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Regular and High Capacity PRO-CASTER™ Hopper Spreader Owner's Manual



A CAUTION Read this manual and engine owner's manual before installing or operating the spreader.

This manual is for FISHER[®] PRO-CASTER[™] Hopper Spreaders with serial numbers 0126 to 0401.

This document supersedes all editions with an earlier date.

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This manual has been prepared to acquaint you with the safety information, operation and maintenance of your new hopper spreader. Please read this manual carefully and follow all recommendations. This will help ensure profitable and trouble-free operation of your hopper spreader. Keep this manual accessible. It is a handy reference in case minor service is required. When service is necessary, bring your hopper spreader to your local outlet. They know your spreader best and are interested in your complete satisfaction.

NOTE: This spreader is designed to spread snow and ice control materials only. Do not use it for purposes other than those specified in this manual.

OWNER'S INFORMATION				
Owner's Name:				
Date Purchased:				
Outlet Name:		Phone:		
Outlet Address:				
Vehicle Model:		Year:		
Spreader Type (Model):		_ Serial #		
Length:	Weight	LBS/KG		

A WARNING

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious personal injury.

Indicates a situation that, if not avoided, could result in damage to product or property.

NOTE: Identifies tips, helpful hints and maintenance information the owner/operator should know.

Before You Begin

• Park the vehicle on a level surface, place shift lever in PARK or NEUTRAL and set the parking brake. Turn off the engine and remove keys.

A WARNING

- Driver to keep bystanders minimum of 25 feet away from operating spreader.
- Before working with the spreader, secure all loose-fitting clothing and unrestrained hair.
- Before operating the spreader, verify all safety guards are in place.
- Before servicing the spreader, wait for conveyor and spinner to stop.
- Do not climb into or ride on spreader.

Overloading could result in an accident or damage. Do not exceed GVWR or GAWR ratings as found on the driver-side door cornerpost of the vehicle. See Loading Section to determine maximum volumes of spreading material.

A WARNING

Do not install the control for this product in the deployment path of an air bag. Refer to vehicle manufacturer's manual for air bag deployment area(s).

A WARNING

Hydraulic fluid under pressure could cause skin injection injury. If you are injured by hydraulic fluid, get medical attention immediately.

If rear directional, CHMSL light or brake stoplights are obstructed by the spreader, the lights shall be relocated, or auxiliary directional or brake stoplights shall be installed.

During the hopper spreader installation we recommend the addition of an OSHA compliant Backup Alarm. This alarm is required for OSHA governed employers.

- Do not operate a spreader in need of maintenance.
- Before operating the spreader, reassemble any parts or hardware removed for cleaning or adjusting.
- Before operating the spreader, remove materials such as cleaning rags, brushes, and hand tools from the spreader.
- Before operating the spreader, read the engine owner's manual.
- While operating the spreader, use auxiliary warning lights, except when prohibited by law.
- Tighten all fasteners according to the Torque Chart. Refer to Torque Chart for the recommended torque values.

A CAUTION

Disconnect electric and/or hydraulic power and tag out if required before servicing or performing maintenance.

A CAUTION

DO NOT leave unused material in hopper. Material can freeze or solidify, causing unit to not work properly. Empty and clean after each use.

NOTE: Lubricate grease fittings after each use. Use a good quality multi-purpose grease.

Batteries normally produce explosive gases that can cause personal injury. Therefore, do not allow flames, sparks, or lit tobacco to come near battery. When charging or working near a battery, always cover your face and protect your eyes, and also provide ventilation.

- Batteries contain sulfuric acid that burns skin, eyes, and clothing.
- Disconnect the battery before removing or replacing any electrical components.

A WARNING

Gasoline is highly flammable and gasoline vapor is explosive. Never smoke while working on vehicle. Keep all open flames away from gasoline tanks and lines. Wipe up any spilled gasoline immediately.

TORQUE CHART

A CAUTION

Read instructions before assembling. Fasteners should be finger tight until instructed to tighten according to the torque chart. Use standard methods and practices when attaching spreader including proper personal protective safety equipment.

Recommended Fastener Torque Chart (FtLb.)				
Size	SAE Grade 2	SAE Grade 5	Grade 8	
1/4-20 5/16-18 3/8-16 3/8-24 7/16-14 1/2-13 9/16-12 5/8-11 3/4-10 7/8-9 1-8	6 11 24 30 45 66 93 150 150 220	9 18 31 46 50 75 110 150 250 378 583	13 28 46 68 75 115 165 225 370 591 893	
Metric Grade 8.8 (FtLb.)				
Size	Torque	Size	Torque	
M 6 M 8 M 10	7 M 12 17 M 14 35 M 16		60 95 155	
These torque values apply to fasteners except those noted in the instruction.				



Warning/Caution Label

WARNING	
 DO NOT EXCEED GVWR OR GAWR WITH SPREADER AND LOAD. TURN OFF SPREADER BEFORE FILLING, ADJUSTING, OR CLEANING. BYSTANDERS TO STAY A MINIMUM OF 25 FEET AWAY FROM OPERATING SPREADER. DO NOT CLIMB INTO OR RIDE ON SPREADER. KEEP HANDS, FEET, CLOTHING AWAY FROM MOVING CONVEYOR AND SPINNER. 	 READ OWNER'S MANUAL AND ENGINE MANUAL BEFORE OPERATING OR SERVICING SPREADER. EMPTY AND CLEAN SPREADER AFTER EACH USE.

This Manual covers vehicles which have been recommended for carrying the hopper spreader. Please see your local dealer for proper vehicle applications.

A WARNING

Overloading could result in an accident or damage. Do not exceed GVWR or GAWR as found on the driver-side cornerpost of vehicle.

Certification

A WARNING

New untitled vehicle installation of a spreader requires National Highway Traffic Safety Administration altered vehicle certification labeling. Installer to verify that struck load of snow or ice control material does not exceed GVWR or GAWR rating label and complies with FMVSS.

Material Weights

A CAUTION Read and adhere to manufacturer's ice control package labeling including Material Safety Data Sheet requirements.

Material	Density		
	(lb. per cubic yd.)		
Fine Salt - Dry	1,350		
Coarse Salt – Dry	1,215		
Coarse Sand – Dry	2,700		
Coarse Sand – Wet	3,240		
Cinders	1,080		



Regular Capacity Load Volume

High Capacity Load Volume



Spreader Specifications

Spreader	Overall Spreader Length	Empty Weight (lb.) (No screen	Capacity Struck	Capacity Rounded	Overall Width	Overall Height	Recom- mended
Description	(inches)	or battery)	(cu. yd.)	(cu. yd.)	(inches)	(inches)	Use
Regular Capacity 7' Hopper Body 14 Gauge Stainless Steel	104	600	1.7	2.2	50-3/4	32	3/4 or 1 Ton Pick-up
Regular Capacity 7' Hopper Body 12 Gauge Mild Steel	104	680	1.7	2.2	50-3/4	32	above 8500 Ib. GVWR
Regular Capacity 8' Hopper Body 14 Gauge Stainless Steel	116	660	2.0	2.5	50-3/4	32	3/4 or 1 Ton Pick-up Trucks
Regular Capacity 8' Hopper Body 12 Gauge Mild Steel	116	750	2.0	2.5	50-3/4	32	above 8500 Ib. GVWR
High Capacity 8' Hopper Body 12 Gauge Stainless Steel	116	830	2.6	3.2	58	37-1/2	Dump or
High Capacity 9' Hopper Body 12 Gauge Stainless Steel	128	890	3.0	3.7	58	37-1/2	Trucks Above
High Capacity 10' Hopper Body 12 Gauge Stainless Steel	140	950	3.3	4.1	58	37-1/2	GVWR
High Capacity 8' Hopper Body 12 Gauge Mild Steel	116	810	2.6	3.2	58	37-1/2	Dump or
High Capacity 9' Hopper Body 12 Gauge Mild Steel	128	870	3.0	3.7	58	37-1/2	Trucks Above
High Capacity 10' Hopper Body 12 Gauge Mild Steel	140	930	3.3	4.1	58	37-1/2	GVWR
Regular Capacity - Hyd 8' Hopper Body 14 Gauge Stainless Steel	116	510	2.0	2.5	50-3/4	32	3/4 or 1 Ton Pick-up
Regular Capacity - Hyd 8' Hopper Body 12 Gauge Mild Steel	116	600	2.0	2.5	50-3/4	32	Above 8500 Ib. GVWR
High Capacity – Hyd 8' Hopper Body 12 Gauge Stainless Steel	116	720	2.6	3.2	58	37-1/2	Dump or Flat Bed Trucks
High Capacity – Hyd 10' Hopper Body 12 Gauge Stainless Steel	140	840	3.3	4.1	58	37-1/2	Above 15,000 lb. GVWR
High Capacity - Hyd 8' Hopper Body 12 Gauge Mild Steel	116	710	2.6	3.2	58	37-1/2	Dump or Flat Bed Trucks
High Capacity - Hyd 10' Hopper Body 12 Gauge Mild Steel	140	810	3.3	4.1	58	37-1/2	Above 15,000 lb. GVWR

Determining Vehicle Payload

A WARNING

Overloading could result in an accident or damage. Do not exceed GVWR or GAWR ratings as found on the driver-side door cornerpost of the vehicle. See Loading Section to determine maximum volumes of spreading material.

- 1. Install hopper spreader and optional equipment according to the instructions.
- 2. Install or attach any other equipment that will be on the vehicle while the hopper spreader will be in use (step bumper, trailer hitch, snowplows, etc.). Fill gas tanks.
- 3. Obtain the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR), Front Gross Axle Weight Rating (FGAWR), and Rear Gross Axle Weight Rating (RGAWR) from the certification label located inside the driver-side door jamb.
- 4. With the occupants in the truck for normal hopper spreader operation, weigh the vehicle to obtain gross vehicle weight (GVW).

- 5. Subtract the GVW from the GVWR to determine the available material payload.
- 6. Obtain the weight per cubic yard (lb./cu. yd.) of the desired material. Divide the weight into the payload to determine the maximum volume of material that can be carried.
- 7. Compare the maximum volume to determine the maximum height of the material in the hopper spreader.
- 8. Fill hopper with the material to the calculated height. Re-weigh vehicle with occupants and verify the GVW, Front Gross Axle Weight, and Rear Gross Axle Weight are less than the vehicle's ratings.
- 9. Repeat steps 7 and 8 for each type of material.

Refer to "Determining Vehicle Payload" worksheet for an example and worksheet.

Determining Vehicle Payload

Material Type	Example:		
	Coarse Salt - Dry		
Equipment installed when vehicle	RC Mild Steel 8'		
was weighed	Hopper Spreader		
Front Gross Axle Weight Rating			
(FGAWR)			
Rear Gross Axle Weight Rating			
(RGAWR)			
Gross Vehicle Weight Rating	8600		
(GVWR) (lb.)			
Gross Vehicle Weight (lb.)	- 6500		
(empty)			
Payload Available (lb.)	= 2100		
Material Density (lb./cu. yd.)	÷ 1215		
Maximum Volume	= 1.73		
(cu. yd.)			
Maximum Height (approximate)	24"		
(in.)			
Loaded Front Gross Axle Weight			
(FGAW) (lb.)			
Loaded Rear Gross Axle Weight			
(RGAW) (lb.)			
Loaded Gross Vehicle Weight			
(GVW)			

Electric Spreader Electric Choke Ignition Throttle Clutch Light Switch Switch Switch 0 SPINNER START CHOKE ON Ь HZG-ZF 0 OFF ON 0 0 0 OFF BI AST

Cab Control Identification

NOTE: The conveyor and spinner will operate when the spinner switch is in the ON or BLAST position.

Engine Operation

Refer to above drawing as a reference for starting and stopping the engine.

Starting the Engine

A CAUTION Read Owner's and Engine Manual before operating or servicing spreader.

- 1. Turn the vehicle ignition switch to ON.
- 2. Verify the spinner switch is OFF.
- 3. Move the spreader ignition switch to START.
- 4. While the engine is cranking, move the throttle switch to CHOKE/FAST. (Choke light will come on when the choke begins to close. Hold in FAST for 1/2 second after light comes on.)
- 5. When the engine starts to fire, move the throttle switch towards the SLOW position. The engine will then start.
- 6. When the engine starts, release the ignition switch.
- After the engine starts, move the throttle switch toward FAST to bring the engine up to maximum speed. Allow the engine to warm up to proper operating temperature before attempting to spread.

NOTE: Do not hold the throttle switch in the FAST position until the choke re-engages. The engine will not run with the choke 100% engaged. See Choke Adjustment Procedure for instructions for tuning the maximum choke point.

- 8. To control the engine speed:
- *Increase:* hold the throttle switch at CHOKE/FAST. Do not operate engine with choke light on.
- Decrease: hold the throttle switch at SLOW.

NOTE: If the engine does not start after 10 seconds of cranking, turn both vehicle and spreader ignition switches to OFF and see the engine manual that is shipped with the spreader.

NOTE: Maximum engine speed is obtained just prior to choking the engine.

Stopping the Engine

- 1. Move the throttle to SLOW and hold for two seconds.
- 2. Turn the spreader ignition switch to OFF.

When the engine will not be run for a period of 5 minutes or more, be sure to turn off the fuel supply valve, if the engine is equipped with a fuel shutoff. Refer to the engine Owner's Manual.

Do not leave unused material in hopper. Material can freeze or solidify, causing unit to not work properly. Empty and clean after each use.

Do not attempt to free the chain by using a pipe wrench or any other tool on the output shaft of the gear case. The gear case is designed to accept torque from the input shaft only. Attempts to turn the output shaft will strip the gears and void any warranty.

Cab Control Identification

Typical Spreader Control Valve (Sold as an accessory)



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- Before servicing the spreader, wait for conveyor and spinner to stop, then lock out power.
- Do not climb into or ride on spreader.

A CAUTION

- Do not operate a spreader in need of maintenance.
- Before operating the spreader, reassemble any parts or hardware removed for cleaning or adjusting.
- Before operating the spreader, remove materials such as cleaning rags, brushes, and hand tools from the spreader.
- Before operating the spreader, read the owner's manual.
- While operating the spreader, use auxiliary warning lights, except when prohibited by law.
- Tighten all fasteners according to the Torque Chart. Refer to Torque Chart for the recommended torque values.



Operating the Cab Control

- 1. Engage the hydraulic system with the spreader lever in the "OFF" position.
- 2. To turn the spreader on, move the lever to the "ON" position. The spinner and conveyor should begin to turn.
- The spinner and auger speeds are independently adjusted by rotating the detented adjustment knobs. The knobs can be adjusted either during operation or with lever in the "OFF" position. These speed settings will be maintained when the lever is placed in the "OFF" position.

Clutch Operation (Gas Engine Only)

- 1. Start the engine.
- 2. Adjust the speed to slightly above idle.
- 3. Move the clutch switch to ON.
- 4. Increase the engine speed to the desired RPM.

Tecumseh Choke Adjustment Procedure

- 1. The choke linkage and choke adjustment screw is shipped from the factory with the choke butterfly set to **75% fully closed choke.**
- With the choke set at 100% the engine will not stay running in the choked position. This position is for *extremely* cold conditions. Throttle linkage travel from 0% to 100% choke is 3/16". Four and onehalf turns of the Choke Adjustment Screw (clockwise when viewed from above the engine) will take the maximum choke setting from fully closed to fully open (no choking at all).
- 3. To adjust your choke setting loosen the adjustment retainer screw and rotate the Choke Adjustment Screw clockwise one full turn (scratch a mark on the knob to indicate position). This will generally allow the engine to run very roughly with the throttle linkage at maximum choke. This is approximately the equivalent of 75% fully closed choke. (This is the factory setting.)

Honda Choke Adjustment Procedure

- 1. Engines are shipped with choke adjusted to the completely closed position when the choke is engaged. The choke only requires adjusting if inspection reveals the choke is not fully closing.
- 2. Move throttle control to full choke position.
- 3. Turn choke adjusting screw counter-clockwise five to seven turns.
- 4. Attempt to move choke rod in the direction of the choke adjusting screw. If the rod has no movement, no adjustment is necessary.



- 4. Additional adjustments can be made by 1/4 turn increments until you reach the desired start/run in choke setting of your preference/need.
- 5. Return the choke adjusting screw to its original position or clockwise until it touches choke lever.
- 6. If the choke rod has movement, bend engaging tab in the direction away from choke adjusting screw until there is no choke rod movement.
- 7. In the event bending the tab fails to remove all choke rod movement, partially straighten out the bend in the choke rod. This bend is near the governor arm.
- 8. The choke adjusting screw, when properly adjusted, stops excessive force from being exerted on the choke actuator.



Baffle Adjustment

Spread pattern and the amount of material dispensed depends on engine RPM, gate position, and baffle settings.

- *Decreasing* RPM and/or gate-opening will *decrease* the amount of material coming to the spinner.
- *Increasing* RPM and/or gate-opening will *increase* the amount of material coming to the spinner.



Spread Patterns – Offset Chute

These figures are as viewed from the top of the spinner looking down. Internal Baffle Position 5 is designed to dump unused material by bypassing the spinner.

Internal Baffle



Internal baffle - Position 1



Internal baffle - Position 2



Internal baffle - Position 3



Internal baffle - Position 4

External Baffles



All baffles adjusted down for a confined spread pattern



Curb-side baffle deflects material down; heavy on curb side



Driver-side baffle deflects material down; heavy on driver side

Spread Patterns – Center Belt Drive

These figures are as viewed from the top of the spinner looking down.

Internal Baffles



Both internal baffles out

External Baffles



All baffles adjusted down for a confined spread pattern



Driver-side baffle in, curb-side baffle out



Curb-side baffle deflects material down; heavy on curb side



Driver-side baffle out, curb-side baffle in



Driver-side baffle deflects material down; heavy on driver side

Disconnect electric and/or hydraulic power and tag out if required before servicing or performing maintenance.

Grease

Over-greasing may cause seal damage. The gear case must be filled to the oil-level plug with Mobil SHC 632 or Exxon SHP 320 or equivalent synthetic gear-type lubricant. Keep the breather plug clean.

- Use dielectric grease on all electrical connections at the beginning and end of each season, and as required during the season.
- After every 10 hours of operation, grease the idler bearings on the idler shaft, flanged bearings on the drive shaft, and the spinner shaft bearing under the spinner.
- After every 50 hours of operation, grease the input shaft bearing on the gear case and verify the oil level of the gear case is level with the fill hole.
- Change gear case oil once a year. Drain oil by removing the side cover of the gear case. Refill with Mobil SHC 632 or Exxon SHP 320 or equivalent synthetic gear oil. Oil level should be even with the bottom of the fill hole.

Gear Oil Specification

Use Mobil SHC 632 or Exxon SHP 320 or equivalent.

Drive Belts and Conveyor Chain Tension

- At the beginning of each season, and once a month during the season, verify the drive pulley set screws and the clutch pulley mounting bolts are tight.
- Visually inspect the drive belts for cracks and wear. If a belt is cracked or worn, replace the belt.
- Maintain correct belt tension. Correct tension allows for 1/4" 5/16" of deflection midway between the pulleys.

To **increase** engine belt tension: Loosen the four bolts that secure the engine mount to the engine base and pull the engine away from the clutch. After correct tension is achieved, retighten the engine mount bolts.

To **increase** spinner belt tension: Loosen spinner bearing bolts, and pull shaft assembly away from the clutch. After correct tension is achieved, retighten the bearing bolts.

• Periodically check the conveyor chain tension. To check the tension, measure in 20"-24" from the rear edge of the sills. Push up on the chain with your hand. The conveyor chain should lift up 1"-3" off the conveyor chain guide or cross angles.



- Use the two 5/8" x 6" take-up bolts at the front of the spreader to adjust the conveyor chain tension. Loosen the locknuts before attempting to adjust the take-up bolts. Turn both sides equal amounts to ensure the tension is equally distributed across both sides of the conveyor chain.
- Always empty the spreader when it is not in use to prevent a frozen conveyor chain.

Electric Clutch

To minimize problems and extend the life of the electric clutch, do the following:

- At the end of each snow season, remove and clean the clutch.
- After cleaning the clutch, coat both mating surfaces of the clutch with oil or light grease.
- Remove oil and grease prior to using the clutch again.

Engine Service and Repair

Maintain the spreader engine according to the engine Owner's Manual that is shipped with the spreader. Engine warranty is covered by the engine manufacturer and is described in the engine manual.

If service or repair is needed, contact an authorized engine manufacturer service center. To serve you promptly, the service center will need the make, model, type, and code number for your engine.

Your nearest service center is listed in the "Yellow Pages" under "Engines, Gasoline" or "Gasoline Engines."

NOTE: The maximum choke point of the Tecumseh Engine is adjustable. The unit is shipped with the choke adjusted to be 75% closed. See Choke Adjustment Procedure for adjustment instructions.

Hydraulic Hopper Spreaders

- 1. Check hydraulic fluid level before every use. Add fluid as required.
- 2. Periodically inspect the hoses and fittings for damage and possible leaks.
- 3. Change the hydraulic fluid after the first 50 hours of operation of a new unit.
- 4. Reservoir should be drained through the drain plug only, NOT through the suction outlet.
- Flush and refill reservoir annually, or sooner if fluid shows signs of break-down or contamination.
- The use of proper hydraulic fluid in the system is critical to satisfactory performance. Only clean, new hydraulic fluid, of the proper type and viscosity as recommended by the pump manufacturer, should be used.
- Keep all hydraulic fluids in original containers. Use only clean measuring containers and funnels when pouring fluids. Keep all containers closed when not in use.

To keep your spreader functioning properly, observe the following recommendations:

After each use:

- Wash out hopper and rinse off all external surfaces.
- Apply dielectric grease to all electrical connections to prevent corrosion.
- Lubricate all grease fittings. Use a good quality multi-purpose grease.

At the end of each season:

- · Wash out hopper and all external surfaces.
- Apply dielectric grease to all electrical connections to prevent corrosion.
- Lubricate all grease fittings. Use a good quality multi-purpose grease.
- Oil or paint all bare metal surfaces.

Troubleshooting

	PROBLEM	CORRECTION
1.	Unit speed does not increase with the dial setting.	A. Increase the truck engine speed.B. Check condition of pump.C. Check for adequate PTO percent.
2.	Unit stalls under load.	Check circuit pressure. 900-1200 PSI maximum with relief valve lifting at 1500 PSI.
3.	Unit speed fluctuates momentarily when control is first turned on.	A. Oil is cold. Wait until oil has warmed up.B. Change to lighter weight oil.
4.	Pump blows seals at start up.	Pump installed backwards. Replace seals and reverse pump in driveline. (Note arrow on pump.)







Removal Instructions

- 1. Disconnect the battery cables.
- 2. Carefully observe the existing installation. Mark the electric throttle position on the engine mount.
- 3. Disconnect the brown and red spreader harness wires from the electric throttle motor leads.
- 4. Remove the 1/4"-20 fasteners that hold the electric throttle bracket to the engine mount.
- 5. Remove the #6-32 fasteners holding the electric throttle motor to the bracket. Remove the electric throttle motor.

Installation Instructions

Improper installation can result in damage to the engine choke/throttle linkage.

- 1. Connect the brown and red spreader harness wires (not shown) to the corresponding colored electric throttle motor leads.
- Using the electric throttle control, run the new motor until the crank reaches the 12 o'clock position. (A 9-volt battery can be used as a substitute for the control.)

- 3. Fasten the electric throttle motor to the bracket using the existing hardware.
- 4. Using the electric throttle control, run the new electric throttle motor until the crank is against the bracket as shown in above diagram.
- 5. Place the electric throttle arm on the crank as shown in the above diagram.
- 6. Place the electric throttle assembly onto the engine mount inserting the throttle pin into the engine choke/throttle linkage plastic slider (not shown).
- 7. Loosely bolt electric throttle assembly to the engine mount with the existing hardware.
- 8. Keeping the electric throttle arm parallel to and against the carburetor control bracket, move the electric throttle bracket forward putting the engine throttle into the full choke position.
- 9. Tighten the fasteners according to the Torque Chart.
- 10. Reconnect the battery cables.
- 11. Verify the crank is stopped in both directions by the bracket, not the carburetor linkage.







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