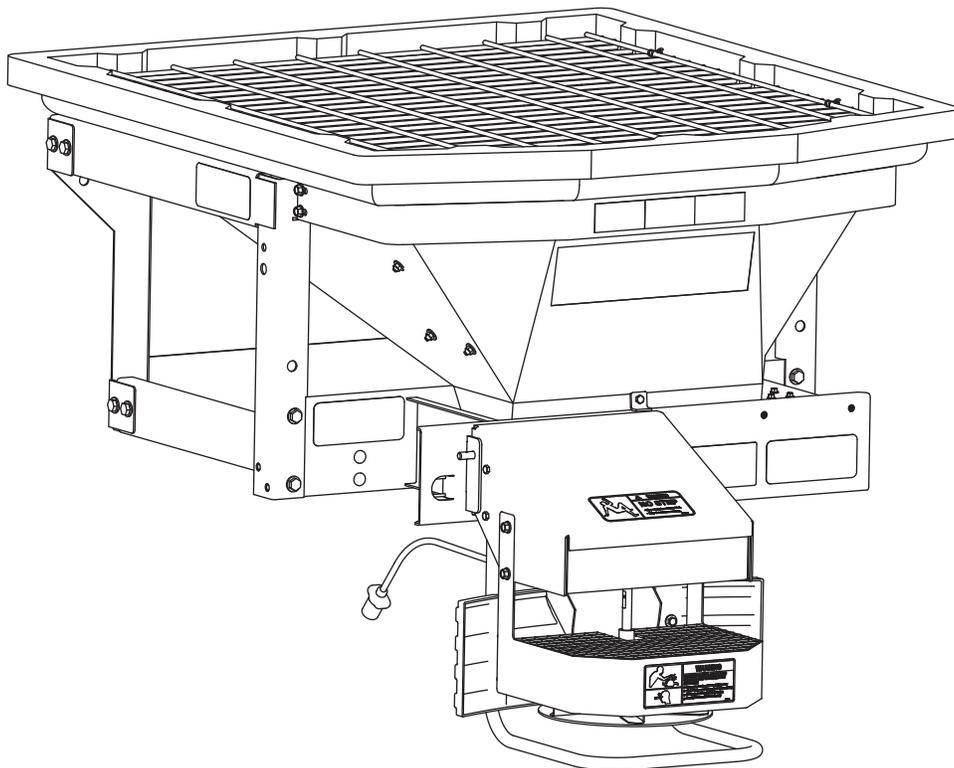




POLY-CASTER™ UTV Hopper Spreader

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Owner's Manual
Original Instructions



⚠ CAUTION

**Read this document before operating
or servicing the spreader.**

This manual is for FISHER® POLY-CASTER UTV hopper spreaders
with serial numbers beginning with 160901 and higher.

This manual supersedes all editions with an earlier date.

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PREFACE

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 distributor. 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.

Register your spreader online at www.fisherplows.com

OWNER'S INFORMATION

Owner's Name: _____

Date Purchased: _____

Outlet Name: _____ Phone: _____

Outlet Address: _____

Vehicle Model: _____ Year: _____

Spreader Type (Model): _____ Serial #: _____

Length: _____ Weight: _____ lb/kg: _____

SAFETY

SAFETY DEFINITIONS

WARNING

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

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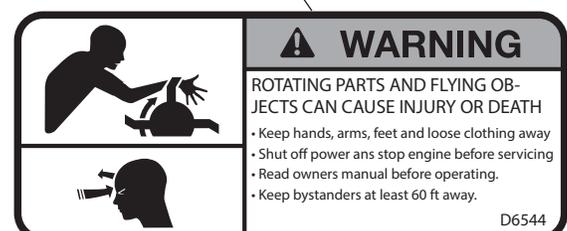
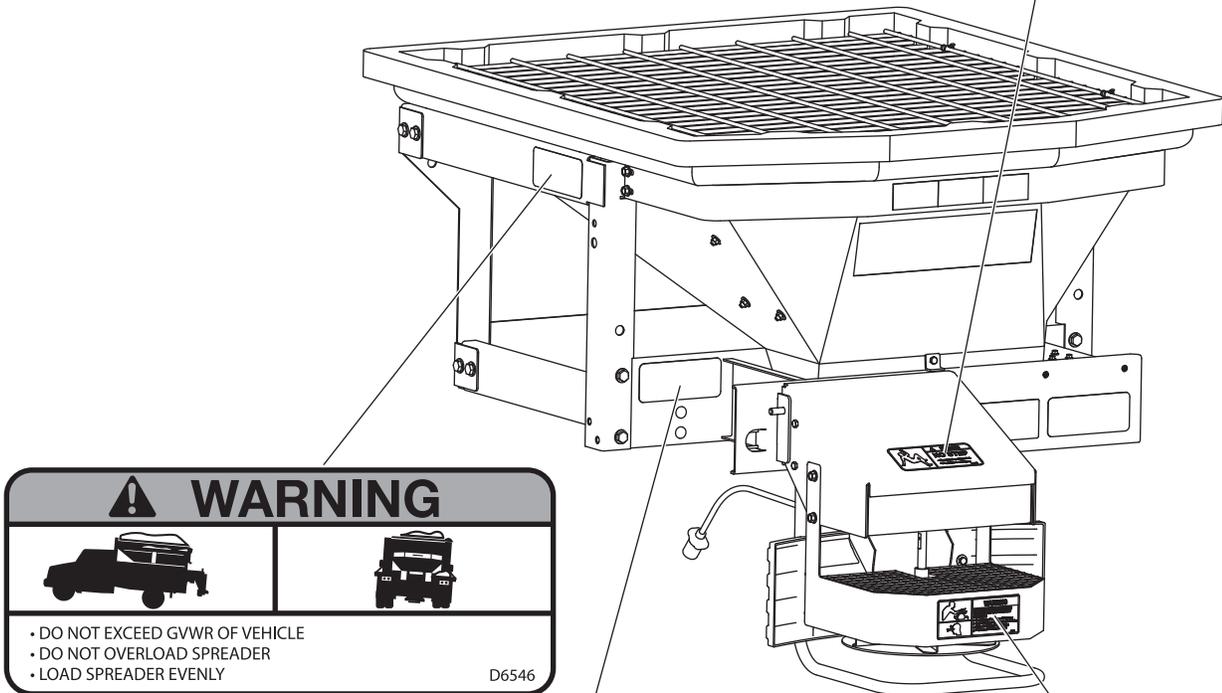
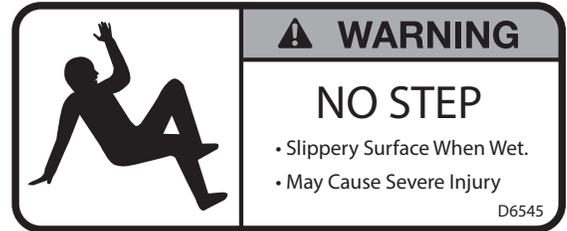
Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

NOTE: Indicates a situation or action that can lead to damage to your spreader and vehicle or other property. Other useful information can also be described.

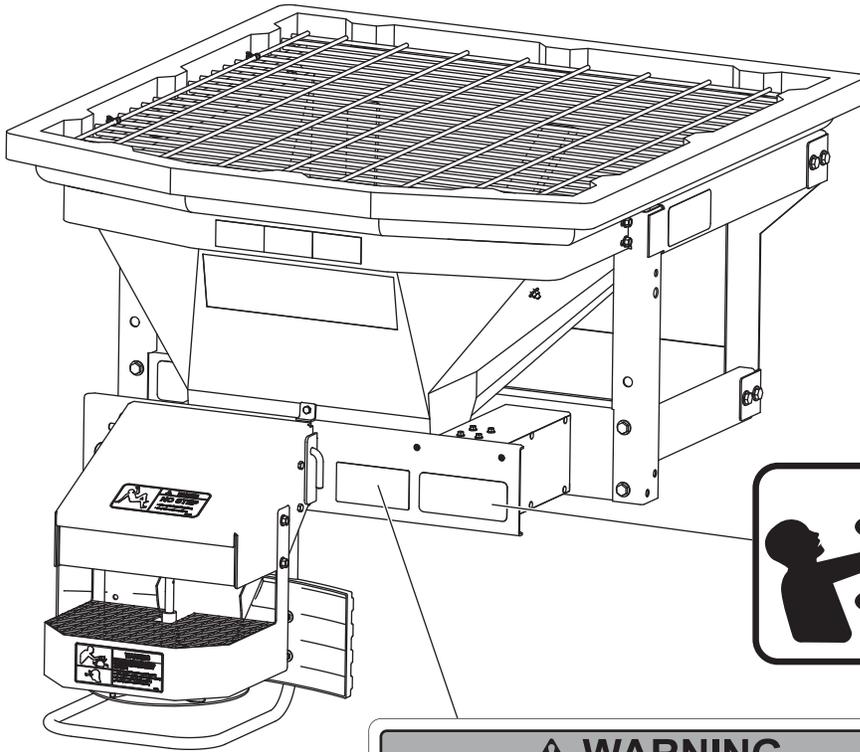
WARNING/CAUTION LABELS

Please become familiar with the warning and caution labels on the spreader.

NOTE: If labels are missing or cannot be read, see your sales outlet.



SAFETY



⚠ WARNING

ROTATING AUGER CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH

- Keep arms, hands, and loose clothing away from auger.
- Shut off control and unplug spreader before servicing.

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⚠ WARNING

Vehicles <10,000 lb GVWR

Obstructing the visibility from the vehicle's rear camera could result in serious injury or damage. An auxiliary camera system shall be installed if the vehicle's rear camera is removed or blocked.

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SERIAL NUMBER LABEL

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

YYMMDLLXXXZZZZZ

Code	Definition
YY	2-Digit Year
MM	2-Digit Month
DD	2-Digit Day
LL	2-Digit Location Code
XXXX	4-Digit Sequential Number
ZZZZZ	5- to 7-Digit Assembly PN

SAFETY

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Improper installation and operation could cause personal injury and/or equipment and property damage. Read and understand labels and the Owner's Manual before installing, operating, or making adjustments.

⚠ 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 that all safety guards are in place.
- Before servicing the spreader, wait for conveyor, auger, and spinner to stop.
- Do not climb into or ride on spreader.

⚠ WARNING



Overloading could result in an accident or damage. Do not exceed GVWR of UTV. See Loading section to determine maximum volumes of spreading material.

⚠ WARNING

Vehicles <10,000 lb GVWR: Obstructing the visibility from the vehicle's rear camera could result in serious injury or damage. An auxiliary camera system shall be installed if the vehicle's rear camera is removed or blocked.

⚠ CAUTION

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.

⚠ 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 engine owner's manual, if so equipped.
- 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.

⚠ CAUTION

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

⚠ 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 multipurpose grease.

SAFETY

FUSES

The electrical system contains several automotive-style fuses. If a problem should occur and fuse replacement is necessary, the replacement fuse must be of the same type and amperage rating as the original. Installing a fuse with a higher rating can damage the system and could start a fire.

PERSONAL SAFETY

- Remove ignition key and put the vehicle in PARK or in gear to prevent others from starting the vehicle during installation or service.
- Wear only snug-fitting clothing while working on your vehicle or spreader.
- Do not wear jewelry or a necktie, and secure long hair.
- Wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from battery acid, gasoline, dirt, and dust.
- Avoid touching hot surfaces such as the engine, radiator, hoses, and exhaust pipes.
- Always have a fire extinguisher rated BC handy, for flammable liquids and electrical fires.

FIRE AND EXPLOSION

WARNING

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

Be careful when using gasoline. Do not use gasoline to clean parts. Store only in approved containers away from sources of heat or flame.

CELL PHONES

A driver's first responsibility is the safe operation of the vehicle. The most important thing you can do to prevent a crash is to avoid distractions and pay attention to the road. Wait until it is safe to operate Mobile Communication Equipment such as cell phones, text messaging devices, pagers, or two-way radios.

VENTILATION

WARNING

Vehicle exhaust contains lethal fumes. Breathing these fumes, even in low concentrations, can cause death. Never operate a vehicle in an enclosed area without venting exhaust to the outside.

BATTERY SAFETY

CAUTION

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

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

SAFETY

TORQUE CHART

⚠ 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

Inch Fasteners Grade 5 and Grade 8

Size	Torque (ft-lb)		Size	Torque (ft-lb)	
	 Grade 5	 Grade 8		 Grade 5	 Grade 8
1/4-20	8.4	11.9	9/16-12	109	154
1/4-28	9.7	13.7	9/16-18	121	171
5/16-18	17.4	24.6	5/8-11	150	212
5/16-24	19.2	27.3	5/8-18	170	240
3/8-16	30.8	43.6	3/4-10	269	376
3/8-24	35.0	49.4	3/4-16	297	420
7/16-14	49.4	69.8	7/8-9	429	606
7/16-20	55.2	77.9	7/8-14	474	669
1/2-13	75.3	106.4	1-8	644	909
1/2-20	85.0	120.0	1-12	704	995

Metric Fasteners Class 8.8 and 10.9

Size	Torque (ft-lb)		Size	Torque (ft-lb)	
	 Class 8.8	 Class 10.9		 Class 8.8	 Class 10.9
M6 x 1.00	7.7	11.1	M20 x 2.50	325	450
M8 x 1.25	19.5	26.9	M22 x 2.50	428	613
M10 x 1.50	38.5	53.3	M24 x 3.00	562	778
M12 x 1.75	67	93	M27 x 3.00	796	1139
M14 x 2.00	107	148	M30 x 3.50	1117	1545
M16 x 2.00	167	231	M33 x 3.50	1468	2101
M18 x 2.50	222	318	M36 x 4.00	1952	2701

These torque values apply to fasteners except those noted in the instructions.

LOADING

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

⚠ WARNING

Overloading could result in an accident or damage. Do not exceed GVWR of UTV.



⚠ CAUTION

Read and adhere to manufacturer's ice-control material package labeling, including Safety Data Sheet requirements.

⚠ CAUTION

Never use wet materials or materials with foreign debris with any of these spreaders. These units are designed to handle dry, clean, free-flowing material.

MATERIAL WEIGHTS

Material	Density		
	(lb/ft ³)	(lb/yd ³)	(kg/m ³)
Salt	80	2160	1282
Sand	100	2700	1602

Material densities are approximate and are based on dry, loose material. It is the responsibility of the operator to know the weight of the material to be spread and the vehicle carrying capacity.

DETERMINING VEHICLE PAYLOAD

1. Install the 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, snowplow, etc.). Fill gas tanks.
3. Obtain the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) from the UTV manufacturer.
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/yd³) of the desired material. Divide the weight into the payload to determine the maximum volume of material that can be carried.
7. Fill the hopper with the calculated volume of material. Reweigh the vehicle with occupants and verify that the GVW is less than the vehicle's ratings.
8. Repeat Steps 6 and 7 for each type of material.

MOUNTING THE SPREADER

MOUNTING THE SPREADER

NOTE: Periodically throughout the snow and ice control season, verify that mounting devices are secure.

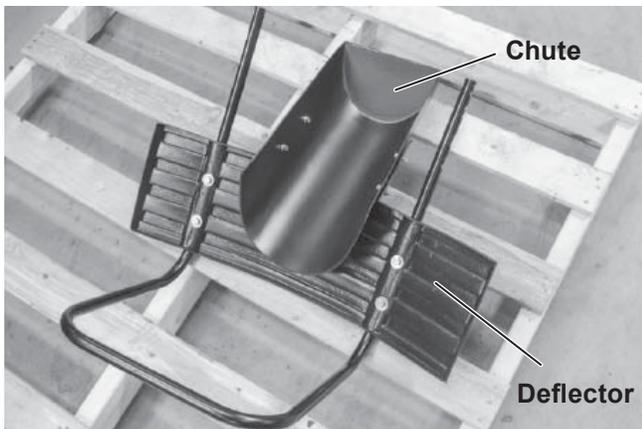
⚠ WARNING

Spreader shall be bolted to vehicle frame. Do not rely on the tie-down chains or straps alone to hold spreader in vehicle.

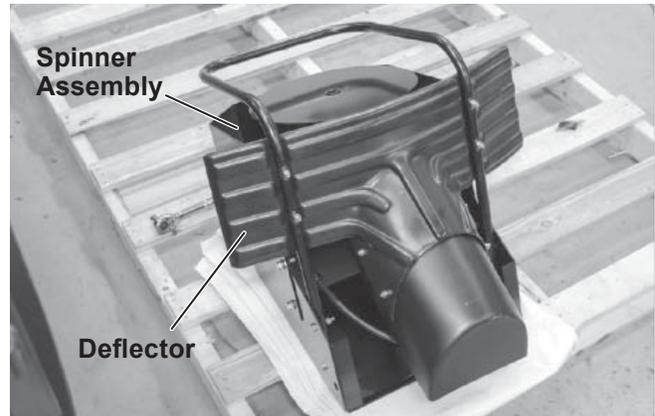
⚠ CAUTION

Before lifting, verify that hopper is empty of material. The lifting device must be able to support the spreader's weight.

1. Remove the tailgate from the UTV bed.
2. Load the spreader onto the UTV bed.
3. Assemble the chute to the deflector using the four 1/4" x 3/4" serrated flange cap screws and 1/4" locknuts in the supplied hardware kit.



4. Install the chute/deflector assembly to the spinner assembly using the four 5/16" x 1-1/2" tapping screws and 5/16" locknuts in the supplied hardware kit to complete the drive assembly.



5. Mount the drive assembly to the spreader using the 1/2" x 17-5/8" bent pin and secure it with the 2-3/8" hairpin cotter. Ensure that the bent pin passes through the small center mounting tab on the auger drive enclosure.
6. Slide the spreader forward until the deflector/chute assembly makes contact with the vehicle. Then slide the spreader back approximately 1" to allow proper clearance.
7. Once the spreader is positioned front to back in the vehicle bed, center it left to right.

MOUNTING THE SPREADER

- Looking at the inside corners of the spreader frame, you will notice four holes in the bottom of the frame. Using a paint pen or similar marking device, mark the hole locations on the vehicle bed.

If mounting holes cannot be drilled in the marked locations, install the optional mounting bars to the spreader frame using the supplied 1/2" x 1-1/2" carriage bolts and 1/2" locknuts. Use the existing holes in the mounting bars to mark drilling locations on the vehicle bed.

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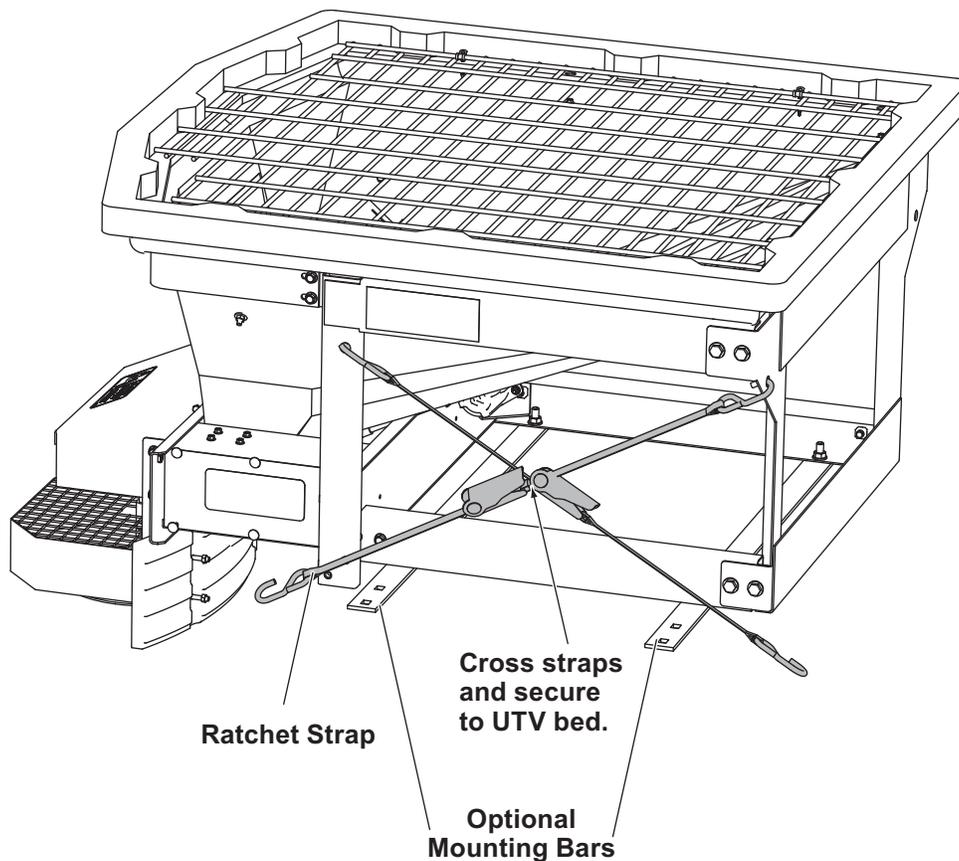
Before drilling holes, check to be sure that no vehicle wiring or other components could be damaged.

NOTE: Pay special attention when drilling or clamping dissimilar metals to aluminum bodies. Galvanic corrosion can occur if not handled properly. Contact vehicle manufacturer for recommended attachment practices.

- Install and tighten all four 1/2" x 3" carriage bolts.
- Install the four ratchet straps as shown below.
- Tighten all fasteners according to the torque chart.

NOTE: It is important for safety that this strapping method be used as the standard mounting procedure.

- Drill 1/2" holes at the marked locations.



OPERATING THE SPREADER – CAB CONTROL

⚠ WARNING

Never operate equipment when under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medications that might alter your judgment and/or reaction time.

⚠ WARNING

Never exceed 45 mph (72 km/h) when loaded spreader is attached to vehicle. Braking distances may be increased and handling characteristics may be impaired at speeds above 45 mph (72 km/h).

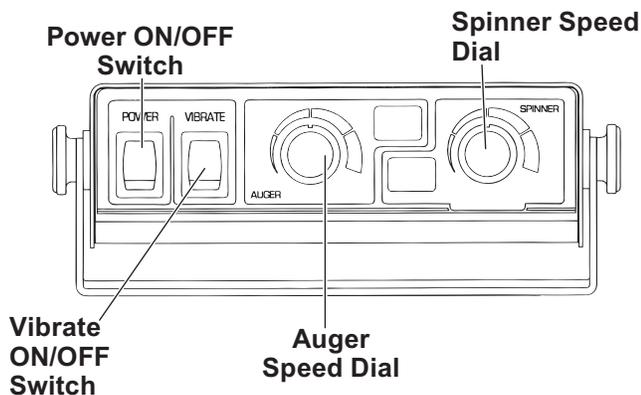
⚠ WARNING

Never allow children to operate or climb on equipment.

CAB CONTROL

Starting and Stopping Motor

1. To start the spreader, press the POWER switch to the "ON" position on the control.
2. Press the POWER switch to the "OFF" position to stop the spreader. Speed of auger and spinner may be adjusted separately to get desired material flow and spread distance.



NOTE: The UTV ignition must be ON to start the spreader. If UTV ignition is turned OFF while the spreader is running, the spreader motor will stop.

Adjusting Auger/Spinner Speed

1. Turn the speed dial clockwise to increase speed. When the POWER switch is set to the "ON" position, the spreader will accelerate to the speed set on spinner and auger dials.
2. Turning the speed dial counterclockwise will decrease speed.

NOTE: Always use the tarp kit on the hopper to prevent moisture buildup. Do not let spreader sit idle with material in the hopper for an extended period of time. This can cause material to compact, reduce or stop the flow of material, and cause permanent hopper body deformation.

NOTE: The vibrator switch is needed for dense material or to increase the flow to the auger. This eliminates bridging of material in the hopper.

NOTE: A material baffle has been installed in your spreader to stop fine material from free flowing. If using dense or damp material, or when more flow is desired, remove material baffle. However, it is recommended that the material baffle remain in place when using bulk salt.

OPERATING THE SPREADER

SPREADING TIPS

- Spread ice melters with the storm to prevent unmanageable levels of ice.
- Never exceed 10 mph (16 km/h) when spreading.
- For a wider pass, increase spinner speed.
- For a heavier pass, drive slower or increase auger speed.
- Never operate spreader near pedestrians.
- Calculate spread pattern when near vegetation.

ACCESSORIES

The following accessories are available from your distributor.

Optimum Flow Kit

The optimum flow kit improves material flow and allows spreading of a 50/50 salt/sand mix with a vibrator and dual pitch baffle.

Auger Tube Restrictor Kit

The auger tube restrictor kit prevents leaking issues when handling fine pellet and flake materials.

AUTO-REVERSE "Ar" FEATURE

1. If your control displays the "OL" code, this could indicate a jammed auger.
2. Switch OFF the main power for 3 seconds.
3. Switch the main power ON. When the machine starts to back up the "Ar" sequence will automatically start and the auger will reverse for several rotations to clear the jam.
4. After a pause of several moments, the auger will automatically return to correct rotation.
5. If the jam is still not cleared, the control will again display the "OL" code.
6. You may repeat Steps 2 and 3 for a second and third time.
7. If, after the third attempt, the control displays the "OL" code, you **must** extract the material that is causing the problem.
8. Follow all safety instructions when clearing jams.

MAINTENANCE

⚠ WARNING

Never remove spreader with material in hopper.

⚠ CAUTION

Disconnect electric power at spreader electrical wiring harness connection and tag out, if required, before servicing or performing maintenance.

⚠ CAUTION

- **When replacing parts use only original manufacturer's parts. Failure to do so will void warranty.**
- **The control is a solid state electronic unit and is not serviceable. Any attempt to service will void warranty.**
- **There are no serviceable parts in the motor/transmission assembly. Any attempt to service will void warranty.**
- **Spinner motor is not designed for continuous duty. Allow motor to cool between long cycle times.**
- **When pressure washing motor enclosure area, keep spray at least 36" away from motor enclosures.**

LUBRICATION

To keep your spreader running smoothly, lubricate bearings after every 20 hours of use.

AFTER EACH USE

- Wash out the hopper and rinse off all external surfaces.
- Apply dielectric grease on all electrical connections to prevent corrosion.

STORAGE

Store control in a cool dry place during the off-season.

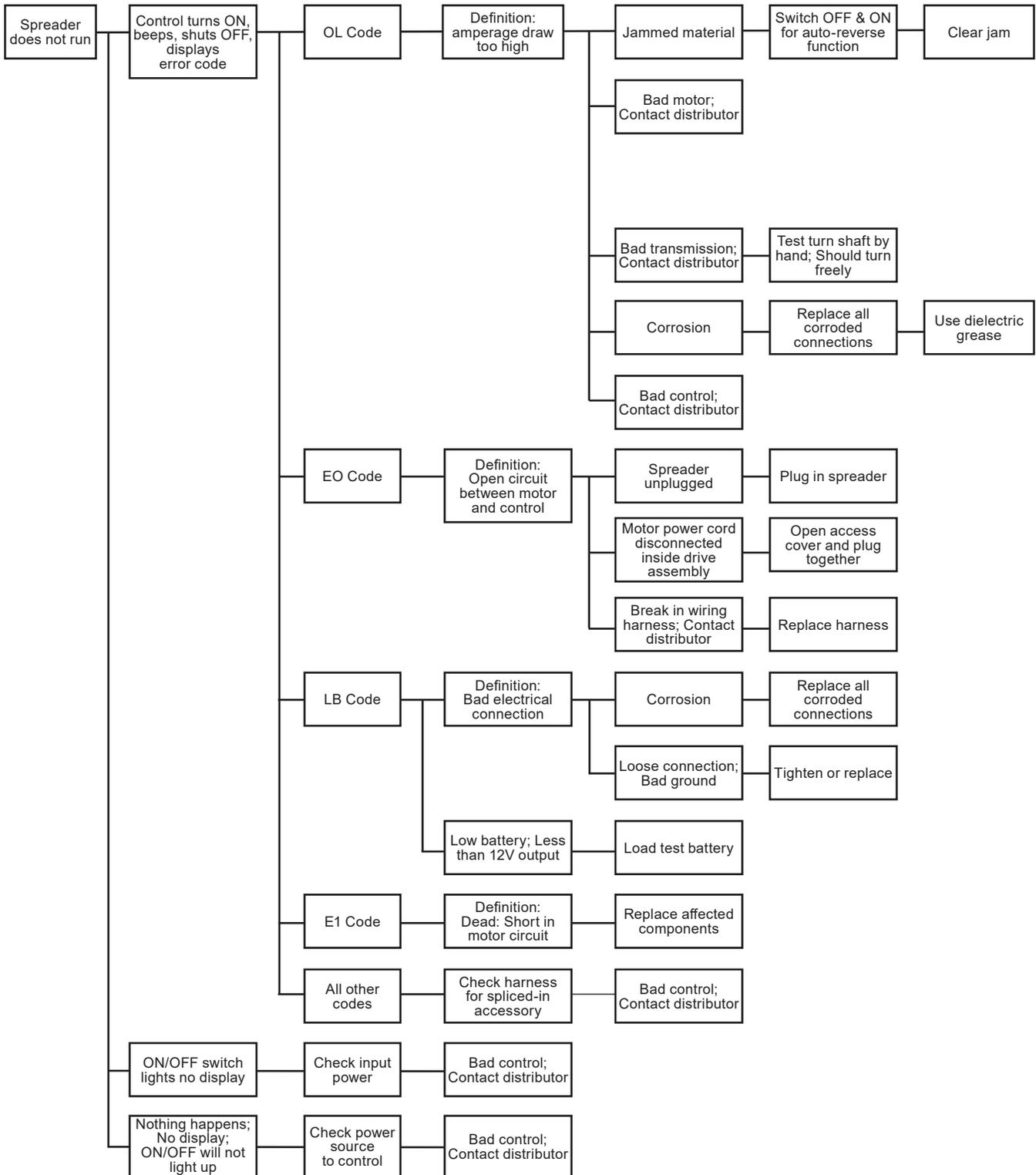
AT THE END OF EACH SEASON or AFTER EXTENDED STORAGE

- Wash out the hopper and rinse off all external surfaces.
- Apply dielectric grease on all electrical connections to prevent corrosion.
- Lubricate all grease fittings with good quality multipurpose grease.
- Oil or paint all bare metal surfaces.
- If motor cover is removed for any reason, use silicone sealant to ensure weatherproofing of enclosure.
- After first use, tighten all fasteners on spreader and mount.

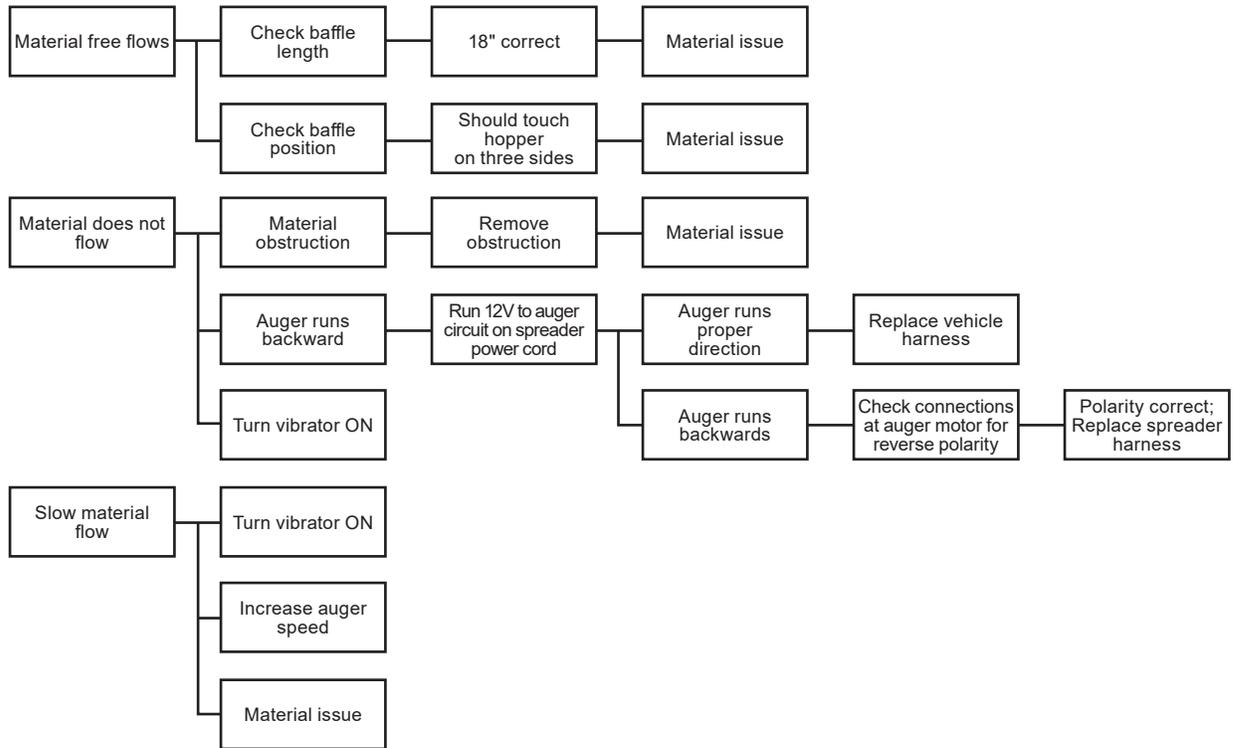
FUSE REPLACEMENT

If a problem should occur and fuse replacement is necessary, the replacement fuse must be of the same type and amperage rating as the original. Installing a fuse with a higher rating can damage the system and could start a fire.

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