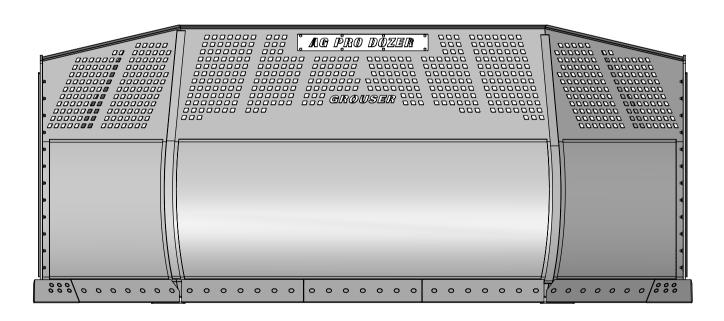


# HD 19' U-Blade Owner's Manual & Parts Book



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Thank you for your recent purchase of a Grouser 19' U-Blade. Welcome to the family of satisfied Grouser blade owners. Grouser Products is committed to offering quality products to help professionals in their daily jobs. We are also committed to providing you the highest level of customer satisfaction possible. Again, thank you for your patronage. We look forward to serving you.

This manual contains information concerning the operation, adjustment, safety and maintenance of the 19' U-Blade. You have purchased a dependable, long lasting piece of equipment. You can expect to receive long lasting performance and long service built into our products with proper care and operation. Please have all operators read and understand this manual carefully. Keep the manual available for reference. If, for any reason, you have questions or comments, we would be happy to hear from you. Call our number, 701-282-7710, or send us an e-mail at info@grouser.com. You can expect us to respond to your e-mail in a timely manner.

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No Angle - Hydraulic Tilt

A careful operator is the best operator. Most accidents can be avoided by observing certain precautions. To help prevent accidents, read and take the following precautions before operating this equipment. In addition, please follow all safety and operational instructions of your tractor manufacturer.

# The 19' U-Blade:

- 1. The 19' U-Blade should be operated only by those who are responsible and instructed to do so.
- 2. Read the owner's manual carefully before using this equipment. Lack of operating knowledge can lead to accidents.
- 3. Keep the 19' U-Blade maintained in reliable and satisfactory condition to ensure your safety.
- 4. Make sure the area is clear of people before moving any equipment.
- 5. Do not modify or permit anyone else to modify or alter the equipment and its components without first consulting Grouser Products.
- 6. Lower the blade to the ground when not in use.

# Servicing the 19' U-Blade:

- 1. Read and follow all safety instructions provided by the tractor manufacturer.
- 2. Always use proper personal safety gear when performing maintenance on equipment.
- 3. Before servicing, relieve hydraulic pressure, stop engine and fully engage parking brake.
- 4. Escaping hydraulic fluid under pressure can penetrate skin causing serious injury. If fluid is injected into skin, obtain medical attention immediately.
  - DO NOT use your hand to check for leaks. Use a piece of cardboard or paper to search for leaks.
  - Stop the engine and relieve pressure before connecting or disconnecting lines.
  - Tighten all connections before starting the engine or pressurizing lines.

# Storing the 19' U-Blade:

- 1. Thoroughly clean the 19' U-Blade before storage. Use paint where necessary to prevent rust.
- 2. Check the 19' U-Blade for worn or damaged parts. Install new parts as required.
- 3. Lubricate all pins and joints.

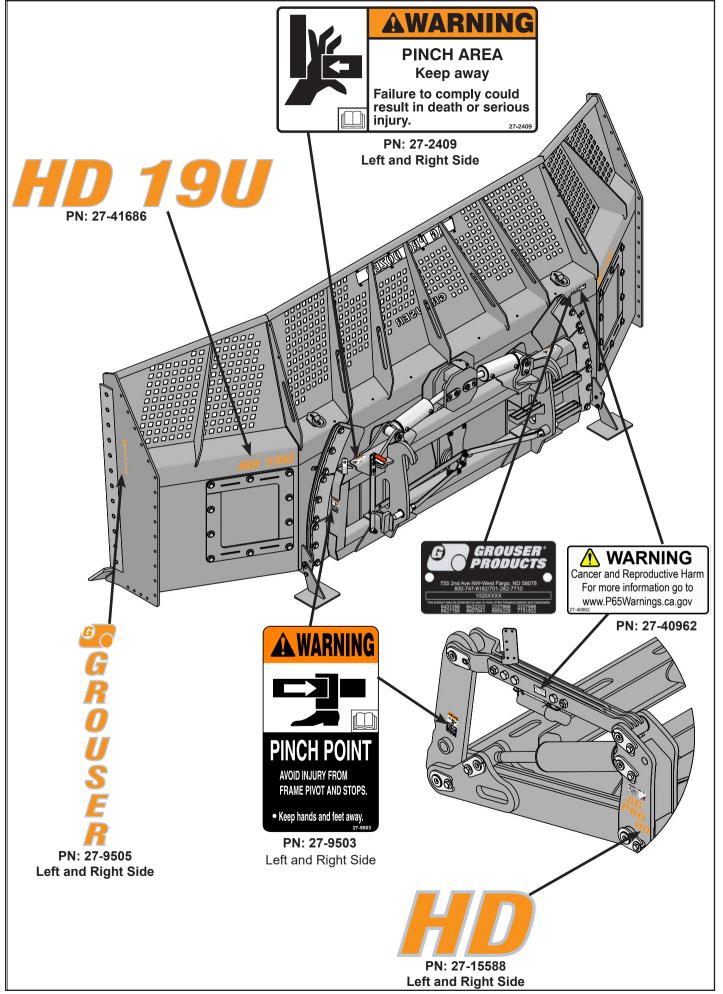
Tighten all bolts to the values listed below unless otherwise noted. Refer to the parts lists for proper length and grade of the bolts.

	Torque - Dry (ft-lbs)			
	SAE Grade 5		SAE G	rade 8
Size	UNC	UNF	UNC	UNF
5/16	17	19	24	27
3/8	30	35	45	50
7/16	50	55	70	80
1/2	75	85	110	120
9/16	110	120	150	170
5/8	150	170	210	240
3/4	260	300	380	420
7/8	430	470	600	670
1	640	720	910	1020

	Torque - Dry (ft-lbs)
Size	Grade 10.9
M18 x 2.50	284
M20 x 2.50	401
M22 x 2.50	547
M24 x 3.00	694

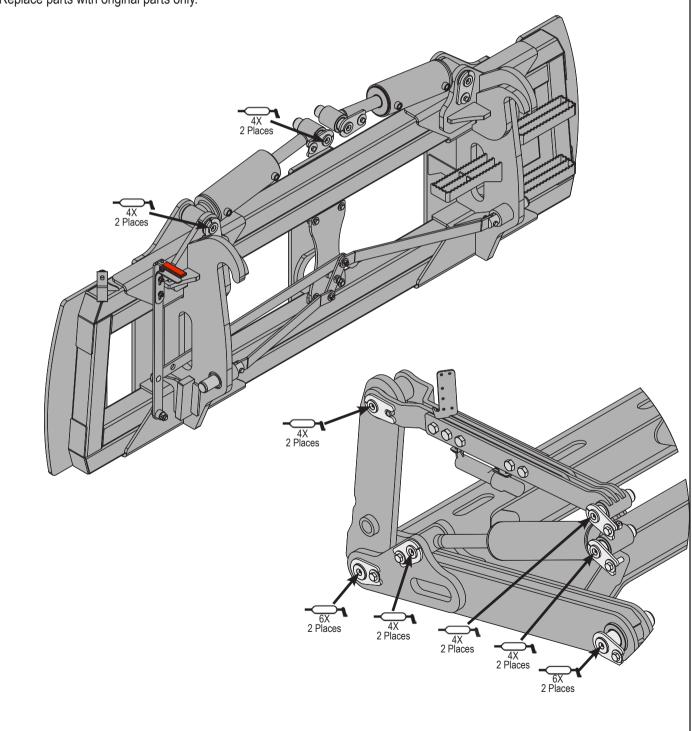
Unstrap and remove the lift frame, hoses, top arms, and any boxes of hardware from the undercarriage. If any components are missing, call Grouser.

Install undercarriage per the tractor specific mounting instructions.



# Due to the harsh environment this equipment operates in, the following tasks should be performed every 10 hours or less.

- Inspect all equipment before operation for existing or potential damage.
- Lubricate all joints with high quality grease. See below for grease locations.
- Inspect all bolts, and tighten any loose bolts to torque specifications on page 3.
- Check replaceable cutting edge for wear ensuring there is enough material to prevent permanent damage to the 19' U-Blade. For cutting edge information, see pages 12-13.
- Check hydraulic cylinders and hoses for damage or leaks. For replacement parts, see hydraulic pages 8, 10-11 and 14-15.
- · Make sure all non-rotating pins are secured properly.
- Inspect all decals and order replacement decals from your dealer if any are damaged or worn.
- For multi-coupler maintenance, see pages 16-17.
- Inspect all tilt-ways for wear. See page 6 for tilt plate adjustment.
- · Replace parts with original parts only.



# To Connect:

## Note: If necessary, use a spotter to help center the blade on the lift system.

- 1. If necessary, lift the locking latch and pull the quick attach lock handle on the left side of the lift system to open the quick attach system. Refer to Page #14-15 for further clarification on the quick attach system.
- 2. Drive the tractor forward slowly until the top edge of the male quick attach is under the top hook of the female quick attach on the blade assembly.
- 3. Raise the lift system until the male quick attach engages the female hook. If both sides don't fully engage, reposition. Continue to raise the lift system until the blade is off the ground and the female quick attaches are against the front of the male quick attaches.
- 4. Shut off the tractor engine and set the parking brake.
- 5. Push the guick attach lock handle to engage the guick attach pins and lift the locking latch to lock the handle in place.
- 6. Clean and connect hydraulic multi-coupler on the top arm. Refer to Pages 16-17 for cleaning and connecting information.
- 7. If initial startup, refer to Page 9 before operating any function of the blade.

## To Disconnect:

- 1. Lower the blade until the cutting edge is off the ground a few inches.
- 2. Shut off the tractor engine and set the parking brake.
- 3. Unhook the multi-coupler on the top arm.
- 4. Remove the multi-coupler covers from the parking stations on the blade assembly and install on the multi-couplers on the top arms.
- 5. Plug the blade side multi-couplers into the parking station.
- 6. Lift the locking latch and pull the quick attach lock handle to disengage the quick attach pins.
- 7. Start tractor, disengage the parking brake, and lower the blade until cutting edge is on the ground.
- 8. Continue to slowly lower the lift system to disengage the blade.
- 9. Slowly back away from the blade. When lift system is clear from the blade, raise the lift system.
- 10. Shut off the tractor engine and set the parking brake.

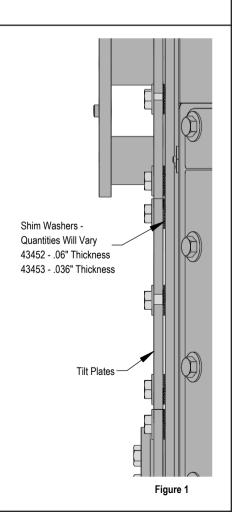
## **Preferred Method:**

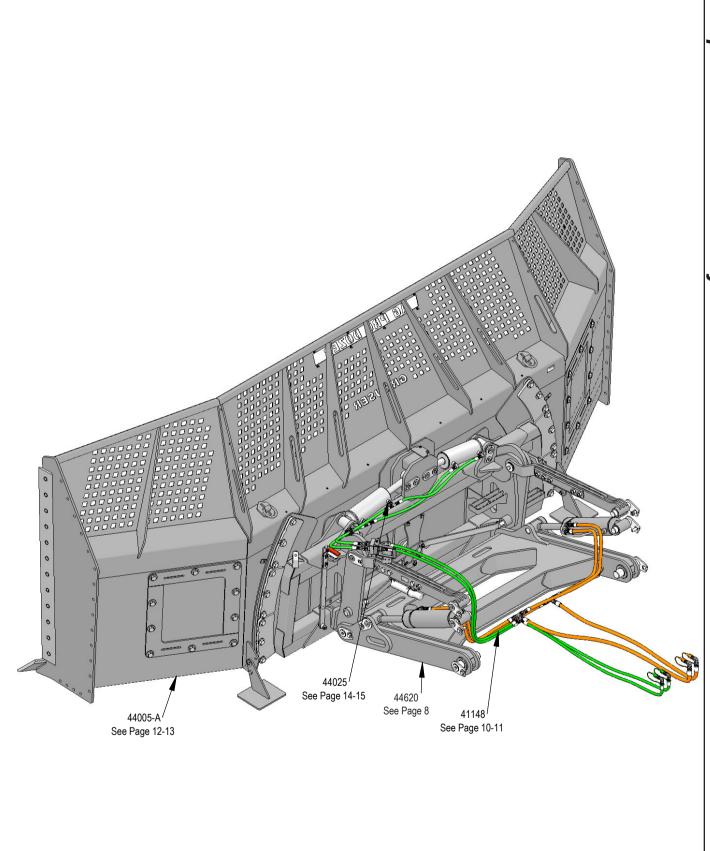
- 1. The preferred blade position for adjusting tilt plates is laying face down on blocks.
- 2. Remove bolts and tilt plates from right side.
- 3. Add or remove washers as needed to adjust tilt-way clearance to 1/16" 1/8".
- Reinstall bolts on right tilt plates.
- 5. Follow Steps #2-4 for left tilt plates.
- 6. Once tilt-way clearance is set, torque bolts to 640 ft-lbs.

#### Non-Preferred Method:

# Note: Do not remove all of the bolts at the same time if the blade is not laying face down.

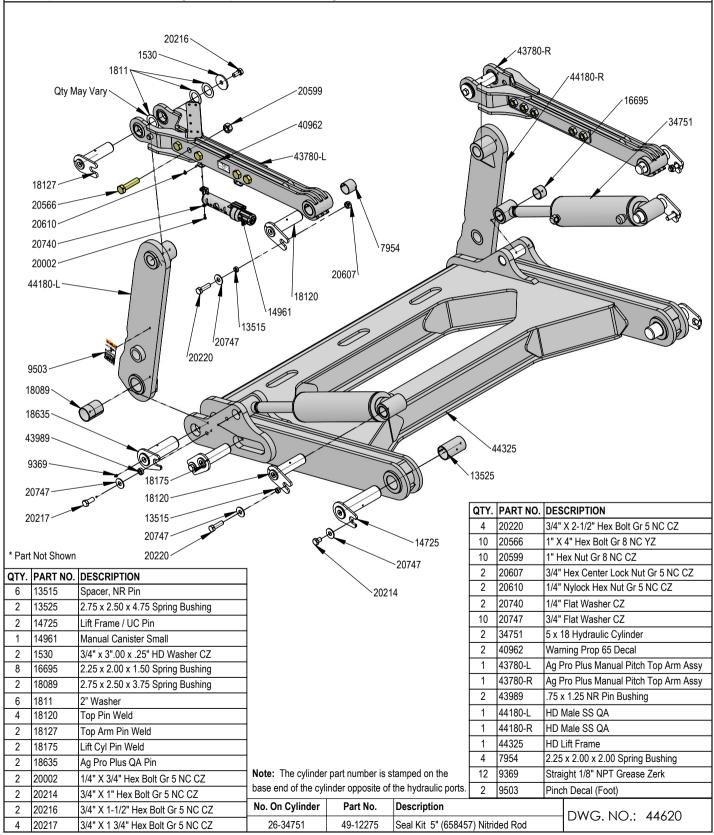
- 1. The non-preferred blade position for adjusting the tilt plates is the blade in the upright position.
- 2. Remove 3 bolts from top right tilt plate and bottom left tilt plate...
- 3. Add or remove washers as needed to adjust tilt-way clearance to 1/16" 1/8".
- 4. Reinstall bolts in top right tilt plate and bottom left tilt plate.
- 5. Follow Steps #2-4 for bottom right tilt plate and top left tilt plate and then for right and left center tilt plates.
- 6. Once tilt-way clearance is set, torque bolts to 640 ft-lbs.





Some assembly of Lift System components is necessary. Follow the steps listed below. See diagram below for the correct hardware and orientation of parts.

- 1. Remove all pins and fasteners on each side of the undercarriage and set aside for later installation.
- 2. Position the lift frame between the two plates on both sides of the undercarriage and align to the bottom holes.
- 3. Insert pins and hardware to attach the lift frame, the base end of the lift cylinders, and the top arms to the undercarriage.
- 4. Insert pins and hardware to attach the male quick attaches to the lift frame, and to the top arms. Use 2" washers as shims to keep top arm pins tight and in place. Only use as many as needed until pin is tight.
- 5. Torque all fasteners according to the specifications on Page 3.



Note: Refer to Pages 10-11 for the correct hose lengths and hose location.

Note: All connections are identified by spiral bands. 2 bands are from the base end of a cylinder and 1 band is from the rod end of a cylinder. Orange = Lift and Green = Tilt.

- 1. Connect the lift hoses to the lift cylinders.
- 2. Verify that hoses are not twisted and protected from rubbing on any sharp edges. See Pages 10-11 for proper hose routing.
- 3. Install the straight fittings into the multi-couplers on both top arms.
- 4. Identify each remaining hose at the front of the undercarriage by the colored bands on the end of the hose and connect the hose to the corresponding straight fitting on the multi-coupler. Refer to Pages 10-11 for proper hose locations.
- 5. Continue below for initial startup instructions.

Prior to operating the blade system, all air must be purged from the hydraulic system. Follow the steps below for each function on your blade.

# **Lift Function:**

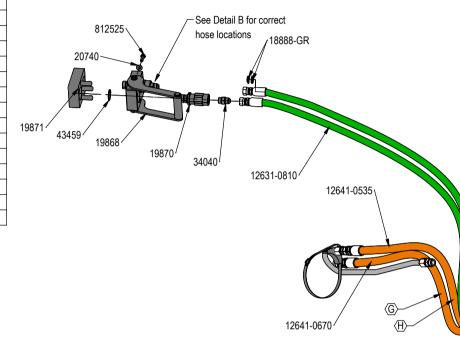
- 1. With the lift frame down and blocked, loosen the fittings on both ends of the lift cylinders.
- 2. Actuate the raise function to supply oil to the rod end of the cylinders.
- 3. When oil starts to flow from the fittings, stop oil flow, and tighten the fitting on the rod end of the lift cylinders.
- 4. Continue to flow oil until the system is fully raised and then block the lift frame.
- 5. Actuate the function in the opposite direction to supply oil to the base end of the lift cylinders.
- 6. When all air is removed from the lift system, stop oil flow and tighten the fittings on the base end of the lift cylinders.
- 7. Raise lift system and remove blocks. Cycle up and down 5 more times.
- 8. Check tractor oil level and fill if necessary.
- 9. Continue with connecting the blade on Page 6.

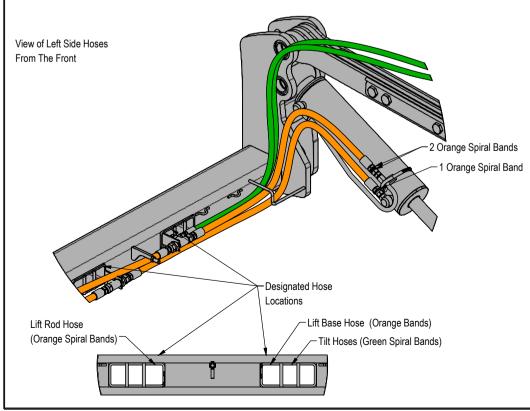
## **Tilt Function:**

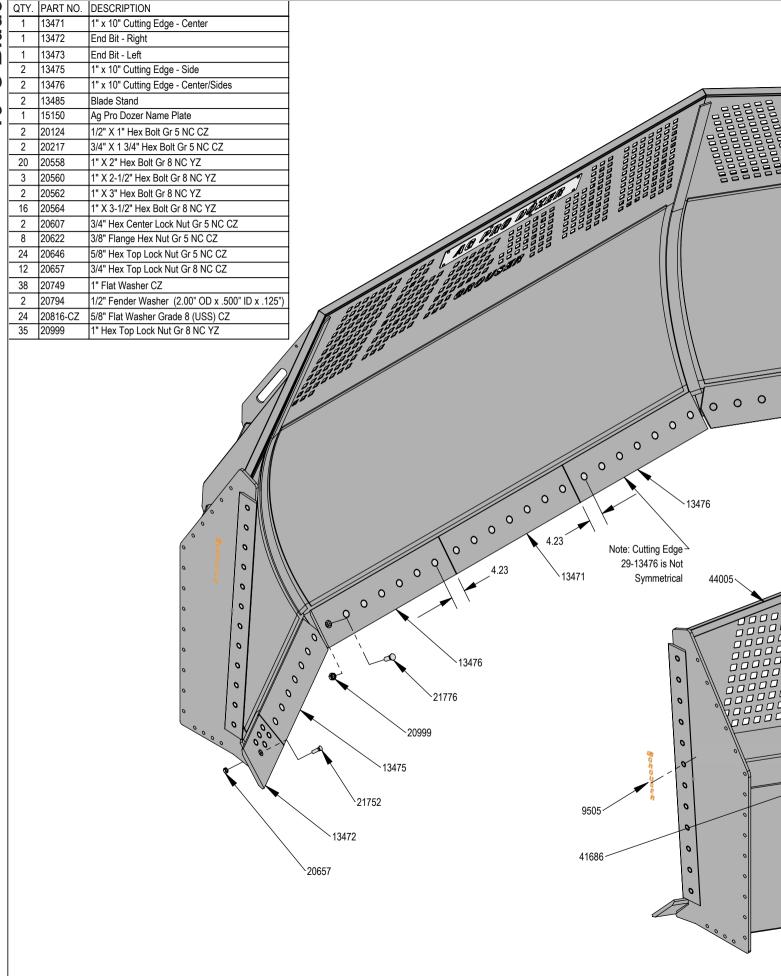
- 1. Use a lift or jack to tilt the blade system until the left side is fully up, loosen the fittings on the rod and base end of both tilt cylinders.
- 2. Actuate the tilt function to extend the right tilt cylinder and supply oil to the base end of the right cylinder and to the rod end of the left cylinder.
- 3. When oil starts to flow from the fittings, stop oil flow, and tighten the fitting on the base end of the right cylinder and rod end of the left cylinder.
- 4. Remove the lift or jack.
- 5. Continue to actuate the tilt function until oil flows out of the remaining open ports.
- 6. Actuate the tilt function in the opposite direction.
- 7. When all air is removed from the tilt system, stop oil flow, and tighten the remaining fittings on the cylinders.
- 8. Cycle both cylinders in and out 5 more times.
- 9. Check tractor oil level and fill if necessary.

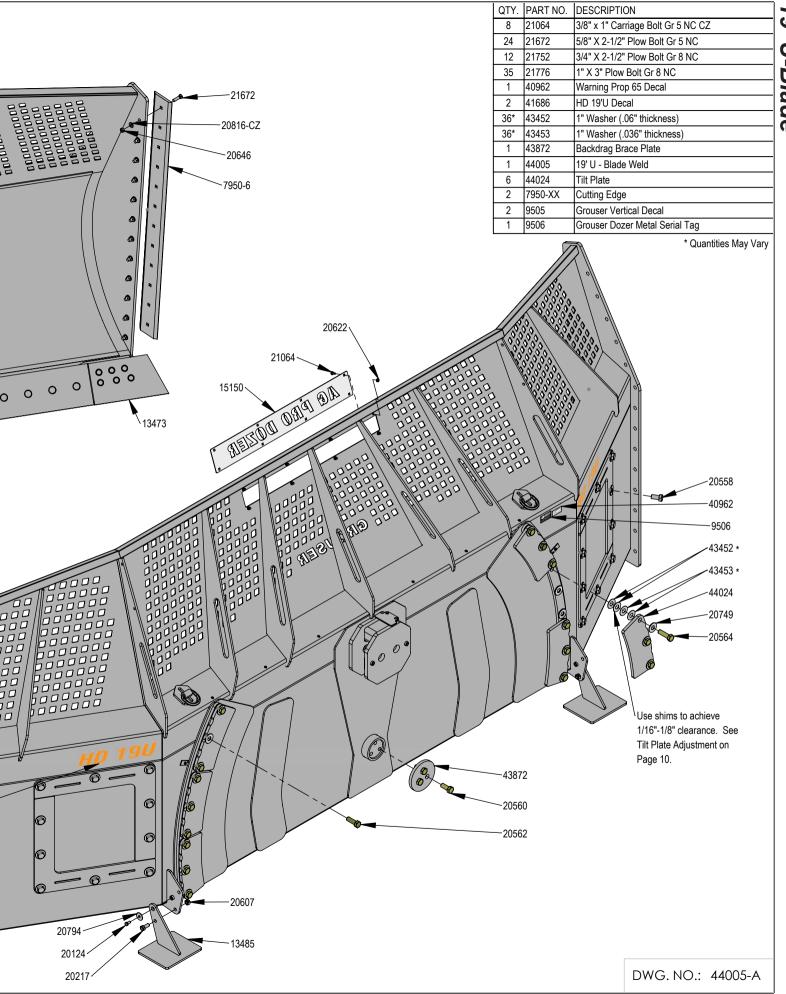
Run the blade through all the functions. If any function does not operate correctly, refer to corresponding section above and rebleed. If problem still persists, call Grouser Products.

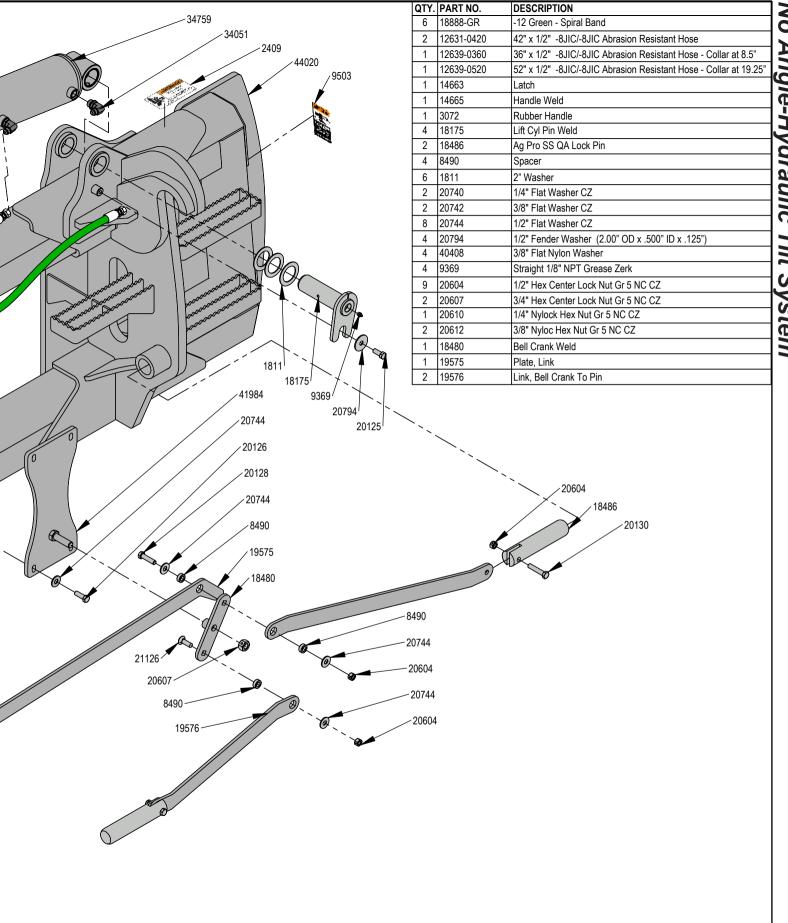
QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
2	812525	M8-1.25 x 25mm Class 10.9 Hex Bolt CZ
1	19868	Multi-Coupling Plate - 2 Port - Fixed
2	19870	Multi-Coupling Plate - Coupler - Male
1	19871	Multi-Coupling Plate - 2 Port - Cap
4	34342	Tappet Quick Coupler Male - Poppet Style
2	3453	Pioneer Dust Cap Tilt (Green)
2	3457	Pioneer Dust Cap Lift (Orange)
2	43459	Multi-Coupling Plate - Snap Ring
2	11699-10-10	JIC Union
2	15199-8-8	JIC Union Elbow 90°
2	34032	Bulkhead Run Tee JIC
2	34040	Straight JIC x O-Ring
4	34042	Straight JIC x O-Ring
2	34051	Straight Thread Elbow 90° JIC x O-Ring
2	34059	Straight Thread Elbow 90° JIC x O-Ring
2	12932	Cylinder Saddle
2	12933	Hose Clamp (worm drive - 5.0)
9	18888-GR	-12 Green - Spiral Band
15	19494-OR	-16 Orange - Spiral Band
2	12631-0810	81" x 1/2" -8JIC/-8JIC Abrasion Resistant Hose
2	12631-3200	320" (26.7") x 1/2" -8JIC/-8JIC Abrasion Resistant Hose
2	12637-3000	300" (25") x 3/4" -12JIC/-12JIC Abrasion Resistant Hose
2	12641-0535	53.5" x 5/8" -10JIC/-12JIC Abrasion Resistant Hose
2	12641-0670	67" x 5/8" -10JIC/-12JIC Abrasion Resistant Hose
2	18240	Lift Cylinder Steel Line
2	20740	1/4" Flat Washer CZ
2	20809	1-1/16" Hex Jam Nut NF CZ
2	44309-0200	20" x 3/4" -12MJIC/-12JIC Hose











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#### Before Each Use:

- Disconnect the mobile half from the parking station and the cap from the fixed half. 1.
- 2. Check that there is no contamination (salt, sand, dirt, etc.):
  - A. On the pins.
  - В. Inside the cam.
  - C. In the locking mechanism area.
  - D. On the face of the plates and couplings.
- In case of contamination, remove it with a cloth and/or compressed air.
- Check that there is still a lubricant/anti-corrosion (grease or silicone see Note 1):
  - A. On the pins.
  - В. Inside the cam.
  - C. In the locking mechanism area.
- 5. Connect the mobile and fixed halves together.

#### After Each Use:

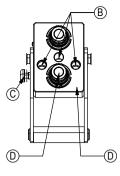
- Disconnect the mobile half from the fixed half. 1.
- 2. Clean all contamination (salt, sand, dirt, etc.) from the following areas:
  - A. On the pins.
  - В. Inside the cam.
  - C. In the locking mechanism area.
  - D. On the face of the plates and couplings.

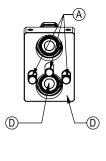
\*Use a cloth or compressed air. It is advised to not use water to clean these surfaces

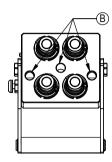
- 3. Apply a lubricant/anti-corrosion (grease or silicone - see Note 1):
  - A. On the pins.
  - B. Inside the cam.
  - C. In the locking mechanism area.
- 4. Connect the cap to the fixed half and the mobile half to the parking station.

# **Fixed Half**

# **Mobile Half**







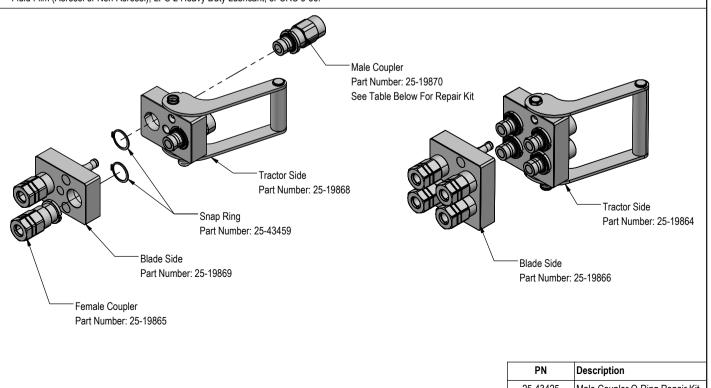


#### Note 1:

When sand and salt are present, or the plates under go a washdown, a heavy duty silicone spray lubricant should be used to replace grease from the factory. The lubricant should help protect from corrosion without collecting dust and contaminants, and will resist washing off when exposed to water.

#### **Recommended Lubricant Brands:**

Fluid Film (Aerosol or Non-Aerosol), LPS-2 Heavy Duty Lubricant, or CRC 3-36.



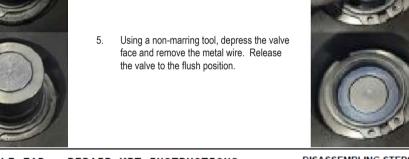
# Cleaning The Male Interface Seal:

- Make sure the coupling is securely fastened into the plate or place in a vice.
- Using a blunt, non-marring tool, depress the valve face until the seal is exposed. Insert a bent metal wire between the valve face and the body of the coupling. <u>Use caution not to damage or scratch the seal when inserting the wire.</u>
- Inspect the seal and interior surfaces for contamination.
- In case of contamination, carefully wipe surfaces with a soft cloth, or use compressed air to blow the contamination out. Do Not press hard on the seal as contamination can scratch the seal surface.

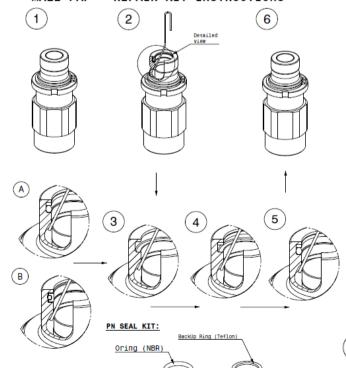


## Cleaning The Female Bushing:

- Make sure the coupling is securely fastened into the plate or place in a vice.
- Using a non-marring tool, depress the outer ring to expose the bushing. There is no need to expose the valve seal, so stop pressing before the valve is opened.
- 3. Inspect the interior body and bushing surfaces for contamination.
- In case of contamination, carefully wipe surfaces with a soft cloth, or use compressed air to blow the contamination out.
- 5. Release the outer ring so that it returns to the flush position.



#### MALE FAP - REPAIR KIT INSTRUCTIONS



#### **DISASSEMBLING STEPS (see figures)**

- 1. Place the coupling in a vice.
- Bend positioning clip as shown.
   Using a blunt, non marring object, depress valve face until seals are exposed.
   Insert the positioning clip between valve face and body, captivating the valve face.
- Using an O-ring pick or similar device, remove the seal from retaining groove. Clean properly the retaining groove with a clean cloth.

Note: Some M FAP are originaly assembled with different seal technologies (see figures A and B) but both used O-ring and backUp ring as repalcement kit.

#### **ASSEMBLING STEPS (see figures)**

4. Insert the backup ring (4) in the seat and even with the use of a non sharpen tool.

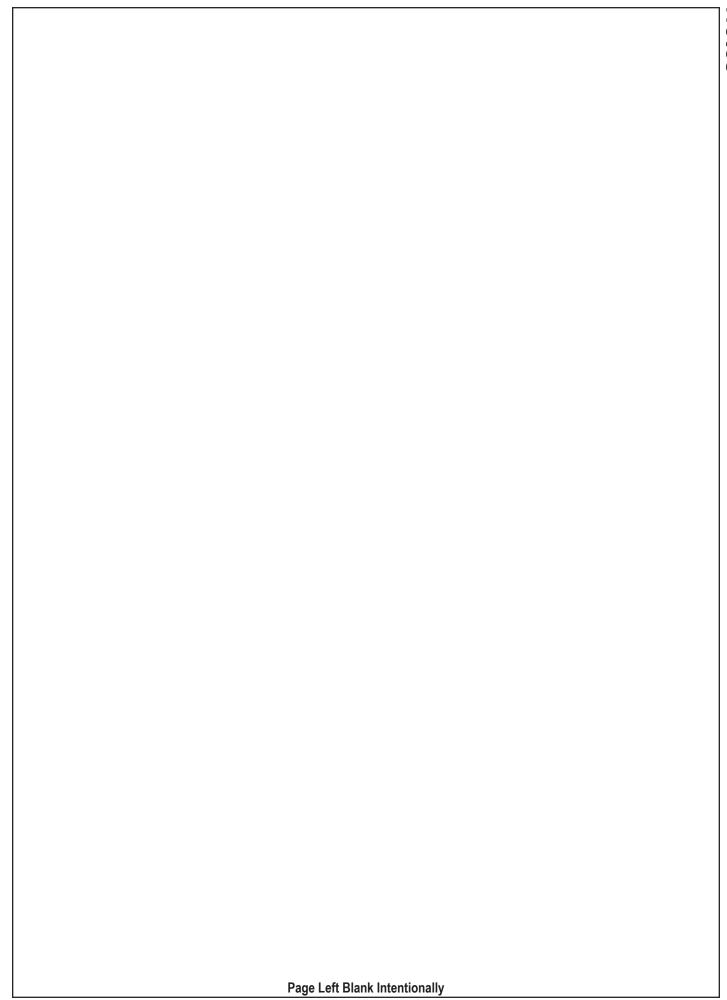
Place the BackUp ring on the superior shoulder of the seat in order to leave space for the O-ring (see figure 4).

- Lubricate the O-ring with a fluid compatible with the seals compound.
   Warning: using non compatible fluid would compromise the efficiency of
  the coupling.
- Push the piston with a blunt, non marring tool and take the metal clip out. Release the piston.

#### FUNCTIONING CHECK

Assemble the male coupling with the female in order to check the functioning and check for leaks.

BY REPLACING THE SEALS, YOU REMOVE THE WARRANTY AND BECOME RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND THE EFFICIENCY OF THE COUPLING!



# **Improvements**

Grouser Products Inc. is continually striving to improve its products. We reserve the right to change prices, specification, or equipment at any time without notice. We also reserve the right to make improvements or changes when it becomes practical and possible to do so without incurring any obligation to make changes or additions to the equipment sold previously.

# Warranty

Grouser Products warrants to the original purchaser of each item that the product be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service for a period of two (2) years for Agriculture Series Blades and one (1) year for Heavy Duty Series from date of original retail delivery.

## The obligation of the consumer under this warranty:

- 1. To read the operators manual and to operate, lubricate, maintain and store equipment in accordance with the instructions listed in the operators manual.
- 2. To inspect equipment and if any part needs repair or replacement when continued use would cause damage or wear to other parts or safety.
- 3. All equipment or parts claimed to be defective in material or workmanship must be made available for inspection at the place of business of a dealer authorized to handle the equipment covered by this warranty, or, upon request by Grouser Products, shipped to the Grouser Products factory in West Fargo, North Dakota.

# The obligation of the dealer under this warranty:

- 1. Complete warranty registration form and submit within 30 days of sale.
- 2. Contact Grouser Products for authorization prior to performing any warranty repairs or part replacement.
- 3. Complete warranty request form and submit with photos and supporting documentation.

# The obligation of Grouser Products under this warranty:

- 1. Repair or replace, any equipment or parts, in the judgment of Grouser Products to be defective in material or workmanship.
- 2. Grouser Products will cover the cost of parts and ground shipping at dealer invoice only.
- 3. Grouser Products shall have no obligation to bear the cost of labor or transportation in connection with replacement or repair of any such defective parts.

# This warranty does not cover:

- 1. Depreciation or damage caused by normal wear, accident, improper assembly, improper adjustments.
- 2. Improper maintenance including lack of proper lubrication, or improper use. Including loose bolts, nuts, or fitting due to over tightening or vibration after 20 hours of operation.
- 3. Repairs or alterations without authorization from a Grouser Products representative.
- 4. Grouser Products shall have no liability if the equipment has been altered or reworked without the written authorization of Grouser Products.

Grouser Products' parts, which are furnished under this warranty and properly installed, shall be warranted to the same extent as the original parts under this warranty if, and only if, such parts are found to be defective within the original warranty period covering the original equipment.

NO EMPLOYEE OR REPRESENTATIVE OF GROUSER PRODUCTS IS AUTHORIZED TO CHANGE THE WARRANTY IN ANY WAY OR GRANT ANY OTHER WARRANTY.

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