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INTRODUCTION

The BWS product you have just taken delivery of has been carefully designed and built for easy, low maintenance, reliable operation that meets the requirements of a shrewd transportation industry.

We take this opportunity to thank you for choosing BWS, and assure you of our interest in the continued safe and reliable operation of this equipment through its' dealer and service network abroad. BWS trailers require that you and anyone else who will be operating or maintaining the trailer, read this manual carefully and understand the Safety, Operation, Maintenance and Trouble Shooting information contained in the Operator's Manual.

PRODUCTS

TAG A LONG

- Air Ramp Tilt
- Air Tilt, No Ramp
- Non Tilt Tag
- Flat Deck, Non Tilt

DOUBLE DROP

- Air Detachable Gooseneck
- Air Detachable Gooseneck AG ULP
- Mechanical Detachable Gooseneck
- Mechanical Detachable Gooseneck EXT
- Mechanical Detachable Gooseneck AG ULP
- Hydraulic Detachable Gooseneck AG
- Hydraulic Detachable Gooseneck AG ULP
- Hydraulic Detachable Gooseneck AGNR

HEAVY HAUL

- Hydraulic Detachable Gooseneck
- Hydraulic Detachable Goosneck E
- Hydraulic Detachable Gooseneck H
- Hydraulic Detachable Gooseneck HS
- Flip Axle
- 40-60 Ton Jeep 1/2/3 Axles

FLATS/DROPS

- Highway B-Train
- Highway Flat
- Highway Drop

EQUIPMENT/PAVING/RECOVERY

- Equipment Trailer
- Equipment Trailer Paving & Recovery

OILFIELD

- Rigidneck
- Scissorsneck
- Oilfield Jeep
- Oilfield Float
- Single Axle Booster
- 40 - 60 Ton Jeep 1/2/3 Axles

LOGGING

- Eastern Logger NB/NS/QC
- Eastern Logger NL
- Eastern Logger NL B-Train
- Eastern Logger ON
- Western Logger AB/SK
- Western Logger B-Train
- Western Logger BC

SPECIALIZED

- Cable Reel Trailer
- Nuclear
- Hopper Sander
- U Body Dump
- Turnkey Truck
- Scrap B-Train
- Land Pro
- Pitpro 360 Screener

DUMPS

- Dump Trailer
- Live Bottom

BWS COMPANY HISTORY

Our Trailers are engineered, designed and manufactured by BWS, located in Centreville, New Brunswick. It is a family owned and managed business that is dedicated and committed to delivering outstanding value. Its success is built on thinking like the customer and producing trailers that can be relied on year after year without fail.

Since 1967, it has gained and maintained the trust and respect of experienced customers who work in the oil fields, construction, equipment and machinery moving, forestry, road building, paving and private contracting industries.

Originally BWS manufactured custom trailers with a focus on forestry and agriculture. Having built a solid reputation in this rough off-road industry and operating in the tough Canadian environment, BWS continues today to manufacture trailers that are designed to meet the customers' expectations in the environments in which they operate. The units are designed to go to work and stay at work.

BWS has expanded its product line into areas where it can continue to provide high quality solutions that deliver value.

The employees of BWS are a dedicated workforce with a "craftsman" mentality. Many of its senior people have past experience operating trailers and equipment and this has resulted in their philosophy of putting themselves in the shoes of their customers. BWS relies heavily on feedback from both their dealers and their customers. We build what performs, not just what sells and that is what has contributed to our significant growth throughout North America over the last several years.





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QUALITY POLICY

BWS Manufacturing is totally committed to understanding and meeting the quality needs and expectations of all our customers. Our company has a proud reputation for delivering quality equipment and components.

BWS strives for continuous improvement of our product and meeting the objectives of the company. We are also committed to the continuous improvement of our quality management system to insure its suitability to meet all company, customer, regulatory, legal and ISO requirements.

The entire BWS team will adhere to the spirit and intent of our quality policy, as well as the directives of this quality assurance manual and its supporting quality system documentation. We will continue to aggressively strive to insure that customer satisfaction is achieved at all times, and in all things.



Hugo St-Cyr
CEO



Jamie Merrithew
Systems Manager





COMPLIANCE PLATE

The compliance plate is located on the road side of the trailer frame. The National Safety Mark (NSM) verifies compliance with all applicable Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (CMVSS) and/or American Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS), and records the following information.

- V.I.N.** Vehicle Identification Number
- DATE** Date of Manufacture
- TYPE** (TRA/REM) in Canada only
- MODEL** BWS Trailer Model
- G.V.W.R** Gross Vehicle Weight Rating is the sum of the trailer weight and the allowable trailer load.
- G.A.W.R** Gross Axle Weight Rating is the lowest capacity of all the individual components in the axle assembly. It reflects the "weakest link" in the entire suspension system, whether it be springs, axles, wheels, rims or tires.
- RIM** Rim Diameter x Width
- TIRE** Outside Diameter/ Width R Inside Diameter
- PRESSURE COLD** Cold tire inflation pressure in psi (US) / kPa and psi (Can.)
It is the practice of BWS to use maximum pressure for tire inflation.
- NSM** BWS has been assigned a registration number and has been authorized to use the NSM on their products. The NSM signifies conformance with the CMVSS set by Transport Canada.

TAG COMPLIANCE PLATE

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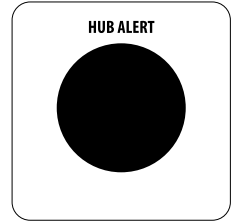
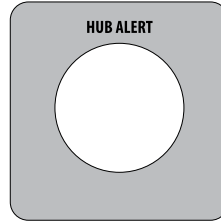
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HUB ALERT™

HEAT SENSING LABELS IDENTIFY POTENTIAL BRAKE, BEARING OR SEAL ISSUES BEFORE THEY CAUSE COSTLY REPAIRS!

THE NORMAL OPERATING TEMPERATURE OF HUB/HUBCAP GREASE OR OIL SHOULD NOT EXCEED 225°F (107°C).

- HUB ALERT™ will alert you to above normal wheel end operating temperature.
- HUB ALERT™ heat sensing label will turn **BLACK** when hub/hubcap surface temperature reaches 250°F (121°C).
- HUB ALERT™ indicates the need for a more detailed inspection of the overheating wheel end.
- New HUB ALERT™ label is applied to the hub/hubcap after resolving overheating issues.



INTRODUCTION

Your new trailer has been carefully designed and built for easy, low maintenance, reliable operation that meets the diverse needs of the transportation industry. For safe, effective and trouble free operation of your trailer, each operator should read this manual to assure that your equipment continues to perform optimally.



Your Air Detachable, Hydraulic Detachable, or Mechanical Detachable are versatile units. Designed with a gooseneck that is removable from the deck for ease of loading and unloading equipment. This allows for a stationary load on the gooseneck to stay in place while loading the deck. All trailers comes in tandem and tridem models and comes flip axle ready. Our trailers come equipped with parking brakes and sealed LED lighting systems, both in accordance with FMVSS/CMVSS regulations.

**READ THIS MANUAL COMPLETELY BEFORE
ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE THIS MACHINE.**



**DO NOT OPERATE THIS MACHINE IF ANY
PROTECTIVE GUARDS ARE MISSING
OR HAVE BEEN REMOVED.**

1.0 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL

This safety Alert symbol means:

**ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT!
YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!**



The Safety Alert Symbol identifies important safety messages on the BWS trailer and in the manual. When you see the symbol, be alert to the possibility of personal injury or death. Follow the instructions in the safety message.

WARNING and CAUTION with the safety message. The appropriate signal word for each message has been selected using the following guidelines:

DAANGER

An immediate specific hazard which **WILL** result in severe personal injury or death if the proper precautions are not taken.

WARNING

A specific hazard or unsafe practice which **COULD** result in severe personal injury or death if proper precautions are **NOT TAKEN**.

CAUTION

Unsafe practices which **COULD** result in personal injury if proper precautions are **NOT TAKEN**, or as a reminder of good safety practices.

YOU are responsible for the **SAFE** operation and maintenance of your trailer. **YOU** must ensure that you and anyone else who is going to operate, maintain or work around the trailer be familiar with the operating and maintenance procedures and related **SAFETY** information contained in the operator's manual.

Remember, **YOU** are the key to safety. Good safety practices not only protect you but also the people around you. Make these practices a working part of your safety program. Be certain that **EVERYONE** operating this equipment is familiar with the recommended procedures and follows all safety precautions. Do not risk injury or death.

Remember the difference between being a driver and an efficient operator: Drivers may drive but an operator is a very safe, cost efficient and professional person.

Trailer owners must review operating instructions with operators or employees before allowing them to operate the equipment, and review at least annually thereafter.

The most important device on this equipment is a **SAFE** operator. It is the operator's responsibility to read and understand **ALL** Safety and Operating instructions in the manual and to follow them.

Any person who has not read and understood all operating and safety instructions is not qualified to operate the equipment.

Do not modify the equipment in any way. Unauthorized modification may impair the function and/or safety of the equipment and affect trailer life.

THINK SAFETY! WORK SAFELY!

1.0 OPERATING SAFETY

1. Read and understand the operator's manual and all safety signs before operating, maintaining or adjusting the BWS trailer.
2. Do not allow riders on any part of the trailer during road or highway travel.
3. Keep hands, feet, clothing and hair away from all moving parts.
4. Tie load before moving or transporting trailer.
5. Check tie-downs frequently during transport to prevent shifting or movement of the cargo.
6. Clear the area of all bystanders, especially children, before starting up and operating the truck, trailer or equipment.
7. Make sure that all lights and reflectors required by local highways and transport authorities are in place, clean and can be seen clearly by all overtaking and oncoming traffic.
8. Before disconnecting the tractor from the trailer unit(s) make sure that the tractor and trailer are on level ground and that the trailer park brakes are applied.

1.1 MAINTENANCE SAFETY

1. Read and understand all the information in the operator's manual regarding maintenance, adjustment and operation of any trailer or unit.
2. Stop the engine, remove ignition key and set the park brake before adjusting, servicing or maintaining any part of the trailer unit.

1.2 LOADING SAFETY

1. Do not drop load on trailer in order to prevent damaging the cargo or the trailer.
2. Place concentrated heavy loads over structural beams when loading.
3. Tie load securely before moving or transporting.
4. Check tie-downs frequently when transporting and keep them tight.
5. Do not exceed load concentration and total load carrying specifications for trailer.
6. Install lights or flags on load if it extends beyond deck.
7. Do not side load.

1.3 SAFETY DECAL MAINTENANCE

1. Keep safety decals and signs clean and legible at all times.
2. Replace safety decals and signs that are missing or have become illegible.
3. When ordering replacement parts that display a safety sign or decal, be sure to order the replacement safety sign or decal also.
4. Safety decals or signs are available from your Dealer Parts Department.

1.4 SIGN-OFF FORM

Anyone operating and/or maintaining a BWS trailer must read and clearly understand ALL safety, operating and maintenance information presented in this manual.

Do not operate or allow anyone else to operate this equipment until such information has been reviewed. Review this information annually.

Make these periodic reviews of SAFETY and OPERATION a standard practice for all of your equipment.

A sign-off sheet is provided for your record keeping to show that all personnel who will be operating or maintaining the equipment have read, and understood, the information in the operator's manual and have been instructed in the operation of the equipment.

2.0 SAFETY DECALS

The types of decals used on the equipment are shown below. Responsible practices require you to familiarize yourself with the various Safety Decals, the type of warning and the area, or particular function related to that area that requires your SAFETY AWARENESS.

THINK SAFETY! WORK SAFELY!

WARNING!

AIR SUSPENSION MUST BE DUMPED PRIOR TO LOADING AND UNLOADING. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS DAMAGE.

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WARNING

DESIGN PERFORMANCE OF THE AIR SYSTEM REQUIRES A MINIMUM 115 TO 130 PSI UNINTERUPTED AIR PRESSURE TO THIS TRAILER

AVERTISSEMENT

LA CONCEPTION DE RENDEMENT DU SYSTÈME D'AIR NÉCESSITE QUE CETTE SEMI-REMORQUE SOIT ALIMENTÉE AVEC UNE PRESSION D'AIR ININTERROMPUE DE 115 A 130 LB/PO2

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DO NOT WELD, DRILL OR CUT HOLES IN MAIN FRAME RAILS

SERIOUS DAMAGE MAY OCCUR

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 **CAUTION**

THIS TRAILER IS NOT DESIGNED FOR POINT LOADS

 **CAUTION**


IF LANDING GEAR IS TOUCHING THE GROUND... USE LOW GEAR

RAISE TRAILER LOWER TRAILER

LOW GEAR IS IN

XL4-G300-01 OUTSIDE MOUNT

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 **RIDEWELL SUSPENSIONS**

MONOPIVOT 240 BOLT TORQUE MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

ECCENTRIC PIVOT BOLT	1,000 FT. LBS. (1350 N.M)
SHOCK BOLT	160 FT. LBS. (220 N.M)
AIR SPRING CONNECTION - 3/4"	50 FT. LBS. (70 N.M)
AIR SPRING CONNECTION - 1/2"	25 FT. LBS. (35 N.M)
BUSHING CLAMP BOLT	190 FT. LBS. (260 N.M)

See Service Manual for Details.

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 **RIDEWELL SUSPENSIONS**

30,000 LB. CAPACITY OVERSLUNG/UNDERSLUNG

RAR-240 PSIG SCALE

ESTIMATED SPRING LOAD PER AXLE	AIR SPRING REQUIRED PSIG
30,000#	90
26,500#	80
20,000#	60
13,500#	40
7,000#	20

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Estimated values are approximate and include 1,200# for complete axle assembly. Actual values must be verified by certified scales.



REMEMBER

If Safety Decals have been damaged, removed, become illegible or parts are replaced without decals, new decals must be applied. New decals are available from your authorized dealer.

3.0 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS - AIR DETACHABLE

DO NOT SIDE LOAD YOUR RGN TRAILER. SERIOUS DAMAGE MAY OCCUR.

DETACH GOOSENECK FROM DECK

1. Align trailer with attached tractor. Set tractor brakes.
2. Slide 5th wheel ahead to obtain optimum geometry for stinger arm. (Shaft should fall on flat section of the tractor frame)
3. Set trailer brake.
4. Reverse tractor until 5th wheel moves far enough ahead.
5. Set tractor brake and release trailer brakes.
6. Dump air in trailer suspension.
7. Activate air valve to unlock deck pins and complete with visual check to ensure pins are unlocked.
8. If maximum lifting power is required, pull pin in the blocks located on the Stinger and let them rotate down.
9. Rotate stinger control to RAISE until stinger arm rests on tractor frame.
10. Rotate main deck and stinger controls to RAISE. RAISE trailer ensuring gooseneck remains tight to main deck, adjusting controls as necessary. When the main deck is raised so the ride height arm rotates freely, rotate both main deck and stinger controls to hold.
11. Dump air in tractor suspension. (OPTIONAL)
12. Remove ride height blocks. (IF USED)
13. Remove safety pin from ride height arm.
14. Rotate ride height arm up and secure in safety bracket.
15. Rotate Stinger and main deck control to LOWER until
16. Main deck is resting on the ground and the gooseneck is clear of the deck hooks.
17. Rotate stinger control to raise until gooseneck is off the ground.
18. Disconnect electrical connections and deck glad hands once the main deck is resting on the ground.
19. Release tractor brakes and pull tractor and gooseneck ahead. Reverse the above procedure to reconnect the gooseneck to the main deck.
20. Adjust front of the trailer ride height by using the appropriate spacer blocks under the ride height arm.
21. Rotate the main deck and stinger control valves to LOWER position for travel.
22. Activate air valve to lock deck pins and complete with visual check to insure pins are locked.
23. Rotate Stinger blocks up and pin in place. (IF USED)



AFTER 1000 MILE BREAK-IN AND REGULAR INTERVALS THEREAFTER, CHECK THE FOLLOWING:

1. Running gear to king pin alignment.
2. Wheel and suspension bushing torque.
3. Tire pressure.

3.1 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS - MECHANICAL DETACHABLE

DO NOT SIDE LOAD YOUR RGN TRAILER. SERIOUS DAMAGE MAY OCCUR.

TO DETACH GOOSENECK FROM DECK

1. Dump air from tractor and trailer suspensions.
2. Set trailer brakes.
3. Release fifth wheel pin.
4. If stinger is supplied, move tractor forward and allow gooseneck to roll down tractor frame ramps until trailer touches the ground.
5. Remove spacers and connecting plates and place into storage position.
6. Move tractor back and attach fifth wheel to gooseneck.
7. Disconnect air and electrical cords between gooseneck and deck.
8. Disengage deck lock pins and remove blocking if used.
9. Push in trailer emergency valve to supply air to the stinger valve when stinger is supplied. If stinger is not supplied, block gooseneck using tractor frame.
10. Move stinger control valve to the raise position until gooseneck separates from deck.
11. Gooseneck is now detached from deck, pull tractor and gooseneck away.

NOTE: * SET TRACTOR BRAKES EACH TIME THE OPERATOR LEAVES THE TRACTOR SEAT

ATTACHING GOOSENECK TO DECK

1. With Stinger Control valve in the raise position, align gooseneck with deck and back tractor within 1 FT of deck.
2. Dump tractor suspension, move stinger control valve to the lower position and lower gooseneck into coupling position.
3. Push gooseneck into deck.
4. Fully lower gooseneck. Visually ensure that stinger retracts inside flange.
5. Engage deck lock pin.
6. Release fifth wheel pin. Pull tractor forward until gooseneck sits on deck.
7. Move connecting plates from storage position to deck lock position.
8. Move spacers into place and ensure they are secured.
9. Move tractor back and attach to gooseneck.
10. Lock the fifth wheel pin.
11. Connect air and electrical cords between gooseneck and deck.
12. Set tractor brakes.
13. Release trailer brakes.
14. Air up suspensions.

3.2 EXTENDABLE OPERATION - EXTENDING THE DECK

1. Lock trailer brakes.
2. Release deck lock pins.
3. Extend trailer to desired location.
4. Lock deck pins.
5. Rock trailer deck to ensure lock pins are secure.
6. Release trailer brakes.
7. To collapse deck, follow the above procedure.



3.3 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS - HYDRAULIC DETACHABLE

DO NOT SIDE LOAD YOUR RGN TRAILER. SERIOUS DAMAGE MAY OCCUR.

DETACHING GOOSENECK FROM DECK

1. Start engine (if equipped with optional self-contained power package, ensure diverter valve is in gooseneck position). If not equipped with power pack, ensure trailer is connected to correct truck hydraulic hoses. Maximum flow 21 GPM.
2. Dump air from tractor and trailer suspensions.
3. Release neck latch with air controls located on front of deck. OPTIONAL.
4. Pull out deck safety lock pin located on front left side of deck.
5. Operate gooseneck valve to raise deck high enough so deck ride adjustment block will clear lower ride block.
6. Operate ride block adjustment handle to move block fully forward to detach location. Lock block in this position with spring catch.
7. Lower trailer to the ground with control valve.
8. Disconnect air lines and electrical cable.
9. Lower hydraulic stinger to support weight of gooseneck.
10. Operate gooseneck valve in deck lower mode to rotate gooseneck deck support away from deck.
11. Slowly pull tractor and gooseneck assembly ahead.

ATTACHING GOOSENECK TO DECK

1. Ensure that gooseneck is securely supported by stinger assembly.
2. Reverse tractor to within two feet of deck ensuring that it is lined up with deck.
3. Ensure that deck safety lock is in unlocked position. (OUT)
4. If trailer is equipped, engage neck latch with air controls located on front of deck.
5. Operate hydraulic stinger with control valve to position gooseneck pin brackets in correct location to clear the top of the deck front pins. Verify that brackets are lined up with front pins.
6. Operate control valve in lower/raise mode to line up gooseneck deck support with angle of deck.
7. Reverse tractor back into deck so that the gooseneck brackets are on deck pins and the brackets make contact with the front of the deck. Set tractor parking brakes to maintain this position.
8. Operate gooseneck control valve in deck raise mode to rotate gooseneck deck support to make contact with deck. Move deck safety lock pin inwards in lock position. Verify that pin is engaged by viewing end of pin through deck pin inspection hole.
9. Raise stinger assembly so that it is completely retracted into gooseneck. If stinger is not completely retracted it can make contact with tractor during operation and cause structural damage.
10. Operate control valve to raise deck. Rotate ride block adjustment handle so that block is correct position to suit load and deck clearance requirements.
11. Connect air lines and electrical cable.
12. Raise trailer and tractor suspension with air valves.



NOTE: Set tractor brakes each time the operator leaves the tractor seat. Do not drive with gooseneck raised and load carried on hydraulic cylinders only, serious damage can result to the hydraulic system.

4.0 OPERATING PROCEDURES

4.0.0 BREAK-IN/INSPECTION

Time and distance specify the normal break-in procedure for a trailer:

1. Check slack adjuster function for the first 3 weeks of operation.
2. Check hub oil levels daily for the first 3 weeks of operation.
3. Check tires for proper inflation pressures. Re-torque wheel nuts after 100 km.

4.0.1 500 MILE / 800 KM INSPECTION

After the first 500 miles/800km of service, some 'settling in' will have occurred, particularly in the suspension components.

AT THIS TIME:

1. Re-torque all bolts and fasteners paying particular attention to the axle U-bolts, hub studs, upper and lower fifth wheel bolts and the suspension system. Refer to values in the maintenance section when re-torquing.
2. Check tires for proper inflation pressures and rim alignment. Re-torque wheel nuts. Block the axle and spin the wheels. Check for brake drag and wheel bearing adjustment.
3. Check oil levels in hubs. Maintain proper oil level. If any levels are low, check for leaks and repair.
4. Check axle alignment. Refer to maintenance section for procedure.

4.0.2 10,000 MILE / 16,000 KM INSPECTION

1. Check the function and adjustment of the brakes on each axle. No shoes should drag on the drum when the brakes are not applied.
2. Check tire inflation pressures and tread wear. Always match tires with tread wear that is worn to 1/8" in difference. If unusual or excessive tire wear occurs, it indicates something is wrong. Check further to determine the cause and correct it. See tires section for further information.
3. Re-torque all bolts and bolted connections.
4. Visually check all welds and adjacent areas for cracks. Any cracks should be repaired as soon as possible by an BWS dealer.
5. Ensure all suspension hangers and related members are tight and secure.
6. Check axle alignment. Refer to maintenance section for procedure.

4.0.3 20,000 MILE / 32,000 KM INSPECTION

1. Check each brake lining for wear. Replace or adjust as required.
2. Check the axle alignment. Refer to maintenance section for procedure.
3. Check the wheel wobble. Adjust as required.
4. Check the axle alignment.
5. Replace gear oil lubricant in each hub.



Ensure that air and electrical connections at the front of each Air Detachable section are not connected and securely placed where they will not be damaged when removing the Deck or the Flip. Always double check line connections once sections are installed and prior to operating the complete unit.

4.1 PRE-OPERATION VEHICLE INSPECTION PROCEDURE

The safe and trouble-free use of our trailers require the operator to maintain the unit in good operating condition. To assist the operator, a pre-operation checklist is provided that should be followed each time before the trailer is used.

Item numbers in Figure 1 correspond to the following WALK AROUND SEQUENCE.

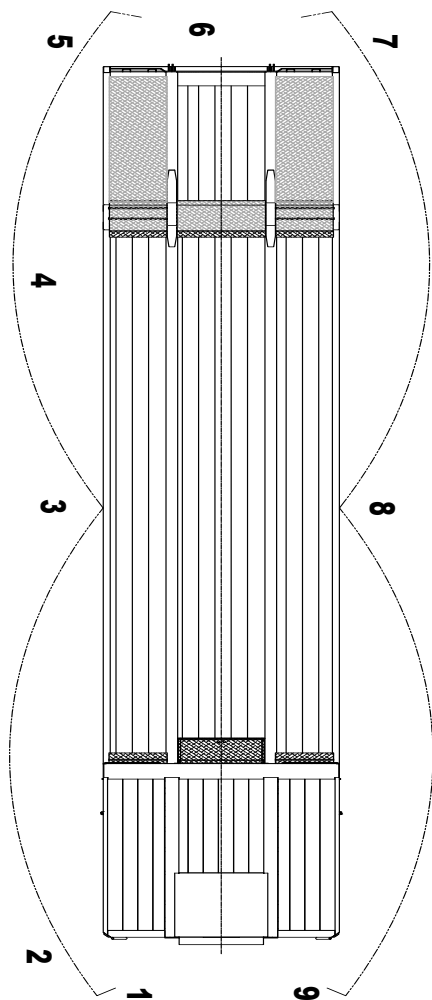


Figure 1

NOTE!

The tractor items, part of North American Walk Around Sequence have been omitted.

WALK AROUND SEQUENCE

STEP 1 – TRAILER FRONTAL AREA

1. *Air and Electrical Connections*
 - a. Verify that glad hands are properly mounted, free of damage, not leaking and not worn.
 - b. Check electrical line receptacle: Ensure that it is properly mounted, free of damage and the plug is adequately seated with safety catch engaged to prevent accidental disconnection.
 - c. Ensure that air and electrical lines are properly secure against tangling, snagging and chafing with sufficient slack for turns.
2. *Lights & Reflectors*
 - a. Check that the front trailer clearance and identification lights are clean and operating.
 - b. Ensure reflectors are present and clean.

STEP 2 - FIFTH WHEEL COUPLING AREA

1. *King Pin (Trailer)*
 - a. Verify that glad hands are properly mounted, free of damage, not leaking and not worn.
2. *Air & Electrical Lines Visible From This Point*
 - a. Ensure lines are properly secured and are free from:
 - b. Tangling, snagging, and chaffing.

STEP 3 - RIGHT SIDE OF TRAILER AREA

1. *Front Trailer Support*
 - a. Verify that all four gooseneck pins are secured. (2 on each side)
 - b. Check air lines. Verify that there are no leaks in the system.
2. *Lights & Reflectors*
 - a. Ensure clearance lights are clean, operating and proper color.
 - b. Ensure reflectors are clean and proper color.
3. *Frame & Body*
 - a. Ensure frame and cross members are not bent, cracked, or damaged.
4. *Placarding*
 - a. Ensure proper identification is used for the load being hauled.

RIGHT SIDE OF TRAILER AREA (CONTINUED)

STEP 4 - BRAKES

- a. Check condition of brake linings and drums.
- b. Check condition of hoses, lines & valves.
- c. Check slack adjusters.
- d. Check air chamber mounting.
- e. Check spring brakes.
- f. Drain moisture from air tank, close petcock. (If an air dryer is not supplied with the truck.)



Although stringent Quality Control inspections are carried out on each Air Detachable trailer, it is mandatory that each unit be inspected by an authorized Truck / Trailer Inspection Station, prior to operating. Please refer to Trailer Maintenance Schedule.

STEP 5 - RIGHT REAR TRAILER WHEEL AREA

1. *Wheels/Axles*
 - a. Check condition of wheels and rims. Verify that there are – no cracked or bent rims, broken studs, or loose wheel nuts.
 - b. Condition of tires – Check for uneven tire wear.
 - c. Tires all same type, e.g. **DO NOT** mix radial and bias types on the same axle.
 - d. Wheel bearings and hub have no obvious leaking.
 - e. Check hub oil level.
 - f. Ensure mud flaps are in place and in good condition.
 - g. Ensure that air lines are not cracked, cut, crimped or damaged and secured against tangling, snagging or chafing.

2. *Suspension*
 - a. Check air bag inflation on the suspension system.
 - b. Axle alignment.
 - c. Check for loose or hanging equipment.



Figure 2

STEP 6 - REAR OF TRAILER

1. *Lights and Reflectors*
 - a. Rear clearance and identification lights – clean, operating and proper color.
 - b. Reflectors are clean and proper color.
 - c. Taillights - clean, operating and proper color.

2. *Cargo Securement*
 - a. Cargo properly loaded side to side and back to front.
 - b. Check cargo tie-downs and ensure they are tight.
 - c. Ensure concentrated load is positioned over structural beams.

STEP 7 - LEFT REAR TRAILER WHEEL AREA AND BRAKES

Check all items as done on right side (step 5).

STEP 8- LEFT SIDE OF TRAILER AREA

Check all items as done on right side (step 3).

STEP 9- TRAILER(S) FUNCTIONAL CHECK (TRACTOR ATTACHED)

1. Check for proper connection of air brake glad hands, and secure contact of electrical connection.
2. Start engine.
3. Build up air pressure in the tractor-trailer systems.
4. Turn on lights and inspect for proper function of:
 - a. Clearance lights.
 - b. Identification lights.
 - c. Turn signals and 4-way flashers.
 - d. Side marker lights.
 - e. Tail lights.
 - f. Stop lights.

5. Check the function of brakes.
 - a. Apply service brakes.
 - b. Apply parking brakes.
 - c. Apply accelerator with brakes in emergency to ensure park brake functions.
 - d. Stop engine.
 - i. Release trailer emergency brakes.
 - ii. Apply service brakes.

IMPORTANT!

Broken or malfunctioning equipment is dangerous and is to be replaced immediately.

AIR LOSS SHOULD NOT EXCEED:

3 psi per minute on single vehicles.

4 psi per minute on combination.

4.2 FIFTH WHEEL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Failure to read, understand and follow the important information contained herein may result in a hazardous condition or cause a hazardous condition to develop.
2. Relative to the tractor trailer operations, there are other checks, inspections and procedures not listed here which are necessary, prudent and/or required by law. The following is in addition to these, and pertains to the fifth wheel only.
3. Perform these procedures with the area clear of obstacles and other personnel.

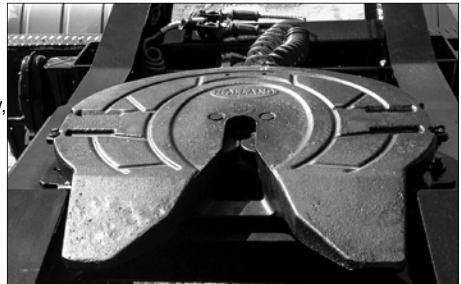


Figure 3

4.2.1 COUPLING PROCEDURE

1. Visually inspect the equipment before coupling.
 - a. Make sure the fifth wheel (Fig. 3) is properly lubricated, the locks are open and the ramps are tilted down in the proper position.
 - b. Make sure the mounting of the fifth wheel to the tractor is in good condition and tight.

COUPLING PROCEDURE (CONTINUED)

2. Back up close to the trailer, centering the kingpin in the cradle of the fifth wheel, STOP.
3. Check to see that the trailer is at the proper height for coupling. The leading edge of the trailer plate should initially contact the fifth wheel top bearing surface behind its pivot axis as the tractor backs under the trailer. Raise or lower the deck supports as required to obtain this position.
4. Back under the trailer, keeping the trailer kingpin centered in the crotch of the fifth wheel.
5. After picking up the trailer with the fifth wheel, STOP, then continue backing until the fifth wheel locks firmly on the king pin.
6. Back up tight to the kingpin. Pull forward to test the completeness of the coupling as an initial check.
7. Visually check to see that the kingpin is in the fifth wheel locks, ensure that it is not overhanging the fifth wheel or caught in a grease groove. There should be no gap between the trailer plate and the fifth wheel.
8. Connect the light cord and the brake lines and be sure any slack in the lines is supported and the brake lines do not become tangled.
9. If your fifth wheel is equipped with a manual secondary lock, check to see that it is properly engaged.
10. Release air to the deck supports until they retract.
11. Hook air lines and light cord from tractor to trailer.



WARNING!

Attempting to couple the trailer at an improper height could result in a false or improper coupling and could cause damage to the fifth wheel or trailer.



WARNING!

A direct visual inspection is required to assure proper coupling. Several types of improper couplings will pass the initial pull test and the sound is unreliable. Do not take for granted it is properly coupled.



WARNING!

If you do not obtain a proper coupling, repeat this sequence. Do not use any fifth wheel which fails to operate properly.

4.2.2 UNCOUPLING PROCEDURE (ADG TRAILERS ONLY)

1. Set the emergency brake on the tractor. Dump air suspension.
2. Air should be completely released from the air bags after parking brake is applied and before deck supports are extended.
3. Using the gooseneck controls (figure 4), adjust deck supports (figure 5) until they touch the ground and add a small fraction of height providing tension on the trailer and relieving the tractor. Do not raise the trailer off the fifth wheel. It may be necessary to provide a base for the deck supports in poor loading conditions.
4. Set the trailer spring (emergency) brakes with the tractor trailer protection switch.
5. Unlock the fifth wheel, including the manual secondary lock if so equipped.
6. Disconnect the light cord and brake lines.
7. Release the tractor emergency brake and pull out slowly from under the trailer. Let the trailer slide down the fifth wheel and pick up ramps with minimal impact of the deck supports with the ground.



Figure 4



Figure 5

4.3 LOADING

It is the responsibility of the operator to review and be familiar with the trailer loading capacity specifications and make sure that all loading limitations or restrictions are complied with for each operating jurisdiction. Exceeding the trailer weight specifications can result in damage to the structure. Exceeding the road restrictions is illegal.

- Do not drop a load on the trailer. Place it on the floor in a position of equalize load distribution.
- Determine the load carrying capacity of your trailer and the proper load position before you start loading.

4.3.1 TRAILER WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION

- Trailers are designed for uniform load distribution as shown in figure 6. The load should be distributed equally between the front and the rear of the trailer.
- Crosswise weights should be equally distributed (figure 7) . A heavy load should not be placed on one side. This will overload suspensions and tires on that side. Place load so that weight will be equal on rear tires, eliminating possible twisting of the frame and overloading of axle housings and wheel bearings.
- Loading heavy concentrated loads not occupying full trailer floor area:
 - Do not place heavy concentrated loads on trailer edges.
 - Heavy concentrated loads must be placed on frame rails.

UNIFORM LOAD DISTRIBUTION FRONT TO BACK

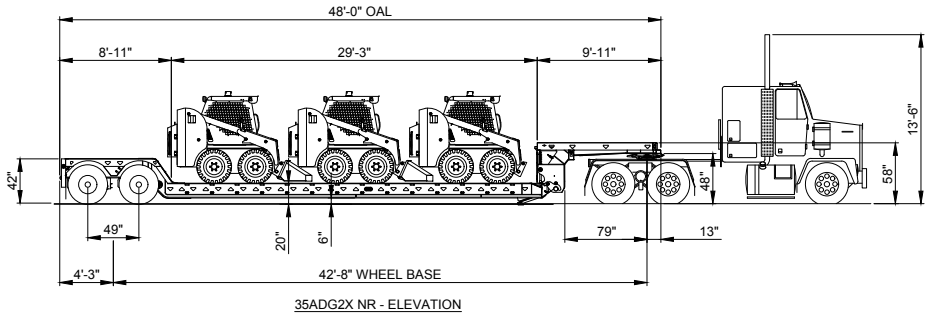


Figure 6

UNIFORM LOAD DISTRIBUTION SIDE TO SIDE

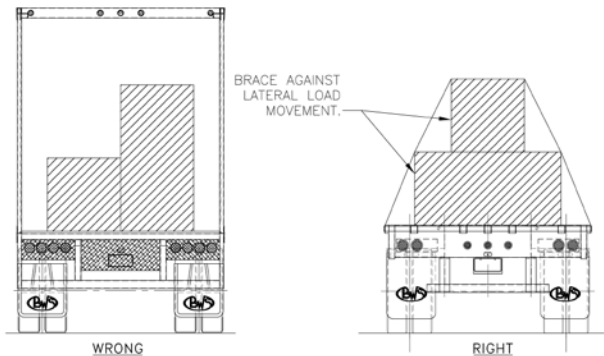


Figure 7

4.3.2 LOAD RESTRAINTS

All loads must be properly secured before moving or transporting the trailer to prevent cargo movement. Attach the load restraints in a crossing pattern to prevent both lateral and longitudinal movement. Do not exceed the working strength of the restraints or the anchor. Check the restraints frequently during transport to ensure they stay tight. If they remain loose, the load can shift or move and lead to an unsafe condition.

Some approved tie-downs include but are not limited to: (figures 8A, 8B, 8C)
See North American Securement Laws.

GENERAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Ensure the air lines are securely connected and have sufficient slack for turns.
2. Ensure the brakes are properly adjusted and functioning adequately.
3. Ensure the electrical harness is securely attached and all lights and reflectors are clean and in good working order.
4. Ensure that the mud flaps are in good condition to minimize road splash in wet conditions.
5. Always keep the trailer in good mechanical condition.
6. Ensure the cargo is securely tied down.

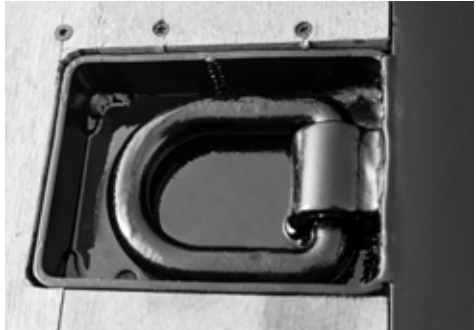


Figure 8A

Figure 8B



Figure 8C



4.4 TRANSPORTING

After following the preceding instructions, your BWS trailer or unit is ready for transport. It is wise to review operating instructions periodically to refresh your memory. Good operation procedures result in a safe work environment for all.

1. Ensure the trailer is securely attached and locked into position.
2. Ensure the air lines are securely connected and have sufficient slack for turns.
3. Ensure the brakes are properly adjusted and functioning adequately.
4. Ensure the electrical harness is securely attached and all lights and reflectors are clean & in good working order.
5. Ensure that the mud flaps are in good condition to minimize road splash in wet conditions.
6. Always keep the trailer in good mechanical condition.
7. Ensure the cargo is securely tied down.
8. Always keep the trailer in good mechanical condition.
9. Ensure the cargo is securely tied down.

4.4.1 BRAKING GUIDELINES

Safe, reliable and trouble-free operation of your trailer requires that the brakes be maintained in good operating condition. The improper use of brakes by the driver can contribute to shorter brake component life, result in system malfunctions, and cause poor tire wear patterns. The following list summarizes some basic operational guidelines for the driver.

1. Check the function of the brake system before starting a trip.
2. Maintain a safe speed at all times. Slow down for rough, slippery, congested, or winding road conditions.
3. Always provide sufficient vehicle spacing on the road to allow for safe stopping distance.
4. Apply brakes gradually to produce an even deceleration until the vehicle is stopped.
5. Watch traffic patterns ahead. Anticipate pattern changes that could result in an emergency. Apply the brakes gradually in sufficient time to produce a controlled stop.
6. Shift to a lower gear to use engine compression as the retarding force when going down steep grades.
7. Do not apply brakes for a long period of time such as when traveling on a long downgrade. Light intermittent brake application will result in proper vehicle control and keep brakes from overheating.
8. Dry the brakes by applying them several times after going through water.
9. Release the brakes just before going over railroad tracks or in other rough conditions. By allowing the wheels to turn over rough road surfaces, there will be no shock loads to the brake system components and the possibility of flat spotting tires will be reduced.
10. Wet, icy or snow-packed surfaces require special care. Make sure ABS is functioning properly.
11. Use wheel chocks, apply trailer and tractor parking brakes when parking the unit.
12. When trailer-parking brakes are applied with hot drums, it may result in a cracked drum. Allow drums to cool before applying the brakes.
13. Fanning, or repeated on-and-off applications, will use up the system air reserves. This procedure is not recommended with ABS. The wasting of air pressure reserves could result in insufficient air pressure should an emergency occur.
14. Hard or panic stops can overheat the linings and drums. Overheating will cause brake fade. Severe overheating and fade can result in the complete loss of braking capability. Overheating will also substantially reduce the expected life of brake components.

4.4.2 TIRES

When operating the trailer, it is the responsibility of the driver to check the tires frequently. Inflation pressures, wear patterns and matching are critical parameters that must be monitored. The following factors affect tire life:

1. INSPECTION FREQUENCY

Tires should always be checked before the start of a run, twice during the day or every 4 hours, whichever comes first. It is also good practice to check the tires at each rest period during the day. When a driver hears or feels unusual handling characteristics, the first items to check are the tires. Problems found early can help avoid more serious problems later on. A sample of typical abnormal wear patterns are shown in the maintenance section of the tire wear problem before proceeding.

2. INFLATION PRESSURE

Tires should always be operated at specified pressures. The tire is designed to run with the full width of the tread flat on the contact surface. Operating at other than specified pressures will change the tread contact patterns and dramatically shorten tire life. In addition, the tires will run hotter and can lead to blow-outs.

Check tire pressure when the tire is cold. A hot tire can read as much as 20 psi higher than a cold tire. If tires are over inflated, check for poor load distribution, uneven surface contact, over-loading or poor operating conditions. For inflation pressures, refer to manufacturers' specifications.

3. TIRE MATCHING

Do not mix radial and bias-ply tires on the same axle. Their operating characteristics are different and will lead to uneven tire loading, rapid tire wear and adverse handling characteristics. Matching also includes combining tires that have the same amount of tread remaining. A tire with more tread has a larger rolling radius and will have to carry a heavier load. The best performance will be obtained when the rolling radius is within 1/8" for all tires on the axle.

4.4.3 SERVICE

This section provides information and recommendations on daily and periodical maintenance, which if followed will result in safe and dependable operation of the trailer. Ensure that all operators of BWS trailers are familiar with the operation and maintenance procedures and related safety information contained in the operator's manual.



MAINTENANCE SAFETY

1. Read and understand all the information in the operator's manual, regarding maintaining, adjusting and operating this trailer.
2. Stop the engine, remove ignition key and set the park brake before adjusting, servicing and/or maintaining any part of the trailer.
3. Review the operator's manual and all related maintenance, operating and safety information annually with the personnel who will be maintaining or operating the trailer. DO NOT attempt to maintain, adjust or service any part of the trailer while loading.

FLUIDS AND LUBRICANTS

GREASE

Use an SAE multi-purpose lithium based grease with extreme pressure (EP) characteristics at grease points.

WHEEL HUB OIL

Use an SAE 80W90 for normal temperature conditions (-10°F to 100°F).

STORING LUBRICANTS

Your trailer can only operate at top efficiency if clean lubricants are used. Use clean containers to handle all lubricants. Store them in an area protected from dust, moisture and other contaminants.

GREASING

Refer to section 5.1.1 for recommended grease. Use the Service Record checklist provided to keep a record of all scheduled servicing.

1. It is recommended that a hand-held grease gun be used for greasing. An air-powered greasing system can damage the seals on bearings and lead to early failure.
2. Wipe grease fitting with a clean cloth before greasing to avoid injecting dirt and grit.
3. Replace and repair broken fittings immediately.
4. If fittings will not take grease, remove and clean thoroughly. Also clean lubricant passageway. Replace fitting if necessary.

LUBRICATION

FIFTH WHEEL

1. Keep a water-resistant, lithium based grease applied to the trailer contact surface (or load bearing surface) of the fifth wheel plate.
2. Apply grease to the bearing surface of the support bracket through the grease fittings on the side of the fifth wheel plate. The plate must be lifted up slightly to relieve weight on the bracket while applying grease.

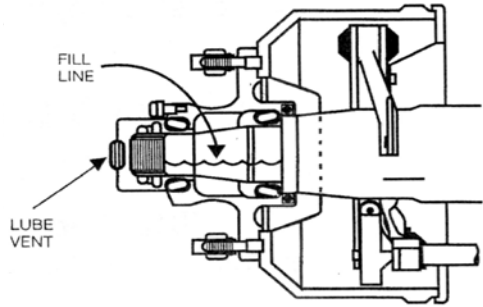


Figure 9

BRAKES

Lubricate brake actuating components at 100,000 km or at time of brake re-line. Replace oil (if applicable) in wheel bearing.

SERVICE INTERVALS

DAILY, 10 HOURS OR 500 MILES / 800 KM

1. Check for grease and irregularities on fifth wheel and king pin.
2. Check brake function and air bag inflation on the suspension system
3. Drain air tank on trailer. (If an air dryer has not been supplied with the truck.)
4. Check oil level in wheel hubs. Top-up if necessary.

EVERY 6 MONTHS

1. Oil deck supports.

EVERY 5,000 MILES / 8,000 KM

1. Check oil level in wheel hubs. Change if contaminated, seals are replaced and when brake linings are changed, or annually.
2. Grease brake components.

EVERY 100,000 MILES/150,000 KM

1. Check brake linings for wear.

SERVICE RECORD SUMMARY (LUBRICATION)

Location	Description	Frequency	Lubricant
Fifth Wheel	Coat load bearing surface and grease pins.	Daily or as needed.	Chassis grease*
Wheels	Bearings	5000 mile / 8000 km	SAE 80W90 Gear Oil
	Check oil level	Daily	SAE 80W90 Gear Oil
	Change Oil	Annually or as needed	
Camshaft	Lubricate	5000 mile / 8000 km or monthly	Chassis grease*
Slack Adjuster	Lubricate	5000 mile / 8000 km or monthly	Chassis grease*
Outer Brake Components	Lubricate	5000 mile / 8000 km or monthly	Chassis grease*

* USE A GOOD QUALITY LITHIUM BASED EXTREME PRESSURE GREASE THROUGHOUT.

MIL-G-25013C IN BELOW -40 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.

NOTE: DO NOT USE EXCESSIVE LUBRICANT.

MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION

The safe and efficient operation of your BWS trailer will depend a great deal on your diligence in following the maintenance and adjustment procedures outlined in this section. If you follow these recommendations your BWS trailer will work to its full potential. With adequate attention to regular and preventative maintenance your costs can be reduced significantly. The various components and systems of your BWS trailer, which will require daily and/or periodic inspections, maintenance and adjustments are presented in this section.

MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION SUMMARY

Component	Frequency	Inspection
King Pin	30,000 mile/50,000 km or every 3 months	Kingpin wear and no damage to anchoring
Fifth wheel	30,000 mile/50,000 km or every 3 months	Hardware tight and kingpin lock clearance
Wheel Bearing	25,000 mile/40,000 km or every 3 months	Remove wheel for seal leaks, end play, bearing condition & cleanliness
Hub Oil	Daily	Check oil level
Oil Seals	Daily	Check for leaks & replace seals when leaks occur or wheel removed
Brakes	25,000 mile/40,000 km	Check lining wear. Check brake adjustments.
	1000,000 mile/150,000 km	Re-line as required
Wheels	Daily	Check for wobbles, cracked or bent rims and for loose, missing, broken stripped or otherwise ineffective fasteners.
Tires	Daily	Tire pressure Wear patterns
Axles	As required	Alignment to chassis
Suspension		
Air Ride Suspension	Daily, also see section 4.8	Air leakage Hardware tightness Mechanical Height check
Air System		
Relay Emergency Value	Every 3 to 6 months	Perform operating and leakage tests
Glad Hands	Daily	Check for cracks, worn or damaged components.
Spring Brake Value	Annually or 100,000 mile/150,000 km	Perform operating and leakage tests
Relay Value	Annually or 100,000 mile/150,000 km	Perform operating and leakage tests
Reservoir	Daily Every 6 months	Drain air tanks Integral check value function
Air Lines / Hoses	Daily	Check for leaks, chafing, kinking or other mechanical damage
Electrical System	Daily	Check for burned out bulbs and loose connections

5.0 KING PIN AND UPPER COUPLER

Inspect the kingpin and its structure on the trailer at regular intervals to be sure that they have not suffered damage or undue wear. The kingpin should not be bent.

The kingpin should be checked for excessive wear, looseness, chipped areas or cracks. Any kingpin bent or showing the above defects should be replaced or repaired at once.

Inspect the upper coupler assembly for any excessive bowing or cracks. Ensure the entire assembly is safely secured to the trailer by checking the condition of the welds, bolts or rivets, as used in the original construction (Figure 10).

 **WARNING!**

Do not attempt to build up a worn kingpin by welding. The heat of the weld may weaken the special steel used to make the component. Work must be done by an authorized service technician only.

5.1 AXLES

5.1.1 SUGGESTED PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

1. 18,000 Mile/30,000 km to 24,000 Mile/40,000 km
 - Check brake lining wear and re-line as required.
 - Check brake adjustments and inspect roller, roller shafts, anchor pins and bushings.
 - Inspect brake actuator, camshaft, camshaft bushings, camshaft brackets and camshaft bracket bushings for any wear. Lubricate brake actuating components.

2. 60,000 Mile/100,000 km or at Time of Brake Reline
 - Overhaul and lubricate all brake actuating components.
 - Check all brake chambers.
 - Replace oil in wheel bearings.

3. 100,000 Mile/150,000 km or minimum of twice a year
 - Inspect wheel bearings. Check all seals for signs of wear.
 - Re-torque suspension pivot bolts and torque rods U-bolts.

5.1.2 AXLE ALIGNMENT

Improper axle alignment with the vehicle frame or chassis will cause excessive tire wear and vehicle dog-tracking. Proper axle alignment is a vital part of your operation (maintenance) and should be checked on a regular basis.

Each BWS trailer is checked for correct alignment before it leaves the factory, but settlement of suspension may necessitate realignment after first 500 miles / 800 km.

The kingpin has a dead-center mark on the bottom side. To ensure proper alignment, a steel tape measure should be run from the center part of the kingpin to an identical location on either side of the front axle.

A small rigid hook in the shape of a question mark made of ¼" bar stock will facilitate this alignment inspection. A steel tape can be attached to the end and this tool hooked over the kingpin. Figure 11 shows an example of a device used for alignment purposes.



Figure 10

PROCEDURE:

- Roll the vehicle back and forth over a level floor a few times to permit the connecting linkage to properly position itself and to center front and rear wheel track.
- Center the vehicle across its transverse and longitudinal sections.
- Measure the distances "C" and "D" (figure 12) from the
- Kingpin to forward axle. These distances must be within $1/8"$ (3.2 mm) of each other.
- Measure the distances "A" and "B" (figure 12) between the front and rear tandem axles.

These distances must be within $1/8"$ (1.6 mm) of each other.



Figure 11

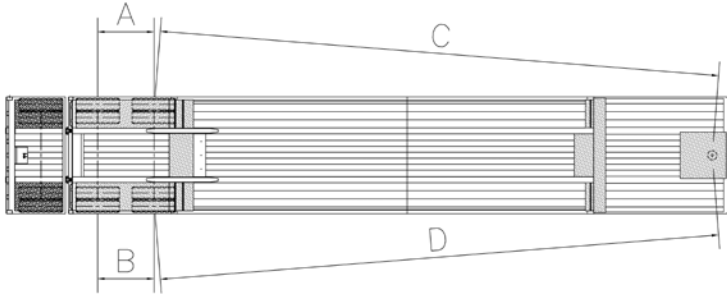


Figure 12

If any of these measurements do not fall within the stated limit, the vehicle suspension should be thoroughly inspected for loose, worn or broken connecting and supporting parts. Adjustments in the suspension and the replacement of broken or worn parts should be made to bring the axles into alignment.

The limits of $1/16"$ and $1/8"$ appear very small in comparison to the overall dimensions of the vehicle, but they are recognized as the maximum permissible variation. The small size of these limits make it important that measurements be accurate. Failure to keep the axles properly aligned may cause tire scrub and suspension component strain.



IMPORTANT!

Replace and repair components as required.

5.1.3 WHEELS

Your trailer may be equipped with either steel or aluminum wheels. Check for damaged (bent) and loose wheels, studs, bolts and nuts regularly. The follow procedure is to be used when mounting hub-piloted wheels (Disc Wheels) to an axle:



CAUTION!

Insufficient mounting torque can cause wheel shimmy, resulting in damage to parts and extreme tire wear. Excessive mounting torque can cause studs and cap nuts to break and discs to crack in stud hole area.



CAUTION!

Nuts must be kept tight by retorquing on a routine basis and by using the proper torque sequence. Loose nuts could result in loose wheel or premature wheel failure. This can result in an accident or injury.

WHEELS CONTINUED

1. Mount both wheels and snug up nuts in sequence shown (Figure 13A & 13B).
2. Torque in the sequence shown to proper torque level.
3. Recommended torque 450-500 ft.-lbs. (Torques are for clean dry threads.)
4. Check tires and wheels for proper seating and alignment.

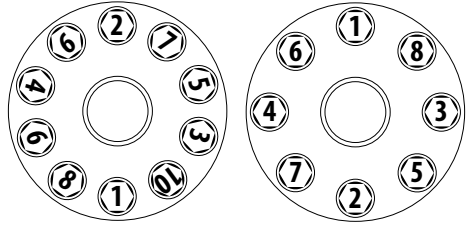
The wheels should be re torqued after running for 50 to 100 miles, whenever they have been removed for maintenance, and when they leave the factory.

Figure 13A

Figure 13B

HUB PILOTED DISC WHEELS:

1. Known as "motor" or "unimount" wheels.
2. Have straight through bolt holes, no ball seats.
3. Center large hole of wheel onto pilot guides built on hub.
4. One nut per stud fastens wheels in place.
5. Clamped together with two piece flange nuts and spinning washers.
6. Right hand threads only for left and right sides of the trailer.



5.1.4 WHEEL HUBS

The main type of wheel being used on Air Detachable trailers in the commercial trucking industry today is as follows (figure 14):

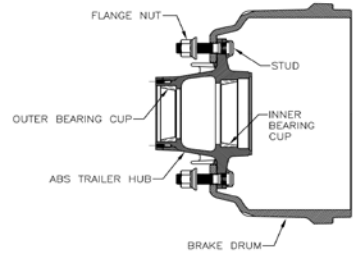


Figure 14

WHEEL BEARING / AXLE DIAGRAM (FIGURE 15)

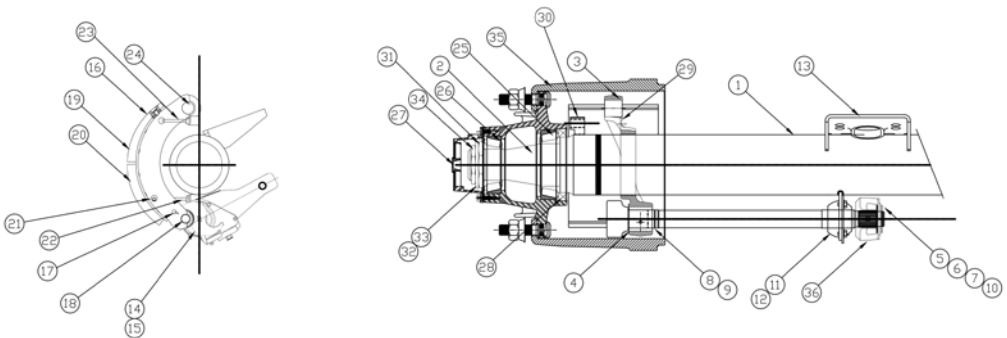


Figure 15

WHEEL BEARINGS PART BREAK DOWN

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY
1	tube - 0.625 wall	2	20	rivet	80
2	spindle - 0.625 wall	2	21	spring retainer	4
3	spider	2	22	spring - return	2
4	washer - 1 5/8" cam	2	23	spring - tension	4
5	washer - spline end	8	24	anchor pin	4
6	washer - spline end	2	25	bearing - inner	2
7	washer - spline end	4	26	bearing outer	2
8	washer - 1 5/8" spider end	2	27	hub cap	2
9	snap ring - spider end	2	28	seal	2
10	snap ring - slack end	2	29	rubber grommet	2
11	cam bracket - lh	1	30	abs block	2
12	cam bracket - rh	1	31	spindle nut - inner	2
13	air chamber bracket	2	32	lock washer	2
14	cam - lh	1	33	star washer	2
15	cam - rh	1	34	spindle nut - outer	2
16	12.25 FC brake shoe	4	35	hub and drum	1
17	roller retainer	4	36	haldex auto slack	2
18	cam roller	4			
19	CM 18 lining TMS R 23 GG	8			

5.1.5 BEARING ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURE

TMC's Wheel End task force (The Maintenance Council task force on tractor-trailer communications) developed the following bearing adjustment recommendations. It represents the combined input of manufacturers of wheel end components.

STEP 1: BEARING LUBRICATION

Lubricate the wheel bearing with clean lubricant of the same type, as used in the axle sump or hub assembly.

STEP 2: INITIAL ADJUSTING NUT TORQUE ADJUSTMENT (WHILE ROTATING THE WHEEL)

Tighten the adjusting nut to a torque of 200 ft.lbs.

STEP 3: INITIAL BACK-OFF

Back the adjusting nut off one full turn.

BEARING ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURE CONTINUED

STEP 4: FINAL ADJUSTING NUT TORQUE

Tighten the adjusting nut to a final torque of 100 ft.lbs while rotating the wheel.

STEP 5: FINAL BACK-OFF

Back the adjusting nut off 1/8 to 1/4 turn (app. 0.003 inches)

NOTE: FOR SELF-LOCKING NUT SYSTEMS, CONSULT MANUFACTURERS' SPECIFICATIONS. BWS ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR BEARING WARRANTY.

Acceptable end play is .001"-.005" As measured with a dial indicator.

NOTE: LOOSE WHEEL BEARINGS ARE THE MAJOR CAUSE OF SEAL LEAKAGE. BE SURE BEARING TOLERANCE IS CORRECT.

5.1.6 BEARING ADJUSTMENT

Bearings must be correctly adjusted and properly lubricated to achieve maximum bearing life and to prevent damage to wheels, axles, and possibly the trailer. The bearings should be lubricated at regular intervals, depending on vehicle speeds, loads and general operating conditions. Changes of wheel bearing lubricants are recommended every 20,000 – 25,000 miles, or twice a year (Spring & Fall).

Remove wheel assembly and bearing cones. Clean all old grease from hub of wheel bearings & hubcap with a good grade commercial cleaner and a stiff brush, not steel. DO NOT use gasoline or air hose in cleaning operation. Avoid spinning cone while cleaning. Allow the cleaned parts to dry and wipe them up with a clean, absorbent cloth or paper towel. Clean all tools used in the service operation.

NOTE: GREASE WILL NOT ADHERE TO A SURFACE THAT IS WET WITH SOLVENT BECAUSE THE SOLVENT MAY DILUTE THE LUBRICANT. CLEANLINESS IS MOST IMPORTANT. CONTAMINATION MAY DAMAGE THE BEARING COMPONENTS.

Inspect seals and seal spring surfaces, bearing cups and bearing cones for indications of wear or damage. Handle all parts carefully during inspection and packaging so the cage will not be bent or the rollers and cone damaged.

Place bearing cones in cups and check for proper fit, and proper number.

GREASE LUBRICATED BEARINGS

Pack the bearings with a pressure packer, if possible, using an approved lubricant of medium consistency. If a pressure packer is not available, pack bearings by hand. You can do this by forcing the grease into the cavities, between the rollers and cage from the large end of the cone. Coat the hubcap with a light coat of grease.

OIL LUBRICATED BEARINGS

Use a gear type oil SAE-90 and spread a light coat of oil on all parts before assembly. To prevent 'hot' bearings and provide for maximum load carrying capacity, bearings should be kept free of slack and play. For positive close adjustment, a torque wrench should be used to tighten the bearing to the manufacturers' specifications.

NOTE: IT IS RECOMMENDED TO REPLACE AXLE SEALS EACH TIME WHEEL ENDS ARE SERVICED. THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE WILL PROVIDE FOR SATISFACTORY BEARING ADJUSTMENT WHEN THE TORQUE METHOD IS NOT FEASIBLE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WHENEVER WHEELS, HUBS AND DRUMS ARE REMOVED FOR ANY PURPOSE, THE BEARINGS WILL REQUIRE RE-ADJUSTMENT.

BEARING ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURE CONTINUED

With the wheel raised off the ground and the component parts on the spindle, the inner spindle nut should be tightened until there is no slack or play in the bearings. The inner nut should then be backed-off approximately one-half turn. The lock (thrust) washer is then placed in position. Next, the outer spindle nut is tightened against the washer. Once the procedure is completed, the bearings should be given a final check for any play. This condition can be corrected by progressive tightening of the inner nut, followed by a readjustment of the lock washer and outer nut.

NOTE: THE SPINDLE NUT WRENCHES FOR THE VARIOUS AXLE MODELS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM OUR PARTS DEPARTMENT.

5.2 GREASE RETAINERS / OIL SEALS

5.2.1 RING AND SEAL TYPE (OIL) MAINTENANCE

Whenever the wheels must be removed for any reason, the seals should be inspected for nicks, etc. which could result in a leak.

5.2.2 RING AND SEAL TYPE (OIL) REPLACEMENT

1. Remove the seal from the hub by tapping on the face of the bearing cone. Care should be taken to avoid bending the cone cage or nicking the cone rollers.
2. If the axle ring is found to be defective, it can be removed by carefully and lightly tapping the ring all around with a ball peen hammer. Extreme care must be exercised to avoid cutting through the ring and damaging the spindle collar. After properly tapping the seal, it should expand so as to be removed by hand. Do not try to force the ring by hitting it from the axle bar side. There is no collar or lip on this side of the ring sufficient to prevent spindle damage.
3. To install the new ring and seal, it is mandatory that the seal manufacturers' recommended tool be used.
4. Prior to installing the new ring, the spindle should be clean and free from chips, burrs, etc.
5. Apply a thin coating of No. 2 sealer to the spindle axle ring collar.
6. Using the proper tool, install the ring on the spindle. (See manufacturers' recommendations for the proper position on the ring).
7. Apply No. 2 sealer to the seal's outer diameter.
8. Using the proper tool, press the seal into the hub until it is properly seated. (Proper seating specifications are available from the seal manufacturer).
9. Inspect the installation to assure that the seal components have bottomed evenly and are in the proper position.

5.3 SUSPENSION SYSTEM (AIR)

The axles are attached to and carried by the suspension system. The Air Detachable trailer uses an air ride suspension system. Each must be kept tight and in good working order to obtain maximum performance and life. Following are suspension service and maintenance procedures to use.

5.3.1 INSPECTION

1. FREQUENCY

- a. During pre-delivery inspection.
- b. After first 500 miles / 800 km of operation.

SUSPENSION SYSTEM (AIR) CONTINUED

2. ACTION

- Check that all fasteners are tightened to their specific torque (Figures 16 & 17).
- Check for damaged or broken components.
- Check all suspension system and axle welds or cracks.
- Evaluate tire wear patterns. Use the wear patterns as a guide to determine if maintenance or adjustments are required on the suspension system.
- Check the alignment of the axles.
- Ensure air pressure is being maintained at a pressure greater than 65 p.s.i.



IMPORTANT!

Replace and repair components as required.

RIDEWELL BOLT TORQUE SPECIFICATION CHART

Bolt Diameter (in.)	Lubricated Threads	
	Torque (Imp.)	Torque (SI)
1 1/2	1,100 ft.lbs.	1,490 N-m
1 1/4	1,000 ft.lbs.	1,350 N-m
1 1/8	500 ft.lbs.	680 N-m
1	360 ft.lbs.	490 N-m
1	460 ft.lbs.	625 N-m
7/8	350 ft.lbs.	475 N-m
3/4	160 ft.lbs.	220 N-m
3/4	190 ft.lbs.	260 N-m
5/8	100 ft.lbs.	135 N-m
3/4	50 ft.lbs.	70 N-m
1/2	25 ft.lbs.	35 N-m

Figure 16

RIDEWELL AIR RIDE TORQUE SPECIFICATION CHART

SUSPENSION BOLT TORQUE - MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS		
LOCATION	TORQUE (IMP.)	TORQUE (SI)
Eccentric Pivot Bolt	1,000 ft.lbs.	1,350 N-m
Shock Bolt	160 ft.lbs.	220 N-m
Air Spring Connection - 3/4"	50 ft.lbs.	70 N-m
Air Spring Connection - 1/2"	25 ft.lbs.	35 N-m
Bushing Clamp Bolt	190 ft.lbs.	260 N-m

Figure 17

5.4 AIR RIDE SUSPENSION

5.4.1 PRE-OPERATION INSPECTION - BEFORE VEHICLE IS PUT IN SERVICE

- Inspect all welds at hanger to frame connections.
- Inspect for proper installation of cross member between hangers.
- Inspect axle alignment to kingpin (figure 10).
- Check automatic air control valve and all line and fitting connections.
- Inspect air springs with 65 p.s.i. supply air or greater on a level surface for equal pressure and clearance.
- Inspect for proper mounting height.
- Inspect Pivot Bolts as per suspension manufactures specification.

1. DAILY INSPECTION

Visually inspect trailer to be sure it is level and that suspension ride height is correct. Check for loose or broken parts.

2. ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

- 30 days Check clearance around moving parts. Correct signs of interference.
 Check Axle, weld and bolt connections. Correct signs of security and wear.
- 60 days Check all welds.
 Check all pivot connections, suspension and shock.

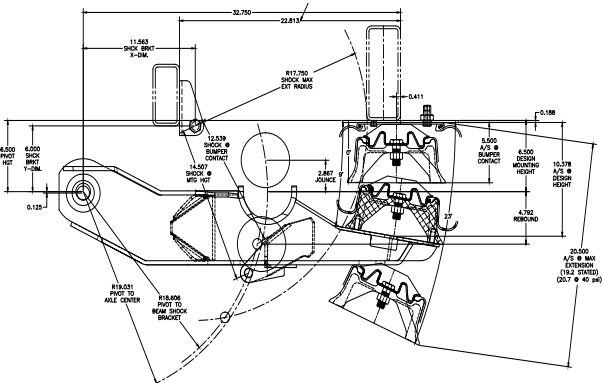


Figure 18

MAINTENANCE AIR SPRINGS

Problems seldom occur with the air springs unless they are rubbed, scuffed or punctured. If they fail, the chassis will settle down on the rubber bumper and you can drive to the next service depot for repairs. Identify and correct the cause of this problem before continuing.

5.4.2 AIR SPRING REPLACEMENT

- Exhaust air from system.
- Raise vehicle and support on safety stands.
- Remove air spring.
- Raise new air spring and tighten fasteners to their specified torque.

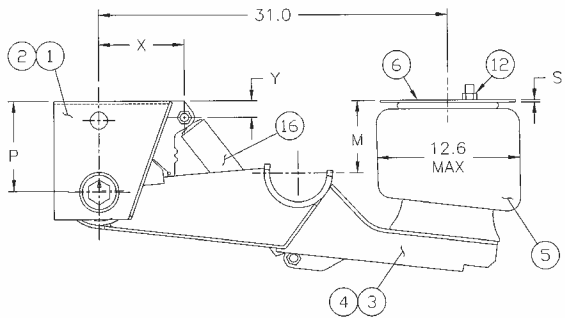


Figure 19

AIR SPRING REPLACEMENT CONTINUED

- a. Exhaust air from system.
- b. Raise vehicle and support on safety stands.
- c. Remove air spring.
- d. Raise new air spring and tighten fasteners to their specified torque.

5.4.3 SHOCK ABSORBERS

Shock absorbers absorb vibration energy from the system and act as rebound stops for the suspension.

To replace shock absorber:

- a. Remove end fasteners.
- b. Install new shock absorbers using new mounting hardware.
- c. Tighten fasteners at their specified torque.

5.4.4 PIVOT BUSHING

The pivot bushing is a very durable, long lasting component. Failures are rare and replacement should be undertaken only when all other potential problem causes have been eliminated. If replacement is required, obtain the removal/installation tool and replacement kit from your dealer.

PIVOT CONNECTION


The eccentric bolt at the pivot connection should have the anti-turn washer installed. Proper welding can not occur without the washer in place. Check for proper welding as per manufacturer's specifications.

5.4.5 AIR CONTROL SYSTEM

Air is supplied to the air springs by the air supply system from the tractor. A single height control valve on the lead axle monitors the chassis height from the axle and adds or exhausts air from the system as required to maintain a constant distance. The dimension is variable for your trailer and can be controlled by the variable height control adjustment (figure 21 and 22).

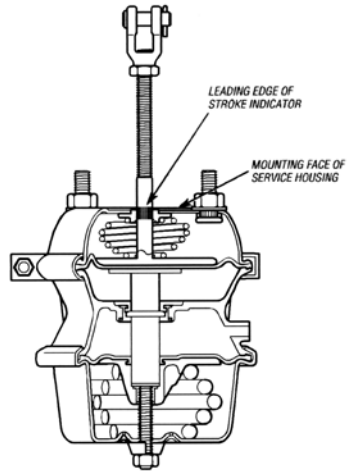
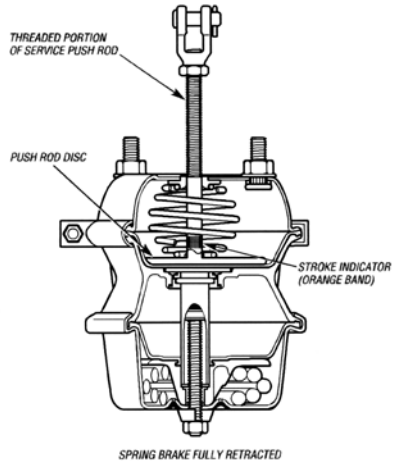
5.4.6 HEIGHT CONTROL VALVE

This valve controls the adding or exhausting of air from the air springs. Air is added when the distance between the axle and chassis is decreased. Air is exhausted when the distance increases. A 5 to 15 second time delay is built into the valve to minimize jerking. Replace the valve if it does not function properly.



CAUTION

Do not raise chassis unless shock absorbers are in place. Without shocks, the air spring will be over-extended and damaged.



3.0" STROKE SPRING BRAKE WITH 3/4" OF STROKE REMAINING.
FOR ALL OTHER SPRING BRAKE MODELS 1/2" OF REMAINING STROKE.

Figure 20

5.4.7 AIR DUMP VALVE

All air control systems are equipped with a dump valve that allows the operator to exhaust the air from the system in the following situations:

1. Parking trailer. (loaded or unloaded)
2. Loading or unloading trailers when supported by the deck supports.

⚠ CAUTION

Always release brakes when exhausting the air from the air system to allow the axles to pivot to their new position; preventing deck support damage.

HEIGHT CONTROL VALVE

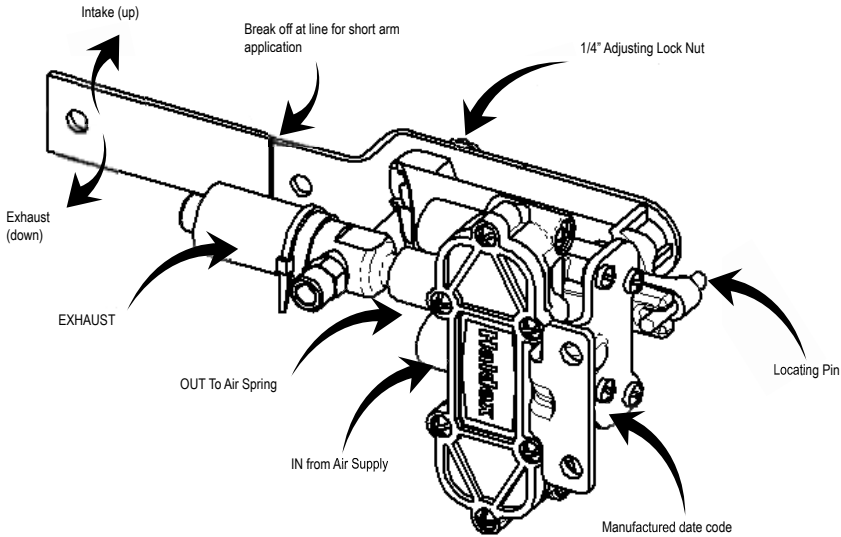


Figure 21

AIR DUMP VALVE WITH GAUGE



Figure 22

5.5 BRAKES

5.5.1 PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

The operator, on the basis of past experience and severity of operation, should establish a schedule for the periodic cleaning, adjustment and inspection of brake equipment. Drum and linings are particularly subject to wear. The air brake system needs to be inspected, cleaned, lubricated and adjusted on a regular basis and each time the hubs are removed the deck supports.

1. BRAKE DRUMS

Inspect brake drums. Any accumulation of mud, dirt or rust on the drums should be removed. Any broken or cracked drums should be removed from service. Brake Drum manufacturers do not recommend re-boring of brake drums because of the reduced strength of refaced drums.

2. BRAKE LINING

Check and determine how much of the lining has been worn. Replace linings as required by current safety legislation.

MAINTENANCE

1. BRAKES CHAMBERS

Your trailer is equipped with quick change brakes. These brakes require no maintenance other than if they are leaking they must be replaced. Adjustable brakes maintenance and practices can be obtained from your brake manufacture.

2. AUTOMATIC SLACK ADJUSTERS

Trailers are equipped with automatic (self-adjusting) slack adjusters. A self-adjusting slack adjuster should never have to be manually adjusted while in service. The only time it should be adjusted is during installation or at re-line. By constantly manually adjusting, the internal clutch life can be shortened. Consult individual manufacturer for proper adjustment procedure.

WARNING!

Do not attempt to repair or disassemble air brake chambers. A spring brake contains a very powerful compression spring. Incorrect handling may result in forceful release of the piggy back spring chamber and it's contents which could cause death, severe personal injury and/or property damage.

5.5.2 BRAKE COMPONENT IDENTIFICATION

ITEM	PART NAME
1	retaining ring
2	camshaft adjusting washer
3	steel spacer
4	grease seal
5	camshaft bushing
6	grease fitting
7	bracket mounting bolt
8	lock washer
9	camshaft bracket
10	dust shield mounting bolt
11	lock washer
12	dust shield (half)
13	spider sub-assembly
14	anchor pin bushing
15	anchor pin
16	steel spacer plate
17	camshaft
18	cam roller
19	shoe and lining assembly
20	return spring pin
21	show retainer spring
22	show return spring
23	lining
24	brake lining river
25	snap ring
26	washer
27	bronze bushing
28	brake roller spring

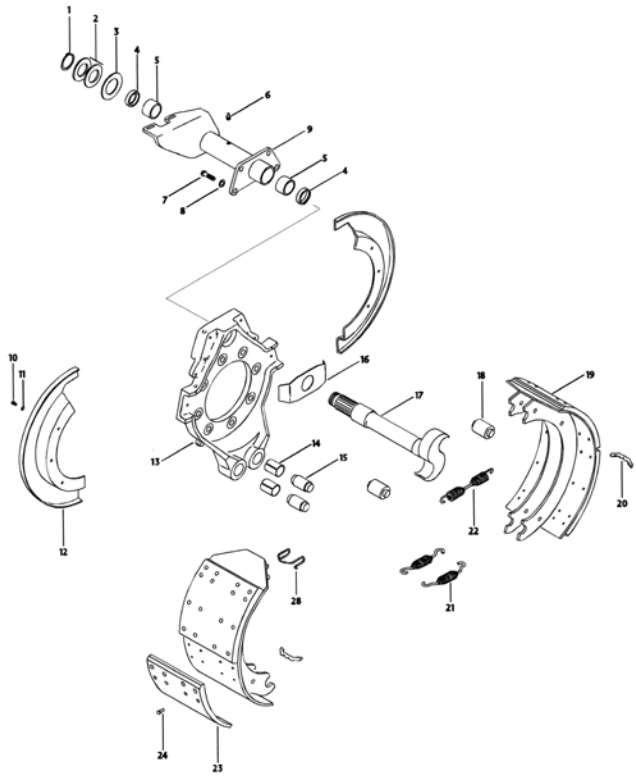
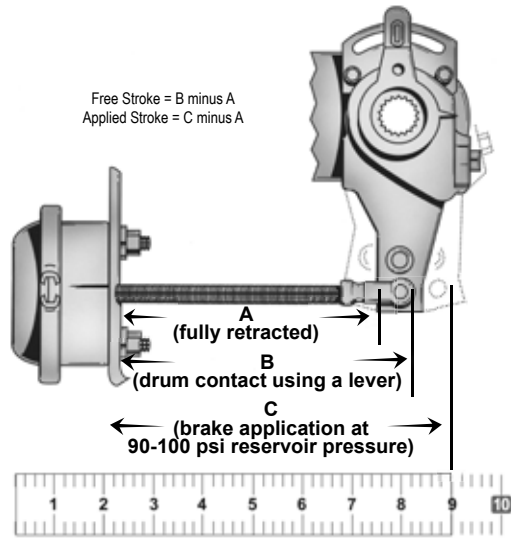


Figure 23

5.5.3 SLACK ADJUSTER SCHEMATIC

Figure 24



5.5.4 HALDEX AUTO SLACK ADJUSTER

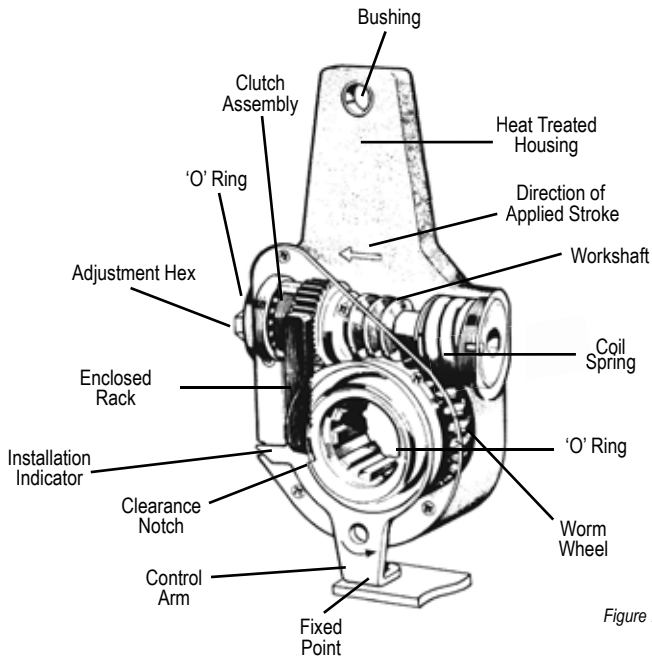


Figure 25

TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS

Subject fasteners must be torqued to the following specifications.

ITEM	TORQUE	
	(ft.lbs)	(N.m)
1. Wheels		
Spoke wheels		
5/8" wheel nuts	160-200	215-270
3/4" wheel nuts	190-210	255-285
Stud-piloted wheels		
Inner nut (3/4 x 16)	450-500	610-680
Outer nut (1-1/8 x 16)	450-500	610-680
Hub-piloted wheels		
8 Stud	450-500	610-680
10 Stud	450-500	610-680
2. Wheel bearing nuts		
Torque inner nut while rotating wheel clockwise	200	270
Back off inner nut and retorque	100	135
Back off inner nut 1/8 to 1/4 turn (app. 0.003").		
Install perforated washer		
Torque outer nut	250-300	340-410
3. Spring brake chamber mounting nuts	80-120	110-160
4. Hub cap screws	15-20	20-30

5.6 TIRES

5.6.1 TIRE CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Although seemingly not requiring instruction, it has been established that through neglect, tires wear fast or fail early, even with the best of maintenance and service that tires deliver.

5.6.2 TIRE INSPECTION

A regular inspection of the tires is the first step in increasing tire mileage. These inspections will help to identify troubles, such as under-inflation, over-inflation and improper alignment. Minor damages, that may be repaired, can be detected during these inspections and save a tire that would otherwise fail.

Inflate tires to manufacturers recommended pressures. Proper inflation costs nothing, but will increase tire mileage. Under inflation causes abnormal wear at the sides of the tread because the outer edges of the tire carry the load, while the center tends to flex up away from the road. This causes the tire to run hotter.

Tires found to be under-inflated before operation should be returned to the proper pressure. Over-inflation causes abnormal wear at the center of the tread, also shortening the life of the tire. This is caused because the center of the tire tread carries more than its share of the load. Check for correct pressure when tires are cool. When a tire is in use and becomes heated, the air in the tire expands and the air pressure increases. Normal pressure build up is 20 pounds or less. Never bleed the tire to relieve built up pressure. If excessive build up of pressure occurs, load distribution, under inflation, speed or any combination of these is responsible. Over-inflation reduces the ability of the tire to absorb ordinary shock and causes fabric or tread separation, or both, resulting in tire failures. It will not compensate for overloading. An overinflated tire is more vulnerable to snags, cuts and punctures.

5.6.3 MECHANICAL IRREGULARITIES

Mechanical irregularities that will cause excessive wear include a sprung or sagging axle, which will cause the inside dual tire to carry a greater load.

Brakes that are out of adjustment, or out-of-round brake drums will contribute to rapid and spotty tire wear. Improper brake adjustments will lead to spotty tire wear in several places, while out-of-round drums usually wear in a single spot. Improperly adjusted or worn wheel bearings can lead to uneven tire wear. Also improper axle alignment and worn torque rods will cause excessive tire wear.

5.6.4 RADIAL TIRE APPLICATION

Radial and bias-ply tires should never be mixed either in dual combination or on the same axle except in an emergency situation. Mixing on the same dual combination will result in uneven wear because of different flexing characteristics.

5.6.5 MATCHING TIRES TO RIMS

When mounting tires on rims, be sure the right tires are used on the right rims. Many tire failures can be traced to not having matched the tires properly. In most cases there is a preferred and an alternate rim for the popular tire sizes. The preferred widths are recommended as they provide the optimum rim for the tire ratio. Refer to manufacturer's recommendations.

The tires of each wheel must be matched to within 1/8" of the same rolling radius (3/4" of the same rolling circumference) under normal loading conditions. The tires should have equal pressures.

5.6.6 TIRE WEAR PATTERNS

OVER-INFLATION:

Excessive wear at the center of the tire indicates the air pressure in the tire is consistently too high. The tire is riding on the center tread and wearing it prematurely. Occasionally, this wear pattern can result from extremely wide tires on narrow rims. To correct, replace either the tires or the wheels.

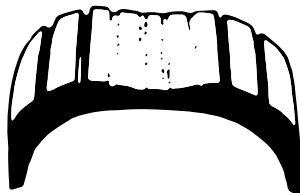


Figure 26

UNDER-INFLATION:

This type of wear usually results from consistent under-inflation. When a tire is under-inflated, there is too much contact with the road by the outer treads, which wear prematurely. When this type of wear occurs and the tire pressure is known to be consistently correct, the need for axle alignment could be indicated.

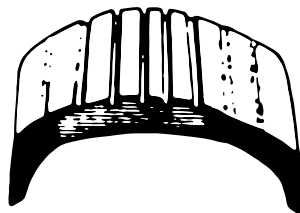


Figure 27

FEATHERING:

Feathering is a condition when the edge of each tread rib develops a slightly rounded edge on one side and a sharp edge on the other. By running your hand over the tire, you can usually feel the sharper edges before you will be able to see them. The most common causes of feathering are an incorrect toe-in setting, deteriorated bushing in the suspension or misalignment.

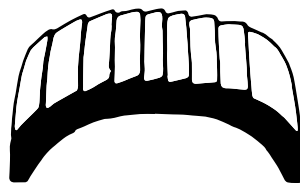
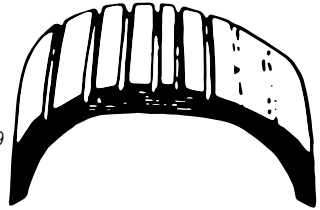


Figure 28

ONE SIDE WEAR:

When an inner or outer rib wears faster than the rest of the tire, the need for axle alignment is indicated. Misalignment could also be due to sagging springs or worn suspension system components.

Figure 29



CUPPING:

Cups or scalloped dips appearing around the edge of the tread almost always indicate worn (sometimes bent) suspension parts. Adjustments of axle alignment alone will seldom cure the problem. Any worn component that connects the wheel to the suspension can cause this type of wear. Occasionally, wheels that are out of balance will wear like this, but wheel imbalance usually shows up as bald spots between the outside edges and centre of the tread.

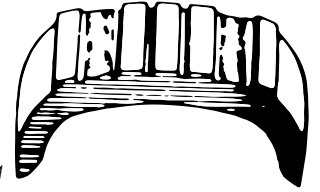
Figure 30



SECOND RIB WEAR:

Second rib wear is usually found only in radial tires, and appears where the steel belts end in relation to the tread. It can be kept to a minimum by careful attention to tire pressure and frequently rotating the tires. This is often considered normal wear but excessive amounts indicate that the tires are too wide for the wheels.

Figure 31



5.7 FLIP AXLE

The Flip-up third axle is an attachment used for greater load distribution. It can be carried on top of the deck when not being used, or pinned in the down position for service. A full inspection of the Flip unit should be done after any storage period where it has been removed from the trailer.

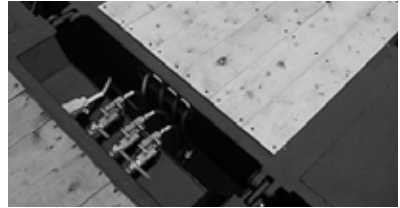


Figure 32

The following section describes Flip specific maintenance. All applicable trailer maintenance described in this manual must be applied to the flip also.

FLIP PINS AND LUGS

1. Six Flip-up pins attach the Flip to the trailer. Check for pin wear regularly. Replace pins if necessary with pins from your dealer. Flip pins are made of high strength steel, do not substitute for inferior products.
2. Flip Lugs are used with the pins to align the unit for pinning. These pieces will wear purposefully. If Flip Lugs wear so that holes are misaligned to 1/8" or greater they must be replaced.



Figure 33

5.7.1 AXLE ADJUSTMENT

A high strength woven strap (figure 33) and winch adjustment is installed in the flip to carry the axle in the up position. This strap should be checked monthly for wear and fraying. Replace as necessary.

SERVICE LINES

1. Check air and electrical connections prior to each use.
2. Check that lines are free and clear when flipping the unit in order to prevent damage.



Figure 34

BUMPERS

Rubber Bumpers (figure 33) are installed on the flip deck to absorb the force when collapsing the flip as it hits the trailer deck (figure 34). Bumpers should be checked periodically for loose bolts and for wear. Do not transport equipment with the flip in its collapsed position if the rubber bumpers are not installed. Damage will occur to the flip linkage, flip deck and trailer deck.



IMPORTANT!

The air system works best when clean, dry air is supplied from the tractor. Equipping the system with a dryer and a filter pays dividends by reducing maintenance requirements.



MAINTENANCE SAFETY

1. Always block vehicle wheels. Stop engine when working under a vehicle. Depleting vehicle air system pressure may cause a vehicle to roll. Keep hands away from chamber push rods and slack adjusters; they may automatically apply as system pressure drops.
2. Never connect or disconnect a hose or line containing air pressure. It may whip as air escapes. Never remove a component or pipe plug unless you are certain all system pressure has been depleted.
3. Never exceed recommended air pressure and always wear safety glasses when working with air pressure. Never look into air jets or direct them at anyone.
4. Never attempt to disassemble a component until you have read and understood recommended procedures. Some components contain powerful springs and injury can result if not properly disassembled. Use only proper tools and observe all precautions pertaining to use of those tools.
5. Use original manufacturer replacement parts and components.
 - Only components, devices, mounting and attaching hardware specifically designed should be used.
 - Replacement hardware, tubing, hose fittings, etc. should be the equivalent size, type, length and strength as the original equipment.
 - Make certain that when replacing tubing or hose, all supports, clamps or suspending devices that were originally installed by the vehicle manufacturer are reinstalled.
 - Devices with stripped threads or damaged parts should be replaced. Repairs requiring machining should not be attempted.

5.8 AIR SYSTEM COMPONENTS

Pressurized air is supplied to the system by the tractor and provides power to release and operate service and parking brakes. A variety of valves can be at various locations in the system and valves must be inspected and functionally checked on a regular basis to insure proper operation.

5.8.1 GLAD HANDS

During the pre-trip inspection, the driver should inspect the glad hands. Check for worn or damaged parts. Replace or repair as required.

GLAD HANDS - FRONT



Figure 35

5.8.2 ABS

Our trailers incorporate a Haldex ABS systems. BWS reserves the right to change suppliers at any time. The following web sites contain valuable information including downloadable copies of ABS service and maintenance manuals.

Haldex - <https://www.haldex.com/globalassets/north-america/documents/abs/L30041.pdf>

5.9 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

The electrical system features a weatherproof cab tie. The lighting system incorporates Grote Ultra Blue LED lighting. It is important that all systems are checked each day or before every trip, and that lenses and reflective identification devices are kept clean. The operator should periodically, during night operation, check for lights flickering or momentary outages. This often indicates loose connections, light diode problems.

TAIL LIGHTS



Figure 36

FRONT MARKER LIGHTS



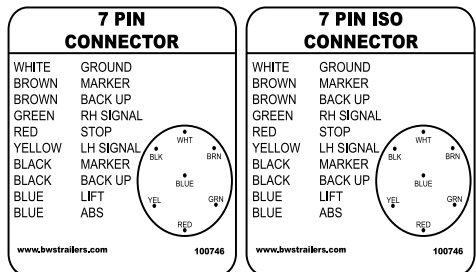
Figure 37

MIDWAY TURN SIGNALS



Figure 38

ELECTRICAL DECAL





The image shows a technical drawing of a 55-ton tridem square back trailer. The drawing includes a plan view at the top and an elevation view at the bottom. The plan view shows the layout of the trailer with dimensions such as 79 1/2, 102 1/4, and 635 1/4 (52'-11 1/4"). Labels include 'CHAIN WELL', 'BUCKET TROUGH', and 'WIDE LOAD LIGHTS'. The elevation view shows the side profile with dimensions like 22" (+/- 2") (LOADED DECK HEIGHT), 227 3/8 (47'-11 3/8"), and 153 3/16. Labels include '(26) LASHING RINGS 13-PER SIDE' and '(28) OUTRIGGERS 14-PER SIDE'. The model number '55HDG3X' is prominently displayed, along with the description '55 TON TRIDEM SQUARE BACK - 102" WIDE'. A note at the bottom states 'NOTE: ALL DIMENSIONS ARE LOADED AND NOMINAL'.

AIR SCHEMATICS

ELEVATION
SCALE 1/75

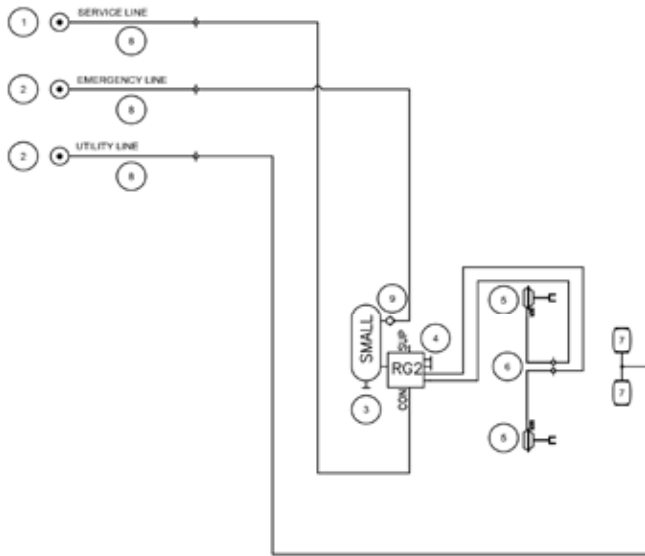
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35 FLIP AXLE

Single Air Ride Suspension

Rev.1, PS1A1-FLIP



#	DESCRIPTION	P/N	QTY
1	SERVICE GLAD HAND	40192	1
2	EMERGENCY GLAD HAND	40193	2
3	SMALL AIR TANK	40195	1
4	RELAY VALVE	40853	1
5	BRAKE POT	40177	2
6	AIR HOSE BLACK 1/2 X 24"	40511	2
7	SUSPENSION AIR BAGS (NOTE 4)	40185	2
8	AIR HOSE BLACK 1/2 X 42"	40185	3
9	CHECK VALVE	40267	1

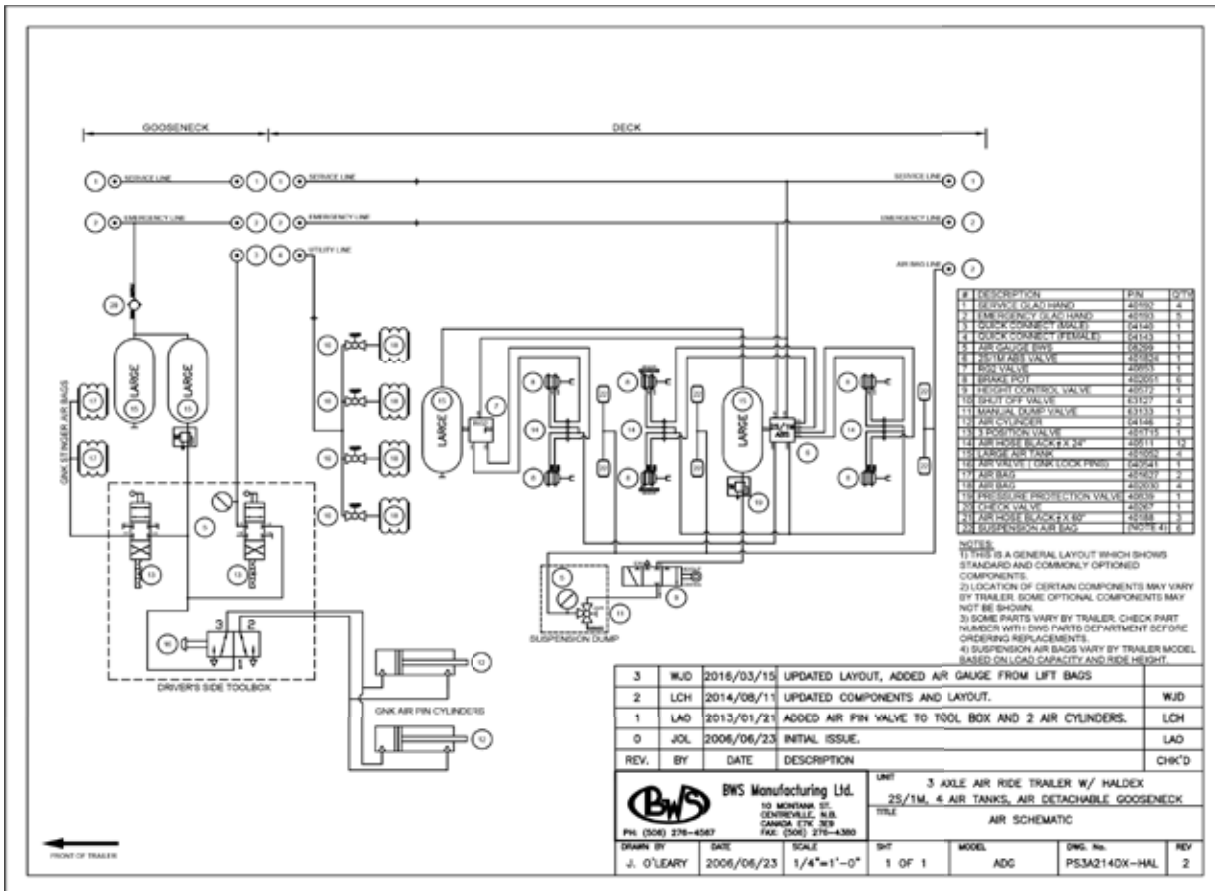
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 1) THIS IS A GENERAL LAYOUT WHICH SHOWS STANDARD AND COMMONLY OPTIONED COMPONENTS.
 2) LOCATION OF CERTAIN COMPONENTS MAY VARY BY TRAILER. SOME OPTIONAL COMPONENTS MAY NOT BE SHOWN.
 3) SOME PARTS VARY BY TRAILER. CHECK PART NUMBER WITH BUS PARTS DEPARTMENT BEFORE ORDERING REPLACEMENTS.
 4) SUSPENSION AIR BAGS ARE PART OF THE SUSPENSION ASSEMBLY FOR EACH AXLE. NO BUS PART NUMBER EXISTS FOR THE AIR BAG.

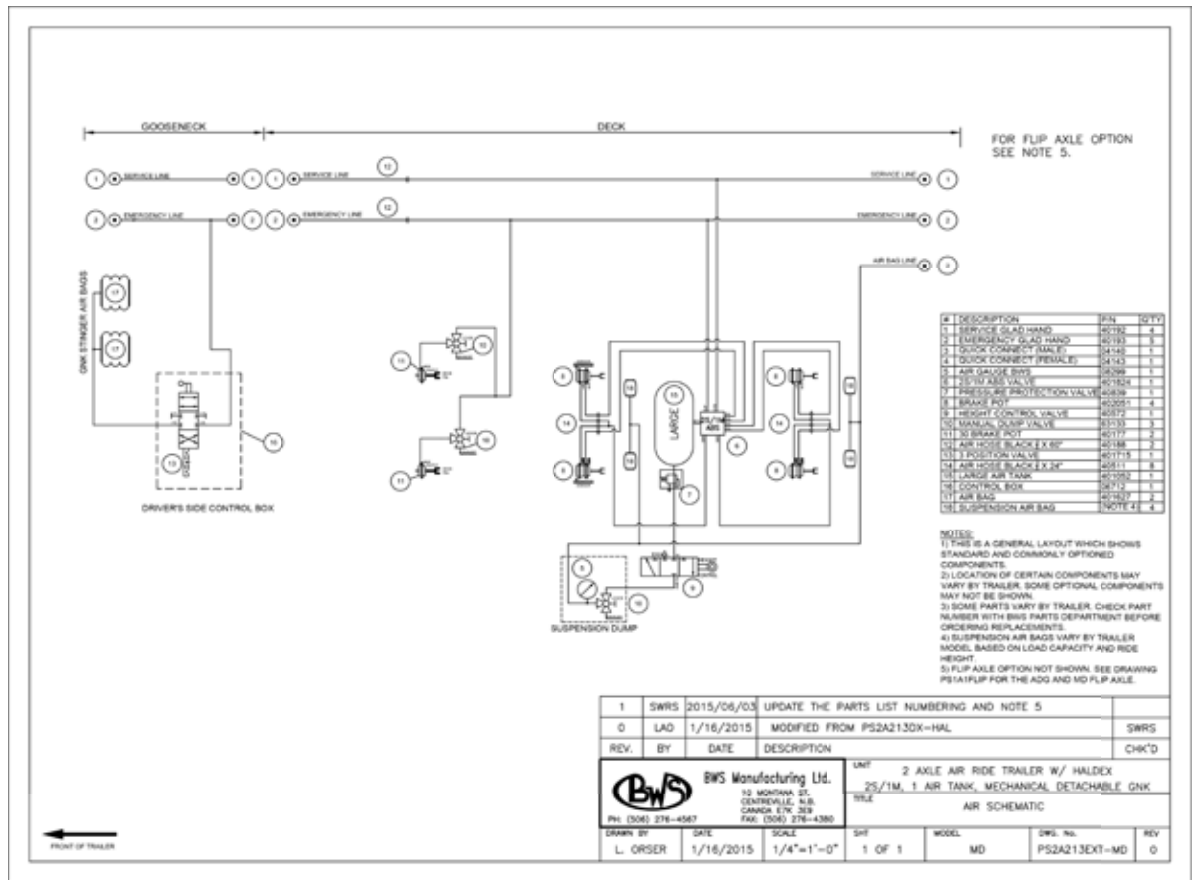
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2	VB	2019/07/08	ADDED CHECK VALVE AS PER PRODUCTION TEAM FEEDBACK.	CI
1	LCH	2014/06/07	REVIEWED AND UPDATED PARTS AND LAYOUT.	VB
0	AMF	2004/08/04	INITIAL ISSUE FOR CONSTRUCTION.	LCH
REV.	BY	DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHK'D

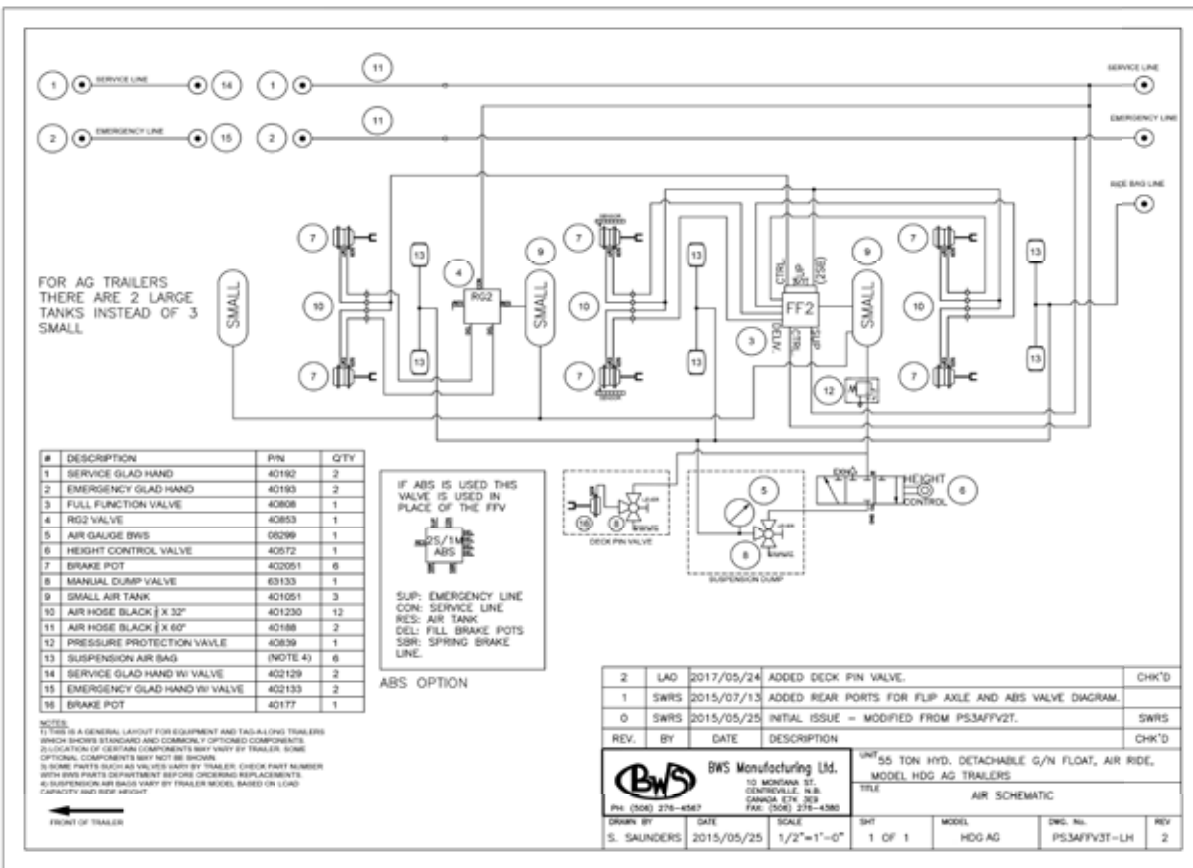
BWS Manufacturing Ltd. 10 MADISON ST. CENTREVILLE, N.S. CANADA E7N 2E9 PH: (306) 278-4382 FAX: (306) 278-4380	UNIT	SINGLE AIR RIDE SUSPENSION, NO AIRS, 1 SMALL TANK		
	TITLE	AIR SCHEMATIC		
DRAWN BY	DATE	SCALE	SHT	MODEL
A. FAULKNER	2004/08/04	1/2"=1'-0"	1 OF 1	35FA
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				PS1A1FLIP
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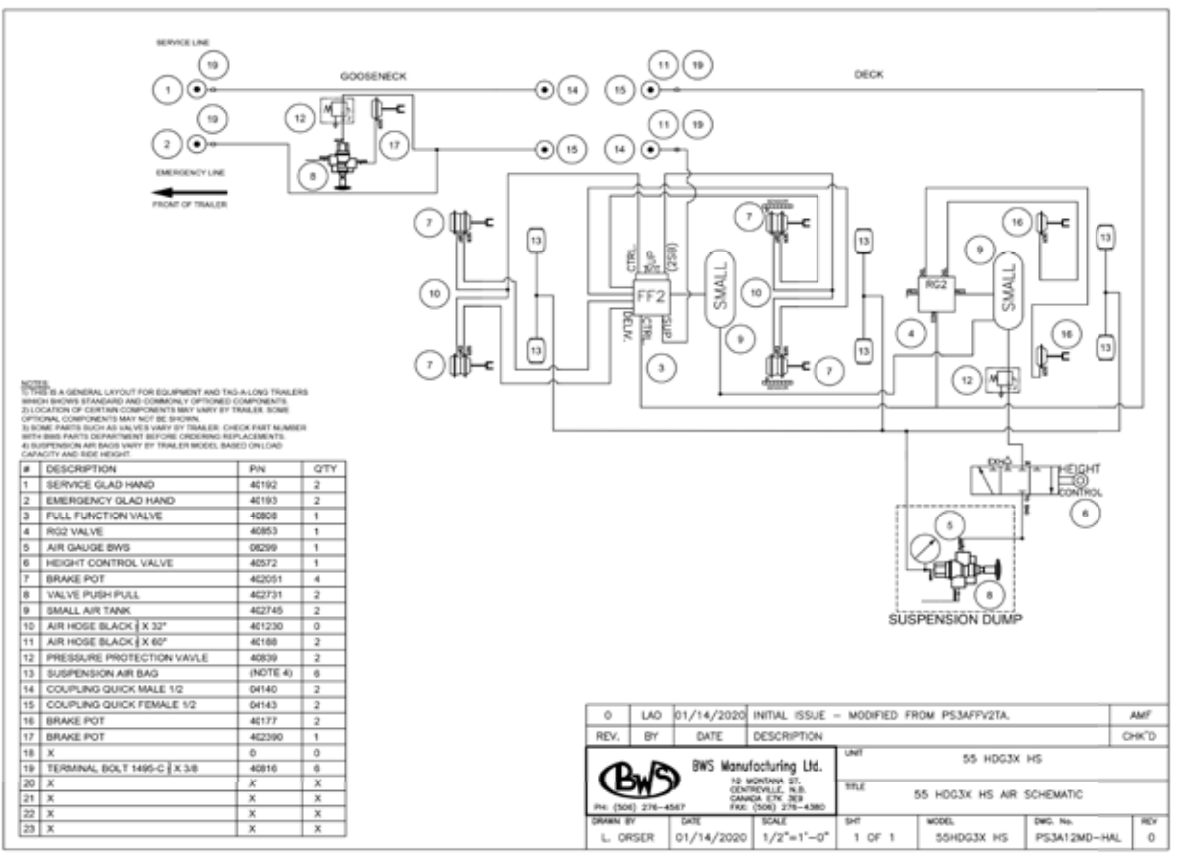




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50HDG3X AG,
Rev.2, PS3AFFV3T-LH**



**55HDG3X,
55HD3X H,
55HDG HS,**
Rev.0, PS3A12MD-HAL

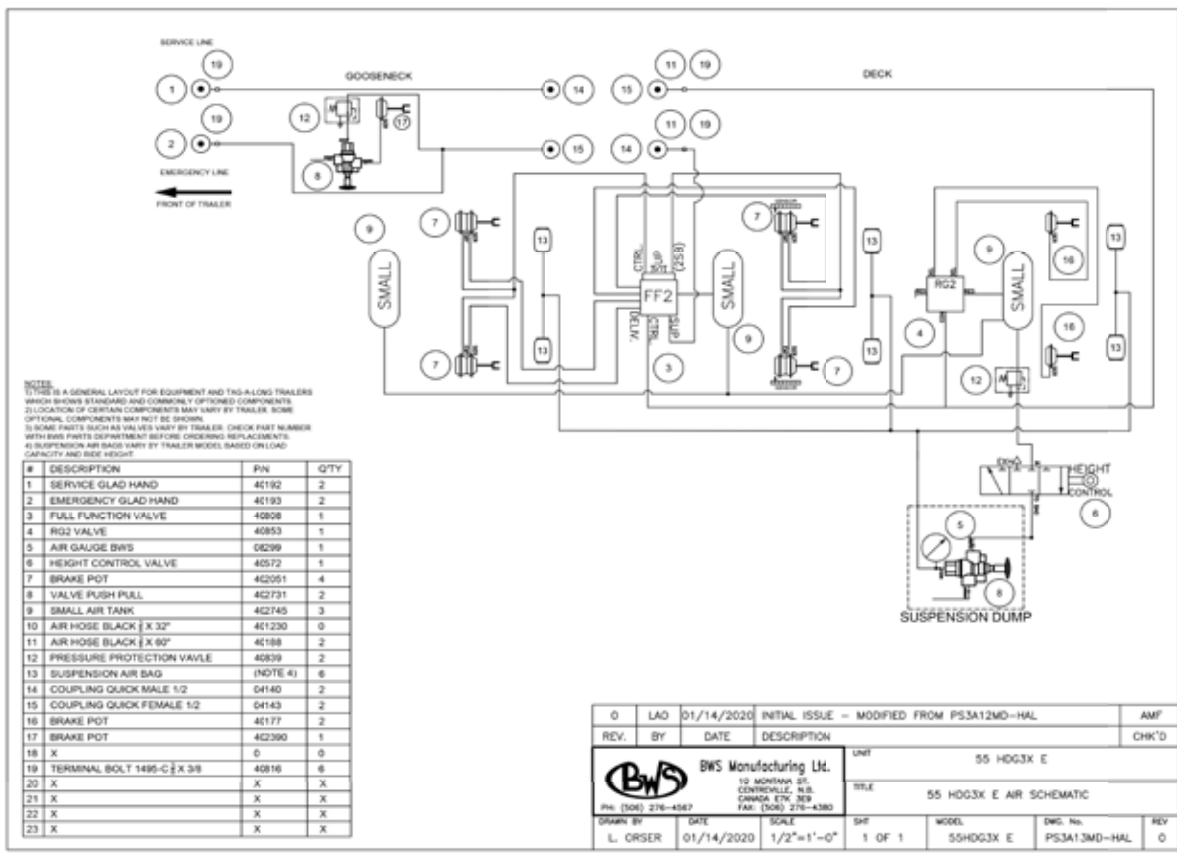


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BWS Manufacturing Ltd. 19 MIDCOURT ST. CENTREVILLE, N.B. CANADA E7B 2E9 FAX: (506) 278-4380			TITLE	55 HDG3X HS AIR SCHEMATIC		
DRAWN BY	DATE	SCALE	SHT	MODEL	DWG. No.	REV
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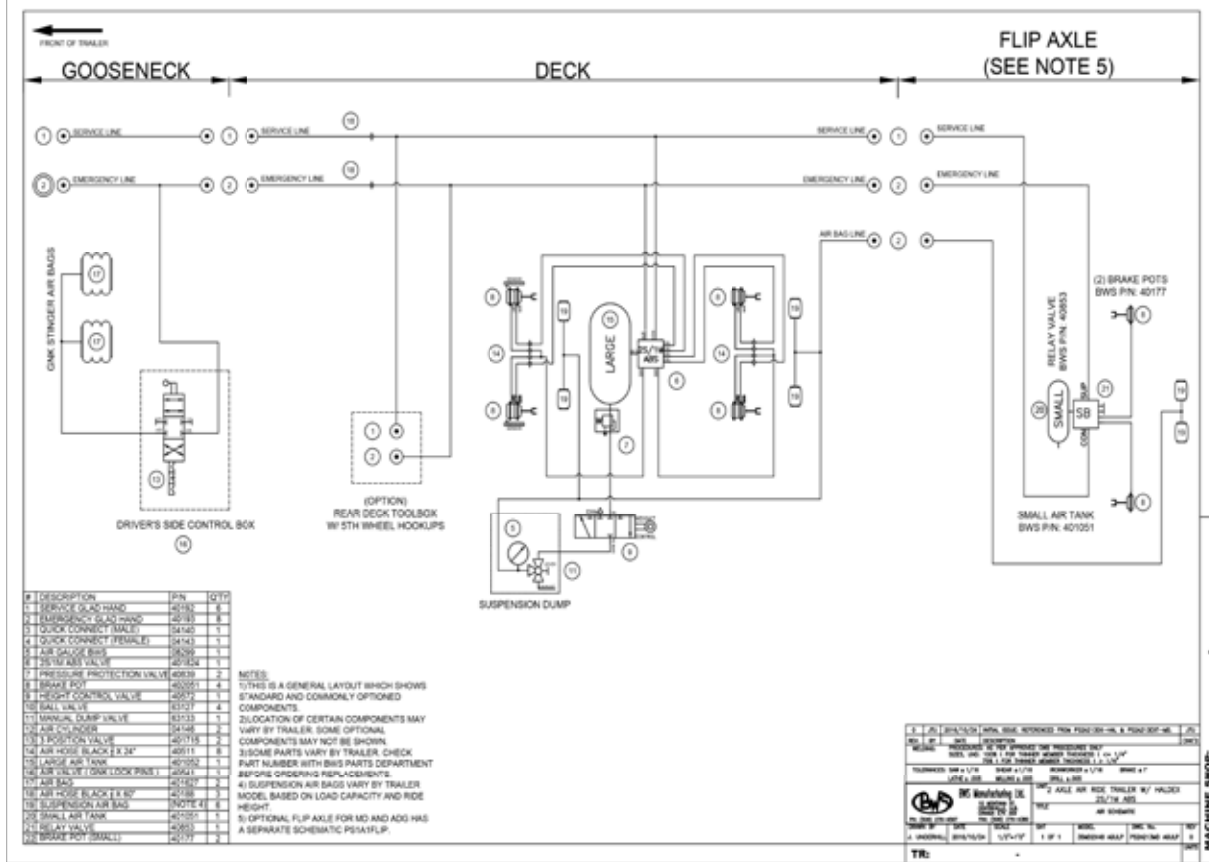
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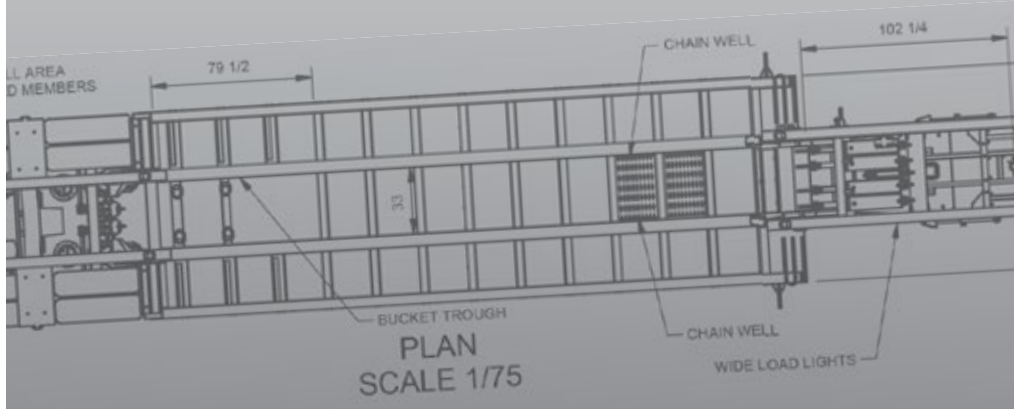
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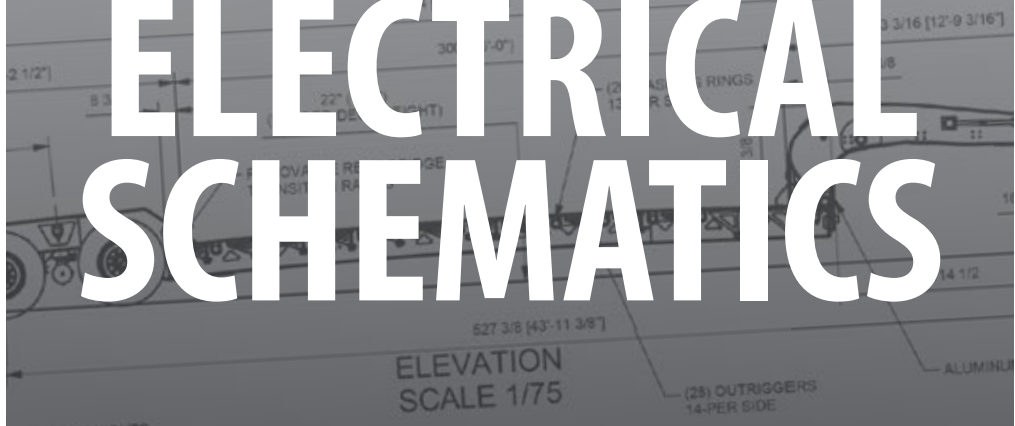
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L. ORSER	01/14/2020	1/2"=1'-0"	1 OF 1	55HDG3X E
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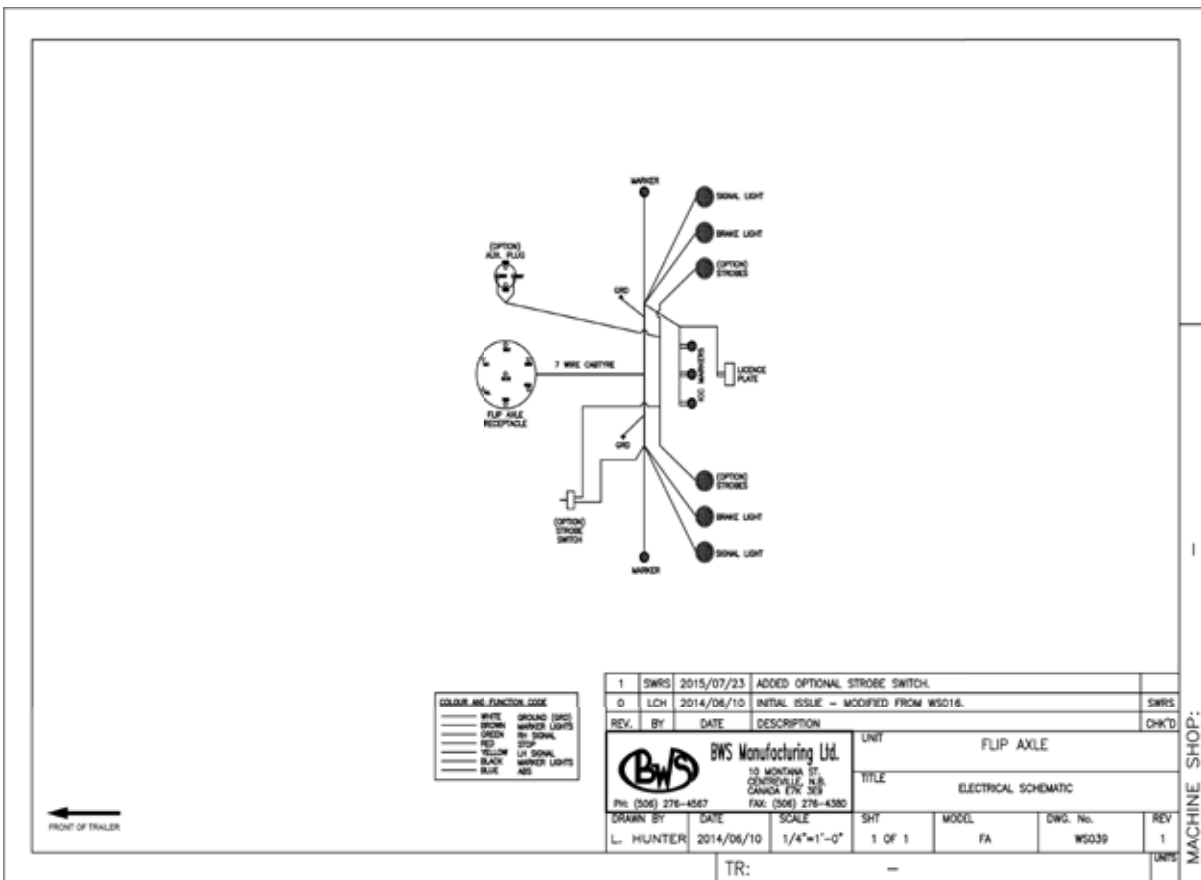


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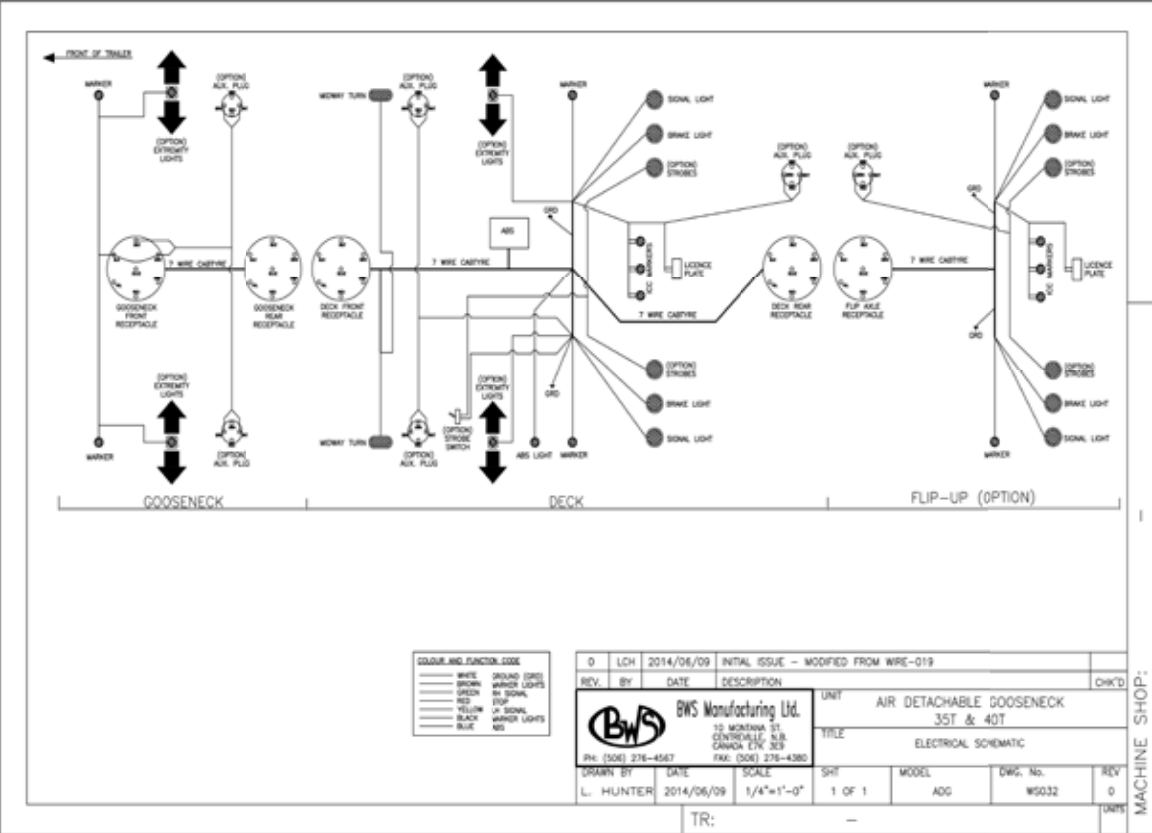


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AIR DETACHABLE GOOSENECK

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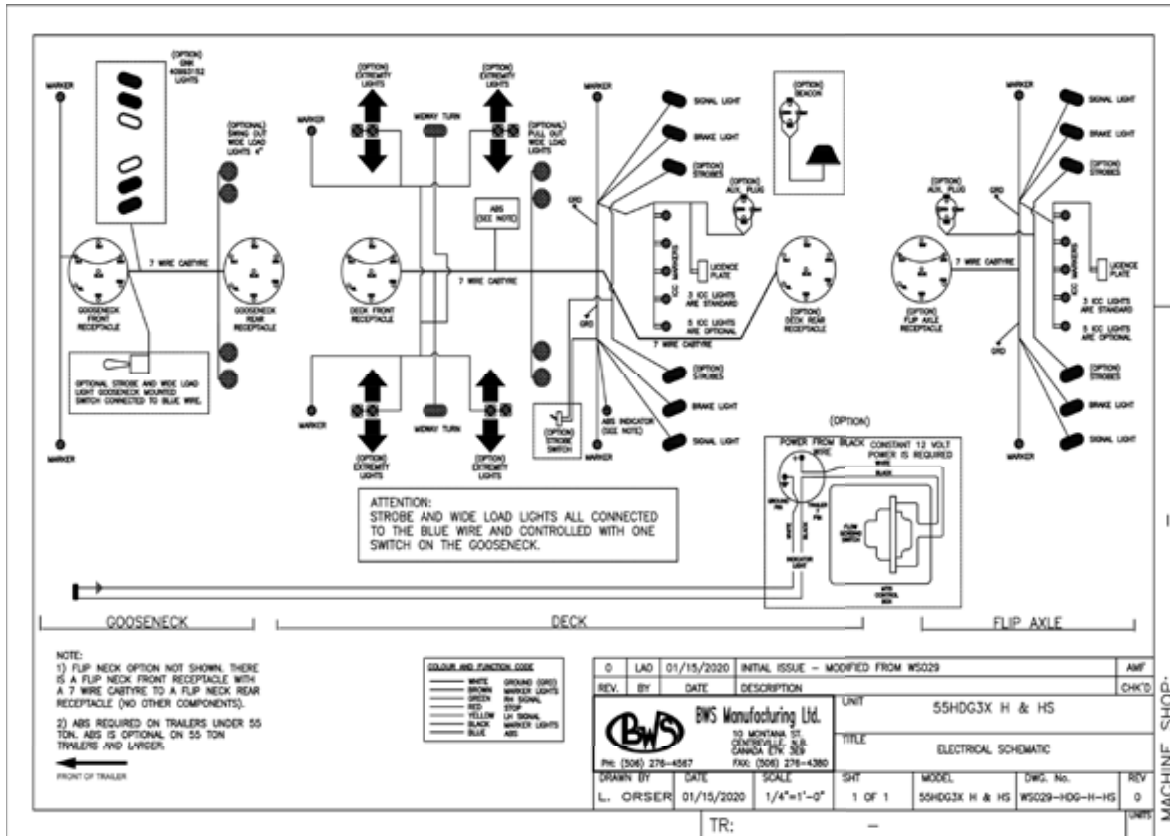


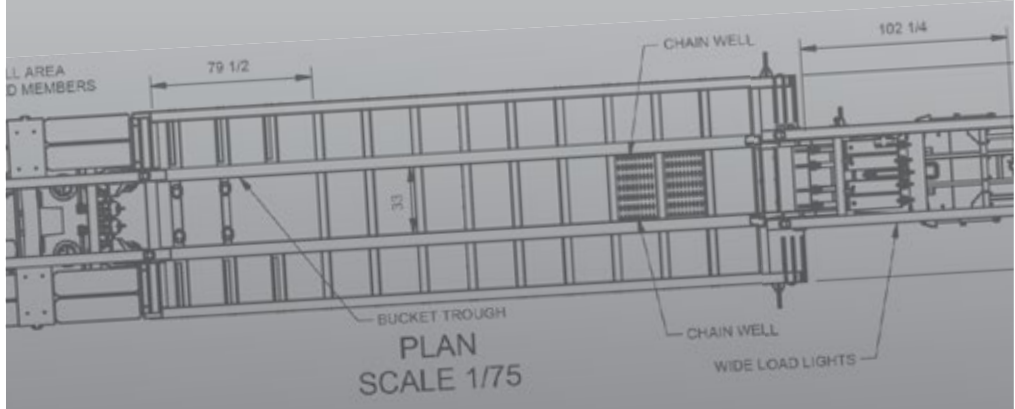
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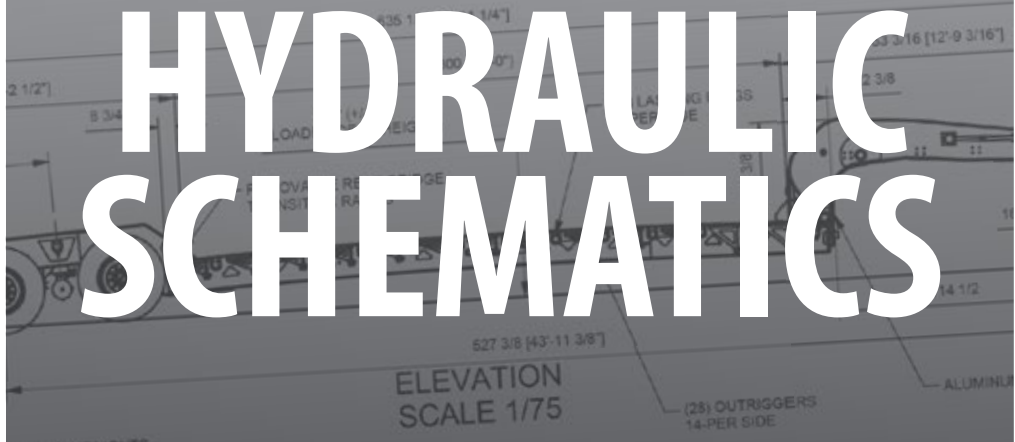
HYDRAULIC DETACHABLE GOOSENECK

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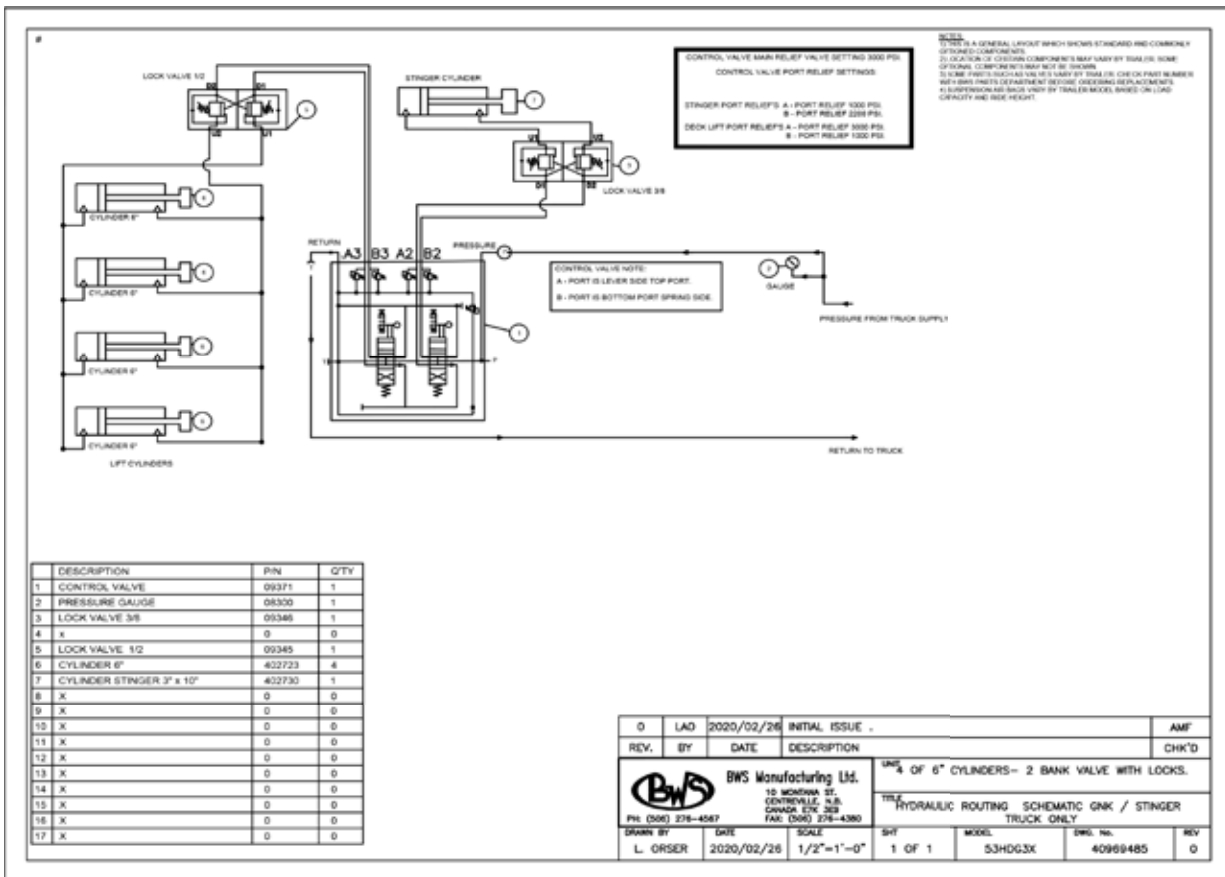


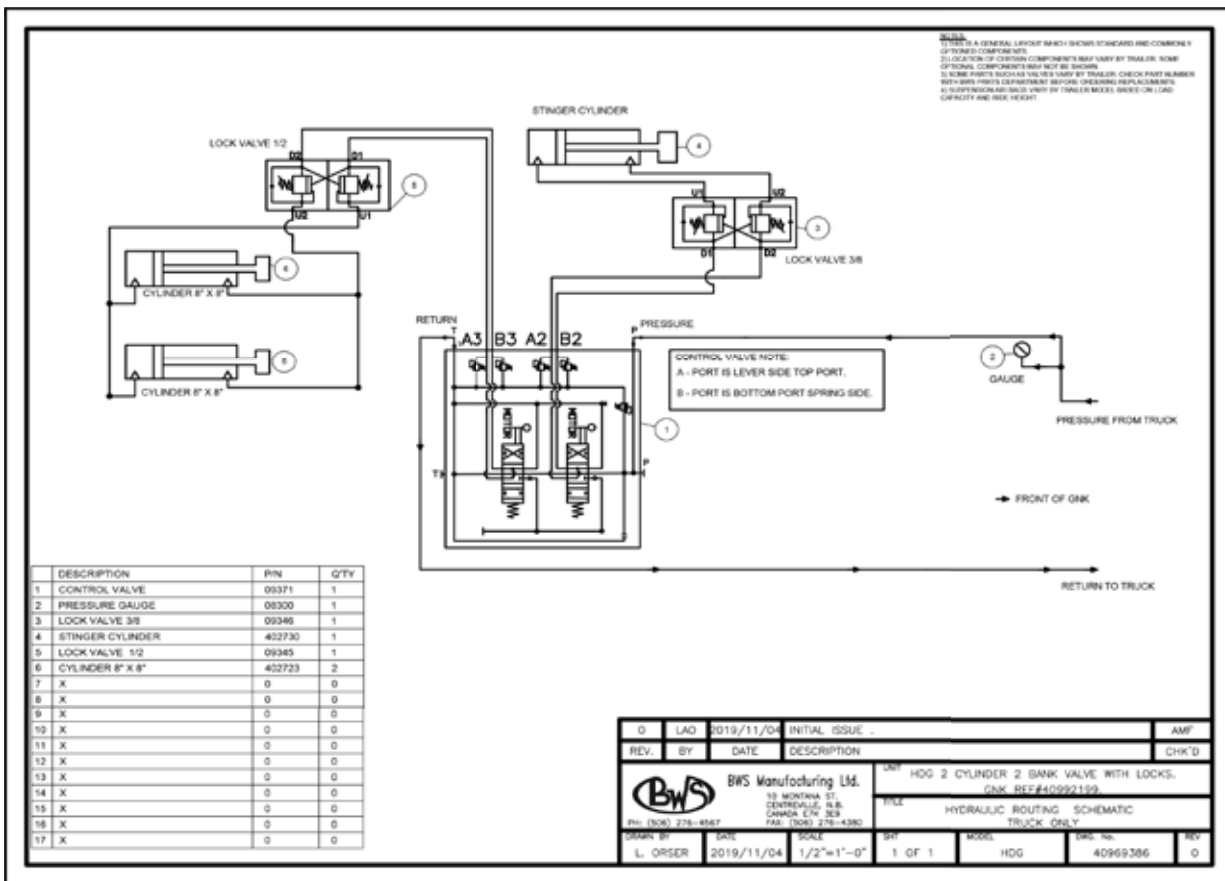
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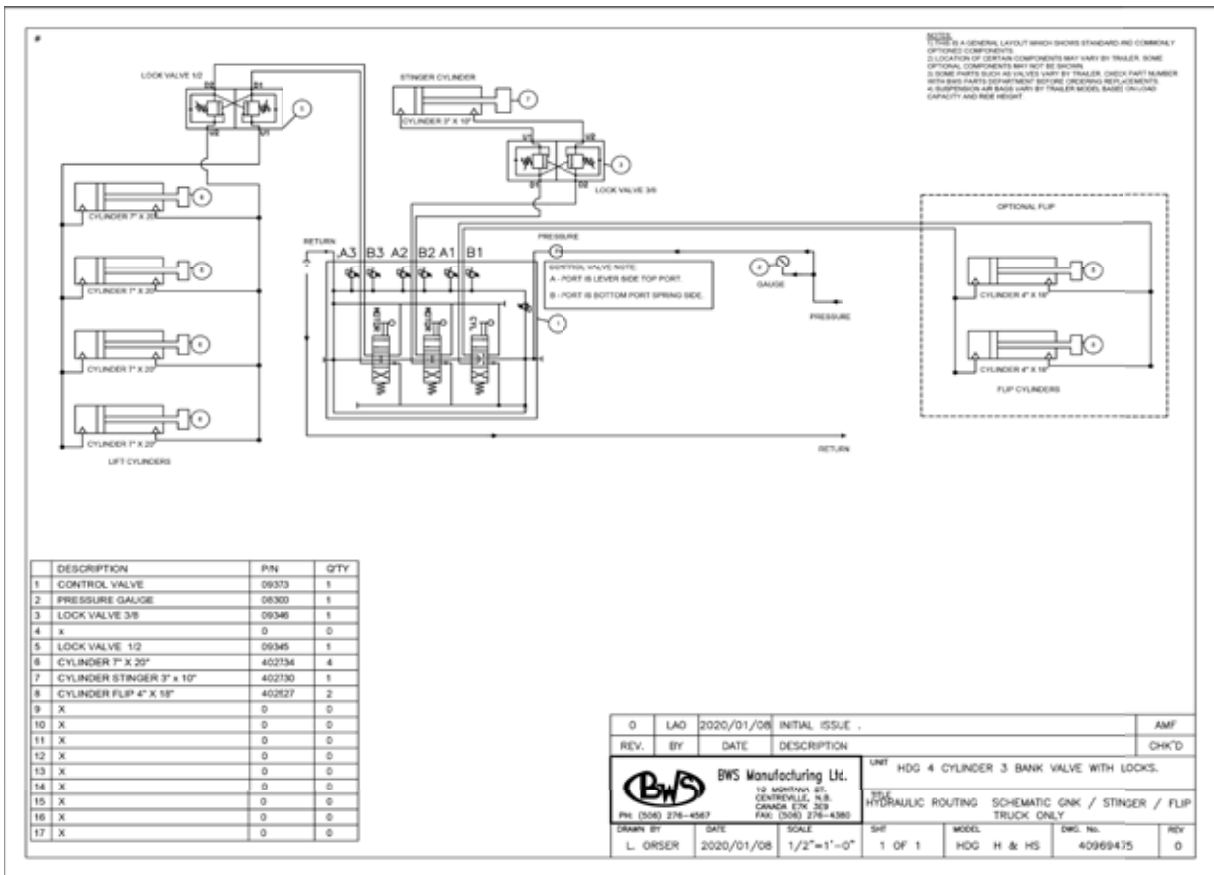
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TROUBLE SHOOTING

PROBLEM	PROBABLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
COUPLER LOCK DOES NOT FULLY ENGAGE	Dirt or gravel contamination.	Wash and inspect.
	Worn parts.	Check fifth wheeling locking adjustment (see Maintenance Section).
	Mechanism improperly adjusted.	Check for excessive wear.
EXCESSIVE OR UNEVEN TIRE WEAR	Over or under inflation.	Inflate to recommended pressure.
	Loose wheel nuts or clamps.	Tighten wheel nuts or clamps to recommended torque.
	Loose or tight wheel bearing.	Adjust bearings.
	Axle bent or out of alignment.	Straighten, align or replace axle.
	Tires not properly matched.	Match tires.
	Improper acting brakes.	Correct brakes as required.
	Rapid stopping.	Apply brakes slowly when approaching stops.
	Excessive speed on turns.	Reduce speed.
	*See your tire dealer for any tire issues.	
SCUFFED TIRES	Over or under inflation.	Inflate to recommended pressure.
	Excessive speed on turns.	Reduce speed.
WOBBLY TIRES	Tire wobble due to uneven rim clamping.	Torque tighten all rim clamps.
	Worn or damaged wheel bearings.	Replace bearings.
	Broken or bent wheel or rim.	Replace wheel or rim.
	Bent axle.	Replace or straighten axle.
	Broken wheel studs.	Replace wheel studs.
DOG TRACKING	Blown air bag.	Replace air bag.
	Bent axle.	Replace or straighten axle.
	Frame or suspension (axles) out of alignment.	Straighten frame or align axles.
	Worn or damaged torque arms or bushings.	Check or replace.

TROUBLE SHOOTING

PROBLEM	PROBABLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
LOSS OF TIRE AIR PRESSURE	Puncture in tire.	Repair or replace tire.
	Faulty valve or valve core.	Replace valve assembly or core.
	Wheel or rim damage.	Replace wheel or rim.
BRAKES DO NOT APPLY EVENLY	Brake valve(s) not operating correctly.	Check brake adjustment and related items.
	Loading of trailer not proportional.	Redistribute load.
BRAKES DO NOT RELEASE	Brake shoe bound up at anchor pins.	Lubricate brake operating parts.
	Brake hoses restricted.	Replace hoses.
	Brakes out of alignment.	Adjust brakes.
	Damaged brake assembly.	Replace damaged parts.
	Contaminated air valves.	Clean or replace.
	Tractor lines crossed.	Attach properly.
NO BRAKES OR INSUFFICIENT BRAKES	Source of air supply shut off at tractor.	Open cutout cocks at rear of tractor cab or push control valve "IN".
	Disconnected or not properly coupled glad hands.	Connect or properly couple glad hands.
	Lower brake line pressure.	Check air pressure gauge on tractor or for inoperative compressor.
	Brake pads worn or glazed.	Replace pads.
	Reservoir drain valve open.	Close drain valve.
GRABBING BRAKES	Oil, grease or foreign material on brake lining.	Reline brakes.
	Brakes out of adjustment.	Adjust brakes.
	Brake drum out-of-round.	Replace brake drum.
	Damaged brake chamber or internal assembly.	Replace complete brake chamber.
	Leaking or broken hose between valve and brake chamber.	Replace or repair as required.

TROUBLE SHOOTING

PROBLEM	PROBABLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
BRAKES DRAGGING	Brakes set too tight.	Adjust brakes (slack adjuster).
	Binding cam, anchor pins or chamber rod end pin.	Lubricate and free up.
	Diaphragm is leaking in brake chamber.	Replace broken chamber.
	Air valve contamination.	Clean and replace.
	Damaged brake assembly or brake drum out of round.	Replace.
SLOW BRAKE APPLICATION OR RELEASE	Lack of lubrication.	Lubricate brake operating parts.
	Excessive travel in brake chamber push rod.	Adjust brakes.
	Restriction in hose or lines.	Repair or replace.
	Defective brake valve (s).	Replace defective valve(s).
ALL AIR SPRINGS FLAT	Insufficient air supply.	Build up and maintain tractor air pressure at least 90 psi.
		Check couplings and valves from tractor and trailer.
	Air spring leaking or punctured	Replace air spring.
	Leaking or broken air line in air suspension system.	Inspect and test for leaks or pinched lines, repair.
	Malfunctioning height control valve.	Inspect, test and replace as required.
ONE AIR SPRING FLAT	Air spring leaking or punctured.	Replace air spring.
	Supply lines pinched or broken.	Repair or replace.
AIR SUSPENSION DEFLATES RAPIDLY WHEN PARKED.	Leak in air system.	Locate and repair leak(s).
TRAILER RIDES TOO HIGH OR TOO LOW.	Improperly adjusted height control valve.	Check height and readjust height control valve.
	Faulty valve.	Inspect and repair.

TROUBLE SHOOTING

PROBLEM	PROBABLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
	Control valve linkage broken or disconnect.	Inspect and repair.
EXCESSIVE SHOCK ABSORBER WEAR.	Defective height control valve.	Replace valve.
	Damaged air spring.	Replace air spring(s).
HEIGHT CONTROL VALVE NOT FUNCTIONING.	Dirt or foreign matter in air supply line.	Check and clean air filter. Inspect, clean or replace height control valve.
DIM OR FLICKERING LIGHTS.	Battery on tractor not sufficiently charged.	Charge battery.
	Bad connection.	Check electrical system circuits.
	Damaged wire in jumper cable.	Repair or replace cable.
	Poor ground sockets.	Repair as necessary.
COMPLETE LOSS OF TRAILER LIGHTS.	Broken main harness.	Repair or replace.
	Frayed wires.	Check circuit breaker at front.
	Broken/damaged jumper cable.	Replace jumper cable.
	Loose or corroded connection in ground lead between tractor and trailer.	Repair or replace.

WARRANTY

BWS Manufacturing Ltd. - Warranty Procedures

FOR ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL SERVICE

Monday - Friday

8:00am-5:00pm AST

Toll Free: 1.888.896.5777

Local: 1.506.391.5878

Email: warranty@bwstrailers.com

BWS CONTACT INFORMATION

29 Hawkins Road, Centreville, NB - E7K 1A4

For more information, contact the nearest BWS Manufacturing authorized dealer or visit www.bwstrailers.com where a warranty claim can be made.

STRUCTURAL & COMPONENT WARRANTY

1 YEAR BUMPER TO BUMPER	Warrants that the specified BWS equipment will be free from defects in materials and workmanship, under normal use and service, for the period of the first 12 months or regular service post the date-in-service. This warranty extends only to the original first owner. It is not transferable and applies only to OEM installed components and equipment.
3 YEAR PAINT AND FINISH	Steel Shot Blast Industrial top coat and oven baked finish is warrantied against defects in materials and workmanship (140 degrees for 75 minutes) Custom colours are subject to a 1 year warranty only Does not cover against general wear and tear such as stone chips or fade as of 2016.
5 YEAR SUPER STRUCTURE	Warrants the trailer main frame beams or "super structure" (consisting of the top and bottom flanges, and their connecting web) to be free from defects in materials and workmanship, under normal use and service for a period of 5 years from the date-in-service only to the original first owner.
SUSPENSION	Ridewell holds a 5 year warranty on all beams and bushings. Hutch has a 5 year warranty on manufacturer defects.
6 YEAR BRAKES	Haldex Platinum Warranty to the 1st owner Life Seal equipped Haldex ABS component brake system slack adjusters/brake chambers (Haldex LifeSeal)/ABS system ECM & control valve. 6 year or one (1) million mile warranty against defects in material or workmanship.
7 YEARS LIGHTING	Grote Ultra Blue 7 year warranty on the male pin harness 10 year warranty on tail lights

***No warranty what-so-ever on tires or ABS Sensor Alignment.*

HALDEX WARRANTY

The Haldex warranty information can be found at www.haldex.com and then by searching warranty.



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