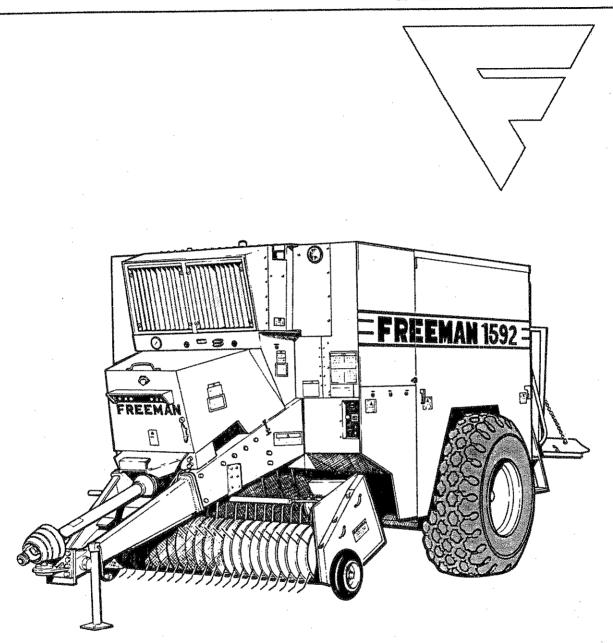
# FREEMAN



MODEL 1592 BALER

**OPERATOR / SERVICE MANUAL** 

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## **SAFETY!**

#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS!**

- KEEP ALL SHIELDS IN PLACE AND IN SERVICEABLE CONDITION. ENSURE SAFETY AND WARNING SIGNS AND DECALS ARE IN PLACE, PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND REPLACED AS NECESSARY.
- SHUT OFF TRACTOR, DISENGAGE PTO, LOCK TRACTOR TRANSMISSION AND/OR BRAKES BEFORE ADJUSTING, LUBRICATING, CLEANING OR SERVICING BALER.
- MAKE CERTAIN EVERYONE IS CLEAR OF THE BALER BEFORE ENGAGING PTO OR OPERATING BALER.
- AVOID WEARING LOOSE CLOTHING WHICH CAN EASILY BE CAUGHT IN MOVING PARTS.
- WHEN CLEARING FEEDER CHUTE AND THE FEEDER CRANK IS BEING OPERATED IN REVERSE. DO NOT RAISE THE PICKUP.
- KEEP HANDS, FEET AND CLOTHING AWAY FROM POWER DRIVEN PARTS.
- AT ALL TIMES, BE CONSIOUS OF FIRE DANGER. A WATER SUPPLY AND SHOVEL SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE. THE OPERATION OF THE BALER SHOULD COMPLY WITH LOCAL AND STATE FIRE CODES.
- USE APPROPRIATE SIGNS AND WARNING LIGHTS WHEN OPERATING ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS.
- AT ALL TIMES, KEEP THE MANUAL CONTROL CABLE IN A SAFE LOCATION AWAY FROM POWER DRIVEN PARTS.
- PERIODICALLY CHECK ALL NUTS AND BOLTS FOR TIGHTNESS.
- REMEMBER, SAFETY IS JUST A WORD UNTIL IT IS PRACTICED.

#### NOTE: SAFETY DECALS FALL INTO FOUR CATEGORIES

- INSTRUCTIONAL: GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AS TO OPERATION, PROCEDURES AND SERVICE. SIGNAL WORDS WILL BE ATTENTION, NOTICE, ETC.; WILL HAVE NO SAFETY-ALERT SYMBOLS AND WILL BE DIFFERENT IN APPEARANCE TO THOSE LISTED BELOW.
- CAUTION: GENERAL REMINDER OF GOOD SAFETY PRACTICE OR TO DIRECT ATTENTION TO UNSAFE PRACTICE. THE DECAL ON THE BALER WILL HAVE THE COLOR COMBINATION OF YELLOW AND BLACK.
- WARNING: DENOTES SPECIFIC POTENTIAL HAZARD. THE DECAL ON THE BALER WILL HAVE THE COLOR COMBINATION OF YELLOW AND BLACK.
- DANGER: DENOTES MOST SERIOUS POTENTIAL HAZARD. THE DECAL ON THE BALER WILL HAVE THE COLOR COMBINATION OF RED AND WHITE.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### Introduction:

The purpose of this manual is to assist the operator in maintaining and operating a Freeman Big Baler Model 1592. Please read it carefully as it provides important information and instructions that will help you achieve years of dependable equipment performance.

**NOTE:** Reference to left-hand and right-hand usage throughout this manual refers to the position when seated in the operator's seat, facing forward.

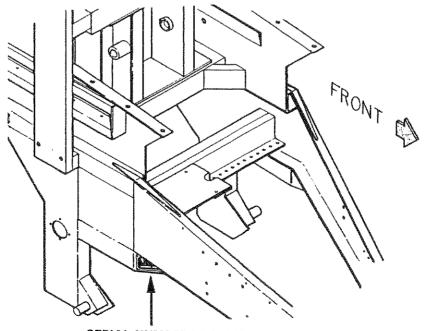
#### Replacement Parts:

Only genuine Freeman replacement parts should be used to service the baler. These parts are available from your authorized Freeman dealer. To ensure prompt and efficient service when ordering parts or requesting service repairs, remember to provide the dealer with the following information.

- 1. The correct part description or part number.
- 2. The model number of the baler.
- 3. The serial number of the baler.

#### Serial number location:

The serial number is very important in effectively transacting a parts order or service repair with the dealer. Use the serial number in all correspondence to ensure proper identification of your Freeman baler. The serial number is located on the right front tongue brace as shown.



SERIAL NUMBER LOCATION



CAUTION: SOME PICTURES AND ILLUSTRATIONS IN THIS OPERATOR'S MANUAL SHOW THE BALER WITHOUT SAFETY SHIELDS TO ALLOW FOR A BETTER VIEW OF THE AREA BEING ADDRESSED. THE BALER SHOULD NEVER BE OPERATED WITH ANY OF THE SAFETY SHIELDS REMOVED.

# GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE FREEMAN 1592 BIG BALER

The Freeman 1592 Big Baler is a high density mechanical baler operated by an electrically controlled hydraulic system. The 1592 can handle the toughest jobs including the baling of Alfalfa, Coastal Bermuda, Sudan, Haylage and comstalks.

The hydraulically driven components of the 1592 Big Baler make it unique in the agricultural baling industry. A system of electrical components, relays and switches, control the hydraulic functions as they need to occur. Three separate hydraulic systems are interconnected by valving and electrical signals to allow the machine to produce solid, uniform bales with a minimum of operator effort. This state-of-the-art design will provide years of dependable service and low operating cost.

The baling process begins as the product enters the baler by means of a conventional rotating pick-up. The pick-up delivers material directly to the feed chute. Material is then pushed further into the feed chute by the continuously rotating feeder, a three throw crank shaft with cantilevered fork tines.

The feed fork then carries material from the feeder into the bale forming chamber. When an adequate volume of material is delivered to the bale chamber by the feed fork, the feed sensor mounted on the top of the bale chamber signals the feed fork to stop, thus holding the material up in the bale chamber. At the instant the feed fork stops at its top dead center position the plunger begins to extend, compressing the product.

While the plunger extends, pressure required to compress the material increases. This increase occurs because the bale density system applies pressure to the top and sides of the forming bale. (The density system will exert pressure on the forming bale until the bale plunger pressure reaches that preset by the operator to yield the

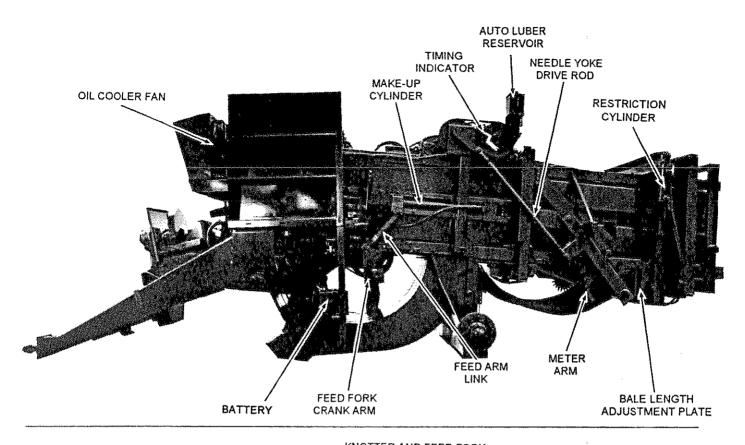
desired bale density). At this point, density pressure is modulated to maintain the desired forming pressure on the extruding bale. The maximum hydraulic pressure available for forming the bale is 6,500 psi. The plunger reaches the end of its travel and is signaled to return. As the plunger returns, the feed fork starts its cycle, the plunger reaches the home position and the feed fork once again will carry material into the bale chamber. The density control system applies pressure to the forming bale only while the plunger is extending. This complete cycle requires approximately three seconds to occur.

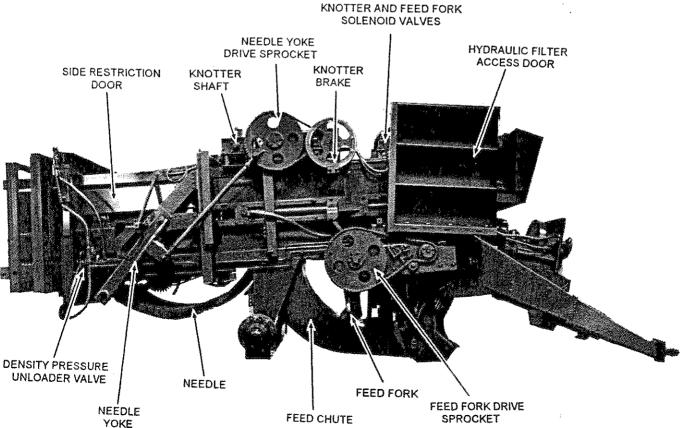
During the tying process, as a bale moves through the chamber, the length of the bale is measured by a metering wheel located in the bottom of the chamber. When an adequate bale length is achieved, a switch signals the control circuitry to begin a tie cycle. The plunger advances as during normal baling. Upon reaching the fully extended position the plunger begins to return and the knotter assembly begins to operate. While the knotter is in operation, the plunger may stop briefly at a preset point to allow the knotter to complete the first half of its cycle. When the knotter has completed the first half of the tying process the plunger will continue to return, the feed fork will start and the knotter continues to operate, completing the tying cycle. This cycle also occurs in approximately three seconds.

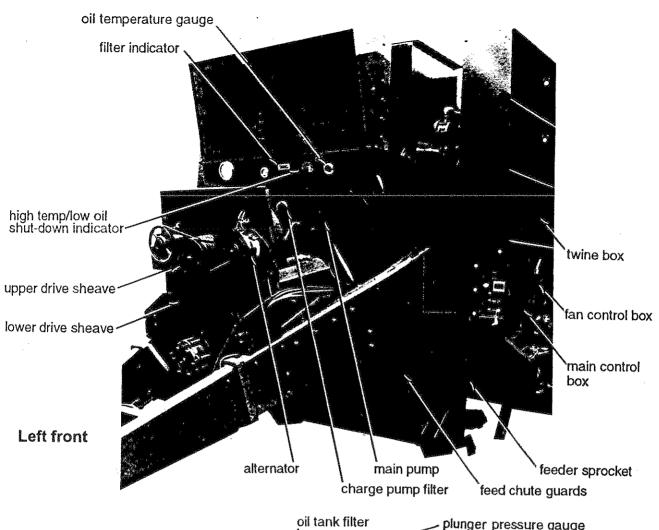
The 1592 baler is fully automatic. Bale lengths and bale densities are adjustable. Six heavy duty knotters secure the bale with 370 pound knot strength twine, (recommended). Individual knot sensors monitor the tying system. To ease service and maintenance each function of the baler can be operated manually, either in forward or reverse. Pressure relief valves protect the baler's systems from overload. Relief valves eliminate the need for shear bolts. These features add up to make the Freeman 1592 baler a very efficient and reliable machine.

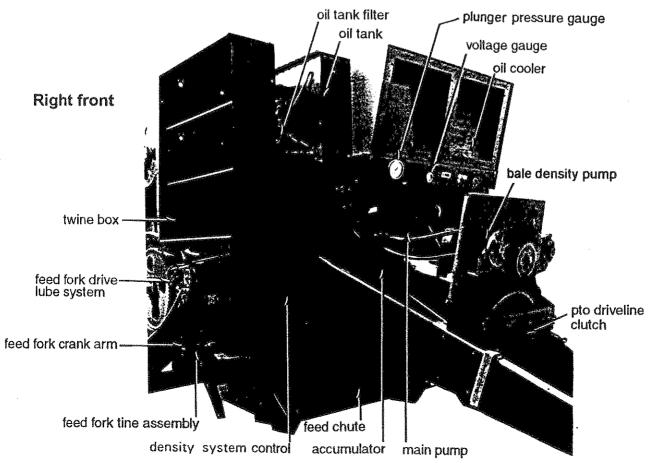
# **SPECIFICATIONS**

GENERAL:	
working length with bale chute	30' 0" (9144 mm)
	10' 2" (3048 mm)
	9' 8" (2946 mm)
	23.1 x 26"
	22,200 lbs. (10,070 kg)
	up to 45 tons per hour (41 metric tons)
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TRACTOR REQUIREMENTS:	A A CO PROMISE AND 3 F PROM
	140 PTO HP or greater recommended
	single remote
electrical	ASE seven pin connector
DRIVE SYSTEM:	
	1000 RPM
	clutches and pressure relief valves
	80 GPM
	radiator with automatic reversing electric fan
	Addition with automatio to voloting crootile fair
PICKUP:	
	93" (2362 mm)
	105" (2667 mm)
	hydraulic drive
protection	slip and overrunning clutches
pickup lift	hydraulic cylinder
FEED SYSTEM:	
	three crank crankshaft
	6 tapered roller bearings
	reversible hydraulic drive
	reversible hydraulic drive
reed fork drive system	Teversible Hydraulic drive
PLUNGER:	
speed	to 21 strokes per minute
drive	4" (101.6 mm) bore hydraulic cylinder
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TYING MECHANISM:	
	6 heavy duty twine knotters
	7" (178 mm)
	automatic oil lubrication system
	18 balls
twine type	plastic 370 lbs. (168 kg) knot strength
BALE CHAMBER:	
	46" (1168 mm)
	adjustable up to 9' (2743 mm) up to 1,600 lbs. (726 kg)
balo weight	up to 1,000 tbs. (120 kg)
BALE CHAMBER DENSITY CONTROL:	
	adjustable hydraulic density control
	4 hydraulic cylinders
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## **LUBRICATION / SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Only through timely service, maintenance and making the proper adjustments can you realize the optimum performance and long life expected from this equipment. Follow these recommended service checks at their suggested intervals to maximize the baler's performance and service life.

#### MAIN SYSTEM HYDRAULIC OIL:

Chevron AW-46 or equivalent

#### **GREASE FITTINGS:**

Multi-purpose grease

#### **AUTOMATIC AUTO LUBER:**

SAE 80 GL5 gear oil

#### PUMP DRIVE COUPLING LUBRICANT:

NGLI Rating #2 Lithium base lubricant. Base oil viscosity 900-2, 150 SUS at 100° F. (200-470 cSt at 38° C). Minimum dropping point 374° F (190° C). Maximum thickener content 11 percent. Minimum Timken rating 40 lbs. (18 kg). (See page 38 for grease instructions)



## **CHECK / SERVICE EVERY 4 HOURS:**

- Lube PTO shaft, u-joints and covers (4) (See page 10)
- Lube feed fork arm bearings (4)
- Lube feed fork link bearings (4)
- Lubricate knot sensor pivots (6)
- · Check hydraulic tank level



### CHECK / SERVICE DAILY:

- Check chain oilers
- Lube PTO overrunning clutch
- Lube needle yoke pivot bearings (2)
- Lube needle yoke drive connecting rod ends (4)
- · Check oil level in knotter luber tank
- · Lube plunger rollers
- Blow clean with compressed air (NOTE: Do not steam clean)
- Lube ball hitch



## **CHECK / SERVICE WEEKLY:**

Lube pickup overrunning clutch



## **CHECK / SERVICE EVERY 80 HOURS:**

- Lube main pump drive coupler (See page 38 & 39)
- Lube bearings upper flywheel drive shaft (2)
- Lube bearings lower (primary) drive shaft (2)
- · Check belts (Check new belts at 8 hours)
- Lube feed sensor shaft (1)
- Check battery water (Electrolyte)
- · Check tire inflation
- Check wheel fasteners



## **CHECK / SERVICE EVERY 250 HOURS:**

 Change pump filter (Freeman FIL0164056) (Located on top of main Sunstrand pump)



## CHECK / SERVICE EVERY 500 HOURS:

- · Check knotter brake adjustment
- · Check / clean battery terminals



## **CHECK / SERVICE ANNUALLY:**

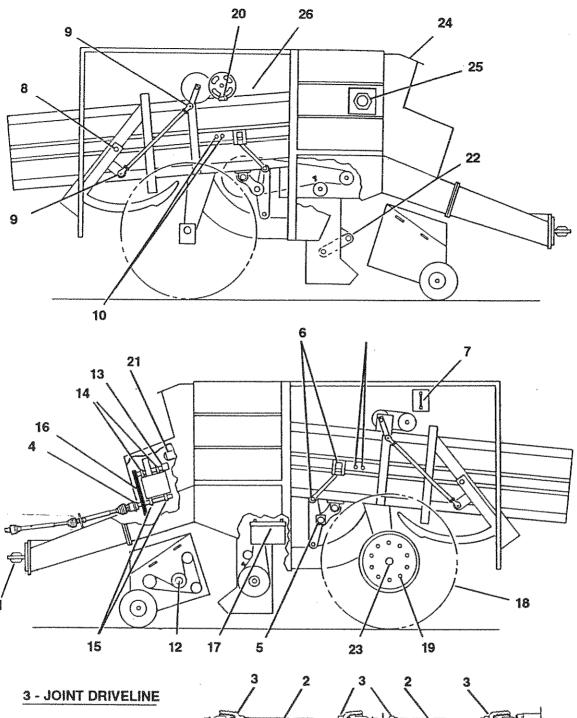
- Lube feeder crank journals (3)
   (Lube until grease is visible at breather)
- Change system hydraulic oil
- Change oil tank filters (or as indicated by filter condition indicator) (See page 39)
- Lube needle yoke crank shaft bearings (3)
- Repack wheel bearings



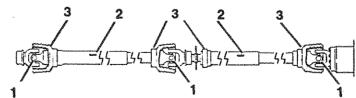
## CHECK / SERVICE - END OF SEASON:

- See page 39 for storage information
- Check drive / accessory belts tension and condition
- Check hydraulic accumulator (150 psi nitrogen charge)
- Prepare equipment for off season storage

## **LUBRICATION / SERVICE**



- 1. PTO universal joints
- 2. PTO sliding spline
- 3. PTO covers



- 4. PTO overrunning clutch
- 5. Feed fork arm bearings
- 6. Feed fork link bearings
- 7. Knotter oil tank level
- 8. Needle yoke pivot bearings
- 9. Needle yoke rod ends
- 10. Plunger rollers
- 11. Ball hitch

- 12. Pickup overrunning clutch
- 13. Main pump drive coupler
- 14. Upper drive shaft bearings
- 15. Lower drive shaft bearings
- 16. Drive belts
- 17. Battery (terminal/electrolyte)
- 18. Tires (inflation)
- 19. Wheel fasteners (torque)

- Knotter brake adjuster
- Main pump (charge) filter 21.
- Feeder crank journal bearings 22.
- Wheel bearings 23.
- Hydraulic oil
- 25. Hydraulic oil tank filter
- 26. Feed sensor shaft

## LIMITED WARRANTY

J.A. Freeman & Son, inc. guarantees all new equipment manufactured by them to be free from defects in material and workmanship for one year from date of delivery or first use by the retail purchaser, except for designated stationary products, I.E., Freeman water extractors and stationary balers which will carry a 90 day limited warranty. One copy of the "EQUIPMENT DELIVERY AND WARRANTY REGISTRATION", must be correctly completed and returned to J. A. Freeman & Son, Inc. in order to validate the warranty. The obligation under this warranty is limited to the replacement or repair at our Portland, Oregon factory or at a point designated by us of such parts that appear to us, upon inspection, to have been defective in material or workmanship.

J.A. Freeman & Son's, Inc. obligation under this warranty is limited to repairing or replacing, at its option, any part that in J.A. Freeman & Son's, Inc. judgement is defective when returned to the factory.

The provisions of this warranty shall not apply to any equipment which has been subject to missuse, negligence, alteration or accident, or which shall have been repaired with parts other than those obtained through J.A. Freeman & Son, Inc.

Except as set forth, J.A. Freeman & Son, Inc. shall not be liable for injuries or damages of any kind or nature, direct, consequential, or contingent, to person or property. This warranty does not extend to loss of crops, loss because of delay or loss incurred for labor, supplies, substitute machinery, rental or for any other reason.

J.A. Freeman & Son, Inc. makes no warranties whatsoever in respect to tires, engines, alternators, batteries, or other trade accessories in as much as they are usually warranteed by their respective manufacturures.

NOTE: J.A. Freeman & Son, inc. reserves the right to make improvements in design or changes in specifications without notice at any time and without incurring any obligation to owners of units previously sold.

NOTE: The equipment registration report must be correctly completed and returned to J.A. Freeman & Son, Inc. in order to validate the limited warranty.

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## **PREPARATION**

#### Attaching baler to tractor:

- 1. Before attaching the baler to the tractor make sure the baler is securely resting on a level place. The baler must be powered by a tractor with minumum of 140 horsepower at 1,000 RPM PTO. Note, adverse conditions such as soft ground or hilly terrain may require greater horsepower for maximum performance.
- 2. The front drawbar hitch on the baler can be adjusted up or down or inverted 180°, see **Fig. 1**, to achieve proper alignment with the tractor drawbar. The distance from the bottom of the baler hitch mount to the ground should be 17"  $\pm$  1". Ensure all fasteners are tightened and in their proper position.

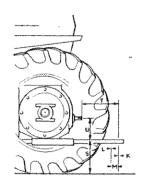


Fig. 1

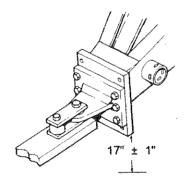


Fig. 2

- 3. The baler can be equipped or modified as required to work with tractors using either a 1 3/8" or 1 3/4" diameter PTO shaft. The tractor drawbar must be adjusted to provide the proper distance from the end of the tractor PTO shaft to the center of the hitch pin. Follow the SAE standards in Fig 2 and Table 1 for correct adjustment of the tractor drawbar.
- 4. When the baler is connected to the tractor, the PTO drivelines can now be installed and properly adjusted. The correct driveline adjustment is achieved by positioning the carrier bearing support bracket either forward, back, up or down. (See Fig. 3). The rear (baler) driveline fits either size front driveline.

TABLE 1

DIMENSIONS ASSOCIATED WITH TRACTOR DRAWBAR AND POWER TAKE-OFF		
	1 3/8" DIA.	1 3/4" DIA.
K Hitch pin hole diameter	13/16"	1 5/16"
L Auxiliary hole diameter	11/16"	11/16*
M Auxiliary hole spacing	4"	4*
S Height of drawbar with		
popular sized tire:		
Min.	13"	13"
Max.	22*	22*
T End of PTO shaft to center		
of hitch pin hole		
U Top of drawbar to PTO	16"	50,
centerline		
Preferred	8*	10"
Min.	6*	8*
Max.	12"	12*

5. The PTO shaft bearing mount angles, ANG0027391, are designed to be used with either size (1 3/8" or 1 3/4") drivelines. The 3" flange angle bolts to the baler tongue side plates while the 2 1/2" leg mounts the carrier bearing support bracket, MNT0028883. With the 3" flange towards the front of the baler, dimension 'A' is 19", with angle flanges towards rear of baler, dimension 'A' is 15". (See Fig. 3). (See parts manual page 27 for parts description).

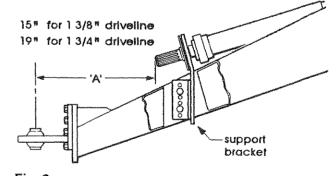


Fig. 3

- Assemble rear driveline to the baler clutch and the carrier bearing support. Install the front driveline between the bearing support and the tractor PTO shaft, making sure the proper diameter shaft has been selected.
- 7. The drivelines must be adjusted so the angle of the tractor u-joint, 'A' Fig. 4, and the angle of the center u-joint, 'B' Fig. 4, are equal. To achieve equal angles at 'A' and 'B', adjust the vertical position of the carrier bearing support bracket. If, after repositioning the support bracket, the angles are not equal, select the bracket position that allows the closest angle setting. The objective is, to achieve as closely as possible, equal angles as described above while keeping the angle of the u-joint at the slip clutch to a minimum.

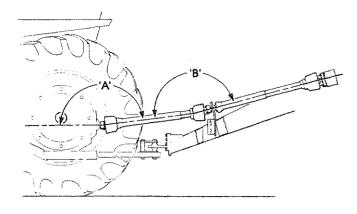


Fig. 4

8. If equal angles are achieved at 'A' and 'B', (Fig. 4), either driveline phasing, (alignment of u-joint yokes), illustrated in Fig. 5 is acceptable. If the angles cannot be made equal, then reposition the driveline yokes as shown. If the angle at 'B' is greater than at 'A', phase the driveline yokes as shown in Fig. 5, (E). If angle at 'A' is greater than the angle at 'B', phase the yokes as shown in Fig. 5, (D).

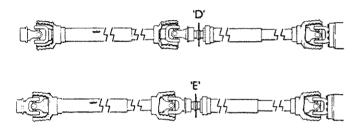


Fig. 5

- 9. When all adjustments have been properly completed, ensure that the driveline does not interfere with the tractor drawbar, PTO shields or baler drawbar. On a level surface, pull the baler and turn the tractor left or right until the rear wheel of the tractor is nearly touching the baler drawbar. Attach baler PTO driveline to tractor PTO shaft. Ensure driveline does not bind or interfere with the baler hitch.
- 10. Connect the baler pickup lift hydraulic lines to the tractor remote hydraulic ports. Be certain connecting ends are free of dirt and foreign matter.
- 11. Connect the 7-wire trailer cable from baler to the SAE socket on the tractor.
- 12. Route the STOP / REVERSE control rope and fasten it to a position accessable for the operator during operation.

#### Wheel nut torque and tire inflation pressure:

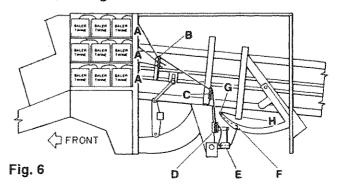
1. Ensure the rear wheel nuts are torqued to 450 ft. lbs. Do not lubricate wheel nuts. After the nuts have

been torqued, tow the baler 1/2 mile and recheck the nuts for proper torque. CAUTION: Do not overinflate tires.

2. Inflate 12 ply tires to 28 psi., 16 ply to 36 psi. Inflate pickup tires (4.00 x 8) to 40 psi.

#### Twine installation and threading:

- 1. Load 18 boxes of twine into twine boxes, (9 on each side). Note, we suggest using Bridon SR-370 Growers Choice polypropylene baler twine or equivalent.
- 2. Route twine through the three guides (located top, center and bottom) on the rear of the twine box, see (A). Fig. 6.
- 3. Route twine through the guides near the middle of the chamber, (B); and through the guides mounted forward of the baler tires near the bottom of the chamber, (C); then, through the guides just above the baler axle, (D); see **Fig. 6**.
- 4. Route twine through the guides located near the twine tensioners, (E); proceed pulling the twine through the tensioners, see Fig. 33. The three twines from the left twine box are to be routed through the right hand side of the twine tensioner and the three twines from the right hand twine box go through the left hand side of the twine tensioner. This crossover at the tensioner will prevent the twine from rubbing on the axle support leg. Note: A button hook is useful to pull twine through the twine tensioners.
- 5. Thread the twine through the needle rollers, (F), see Fig. 6, located 22 inches from the tip of the needles; then through the needle eyes, (G), located at the tip of the needles.
- 6. Tie each twine to the cross member located above the twine tensioners on the bottom of the chamber, (H). Each twine should be individually tied directly above the twine tensioner through which it is threaded.
- 7. Once the needles have cycled and the knotters are loaded with twine, remove the twine ends from the crossmember, (H); then, manually pull the knot sensor fingers, located on top of the chamber underneath the knotters, see Fig. 14.

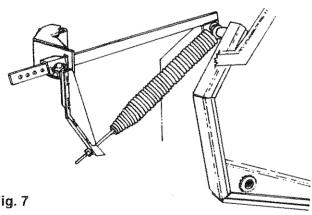


## **OPERATION**

#### Field start up procedure:

With the baler properly attached to the tractor, proceed with the following steps:

- 1. Before operating the baler, make sure the hydraulic oil tank is filled with Chevron AW 46 hydraulic oil or equivalent. The breather on top of the tank maintains up to 10 PSI. Do not replace the cap with any other pressure rated cap. The oil level can be determined by the sight/temperature gauge on the front of the hydraulic oil tank, see Fig. 52. Appearance of the oil in the sight gauge should be clear, not cloudy or dirty. Coloring agents used by oil manufacturers vary from light brown to purple.
- 2. Ensure the knotter luber oil tank is filled with SAE 80 GL5 gear oil.
- 3. Lower the pickup to the baling position and make sure the pickup fingers do not dig into the ground while operating. Adjust the maximum pickup depth with the depth stop, see Fig. 7.



- Fig. 7
- 4. Make sure the knotters are properly threaded with Bridon SR-370 polypropylene baler twine or equivalent and that the twine boxes are full.
- 5. With the tractor RPM at low speed and with baler power switch "OFF", gently engage the tractor PTO. Slowly increase the tractor to 500 PTO RPM.
- 6. Be sure the needle yoke is in home position and if not, return it to home position with the manual control. (See manual control section) NOTE: DO NOT **EXCEED 500 PTO RPM SPEED WHEN OPERATING** THE NEEDLE YOKE WITH THE MANUAL CONTROL.
- Turn the baler power switch to the "ON" position and set the control mode switch to the "AUTO" position.

#### Operating the baler:

The baler should be allowed a warm up period before actually baling. During this warm up period operate the PTO at approximately 500 RPM. The control mode switch should be in the "AUTO" position. Hydraulic oil temperature must be a minimum of 32° F (0° C) before baling.

The 1592 will be most efficient when operated at peak capacity. Greatest bale density is obtained by providing many small feeds to each bale. Peak production capacity of the baler will not necessarily be achieved by producing bales of highest obtainable density. For information pertaining to feed rates, density control and bale length, refer to sections of this book covering feed sensor adjustment, density adjustment and bale length adjustment.

To begin baling, increase PTO speed to 1,000 RPM. Move baler over the windrow and proceed forward. Ideal ground speed should provide the baler enough material to activate the plunger with every cycle of the feedfork or about 21 times per minute. Rough ground conditions that limit travel speed, or uneven windrows will have little effect on bale quality because the 1592 plunger is activated only when the chamber is full.

Excessive feed rate and may cause the feeder or feedfork to stall. The operator can unplug the first feeder by simply pulling the control rope and reversing the feeder.



**IMPORTANT!** DO NOT OPERATE FEED CRANK IN REVERSE WITH PICKUP IN FULL RAISED POSITION.

#### Manual control:

The 1592 baler is equipped with a manual control system. This allows the operator to control the feed fork, plunger and knotters independently. This feature is to be used when servicing, adjusting or unplugging the machine.

To operate the manual control, set the control mode switch, see Fig. 8, to the manual position. Plug the remote cable into one of the six sockets on the control panel. Each socket controls a baler function in either forward or reverse. The tractor PTO should be oper-



IMPORTANT! KEEP PERSONNEL AWAY FROM MACHINE WHILE USING MANUAL OP-ERATOR PENDANT.

#### Manual control: (Con't)

-ated at or below 500 RPM while operating the baler manually. Push the button on the manual operator pendant (MOP), to activate the desired from n.

Certain manual functions are limited in operation. This helps prevent damage to machine components.

- The plunger will not advance if the needle yoke is away from its home position.
- The needle yoke and knotter assembly will not operate in reverse through a portion of its total cycle.

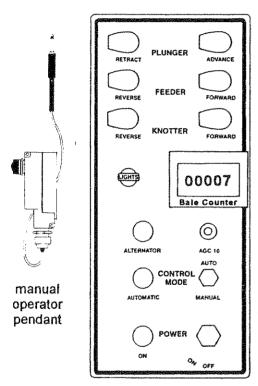


Fig. 8



CAUTION: WHEN USING THE MANUAL OPERATOR PENDANT (MOP):

- . DO NOT EXCEED 500 RPM PTO SPEED.
- . CHECK FOR SAFE OPERATION.
- WHEN THE KNOTTERS ARE ACTIVATED, THE NEEDLES WILL OPERATE.

#### Stop / reverse control rope:

The baler is equipped with a stop/reverse control rope, see A, Fig. 9, which is attached to a three-way valve, (B). Its function is to reverse the feeder system to facilitate service or cleaning the feed chute. Its operation is as follows:

WITH THE ROPE IN THE RELAXED POSITION:
 The pickup and feeder will operate in the normal baling mode.

- WITH THE ROPE PULLED HALF WAY: The pickup and feeder will stop.
- WITH THE ROPE PULLED FULL DISTANCE:
   The feeder will reverse while the pickup remains stopped.

#### Unplugging the feeder:

If the feeder should become plugged, pull the stop/ reverse rope the full distance to reverse the feeder. This allows the hay or foreign material to be ejected from the baler. It may take two or three cycles of this process to unplug the feeder.

After the feeder is cleared, reduce feed rate, if necessary, to prevent over-feeding the baler.



IMPORTANT! DO NOT OPERATE FEEDER CRANK IN REVERSE WITH PICKUP IN FULL RAISED POSITION.

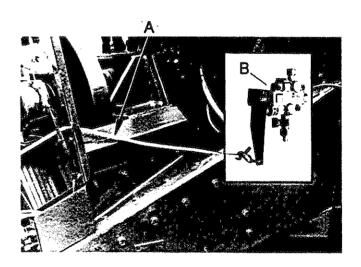


Fig. 9

#### Unplugging the feed fork:

If the feed fork should become stalled due to a plugged feed chute, proceed with the following steps to clear the obstruction.

- 1. Check the position of the needle yoke and ensure it is in the rest, (fully retracted), position. Use the manual operators pendant to reposition the needle yoke if necessary.
- 2. Set the control mode switch to manual. Use the manual operator pendant to extend the plunger in order to clear the feed section of the chamber. Fully extend the plunger.
- 3. Set the control mode switch to automatic. This will cause the plunger to return and start the feed fork operating. The remaining material in the feed chute

#### Unplugging the feed fork: (Con't)

be moved into the chamber if the feed fork reaches top dead center (TDC). If the quantity of material is sufficient, the plunger will activate.

- 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 as necessary.
- 5. Resume baling and adjust feed rate to prevent plugging.



**CAUTION:** KNOTTERS MAY CYCLE WHEN THE SWITCH IS TURNED TO AUTOMATIC.

#### Bale density:

Bale density is regulated by applying pressure to the top and sides of the forming bale. Four hydraulic cylinders exert force on the top and side restriction rails. These hydraulic cylinders are pressurized by a pump mounted on the main drive assembly at the front of the baler. This pump maintains a constant but variable pressure applied to the bale as it is being formed. An increase or decrease in bale density is accomplished by regulating this pressure during the advance of the plunger. The amount of restriction on the bale being formed affects the amount of plunger pressure required to compress and move the bale through the machine.

The maximum obtainable baling pressure generated by the plunger drive system is controlled by the density control system. An adjustable valve is provided to control plunger pressure. Pilot pressure from the plunger drive system signals the bale density system to regulate pressure on the restriction rails during plunger advance. This pressure will be held until the plunger begins its next advance at which time full density pressure will again be applied to the restriction cylinders.

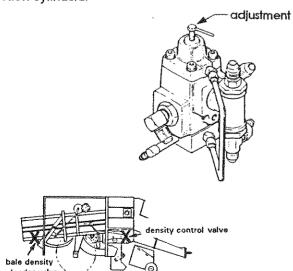


Fig. 10

#### Bale density adjustment:

Plunger pressure indicated by the plunger pressure gauge is relative to bale density. Most baling operations require plunger pressure in the 3,800 to 4,500 PSI range.

The density pressure unloader valve located on the right rear of the machine, (Fig. 10), is equipped with an adjusting screw to allow the operator to make changes in bale density. Turning the adjusting screw clockwise will increase bale density. A counterclockwise adjustment will reduce bale density. Observe changes in plunger pressure after each adjustment of the unloader valve. Several plunger strokes may be necessary to normalize the pressure setting.

#### Bale length:

The bale length adjustment mechanism, (Fig. 11), is located on the left rear side near the service ladder. Bale length is measured by a meter wheel as material moves through the bale chamber. The meter wheel rotates and raises the meter arm until LS11 is activated. While the knotters operate tying the bale, the meter arm is reset and the process begins again. The distance the meter arm travels from the reset position to the point where LS11 is activated determines bale length. Total meter arm travel is controlled by moving the bale adjustment bar up or down.



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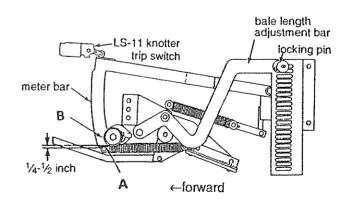


Fig. 11

## Adjusting the bale length:

Pull the locking pin outward to unlock the bale length adjustment bar. Move the bar up to increase bale length or down to decrease bale length. Each adjustment slot selects a different bale length. Push the locking pin in to lock the bar into the selected position. Any change of adjustment will affect the length of the next bale started.

#### Cleaning the bale chamber:

For ease of cleaning baled material from the chamber, a valve can be closed to prevent pressure from being applied to the restriction rails. This valve is located at the right front corner of the baler. Follow the steps listed below to clear the bale chamber.

- 1. Turn the ball valve to the "CLOSED" position, see Fig. 12.
- 2. Switch the baler control mode to "MANUAL"; increase RPM's. With the manual operator pendant, fully extend the plunger. Operate the control momentarily stalling the plunger at the end of its stroke. This will cause density pressure to be released from the restriction cylinders. Return the control mode switch to the "AUTO" position.
- 3. Operate the baler to produce one soft, light bale that is easy to remove from the bale chamber.



**CAUTION:** DISENGAGE TRACTOR PTO AND LOCK TRACTOR BRAKES AND / OR TRANSMISSION BEFORE CLEANING THE BALE CHAMBER.

- 4. Clean out the bale chamber.
- 5. After cleaning the bale chamber, turn the ball valve to the "OPEN" position, see Fig. 12. NOTE: Failure to do so will result in lack of density pressure.

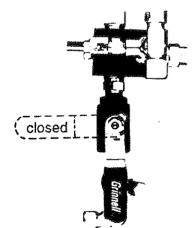


Fig. 12

#### Knot sensor operation:

The knot sensor alerts the operator of a mistie on any of the six knotters.

While the knotter is cycling, the twine finger sets the knot sensor indicators. After a knotter has completed its tying cycle and the bale advances two or three plunger strokes, a properly tied knot will pull the sensor finger causing the indicator lights located on the front of the baler to go out. See Fig. 13.

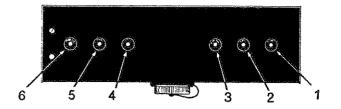


Fig. 13

In the event of a mistie, the appropriate indicator will remain lit. To turn the indicator light off, you must manually pull the knot sensor finger rearward, see Fig. 14. Care must be taken to ensure that the roller on the under side of the twine finger does not accidently fall behind, (left side), the upper leg of the sensor finger. See diagram below.



NOTE: THE KNOT SENSOR FINGER MUST BE MANUALLY PULLED REARWARD IF A KNOT HAS BEEN MISTIED AND/OR NEW TWINE IS BEING INSTALLED OR RETHREADED THROUGH THE SYSTEM, OR IF STARTING WITH AN EMPTY BALE CHAMBER.

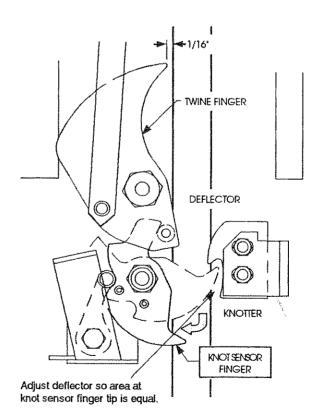


Fig. 14

NOTE: The knot sensor finger must be manually pulled rearward if a knot has been mistied and/or new twine is being installed ar rethreaded through the system or if starting with an empty bale chamber.

## **ADJUSTMENTS / MAINTENANCE**

#### Knotter timing adjustment:

NOTE: Knotters, as well as the complete vehicle, are viewed based on sitting in the tractors seat looking forward. Knotters are viewed from left to right.

- 1. Use the manual operator pendant, (MOP), to advance the knotter until the head of the needle yoke drive rod bolt is centered on the rear edge of the RH shaft support bracket, see Fig. 15.
- 2. Loosen and disconnect the knotter shaft drive chain.
- 3. Use a prybar to advance the knotter in order to align the timing pointer located on the sprocket with the timing mark as illustrated in **Fig. 16**.
- 4. Reinstall the knotter shaft drive chain located on the left side of the baler so that after properly tensioned, the timing mark will be within the flat on the end of the timing pointer, see Fig. 16. This is home position.

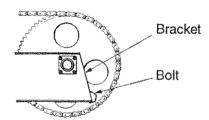


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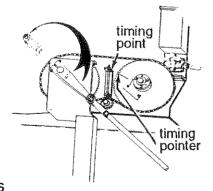


Fig. 16

1. Clear the bale chamber of all baling material. Use the manual operator pendant to jog the needles up through the bale chamber until the needle eye is next to the knotter frame, see Fig. 17. NOTE: Check to see that the base of the needles are centered with the bottom chamber needle slots. Adjustment is made by loosening the botts at the needle mounts and repositioning the needle.

2. With the needle eye next to the knotter frame, the needles should be adjusted left or right so that there is 0 to 1/32" clearance between the knotter frame and the side of the needles. To adjust, the needles can be moved left or right 1/16" by moving the needle at the needle yoke anchors. NOTE: DO NOT MOVE THE BASE OF THE NEEDLE MORE THAN 1/16" IN EITHER DIRECTION FROM THE BOTTOM NEEDLE SLOT CENTER. If additional adjustment is needed, retract the needles far enough so that they clear the inside of the top needle slots of the bale chamber and pry them left or right with a long leverage bar.

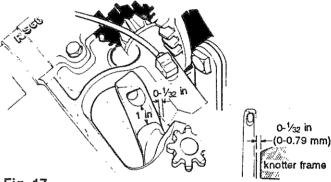


Fig. 17

3. With the needle eye directly over the twine disc, the needles should clear the twine disc by 1/8", see Fig. 18.

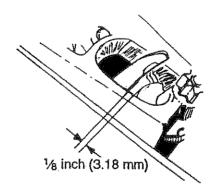


Fig. 18

NOTE: To increase the distance between the needle and the twine disc, loosen the upper and tighten the lower needle anchor bolts on the needle yoke, see Fig. 19. To decrease the clearance, reverse the procedure.

4. Use the manual operator pendant to advance the needles to the uppermost position. The distance from the bottom of the needle eye to the twine disc should be 4 3/4 to 5", see Fig. 20.

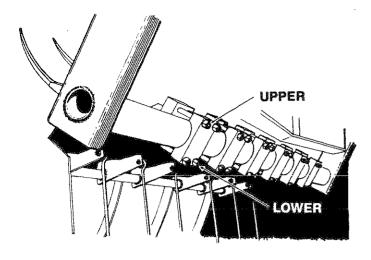
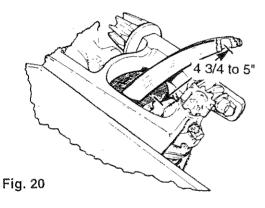


Fig. 19



5. Adjust the needle height by loosening the lock nuts on the needle yoke drive rods, see Fig. 21. Turn the rods to the right or left for the desired setting. Be sure both are adjusted for equal load at top dead center.

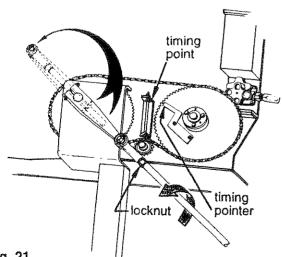


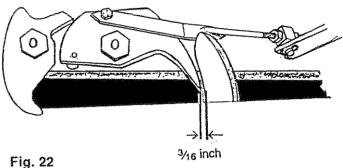
Fig. 21

Check the twine finger adjustment after adjusting needles.

#### Twine finger adjustment:

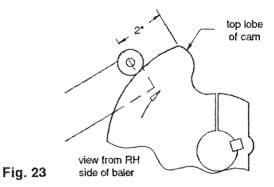
The twine finger guides the twine into the twine holder and bill hook.

1. Use the manual operator pendant to advance the knotter until the point of the twine finger is just passing the inside edge of the needle. The point of the twine finger should clear the needle 3/16", see Fig. 22.

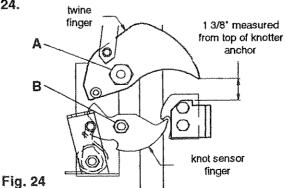


NOTE: This adjustment is made by loosening the twine finger anchor bolt, (A), and knot sensor finger pivot bolt, (B), and sliding the assembly toward the front or back in the slotted holes in the bale chamber top, see Fig. 24. Retighten bolts after adjustment.

2. Use the manual operator pendant to advance the knotter until the twine fingers reach the most rearward point of travel and the cam rollers are positioned as in Fig. 23



3. Adjust the twine finger drive rods so the tips of the twine fingers are set to the dimension shown in Fig. 24.



4. Next rotate the knotter assembly until the cam rollers are off the cam surface as shown in Fig. 25. At this point, push the twine fingers by hand toward the needle slots to take up the slack in the assembly. Adjust so the twine finger tips are 1/16" minimum, some may be more, from the left edge of the needle slots as shown in Fig. 26. Make this adjustment with the stop bolts, both LH and RH, located at either end of the twine finger drive shafts. See Fig. 27.

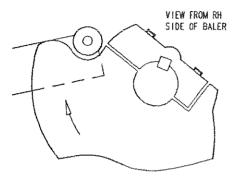


Fig. 25

NOTE: The twine finger drive cams should be checked to ensure that both cam rollers, (followers), initiate contact with the cam surface at the same time. If required, adjustment is made by appropriate loosening of one and tightening of the other cam clamping bolt located on each cam. See Fig. 25.

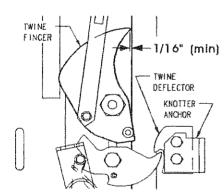


Fig. 26

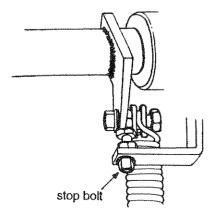


Fig. 27

#### Twine deflector:

Note top view of deflector in Fig. 26. Make sure the clearance around the tip between the knot sensor finger and the deflector is uniform and from 1/32" to 3/32". If adjustment is necessary, loosen the nuts on the knotter anchor, reposition the deflector and retighten the nuts. Note this adjustment may effect the knotter hold down pin hole position.

#### Twine holder adjustment:

The twine holder holds the twine in the twine disc while the bale is being made and tied. The pressure is regulated by bolt (A), see Fig. 28.

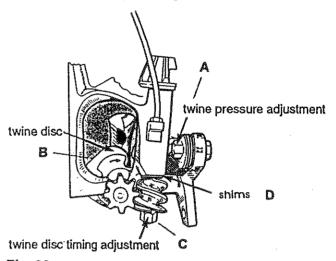


Fig. 28

Adjust the twine holder enough to prevent the twine from pulling from the disk or from producing bow knots. Make adjustments on bolt (A) in 1/6 of full turn increments. (One hex flat per turn). Proper adjustment is achieved when the knotter is producing a clean and smooth knot. Do not over tighten.

### Twine disc:

The twine disc receives twine from the needle and places it into the twine holder during the rotation of the knotter.

- 1. With the knotters in their home position, make certain that the slots in the twine disc cleaners are free of compacted dust and chaff.
- 2. Adjust the twine disc notch so the left hand side of the notch is even with the cleaner (B), see Fig. 28. Do this by loosening nut (C) several turns. Tap the nut end of the shaft to loosen the worm.
- 3. After the disc is set, turn the worm against the spacer washers (D), see Fig. 28, and tighten the nut.
- 4. After the knotter has completed one cycle, check the notch setting again.

#### Knife arm:

The knife arm cuts the twine and strips it off the bill hook during the tying process.

1. The stripper flange on the knife arm should just touch the knotter bill hook with light pressure as the stripper flange pushes the knot past the end of the knotter bill hook, see **Fig 29**. Adjustment is made by bending the knife arm.

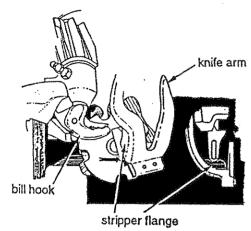


Fig. 29

2. The knife arm should be 3/4" to 7/8" past the end of the knotter bill hook when the knife arm is in the most extreme position, see **Fig. 30**. Correct the adjustment of the knife arm by replacing it.

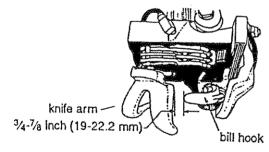


Fig. 30

#### Cam gear adjustment:

The cam gears are used as timing mechanisms for the knotter tying process.

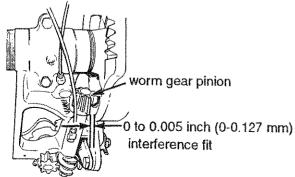


Fig. 31

1. Both flat surfaces of the knotter bill hook and worm gear pinions must be held flat with 0 to .005 interference, (when assembled with new parts), on the smooth face of the cam gears, see **Fig 31**.

NOTE: This adjustment is made with shims between the cam gears and knotter frames. Shimming must be done between the cam gears and knotter frames any time a knotter is assembled.

2. End play is removed by tightening the nut on the end of the knotter shaft, see Fig. 32. Adjustment should be distributed among all six knotters in the knotter assembly. Do not overtighten. Each knotter should be free enough to raise easily by hand yet not so free as to drop.

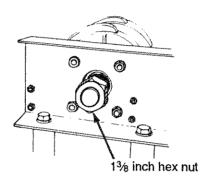


Fig. 32



**CAUTION:** FAILURE TO KEEP SHAFT ASSEMBLY TIGHT OR FAILURE TO KEEP SLACK FROM DEVELOPING BETWEEN CAM GEARS AND PINION GEAR SURFACES WILL RESULT IN CAM GEAR BREAKAGE.

#### Twine tensioner adjustment:

The twine tensioners put enough drag on the twine so that the twine fingers and knotters have a taut twine while working.

- 1. With the needle yoke in home position, adjust the twine tensioner drive shaft stop bolt, (A), See Fig. 31.
- 2. Use the manual operator pendant to advance the needle yoke away from home position to completely release the reset lever. For information on operation, see Manual control, page 14.
- 3. Adjust the twine tensioner, see Fig. 30. If tensioners are worn mor than 1/32", replace them.
- 4. Adjust the twine tensioners, see Fig. 30, until the springs are compressed to 1 1/2 " from their relaxed length. The reladed length is determined when the twine can be pushed through the twine tensioner.

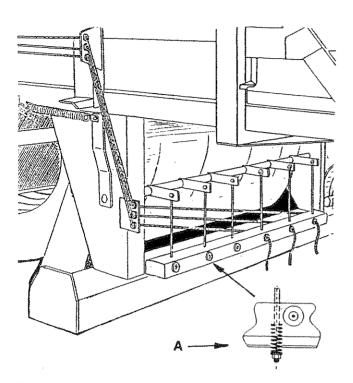
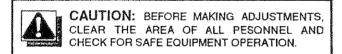


Fig. 33



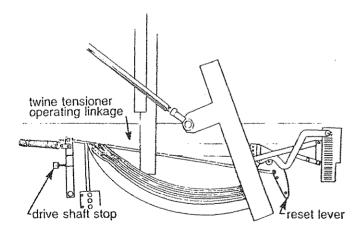


Fig. 34

#### Knotter brake adjustment:

The knotter brake is used to hold the needle yoke and knotter in the rest position and is always applied. To adjust, compress the springs on screws (A) and (B) to 1 3/4" length, see Fig. 35.

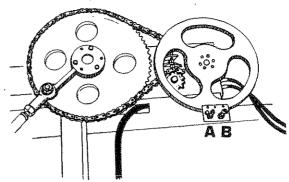


Fig. 35

#### Plunger adjustment:

The plunger is adjustable both vertically and horizontally. It is important that the plunger is adjusted properly to avoid needle breakage and collision of the knives.

Adjustment is done by shimming the roller rails, plunger slide rails, and front plunger rollers. When adjusting the plunger, follow the sequence below. Depending on the condition of your plunger, not all the steps may be necessary but it is recommended to check all steps to ensure proper plunger adjustment.



CAUTION: WHEN ADJUSTING THE PLUNGER, MAKE SURE THERE IS ADEQUATE CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE STATIONARY AND PLUNGER KNIVES. DO THIS BY REMOVING OR INSERTING SHIMS UNDER THE BOTTOM ROLLER RAILS, SEE FIG. 36. THIS WILL AVOID DAMAGE TO KNIVES.

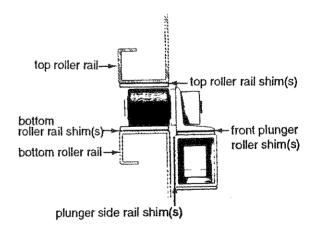


Fig. 36

# STEP 1: ADJUST PLUNGER TO THE BALE CHAMBER AND NEEDLE SLOT ALIGNMENT:

The plunger needle slots need to be aligned with their mating slots on the top and bottom of the bale chamber in order to ensure the proper travel of the needles, see Fig. 37.

If the needle slots in the plunger are oriented at an angle in the chamber, the plunger will have to be raised or lowered on one side or the other by removing or inserting shims under the bottom roller rails, see Fig. 36.

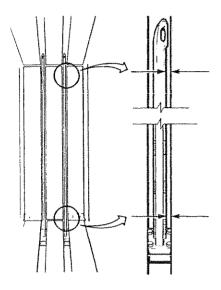
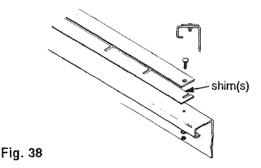


Fig. 37

If the bottom plunger needle slots are offset to the left while the top plunger slots are offset to the right, remove shim(s) from under the bottom left roller rail or insert shim(s) under the right plunger roller rail or both, see Fig. 38. Do this until the needle slots in the plunger are aligned to the mating slots on the top and bottom of the bale chamber.



To further adjust plunger horizontally, remove or insert shims behind the plunger slide rails, see Fig. 36, Shim the left side to move plunger to right and visa/versa. Shim the plunger side rails with only a 1/32" between them and the bale chamber. Ensure the



CAUTION: CHANGING THE AMOUNT OR LOCATION OF SHIMS ON THE PLUNGER ROLLER RAILS WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON KNIFE CLEARANCE. MAKE SURE THERE IS ADEQUATE CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE STATIONARY AND PLUNGER KNIFE TO AVOID COLLISION OF KNIVES.

#### STEP 2. ADJUST PLUNGER ROLLERS:

The front plunger rollers are adjusted vertically by shimming, see Fig. 36. Use the manual control to slowly cycle the plunger. Observe the roller activity to ensure that all four rollers touch and turn at some time during the complete plunger cycle. This indicates the load is shared by all the rollers. If not, adjust the front rollers by shimming them up or down. Rear rollers (on the face end of the plunger) are not adjustable.



CAUTION: THIS CAN CHANGE KNIFE CLEAR-ANCE. BE CERTAIN THERE IS ADEQUATE CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE STATIONARY KNIVES AND THE PLUNGER KNIVES.

#### STEP 3. SHIM TOP PLUNGER ROLLER RAILS:

Shim top plunger roller rails, see **Fig. 36**, to approximately 1/16" from the four plunger rollers. After adjusting top roller rails, use the manual operator pendant to slowly cycle the plunger to ensure the rollers do not bind anywhere in their area of travel.

#### STEP 4. ADJUST PLUNGER KNIVES:

After the plunger is adjusted, readjust the plunger knives as explained in the following.

#### Knife adjustment:

The knives are used to shear the hay and should be kept sharp and in good condition for maximum performance. Dull, broken or missing knives will reduce capacity and cause a ragged appearance on the bottom of the bale. There are a total of nine knives on the baler, seven adjustable plunger knives and two stationary knives.

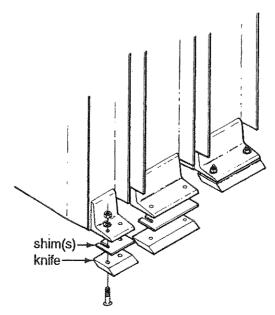


Fig. 39

Clearance of plunger knives and stationary knives should be maintained at approximately 1/32". Adjustment is made on the plunger knives only. To adjust plunger knives, move the plunger with the manual operators pendant until the cutting edges of the knives are even or overlapping. Shim the knives, see Fig. 39, using a minimum of one shim per knife segment for projected blade wear. Clearance from knife segment to knife segment may vary, therefore individual adjustments may be required.



WARNING: KNIFE AREA IS EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS. ALL CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM OCCURRING. BE CAREFUL WITH SHARP KNIVES!

# COMBINED PLUNGER 'STROKE AND SPEED' AND LIMIT SWITCH (LS5 & LS10) ADJUSTMENTS:

NOTE: LS5 and LS10 limit switches should be adjusted at the same time the Plunger stroke and speed adjustments are made. This will provide convenience and accuracy in setting the controls.

#### Decelerated plunger return:

- 1. Disengage tractor PTO and ensure power switch is in "OFF" position.
- 2. Open the control box, located on the forward left side of the baler, and disconnect white wire from TB3-7. This will cause the plunger retract speed to be reduced to approximately 1/4 of the maximum speed.
- 3. Attach test string to LS-3, (Full Charge Switch), roller arm, see Page 26. Route the string so that the switch can be easily activated and released while standing on the ground.
- 4. Ensure Power Switch in 'ON' position and Control Mode in 'AUTO' position. Engage tractor PTO and run baler at 1,000 RPM.
- 5. Pull test string and release when the feed fork stops and the plunger advances. When the plunger reaches the end of the advance stroke it will automatically return to the home position.
- 6. Use stopwatch to accurately measure plunger return time. Return time should be 2.4 2.8 seconds with plunger stopping 1" from the fully retracted position. See **Fig. 40**.
- 7. To adjust Decelerated Return Speed, turn off key, loosen clamp screw of red wire slider on Plunger Retract resistor, the brown tube to the left in the control box. Move the slider on the resistor upward to decrease or downward to increase the plunger speed as necessary to attain

correct plunger return time. When adjusting, ensure approximately 1/8" clearance between green wire slider (MANUAL) and red wire slider (AUTO). Take care to keep sliders from touching posts, etc.

8. Repeat step 5 and 7 until step 6 is achieved.

NOTE: At this point, if limit switch LS10 is to be adjusted, do not go to step 9, continue with step 4 in the next section for adjusting the LS10 Plunger Return Stop Switch.

- 9. Disengage tractor PTO and ensure Power Switch is in 'OFF' position.
- 10. Reconnect white wire to TB3-7 in the control box.
- 11. Stroke once to ensure cylinder is not bottomed out. Remove test string.

#### LS10 Plunger Return Stop Switch:

Function: LS10 stops the plunger at the end of its return stroke

Adjustment Objective: The plunger must stop one inch from the end of its stroke to prevent bottoming of the plunger cylinder.

Adjustment: Ensure proper plunger decelerated speed adjustment.

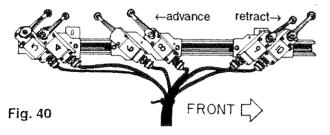


CAUTION: IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HAVE THE TWO LARGE DOORS ON THE BALER OPEN TO OBSERVE THE PLUNGER OPERATION. AT ALL TIMES STAY AT A SAFE DISTANCE.

- 1. Attach a test string to LS3 (Full Charge Switch) arm roller. Route the string so that the switch can be easily activated and released while standing on the ground.
- 2. Engage tractor PTO and run baler at 500 PTO RPM in manual mode.
- 3. Use the manual control to retract the plunger until it reaches its full retract position.
- 4. Disengage tractor PTO. Shut off tractor and lock tractor brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement to stop.
- 5. Mark the location the plunger reached fully retracted. Also mark the desired stopping position at 1" rearward of this mark.
- 6. In the control box, remove the white wire from terminal TB3-7. This will cause the plunger retract speed to be reduced to approximately 1/4 of its maximum speed.
- 7. Engage tractor PTO and run baler at 1,000 PTO

RPM in the automatic mode.

- 8. Pull test string on LS3 (Full Charge Switch) and release when the feed fork stops and plunger advances. The plunger will automatically retract.
- 9. Observe plunger stopping position.
- 10. Reduce baler speed to 500 PTO RPM. Switch control mode to manual.
- 11. Use the manual control to advance the plunger to fully extended position and to rotate the feed fork out of the way. This step will make limit switch adjustment easier.
- 12. Disengage tractor PTO. Shut off tractor and lock tractor brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement to cease.
- 13. LS10 (Plunger Return Stop Switch) should be positioned so that the plunger stops 1" prior to its full retract position. To achieve the correct adjustment it will be necessary to reposition LS9 and LS10 on their mounting plates. See Fig. 40.
- 14. Loosen the mounting bolt and slide the switch and mount forward or rearward as necessary.
- 15. Repeat steps 7 through 13 until step 14 is achieved.
- 16. Reconnect white wire onto terminal **TB3-7**. Key off.
- 17. After **LS10** (Plunger Return Stop Switch) is properly adjusted, adjust **LS9** (Plunger Return Decelerate Switch), see page 31. If not further adjustment is necessary, remove test string.



#### **Decelerated Plunger Advance:**

- 1. Disengage tractor PTO and ensure Power Switch is in the 'OFF' position.
- 2. Open the control box, located on the forward left side of the baler, and disconnect the white wire, NOTE: This is in the 5 conductor cable, from terminal TB3-9 and connect to terminal TB2-1. NOTE: Leave other white wire in place. This will cause the plunger advance speed to be reduced to approximately 1/4 of the maximum speed.

- 3. Attach test string to LS3 (Full Charge Switch), see Fig. 46, roller arm. Route the string so that the switch can be easily activated and released while standing on the ground.
- 4. Ensure Power Switch is in 'ON' positon and Control mode in 'AUTO' position. Engage tractor PTO and run baler at 1,000 PTO RPM.
- 5. Pull test string and release when the feed fork stops and the plunger advances.
- 6. Use a stopwatch to accurately measure the plunger advance time. Advance times should be 2.4 2.8 seconds with the stroke beginning 1" from the fully retracted position.
- 7. To adjust Decelerated Advance speed, loosen clamp screw of orange wire slider on Plunger Advance resistor, the brown tube to the right in the control box. Move the slider on the resistor upward to decrease or downward to increase the plunger speed as necessary to attain correct plunger advance time. When adjusting, ensure approximately 1/8" clearance between yellow wire slider (Manual) and orange wire slider (Auto). If no further adjustments are necessary, disconnect test string.
- 8. Repeat steps 5 and 6 until step 7 is achieved.

NOTE: At this point, if limit switch LS5 is to be adjusted, do not go to step 9, continue with step 3 in the next section for adjusting the LS5 'Plunger Return Switch'.

- 9. Disengage tractor PTO and ensure Power Switch is in 'OFF' position.
- 10. Disconnect white wire from TB2-1 and reconnect to TB3-9 in the control box.
- 11. Remove test string.

#### LS5 'Plunger Return Switch'

Function: LS5 signals the plunger to return at the end of its extend stroke. LS5 also signals the knotter to begin its cycle.

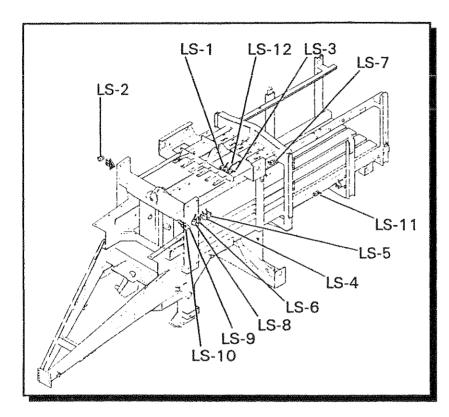
Adjustment Objective: The plunger must stop one inch prior to the end of the extend stroke to prevent bottoming of the plunger cylinder.

Adjustment: Ensure proper speed adjustment, see page 24.



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## LIMIT SWITCH LOCATION \ ARM ANGLE



LS5

LS4

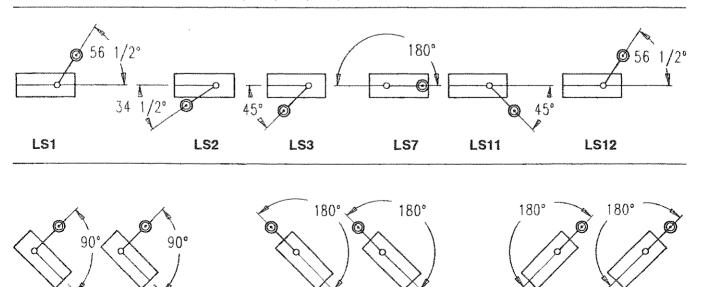
## Limit switch description:

- LS1 Knotter stop / plunger safety knotter switch
- LS2 Plunger delay feed fork switch
- LS3 Full charge switch
- LS4 Plunger advance decelerate/knotter arming plunger switch
- LS5 Plunger return switch
- LS6 Plunger return delay switch
- LS7 Knotter reverse safety switch
- LS8 Feed fork delay plunger switch
- LS9 Plunger return decelerate switch
- LS10 Plunger return stop switch
- LS11 Knotter trip switch
- LS12 Plunger early start knotter switch

LS9

LS10

THE FOLLOWING DIAGRAM ILLUSTRATES THE CORRECT ARM ANGLE FOR ALL LIMIT SWITCHES. BEFORE MAKING ANY LIMIT SWITCH ADJUSTMENTS CHECK THAT THE ARM IS MOUNTED AT THE CORRECT ANGLE. SWITCHES LS4, LS5, LS6, LS8, LS9 AND LS10 ARE VIEWED FROM INSIDE BALER.



LS8

LS6

- 1. Engage tractor PTO and run baler at 500 PTO RPM.
- 2. Use the manual operator pendant to advance the plunger until it is fully extended.
- 3. Disengage tractor PTO. Shut off tractor and lock tractor brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement in baler to cease.
- 4. Mark the location of the plunger fully extended. Also mark 1" forward of this position, see Fig. 41.
- 5. Engage the tractor PTO and use the manual operator pendant to return the plunger to its home position.
- 6. Disengage tractor PTO and go to the control box and remove the white wire in 5 conductor cable from terminal TB3-9 and connect to terminal TB2-1. This will cause the plunger to advance at approximately 1/4 of its full speed.
- 7. Attach the test string to LS3 (Full Charge Switch) roller arm. Route the string so that the switch can be easily activated and released while standing on the ground.
- 8. Engage tractor PTO and run baler at 1,000 PTO RPM in automatic mode.
- 9. Pull LS3 string and release when feed fork stops and plunger advances.
- 10. Observe the position at which the plunger stops advancing.
- 11. Reduce baler speed to 500 PTO RPM.
- 12. Use the manual operator pendant to advance the plunger to full extension and to rotate the feed fork out of the way. This step will make limit switch adjustment easier.
- 13. Disengage tractor PTO. Shut off tractor and lock tractor brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement in baler to stop.
- 14. Loosen the mounting bolt and slide the switch and mount forward or rearward. Position the switch to ensure the plunger returns when it is 1" forward from its fully extended position.

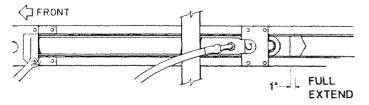


Fig. 41

- 15. Repeat steps 9 through 14 as necessary until objective is achieved.
- 16. Remove test string and disconnect the white wire from TB2-1 and reconnect to TB3-9.
- 17. Adjust **LS4** (Plunger Advance Decelerate Switch) is properly adjusted.

#### Limit switch adjustment:

Proper limit switch adjustment is necessary to maintain accurate and dependable baler functions. Before making any adjustments make sure the limit switch arms are set at the correct angle. Page 26 illustrates correct switch arm angle for each individual switch. The diagram on page 26 shows limit switch locations throughout the baler. Limit switches 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 are located inside the baler above the first feeder on the left hand side.

LS5 and LS10 are adjusted while setting plunger stroke and speed and are covered on pages 24/25.



CAUTION: IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO OPERATE THE BALER WHILE OBSERVING DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS OF THE MACHINE TO DETERMINE REQUIRED ADJUSTMENTS. STAY CLEAR OF MOVING PARTS WHILE OBSERVING FUNCTIONS. SHUT DOWN TRACTOR BEFORE MAKING ANY SWITCH ADJUSTMENTS:

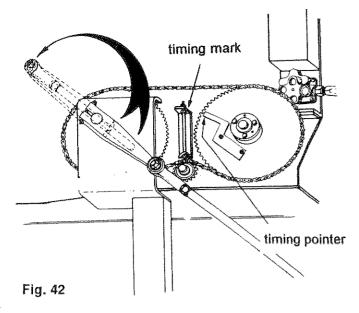
#### LS1 Knotter stop/plunger safety knotter switch:

Function: LS1 has two functions, (1) to stop the knotter when it is completing its cycle and (2) to ensure the plunger will not advance with the needle yoke away from its fully retracted position.

Adjustment objective: LS1 is to be activated when the needle yoke is in the home positon.

Adjustment: NOTE: Adjustment of LS1 should be made prior to baler operation. Make sure hydraulic oil is warmed to operating temperature.

- 1. Cut twines at knotters.
- 2. Remove twines completely from the needles.
- 3. Attach test strings around the switch roller arms of LS11 (knotter trip switch) and LS3 (full charge switch). Route strings so that the switches can be easily activated and relased while standing on the ground.
- 4. Engage tractor PTO and run baler at less than 500 PTO RPM.
- 5. Use the manual operator pendant to position needle yoke precisely at bottom dead center, (home position), see Fig. 42.



- 6. Disengage tractor PTO. Shut off tractor and lock tractor brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement in baler to cease.
- 7. Loosen and tighten appropriate clamp bolts (A) and (B) in order to rotate cam as necessary to center it on the switch arm roller, see Fig. 43.
- 8. Engage tractor PTO and run baler at 1,000 PTO RPM in the automatic mode.
- 9. Pull string from LS11 (knotter trip switch) and hold.
- 10. Pull string from **LS3** (full charge switch) and release after plunger starts to advance.
- 11. Release LS11 (knotter trip switch) string when knotters start.
- 12. Plunger and knotters will cycle and return to rest position.
- 13. Disengage tractor PTO. Shut off tractor and lock tractor brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement in baler to cease.
- 14. Check needle yoke stopping position. The cam should stop with the switch arm roller near the center or slightly beyond the center of the cam as illustrated in Fig. 43. Note HOT and COLD cam locations.
- 15. If not, mark the location of the switch roller arm on the switch shaft to indicate the original position.
- 16. Adjust the needle yoke stopping position by lowering or raising the switch roller arm to either stop the needle yoke earlier or later respectively. NOTE: The switch arm roller should not be moved more than 1/16" for each trial.
- 17. Repeat steps 8 thru 16, (omitting step 15), until the cam is in the required location, see Fig. 43.

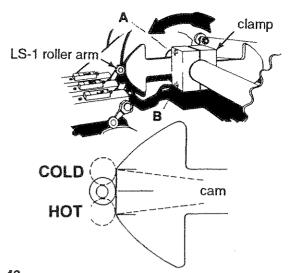


Fig. 43

NOTE: When adjusting LS1, ensure cam lifts arm not lowers it.

- 18. Engage tractor PTO and run baler at 1,000 PTO RPM in the automatic mode until oil reaches at least 140° F (60° C).
- 19. Once the oil has reached at least 140° F, run the baler at 500 PTO RPM.
- 20. Repeat steps 9 thru 13.
- 21. Ensure needle tips are completely withdrawn from the chamber bottom. If not, repeat step 16 to stop the needle yoke later.
- 22. Repeat steps 9 thru 13 and step 21 at 500 PTO RPM until adjustment is achieved.
- 23. Disengage tractor PTO. Shut off tractor and lock tractor brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement in baler to cease. Remove test strings.
- 24. Rethread twine, see steps 5 and 6 of Twine installation and threading, see page 13.
- 25. Engage tractor PTO and run baler at less than 500 PTO RPM.
- 26. Use the manual operator pendant to cycle the knotter forward to load twine into knotters and return knotters to home position.

#### LS2 Plunger delay / feed fork switch:

Function: LS2 delays start of plunger advance until the feed fork travels to its highest position and stops.

Adjustment objective: LS2 is to have the feed fork stop at its highest point of travel in the bale chamber after LS3 (full charge switch) has been activated. The switch roller arm must be on the highest part of the

cam.

Adjustment: NOTE: Adjustment to be made with hydraulic oil hot, (140° F, 77° C), or greater. (Before making any adjustments make sure the drive chain is properly adjusted.

- 1. Attach test string to **LS3** (full charge switch) roller arm and route string so that switch carn can be easily activated and released while standing on the ground.
- 2. Engage tractor PTO and run baler at 1,000 PTO RPM in the automatic mode.
- 3. Pull test string and release when the feed fork stops and the plunger advances.
- 4. Turn power "OFF" at control panel.
- 5. Disengage tractor PTO. Shut off tractor and lock brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement in baler to stop.
- 6. Check stopping position of switch arm roller on cam. It should be on the high part of the cam, see Fig. 44.
- 7. If not on high part of cam, mark the location of the switch roller arm on the switch shaft to indicate the original position.
- 8. If feed fork stops with switch arm roller on forward slope of cam, raise the switch roller on rearward slope of cam, lower the switch roller arm.

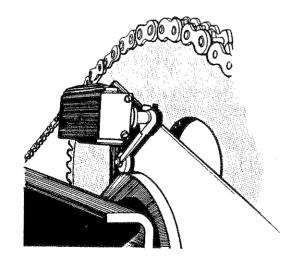


Fig. 44

- 9. Turn power "ON" at control panel.
- 10. Repeat steps 2 thru 5 and step 8 until the switch arm roller is on the high part of the cam, see Fig. 44.
- 11. Again, turn power "ON" at control panel and repeat steps 2 thru 5.

- 12. Measure from rear side of feed fork crankshaft to front side of feed fork tine mounting tube, see Fig. 45. When the feed fork is at its highest point of travel in the chamber, the measurement should be 12 1/2" to 13" when switch arm roller is on the high part of the carn.
- 13. Mark original cam location on feed fork driven sprocket.
- 14. The feed fork is stopping late if the measurement is less than 12 1/2" to 13". Rotate the cam rearward.

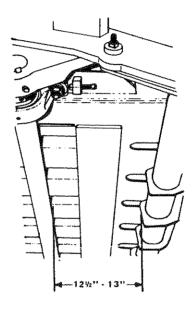


Fig. 45

- 15. Repeat steps 2 thru 5 until required measurement is achieved.
- 16. Remove test string from LS3 (full charge switch).

#### LS3 Full charge switch:

Function: LS3 signals the control circuit that the feed chamber has been filled by the feed fork, thus causing the plunger to advance when the feed fork has stopped at its highest point of travel in the bale chamber.

Adjustment objective: LS3 should be operated by the charge sensor cam in about the first 2" of upward travel of the charge sensor paddles. As the charge sensor is returned to its rest position, LS3 should be released within 1/2" of the paddles rest position. Measure at the rubber bumper for the right hand paddle.

Adjustment: Adjust the cam with the feed sensor paddles down, see Fig. 46.

- 1. Loosen clamp bolt (A) and rotate cam forward until the switch clicks to operate.
- 2. Rotate the cam rearward until switch clicks to release.

#### 3. Tighten clamp bolt (A).

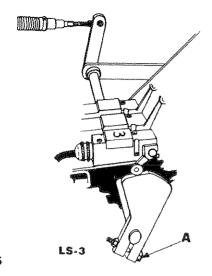


Fig. 46

#### LS4 Plunger advance decelarate switch:

Function: LS4 decelerates the plunger to 1/4 of full speed just prior to the end of its extend stroke and ensures the knotter automatic control circuit is activated only with the plunger near its full extension.

Adjustment objective: LS4 ensures the plunger decelerates prior to activating LS5 (plunger return switch).

Adjustment: Make sure LS5 is properly adjusted.

1. Loosen mounting bolt and slide switch and mount as close to LS5 as possible, see Fig. 47.

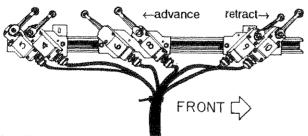


Fig. 47

LS5 Plunger return switch: (see page 25).

#### LS6 Plunger return delay switch:

Function: LS6 delays plunger retract during the tie cycle until the knotter is halfway through the tie cycle and LS12 is operated. This brief delay allows the plunger to hold the material in the bale chamber as it is tied. Twine placement is assisted by this action.

Adjustment objective: The plunger should retract approximately 9" before LS6 is activated to stop the

plunger. The plunger has retracted approximately 9" when the front edge of the make-up cylinder bolt is on the rearward edge of the twine box mount, see Fig. 48.

Adjustment: NOTE: Adjust LS6 (plunger return delay switch) together with LS8 (feed fork delay plunger switch). For function and adjustment objective of LS8,



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see page 31.

- 1. Cut twine on all six knotters
- 2. Pull twine down through bale chamber and completely remove from needles.
- 3. Attach test strings to LS3 and LS11 roller arms. Route string so that switch can easily be activated and released while standing on the ground, clear of the machine and its moving parts. Remove green wire from TB1-6.

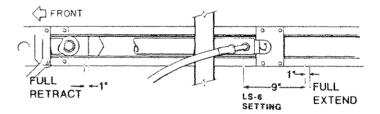
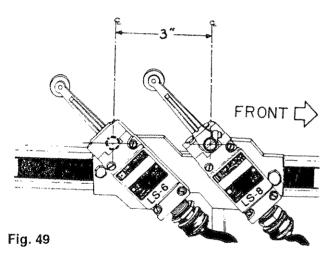


Fig. 48

- 4. Engage tractor PTO and run baler at 1,000 PTO RPM in the automatic mode.
- 5. Pull test string from LS11 and hold.
- 6. Pull test string from **LS3** and release when feed fork stops and plunger starts to advance.
- 7. Release test string from LS11 as soon as the knotter starts to move.
- 8. Observe the plunger as it retracts. It should stop, approximately 9" from the fully extended position as it returns to its home position.
- 9. Disengage tractor PTO, shut off tractor and lock tractor brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement in baler to cease.
- 10. Adjust **LS6** forward or rearward as necessary to cause the stopping position observed in step 8 to be approximately 9" from the fully extended position.

- 11. Slide LS8 so that the center of the switch shaft is 3" forward of the center of the switch shaft on LS6.
- 12. Repeat steps 4 thru 11 as necessary until the plunger stops when it is 9" from it's fully extended position.
- 13. Disengage tractor PTO, shut off tractor and lock tractor brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement in baler to cease.
- 14. Remove test strings. Reconnect green wire.
- 15. Rethread twine.

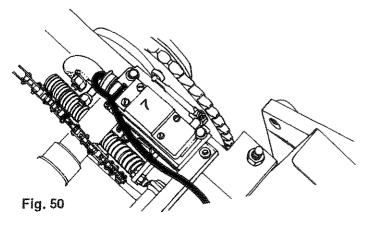


#### LS7 Knotter reverse safety switch:

Function: LS7 prevents the knotter from rotating in reverse at those points at which the bill hook would rotate. This prevents possible damage to the knotter due to reverse bill hook rotation.

Adjustment objective: LS7 is to prevent any reverse rotation of knotter when it has rotated forward to the point where the bill hook has begun to turn.

Adjustment: To increase the duration of the non-reversing portion of the knotter cycle, lower the switch roller arm. To decrease this duration, raise the switch roller arm, see Fig. 50.



#### LS8 Feed fork delay plunger switch:

Function: LS8 allows the feed fork to start before the plunger has completely retracted to its home position. It also keeps the feed fork stopped to ensure no compaction of hay in the infeed chute while the plunger is stopped during the first half of the tying cycle.

Adjustment objective: Allow the feed fork to operate during approximately the last half of the plunger retract stroke.

Adjustment: LS6 (plunger return delay switch) must be properly adjusted, see page 30.

1. Loosen the mounting bolt and slide LS8 forward or rearward so that the center of the switch shaft is 3" forward of the center of the switch shaft on LS6, see Fig. 49.

#### LS9 Plunger return decelerate switch:

Function: LS9 decelerates the plunger to 1/4 its full speed just prior to stopping on its retract stroke to prevent the plunger from overrunning LS10 (plunger return stop switch).

Adjustment objective: While the baler is running at full speed, LS9 causes the plunger to stop at LS10.

Adjustment: Ensure LS10 is properly adjusted.

- 1. Loosen the mounting bolt and slide the mount and switch forward as close to **LS10** as possible.
- 2. Attach the test string to LS3 (full charge switch) roller arm. Route the string so that the switch can be easily activated and released while standing on the ground.
- 3. Engage tractor PTO and run baler at 1,000 PTO RPM in the automatic mode.
- 4. Pull test string and release when the feed fork stops and the plunger advances.
- 5. Observe plunger stopping position.
- 6. Reduce baler speed to 500 PTO RPM.
- 7. Use the manual operator pendant to advance the plunger to full extend and to rotate the feed fork out of the way. This step will make limit switch adjustment easier.
- 8. Disengage the tractor PTO, shut off the tractor and lock the tractor brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement in baler to cease.
- 9. If the plunger stops forward of the LS10 stopping

position, slide LS9 rearward 1/2".

- 10. Repeat steps 4 thru 10 until the plunger stops at the stopping position of **LS10**.
- 11. At this point a smooth deceleration from full speed retract to a complete stop should be observed. There should be no noticeable slow speed retract between LS9 and LS10.
- 12. Remove test string.

LS10 Plunger return stop switch: (See page 24)

#### LS11 Knotter trip switch:

Function: LS11 completes the circuit to allow the knotter to cycle when the plunger has reached LS5 at the end of the plunger advance stroke. LS11 also will cause the knotter to stop at midpoint of the tie cycle if the meter arm has failed to reset.

Adjustment objective: LS11 must be operated before the meter arm reaches the end of its travel. Incorrect adjustment may result in inconsistent bale length or failure to tie altogether.

Adjustment: Push forward on the rear of the meter bar. This will disengage knurled teeth on meter bar from the knurled teeth on the friction disc.

1. Raise the meter bar until cam contacts switch arm roller and the switch clicks to operate, see Fig. 51.

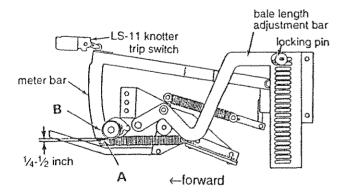


Fig. 51

- 2. Release rear of the meter bar allowing knurled teeth to engage.
- 3. Measure from top of roll pin, (A) to bottom of guide washer, (B).
- 4. If measurement is less than 1/4", lower the switch roller arm as necessary. If more than 1/2", raise the switch roller arm.
- 5. Return the meter bar to its rest position.

#### LS12 Plunger early start knotter switch:

Function: LS12 has two functions (1) to cause the plunger to complete its retract stroke after the knotter has completed the first half of its cycle and (2) to operate the bale counter.

Adjustment objective: LS12 is to be activated by its cam at approximately the mid-point of knotter cycle.

Adjustment: NOTE: If the baler is in the automatic mode when the switch operates, the bale counter will count.

- 1. Cut the twine at all six knotters, pull twine down through bale chamber and completely remove from needles.
- 2. Attach test strings to LS3 (full charge switch) and LS11 (knotter trip switch) roller arms. Route strings so that the limit switches can be easily activated and released while standing on the ground.
- 3. Engage tractor PTO and run baler at 500 PTO RPM in the automatic mode.
- 4. Pull test string from LS11 and hold.
- 5. Pull test string from **LS3** and release when feed fork stops and plunger starts to advance.
- 6. Release test string from **LS11** as soon as the knotter starts to move.
- 7. When the knotter is halfway through its cycle, LS12 should be activated by its cam and the plunger should complete its retract stroke.
- 8. If the plunger did not retract at the mid-point of the knotter cycle, use the manual operator pendant to retract the plunger.
- 9. Disengage tractor PTO, shut off tractor and lock tractor brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement in baler to cease.
- 10. Rotate the switch roller arm of LS12 toward the rear of the machine 1/4".
- 11. Repeat steps 4 thru 11 to ensure the plunger returns to its home position.
- 12. Disengage tractor PTO, shut off tractor and lock tractor brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement in baler to cease. Remove test strings.
- 13. Rethread twine, see steps 5 and 6 in Twine Installation and Threading, page 13.
- 14. Engage tractor PTO and run baler at less than 500 PTO RPM.

15. Use the manual operator pendant to cycle the knotter forward to load twine into knotters and return knotters to home position.

#### PROPER OPERATING PRESSURES:

#### Main system extend pressure:

- 1. Ensure plunger decelerated return and advance speeds are adjusted, see **Plunger speed adjustment**, see page 24.
- 2. Engage the tractor PTO and run the baler at 700 PTO RPM.
- 3. Set the control mode switch to manual.
- 4. Insert the remote cable plug into the Plunger advance socket.
- 5. Continue depressing the remote cable button until the plunger stalls.
- 6. Read the main system pressure on the right side of the front gauge panel of the baler as illustrated in Fig. 52. It should read approximately 6,000 psi for balers with serial numbers 168 and below. For baler numbers 169 and above, main system pressure should read 6,500 psi.

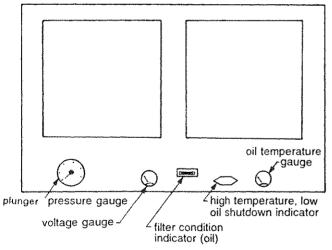


Fig. 52

#### Main system retract pressure:

- 1. Disengage tractor PTO, shut off tractor and lock tractor brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement in baler to cease.
- 2. Remove the 1/4" JIC cap on the main valve retract pressure port, see **Fig. 53**. (Retract pressure gauge port is labeled with a stamped "B"). Connect a 5,000 psi gauge to the retract pressure gauge port.
- 3. Switch the control mode to manual. Engage PTO.

- 4. Fully retract the plunger with the manual control until it stalls.
- 5. Read the pressure on the gauge. It should read 2,500 psi.

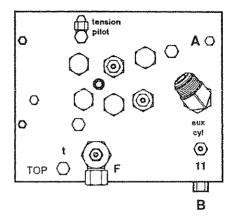


Fig. 53

#### Density pressure:

- 1. Disengage tractor PTO, shut off tractor and lock tractor brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement in baler to cease.
- 2. Remove the 1/4" JIC cap on gauge port (A), see Fig 54
- 3. Connect a 5,000 psi gauge onto the density gauge port (A).
- 4. Engage tractor PTO and run the baler at 500 PTO RPM
- 5. Set the control mode switch to manual and turn the power switch to the "OFF" position.
- 6. Ensure the ball valve is in the "open" position.
- 7. Read the pressure on the 5,000 psi gauge. It should read 2,150 psi.

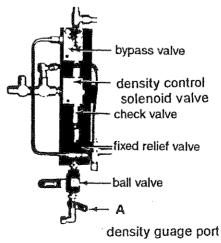


Fig. 54

#### Charge pressure:

- 1. Ensure the oil is at least 140° F. before starting this procedure.
- 2. Disengage tractor PTO, shut off tractor and lock tractor brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement in baler to cease.
- 3. Remove the 1/4" JIC cap on gauge port (A), see Fig. 55.

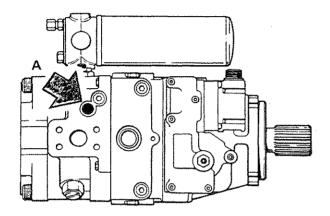


Fig. 55

- 4. Connect a 1,000 psi gauge onto port (A).
- 5. Engage the tractor PTO and run the baler at 700 PTO RPM.
- 6. Read the pressure on the 600 psi gauge. It should read 400 psi.
- 7. Set the control mode switch to manual.
- 8. Insert the manual operator pendant cable plug into the **Plunger retract socket**.
- 9. Depress the remote button and read the pressure on the 600 psi gauge. It should read a minimum of 350 psi while plunger is moving.

#### Feeder pressure:

- 1. Disengage tractor PTO, shut off tractor and lock tractor brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement in baler to cease.
- 2. Remove the 1/4" JIC cap from gauge port (A), see Fig. 56.
- 3. Connect a 5,000 psi gauge onto port (A).
- 4. To prevent the feeder from rotating, secure it to the frame with a 3/8" chain.
- 5. Pull the stop/reverse control rope half way to prev-

- ent the pickup and feeder from rotating and secure the stop/reverse control rope onto the rope anchor.
- 6. Engage the tractor PTO and in the manual mode run the baler at 700 PTO RPM.
- 7. Release the stop/reverse control rope from the rope anchor and allow the rope to return to its relaxed position. **NOTE:** Feeder will attempt to move forward but will be stalled by the 3/8" chain.
- 8. Read the pressure on the 5,000 psi gauge. It should read 3,200 psi.

NOTE: Contact Freeman service for adjustment.



CAUTION: REMAIN CLEAR OF BALER AT ALL TIMES AND ONLY START BALER AFTER CHAIN IS SECURED ON FEED FORK

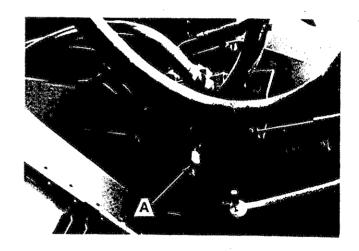


Fig. 56

#### KNOTTER AND FEED FORK MANIFOLD:

#### Main system pressure (forward):

- 1. Disengage tractor PTO, shut off tractor and lock tractor brakes and/or transmission. Wait for all movement in baler to cease.
- 2. Remove the 1/4" JIC cap from gauge port (A), see Fig. 57.
- 3. Connect a 5,000 psi gauge to port (A).
- 4. To prevent the feed fork from rotating, secure the feed fork to the frame with a 3/8" chain.
- 5. Set the control mode switch to manual.
- 6. Insert the remote cable plug into the Feed fork forward socket.

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