intermediate gear. The operator can disengage the sliding sleeve with a control lever for the FREESPOOL operation when there is no load on the wire rope. When the control lever is in the FREESPOOL position, the sliding sleeve disengages the drum pinion gear from the intermediate gear. The gear train is disengaged from the clutch and the brake shaft so that the wire rope can be pulled from the drum by hand. Only the drum and drum pinion gear rotate when the wire rope is pulled from the drum during a FREESPOOL operation.

Figure 23 - FREESPOOL
Checks Before Operation

- Check that the cable and hook are not worn or damaged. Check that the periodic inspection and maintenance have been done at the recommended operating hours. (See Figure 15, Maintenance Schedule.)

- Check lever adjustment.

Checks During Operation

- Check FREESPOOL drag adjustment.

The Troubleshooting Chart at the end of this subsection can be used by the operator to identify a problem with the winch operation. A trained service person is needed for additional troubleshooting and repair that requires disassembly of parts of the winch.

Operating Procedures

When a winch is in FREESPOOL operation, the FREESPOOL control lever controls a sliding sleeve to disengage the drum from the gear train (see Figure 23), so the wire rope can be pulled from the winch by hand. The
Appendix A - FREESPOOL

WARNING

The control lever normally cannot be moved to the FREESPOOL position if there is a load on the wire rope. If enough force is used to disengage the gear train for the FREESPOOL operation, an uncontrolled release of the load will occur. Loss of the load can result in injury and damage.

The power control lever must be in the BRAKE-ON or BRAKE-OFF positions to operate the FREESPOOL control lever. When the FREESPOOL control lever is moved to the FREESPOOL position, the winch drum is disengaged from the gear train. The FREESPOOL operation permits the wire rope to be pulled from the winch drum by hand.

If the FREESPOOL control lever cannot be moved to engage the gear train for power operation, apply a clutch to move the gear train a small amount. This action will align the splines in the sliding sleeve so that the intermediate gear can be engaged.

FREESPOOL Drag Adjustment

The preload on the bearings of the intermediate shaft controls the resistance to rotation of the drum during the FREESPOOL operation. The resistance to rotation is correct when the drum can be rotated by hand, but the drum will not rotate more than one-half revolution freely.

On W8L winches with S/N 2033 and above, an adjusting screw is located in the center of the bearing retainer for the intermediate shaft; please refer to Figure 25. This screw can be tightened or loosened to adjust the preload on the intermediate shaft. The jam nut will maintain the FREESPOOL setting.
CAUTION

Bearing overload hazard.

Setting the preload on the intermediate shaft too tight will cause bearing overload.

Setting the preload too loose will allow shaft to not be parallel.

Use caution when adjusting. Start with the preload too loose, and gradually increase the preload until the correct resistance to rotation is achieved. Increase the preload by turning the adjusting screw by a maximum of 1/6 rotation (60 degrees), and striking the housing with a hammer to make sure the bearing is sliding. Check resistance to rotation after each adjustment.

Figure 25 - FREESPOOL Adjustments

1. Adjusting Nut
2. Jam Nut
Control Cable Adjustment

A. See Figure 26. Check that the positions of the FREESPOOL lever (Item 1) are the same as the position indicators on the control housing. Loosen the U-Bolt (Item 4) that holds the FREESPOOL control cable (Item 3) in the housing to adjust the control lever. The linkage and cable must be adjusted so that the FREESPOOL shifter mechanism will slide the drum pinion gear to both positions. Both positions have a detent. Install the cover when the adjustments are complete.
B. See Figure 27. Check that the positions of the FREESPOOL lever are the same as the position indicators on the decal. Remove the access cover on the housing. Loosen the nut that keeps the tall nut from turning. Remove the cotter pin and link pin from the clevis. Turn the tall nut and clevis to adjust the length of the control cable. Use the link pin and cotter pin to connect the clevis to the control handle again and check the operation. The linkage and cable must be adjusted so that the FREESPOOL shifter mechanism will slide the drum pinion gear to both positions. Both positions have a detent. When the adjustment is complete, tighten the tall nuts and install the cover.
C. See Figure 28. Check that the positions of the FREESPOOL lever (Item 1) are the same as the position indicators on the decal. Loosen the U-bolt that holds the FREESPOOL cable (Item 9) in place. Turn the jam nut to adjust the FREESPOOL cable. The linkage and cable must be adjusted so that the FREESPOOL shifter mechanism will slide the drum pinion gear to both positions. Both positions have a detent.
Step 1. The tractor or skidder is moved to an area where a load will be connected. The operator moves the control lever to the **LINE-OUT** position or the **FREESPOOL** control lever into **FREESPOOL** position so that the wire rope can be pulled from the winch drum.

Step 2. A load (logs) is connected to the wire rope. The operator moves the control level to the **BRAKE-ON** position and the **FREESPOOL** control lever to the **NORMAL OPERATION** position.
Step 3. The operator can move the control lever to the **LINE-IN** position. If the load is less than approximately 75% of the maximum line pull, the operator can begin traveling with the vehicle at the same time. The winch will wind the load toward the vehicle as it travels. If the load is nearly the capacity of the line pull, the operator must move the load close to the vehicle before beginning to travel.

Step 4. If the tractor or skidder must travel through an area with bad traction conditions, the operator can move the control lever to the **BRAKE-OFF** (DETENT) position. This procedure will permit the vehicle to move through the bad traction area without pulling the load at the same time.
Step 5. When the vehicle is on firm ground, the operator can move the control lever to **LINE-IN** position to pull the load toward the vehicle.

Step 6. When the operator wants to disconnect from the load, the vehicle is stopped and the control lever is moved to the **BRAKE-OFF** (DETENT) position or **LINE-OUT** position to loosen the wire rope. The wire rope is then disconnected from the load.
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