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AUSTRALIA

# X-BAR OPERATORS MANUAL



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## Welcome to Simplicity Australia

The Management and Staff of Simplicity Australia would like to thank you and congratulate you on your decision to purchase a new Simplicity "X-Bar" planter.

The design of your Simplicity "X-Bar" incorporates many innovative features to make your farming operations easier, more efficient, and as the name suggests, simpler.

Your Simplicity "X-Bar" has been designed and manufactured with the utmost care and pride. By following the operation instructions outlined in this Operator's Manual you will have many years of trouble free operation.

This Operator's Instruction Manual has been prepared to familiarise you with the set up, operation and maintenance of your new Simplicity "X-Bar". By reading this Operator's Instruction Manual thoroughly, the most efficient and trouble free operation of your Simplicity "X-Bar" will be achieved.

Simplicity Australia operates Australia wide through a professional agricultural equipment Dealer network which includes factory trained Sales and Service personnel. If you have any concerns with the operation and maintenance of your Simplicity "X-Bar" your local selling Dealer will be able to assist you with advice, service and spare parts back up.

Your Simplicity Australia Dealer will register your Simplicity "X-Bar" for warranty according to the guidelines of the Simplicity Australia Warranty Policy document included in your warranty registration booklet. Please ensure you complete the warranty registration documents in conjunction with your Dealer when you first receive your Simplicity "X-Bar". Your Dealer will then forward the necessary documentation to Simplicity Australia. Without the relevant documents your Simplicity "X-Bar" cannot be registered for warranty.

When ordering replacement parts for your Simplicity "X-Bar" be sure to quote the serial number attached to the machine which is also recorded on the warranty registration certificate.

The Management and Staff of Simplicity Australia sincerely wish you every success with your new Simplicity "X-Bar" and are available to assist your Simplicity Australia Dealer should they require any specialist assistance.

Yours faithfully

David W. Law  
Managing Director

## Company Profile

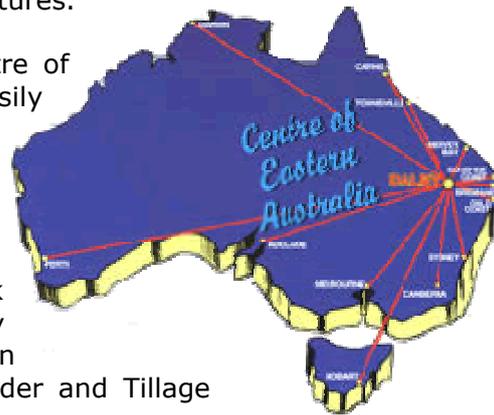
Simplicity Australia Pty Ltd designs and manufactures the most comprehensive and innovative range of Air Seeders and Tillage Equipment in Australia today.

Simplicity Australia has its origins as a small business in Dalby, Queensland that started manufacturing Air Seeders in 1979, utilising an auger type metering system.

David Law, owner and Director of Simplicity Australia, saw the potential and bought the Business in 1982. He soon began using Napier distributors for metering seed and fertiliser.

By 1985 he developed and introduced his own innovative metering system to meet the diversity of Australian farming needs. He has continued to develop Air Seeder and Tillage equipment technology using the latest manufacturing methods and expertise to meet changing farmer's requirements while continually increasing product strength, quality, functionality and diversity. All of this has seen customer needs becoming standard features.

With the town of Dalby located in the centre of eastern Australia the Company easily distributes its products through a vast Dealer network Australia wide and internationally.



Product strength, quality, reliability and an extensive professional Dealer network providing customised service are key elements of the Company's success in winning its share of the Australian Air Seeder and Tillage equipment market.

Simplicity Australia products have a high degree of customer satisfaction and loyalty, with recent research indicating that in excess of 95% of owners will purchase the Simplicity product again.

Today the Company's range of Air Seeders includes seven types comprising over forty different models including liquid options. To compliment the wide range of Air Seeders Simplicity Australia also offers the "Allrounder" cultivator, and the recently developed "Striker" planting unit available to suit the innovative "X-Bar".

With all models of Air Seeder and Tillage equipment now manufactured with the latest manufacturing methods and technology combined with a widespread, diverse and professional Dealer network, Simplicity Australia stands ready to maintain and increase its market share in Australia and meet any new challenges future farming requirements may provide.

## Safety Instructions

All equipment manufactured by Simplicity Australia has been designed to provide long term trouble free operation with the personal safety of the Operator and others the number one priority.

The equipment can only be manufactured as safe as the person operating it. With this in mind it is very important that the information contained in this Operator's Instruction Manual is read and understood.

It is equally important that this Operator's Manual remains with the equipment to ensure that the Operator has all operating and safety instructions at hand.

Owners of Simplicity Australia product are encouraged to adopt a regular lubrication and maintenance program to ensure long and trouble free operation. This program should also include the maintenance of all safety and accident prevention devices fitted to the equipment as outlined in this Operator's Instruction Manual.

Throughout this Operator's Manual, and on the X-Bar itself, there are a number of 'safety alert' symbols. Each symbol appears as a red equilateral triangle. Each red triangle contains a black pictogram depicting the hazard relevant to that area of the X-Bar. Any 'safety alert' symbol appearing as an exclamation mark in a red triangle will be a separate decal with associated text.

'Signal' words such as **WARNING or DANGER** and **CAUTION** are used in conjunction with the 'safety alert' symbol.

**WARNING or DANGER** – indicates a potentially hazardous situation that could result in **DEATH** or **SERIOUS INJURY** if not avoided.

**CAUTION** – indicates a potentially hazardous situation that could result in **MINOR INJURY** if not avoided.

A master decal itemising each symbol with its individual pictogram and description is located on the X-Bar. A copy of the master decal also appears on [Page 2.2 & 2.3](#) of this Operator's Manual.

This 'IMPORTANT' box identifies procedures that, if not strictly observed, could result in damage to the equipment or other property.

At the time of delivery your authorised Simplicity Australia Dealer will request you sign a 'Safety Declaration' document. Prior to signing this document it is to your advantage to have the Dealer explain the safety features of the equipment to you. This 'Safety Declaration' document is very important and is part of the warranty registration process. Without this document being completed the registration of your Simplicity Australia product for warranty cannot proceed.

The following pages show the Safety Decals and where they are located. For the safety of the operator and others ensure that any safety decal that is damaged or unreadable is replaced.

If further information is required contact your local authorised Simplicity Australia Dealer for assistance.



The symbol  identifies points of interest that could result in the more efficient operation of the equipment

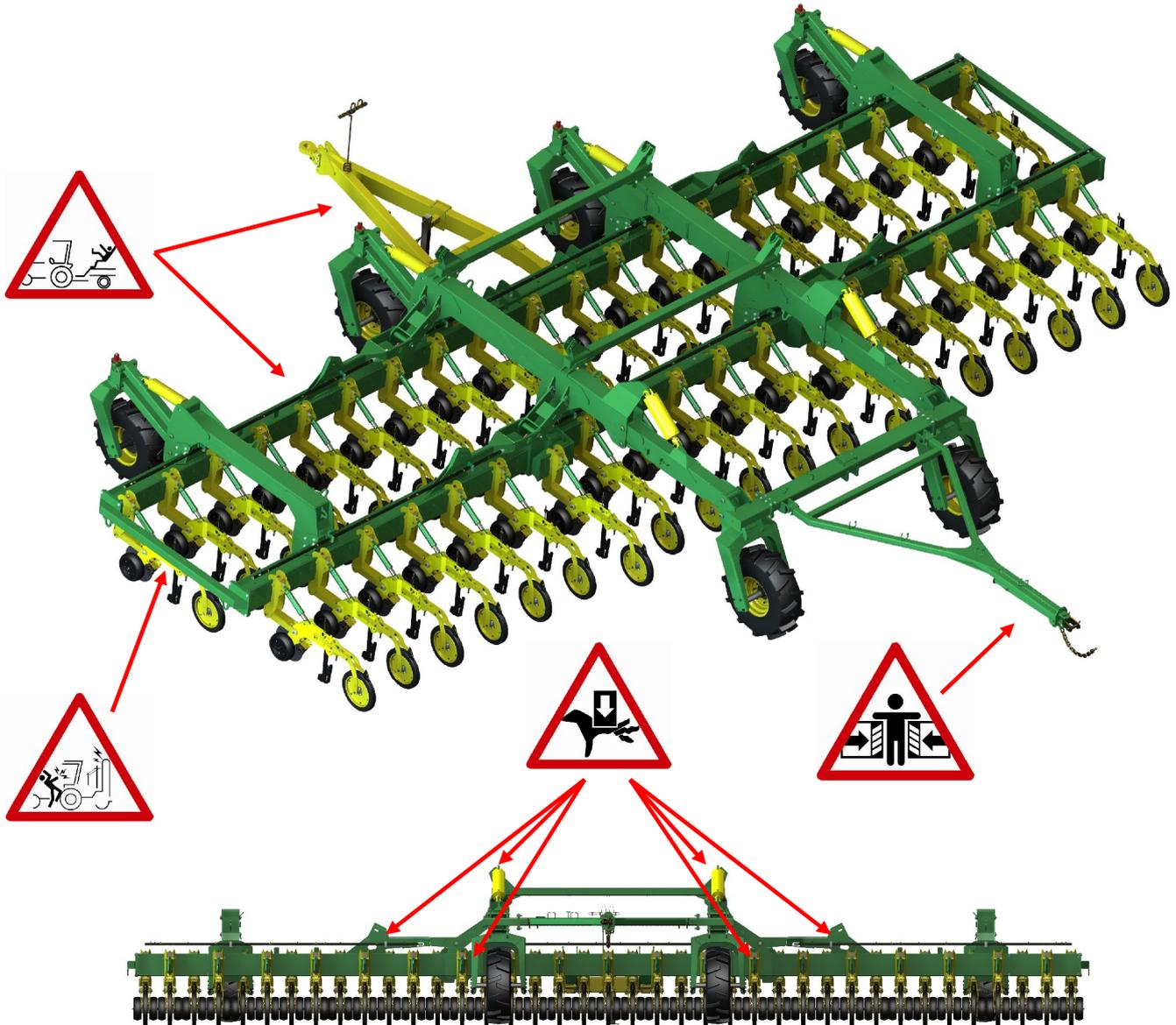


Instruct all operators in safe and efficient operation

### IMPORTANT

**All references to the left side and right side are from the rear facing direction of travel**

## Location of Safety Decals LHS and Rear



**WARNING:** Read and understand the Operator's Manual before using this equipment. Failure to follow operating instructions could result in death or serious injury.



**WARNING:** Do not disconnect breakaway hydraulic couplings or any other hydraulic connection while hydraulic system is under pressure. Disconnecting hydraulic components while under pressure will result in uncontrollable discharge of hydraulic fluid which may cause injury



**WARNING:** Do not enter underneath cultivator at any time unless machine is secured, stationary, tractor is not running, and hydraulics are closed or have been disconnected,



**WARNING:** Rolling Hazard. Ensure wheels are securely blocked before unhooking.



**WARNING:** Ensure hitch pin is locked in position and jack is locked in transport position prior to movement.



**WARNING:** Never allow others to ride on the equipment. Falling from the equipment while in motion can cause death or injury



**WARNING:** Do NOT check for hydraulic oil leaks with bare hands. Small, almost invisible, high pressure oil leaks can penetrate the skin requiring medical attention.



**WARNING:** In field and road travel should not exceed 20 kph



**WARNING:** Be aware of the equipments height when working around overhead power lines. Contact with overhead power lines will cause serious injury or death

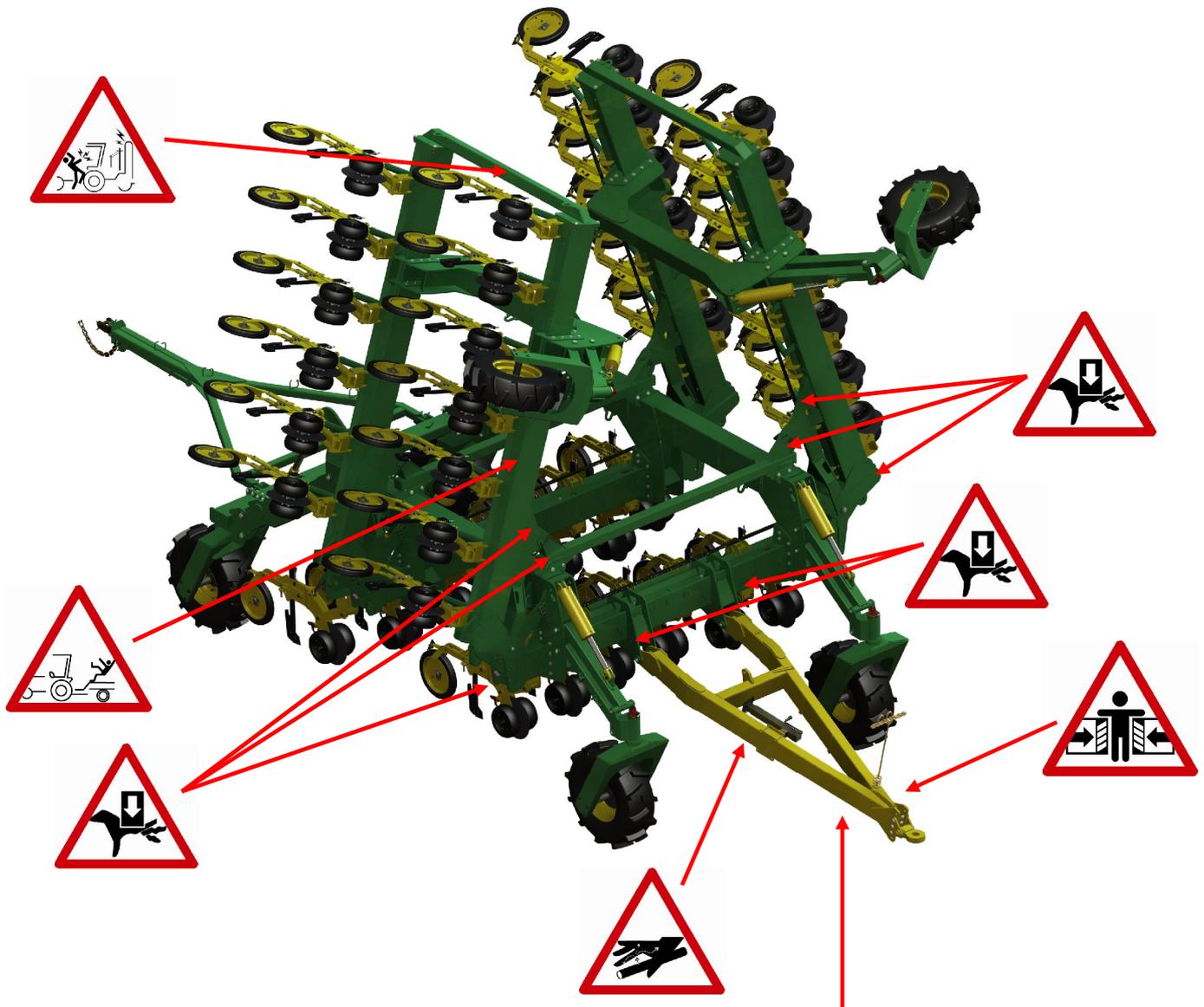


**WARNING:** A 'crush zone' is developed in this area when connecting the implement to the tractor. Keep bystanders clear of this area when reversing



**CAUTION:** Crush points. Keep hands well clear when Allrounder is folding, moving or working.

## Location of Safety Decals RHS and Front



**WARNING:** Read and understand the Operator's Manual before using this equipment. Failure to follow operating instructions could result in death or serious injury.



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## Road and Field Travel

The Simplicity "X-Bar" is designed with the purpose of **in field**; minimum and zero-till seed planting in mind and therefore is not designed for continuous, high speed, road travel.

However, it is understood that the locations of some working areas would necessitate that the Simplicity "X-Bar" be moved on public roads from time to time for the purpose of carrying out planting operations.

The Simplicity "X-Bar" has been designed with this in mind and is quite capable of infrequent, short distance movements on the road providing the following criteria are met:

- ⚠ Always use an agricultural tractor large enough and with sufficient braking capacity to stop the combined unit quickly and safely.
- ⚠ Make sure all wheel and axle bolts and nuts on the Simplicity "X-Bar" are present and tight.
- ⚠ Make sure all hitching components are in good order with all pins secure and there is no possibility of the Simplicity "X-Bar" coming unhooked.
- ⚠ Traveling speed in field or on the road should not exceed 20 kilometres per hour.
- ⚠ Know the equipments' limitations when negotiating changes in road or operating conditions. Reduce tractor speed further over uneven or rough ground and be aware of potential hazards such as bridges, trees, fences, gates, water courses and other road users etc.
- ⚠ Exercise Caution when transporting the Simplicity "X-Bar" on public roads when wet. The stopping capability of the tractor will be significantly reduced.
- ⚠ Exercise Caution when transporting the Simplicity "X-Bar" on public roads in poor visibility.
- ⚠ The dimensions of the equipment may exceed local laws regarding road travel. Always check with the relevant local authority regarding excess dimension requirements before transporting the Simplicity "X-Bar".
- ⚠ Be aware of the height of the Simplicity "X-Bar" when traveling or working around over head power lines.
- ⚠ Do not allow others to ride on the Simplicity "X-Bar" or any part of the equipment either in field or on the road.
- ⚠ Make certain there is no possibility of any component falling from the Simplicity "X-Bar".

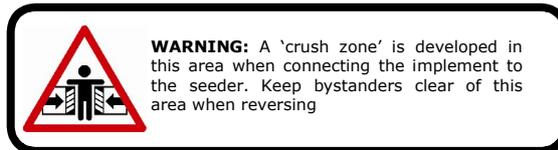
It is important to remember that the Simplicity "X-Bar" is **NOT** designed for frequent, high speed, activities and as such Simplicity Australia does **NOT** recommend on road travel other than necessary, infrequent, short distance road travel at a greatly reduced speed following all criteria outlined above.

## Hooking Up

The Simplicity "X-Bar" is manufactured to suit specific customer requirements for a wide range of farming applications. As Simplicity Australia has no control over the make and model of the tractor or Air Seeder the "X-Bar" is to be used with, it is necessary to ensure you have the correct components required for the hitching process, with the given machines.



When hitching X-Bar to tractor drawbar use the largest pin possible.

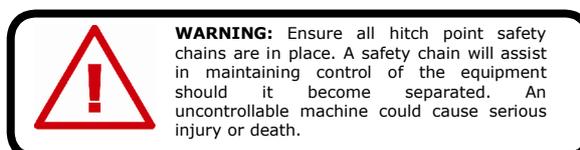


Crush points, impact and entrapment risks are hazards which are produced by the relative movement of one machine to the other when hooking up. The safety of the Operator and any assistant is of highest priority. Be aware of the hazards that hooking together machines can produce.



Be sure to:

- Connect all hydraulic lines making sure all hose ends are perfectly clean prior to connection. Ensure all hydraulic hoses are clear of crush or rub points created by the connection of the X-Bar to the tractor.
- Connect electrical wiring harnesses (If Applicable)
- Ensure hitch pin is correct size for both tractor and cultivator. (Use as large a pin as possible).



## Folding

Prior to any tilting or folding operation, all safety locking pins must be removed and the hydraulic cylinders must be phased to ensure smooth, safe and effective movement.

To phase the cylinders, reduce oil flow rate, and fully raise the X-Bar and hold levers open momentarily then lower slightly. Repeat to allow oil to fill lines and cylinders completely and ensure that all phasing poppets are correctly seated. Once cylinders are phased all lift and fold operations can occur smoothly.

When folding or unfolding you will notice that the wings may not travel together. This is normal as oil will attempt to flow to the least loaded side first.

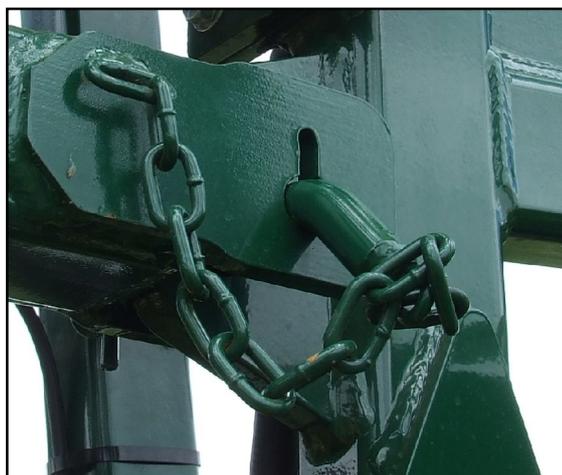


After connecting hydraulic lines for the first time charge circuits prior to operation to ensure oil flow is free from airlocks and system contains only pure hydraulic oil.



Transport Locking Pins

When folding for transport ensure that wings are fully folded and **wing locking pins securely in place.**



### IMPORTANT

Prior to any Folding/ Unfolding make certain area is free from obstructions, and be sure there are no people in the immediate vicinity of equipment



**WARNING:** When using Hydraulic tilt and fold functions always operate smoothly and with care. Excessive force and/or violent operation may cause damage, compromising structural integrity.



**WARNING:** Be aware of the equipments height when working around overhead power lines. Contact with overhead power lines will cause serious injury or death

## Bleeding the "Striker" Circuit

The process of bleeding the hydraulic system is basically to release any pockets of air which may remain in the system.

To effectively bleed the hydraulic system all cylinders must be totally compressed. To compress the "Striker" rams, unfold wings and ensure tyne pressure lever in tractor is left in float position. Slowly lower the "X-Bar" whilst gradually moving forward. This should put enough pressure on the "Striker" units to compress the rams.

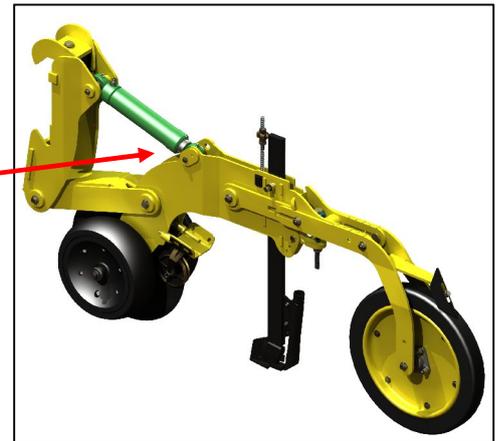


Another effective method to compress the "Striker" ram is to simply tie the "Striker" up in the fully broken-out position.



*Tyne in Working Position*

*Note: Tyne cylinder completely compressed when Tyne is in broken-out position.*

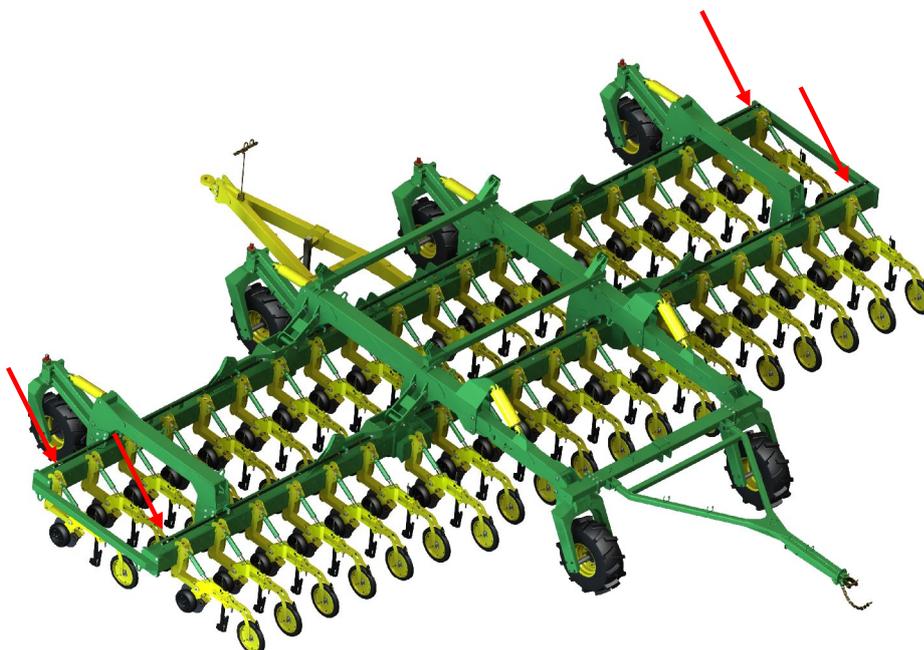


*Tyne in Broken Out Position*

Once "Striker" rams are compressed pressurize the "Striker" circuit and while pressure is maintained **slightly** unscrew end cap of the "Striker" manifold. Continue to hold open until free flow of pure oil is obtained. Re-tighten manifold end cap and be sure to top up hydraulic oil reservoir. Repeat this process on the four outside corners of "Striker" manifolds.



*Manifold End Cap*

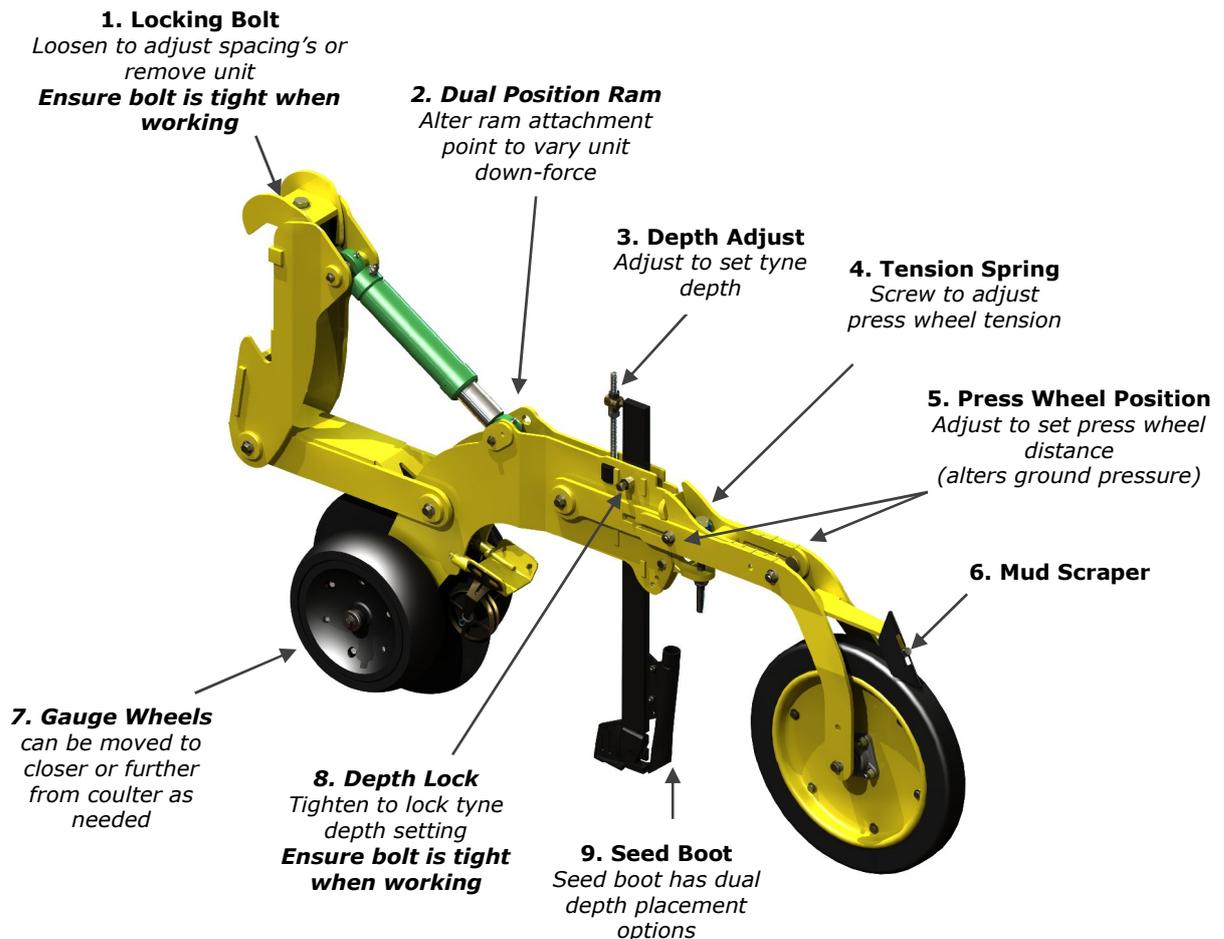


**WARNING:** Be sure to stand clear of manifold end when bleeding the system. High pressure oil leaks can penetrate the skin causing serious injury and requiring medical attention.

## Striker Unit Adjustment

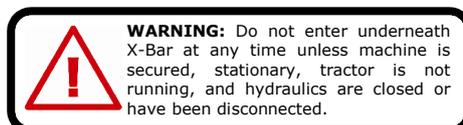
The Simplicity "X-Bar" has been designed to be used in its full capacity only when used in conjunction with the Simplicity "Striker" units. Only the Simplicity "Striker" units utilise the full potential of the Simplicity "X-Bar".

There are many different options with regard to "Striker" units and not all will be explained here, however the basic adjustment for the Standard "Striker" unit is as follows.



Due to having so many points and planes of variation each increment of movement with its primary and secondary effects is not listed here. Both the Simplicity "X-Bar" and "Striker" units have been built to have maximum versatility and each movement and variation can have different effects depending on planting conditions and soil type

When adjusting "Striker" units to suit differing operations the saying is definitely true that; 'There is no substitute for experience'.



## Striker Unit Adjustment

- | Number | Primary Effect  |
|--------|---|
| 1.     | Loosen bolt to allow 'Stiker' units to move along the X-Bar to adjust unit spacing. <i>Ensure bolt is tight prior to use.</i>   |
| 2.     | Lower ram mount has two positions. Front position increases pressure on front coulter and decreases press wheel downforce. Rear position decreases pressure on front coulter and increases press wheel downforce.   |
| 3.     | Screw the tyne depth adjust up or down to precisely alter the sowing depth. <i>(If depth is varied greatly this may alter unit downforce settings)</i>  |
| 4.     | Tighten tension spring to increase tension on the press wheel assembly. Loosen spring to decrease tension. This will vary how strictly the press wheel assembly follows the changes in the pressing surface.  |
| 5.     | Loosen locking bolts and move press wheel assembly forwards or backwards to increase or decrease pressing pressure. Pressing pressure is also directly affected by the position of the front hydraulic ram (see number 2).  |
| 6.     | Reversible press wheel mud scraper. Scraper can be raised, lowered or even removed entirely as conditions dictate (in very muddy conditions it may be necessary to remove the mud scraper).   |
| 7.     | The gauge wheels can be set narrow to run close to the centre coulter or alternatively be spaced out to give more room between the components. <i>(The perfect setting is very much condition dependant and it may be best to run a test with a number of spacing setting on different units to see which will give the best result in the given scenario).</i> |
| 8.     | The depth lock screw prevents unwanted movement of the shank in operation and also takes the working weight off the depth adjustment mechanism. This lock must be loosened prior to adjusting depth settings and also must be re-tightened prior to working.  |
| 9.     | The standard 'Striker' seed boot has two placement options and can be moved up or down depending on the desired seed location in relation to the seed bed.  |

## Accumulator Pressures

The accumulator is a storage area of controlled pressurised oil to maintain an appropriate pressure in the 'Striker' circuit during the fluctuations of loads to the hydraulic system. Adjusting this pressure in turn controls the necessary down-force for the 'Striker' units.

The accumulator itself consists of a piston with pressurised Nitrogen gas on one side and a volume of oil on the other. As the volume of oil increases, the resisting force from the gas being compressed; pressurises the hydraulic lines.

The resulting force put onto the 'Striker' units could be referred to as 'breakout', however, a more apt description of this force would be 'down force', as the 'Striker' units do not really ever completely 'break out' of the ground.

Observe the pressure reading on accumulator pressure gauge (*located on the Hydraulic Control Block*) and once it reaches desired pressure, close the accumulator valve (*six port selector switch to "off" position*).



*Accumulator Pressure Gauge*

### IMPORTANT

Accumulator will not work as desired if the gas pressure inside accumulator is higher than the accumulated pressure.

Fine tuning of accumulator pressure can be done during operation by following the same process and simply watching the amount of "Striker" unit breakout movement.

**Note: The Accumulator gas pressures are factory pre set to 125psi nitrogen gas.**

### IMPORTANT

The Accumulator gas pressure is factory pre set to 125psi of nitrogen gas. **Do not attempt to alter these pressures**

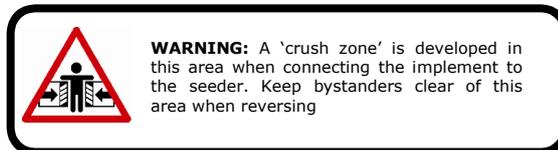


*Accumulator*

## Air Seeder Hitching

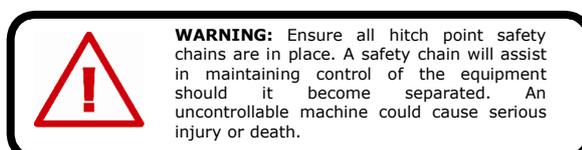
The Simplicity "X-Bar" is manufactured to suit specific customer requirements for a wide range of farming applications. The "X-Bar" has been designed ideally for use with a Simplicity Air Seeder in mind.

However, as Simplicity Australia has no control over the make and model of the Air Seeder the "X-Bar" is to be used with, a range of standard air seeder hitch options are offered. Therefore, with every "X-Bar"-seeder combination the hitching process will vary slightly, it is recommended that you follow the below steps and implement them according to your specific situation.

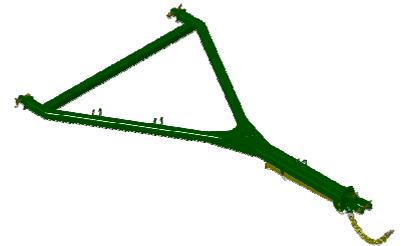


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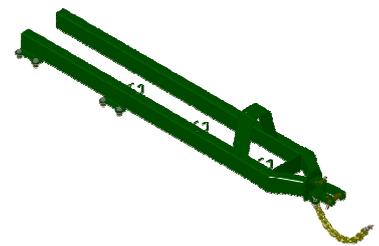
- ⚠ Attach the seeder to the "X-Bar" using only the hardware supplied
- Connect all hydraulic lines making sure all hose ends are perfectly clean prior to connection
- Connect electrical wiring harnesses (If Applicable)
- Connect 3" Seeding Kit Primary Lines
- Ensure all pins are **LOCKED** in position
- Ensure moving/swiveling hitch components have been greased and have full, free movement.
- Ensure all hitching bolts are firm and locknuts are locked.
- Ensure any pull supports have been raised and locked into transport position.



*TR Air Seeder Hitched with Optional Rigid A-Frame Pull*



*Optional Floating A-Frame Air Seeder Hitch (To Suit TQC Seeders)*



*Optional Rigid A-Frame Air Seeder Hitch (To Suit TR Seeders)*

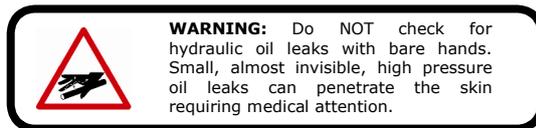
## Air Seeder Hydraulic Circuit

Upon request your Simplicity "X-Bar" may have an Air Seeder Hydraulic Circuit fitted.

This hydraulic circuit is designed to customer specifications and will consist of either two or three hydraulic lines. In either case the circuit will include a 5/8" Pressure line and a 3/4" Return line, however, where necessary there may be the addition of a 3/8" Case Drain line.

These lines run as a separate circuit, apart from all the hydraulics concerned with the operation of the "X-Bar". Steel seeder hydraulic lines may be incorporated through some sections of the "X-Bar" with, with traditional hydraulic lines also being utilised (model dependant).

At the rear of the "X-Bar" all seeder lines are fitted into a mounted breakaway assembly (If Genuine Simplicity Seeder Hitch is ordered). This allows the "X-Bar" to be easily separated from the seeder and transported or stored independently.



**Air Seeder Hydraulic Circuit**  
(Shown with optional floating A-frame hitch)

## Lubrication and Maintenance

Owners of Simplicity Australia product are encouraged to adopt a regular lubrication and maintenance program.

By following the Pre Season, Daily, Weekly and Post Season lubrication and maintenance programs outlined in this Operators Manual and in conjunction with your preferred Simplicity Australia Dealer, long and trouble free operation is achievable.

### Pre Season

Before sowing, at the beginning of the season, it is important that the pre season procedures outlined in the Schedule **Page 4.4** are checked off, and prior to use ensure all checks listed on **Page 4.3** have been completed. Following the procedures outlined in these check lists should ensure a trouble free season.

Contact your Simplicity Australia Dealer for a Pre-Season check of all equipment.

### Daily Checks

The 'Daily Checklist' **Page 4.2** should be used in conjunction with the daily procedures outlined in the Schedule **Page 4.4** to ensure trouble free daily operation of the Simplicity "X-Bar".

### Weekly Checks

The weekly checks outlined in the Schedule **Page 4.4** are procedures which can, but don't need to be, carried out every day. It is advisable that once a week during a period of use, *further* to the daily checks, these additional checks also be completed.

As outlined in the Lubrication and Maintenance Schedule **Page 4.4** the majority of the lubrication program is required to be carried out on a weekly basis. Following this weekly program is essential in achieving the maximum service life from all components of the Simplicity "X-Bar".

### Post Season

Following the 'Post Season Maintenance' checklist **Page 4.3** in conjunction with the 'Post Season' procedures outlined in the Schedule **Page 4.4** prior to storage will ensure that minimal component deterioration occurs and that the "X-Bar" is ready for trouble free operation next season.



Proper care, regular maintenance and lubrication will ensure years of trouble free operation and product life

### IMPORTANT

**Over greasing can shorten the service life of some components**

### IMPORTANT

**The necessary "Striker" lubrication period is entirely dependant upon application. Where the operation results in a great deal of movement in 'Striker' pivot points more frequent greasing may be necessary.**



After some time (depending on amount of use) it is advisable to unpack the wheel bearing grease hubs and repack with fresh grease.

## Daily Checklist

### Check:

- Periodically check wheel nut tension throughout the first days after delivery until wheel nut tension is maintained
- Hydraulic lines are correctly coupled at all breakaway connections, and system is free from leaks
- Ram seals for leaks
- Cylinders are in phase
- Correct Hydraulic system pressure
- Oil flow is reduced when unfolding and folding
- Accumulator valve control solenoid functioning correctly
- Correct working pressures for accumulator
- Condition of tynes and points
- That all stands, guards and safety pins are in correct position for operation
- Air Seeding system (Seeding Kit) free from blockages and leaks (if attached)
- Correct Tyre inflation (see below)



Time taken to carry out Daily Checks should ensure daily trouble free operation



\*The centre section tyres must be set when the machine is folded and on hard ground to determine correct tyre pressure for transport

### Tyre Inflation:

When setting "X-Bar" tyre pressures many variables come into play, such as; weight vs. transport weight, min/max speed, working conditions ect. Being each machine varies in many of these areas it is impossible if list an exact tyre pressure for each machine. Therefore below is a list of recommended tyre pressures which will suit most applications.

A method of accurately checking tyre pressure vs. load is by measuring the Static Loaded Radius (SLR). This is the distance from the centre of the wheel to the ground when the tyre is under its given load. The minimum SLR's are listed below.

#### Centre Tyres

Tyre Size	Ply	Rec. Pressure	Max Pressure	Minimum SLR
10.5/80-18	10	40psi	54psi	415
12.5/80-18	12	40psi	54psi	437
400/55-22.5	16	50psi	55psi	445
560/45R22.5	Radial	40psi	55psi	487
800/45-26.5	16	28psi	32psi	585

#### Wing Tyres

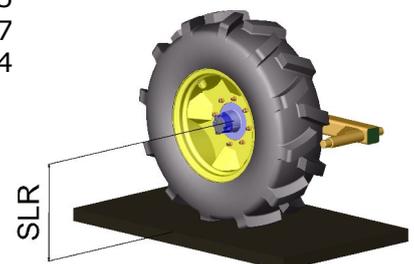
Tyre Size	Ply	Rec. Pressure	Max Pressure	Minimum SLR
10.5/80-18	10	35psi	54psi	415
12.5/80-18	12	30psi	54psi	437
15.5/80-24	16	30psi	56psi	564

### IMPORTANT

Failure to maintain tyre pressures within range of those listed may result in damage to the tyre as well as decreasing the life of the tyre.



**CAUTION:** Specialist Repair. Tyre repair or replacement should be carried out by suitably trained personnel using the correct equipment.



## Pre Season Maintenance

Maintenance should be carried out on a regular basis depending on frequency of use.

### Ensure:

- All nuts and bolts are tight
- Check tyre pressure – Adjust if necessary (as per page 4.2)
- Tyres in good condition
- Grease wheel bearings and check preload
- **All** pins are secure and are not worn
- Hydraulic hoses are not cracked or perished
- All greaseable joints have been adequately lubricated (as per page 4.5)
- Welded joints have not fatigued
- Lift cylinders are phased correctly
- Hydraulic circuit has been bled and is free from air locks
- Adequate hydraulic oil in tractor Reservoir
- Stiker fastening bolts are present and tight
- Tyne shanks and points are in good condition
- Correct points for situation
- Air Seeding system free from blockages and hoses not cracked or perished

## Post Season Maintenance

⚠ Ensure no hydraulic circuit is stored with pressure in its system. Breakaways should be disconnected with tractor hydraulic system in float. This will ensure circuits are filled with oil at minimal pressure.

### Check:

- All hydraulic components are in good condition, free from leaks, and functioning correctly
- Wheel bearings are; packed with grease and have smooth movement (*free from damage*)
- Tyres are in good condition with an acceptable tread depth
- Planter is generally clean (*no buildup of material which may retain moisture and cause damage*)
- A suitable rust preventative is sprayed on any area where the powder coat has been damaged or worn away, and bare metal is exposed.
- Contact your Simplicity Australia Dealer and place an order for any service parts or wear and tear item such as tyne shanks, keech points etc.



To maintain the appearance of the powder coat finish used in production it will be necessary to wash the exterior of the "X-Bar" with water and a soft cloth.

### IMPORTANT

**Do not use high water pressure, abrasive materials or harsh cleaning products as irreversible scratching could occur**

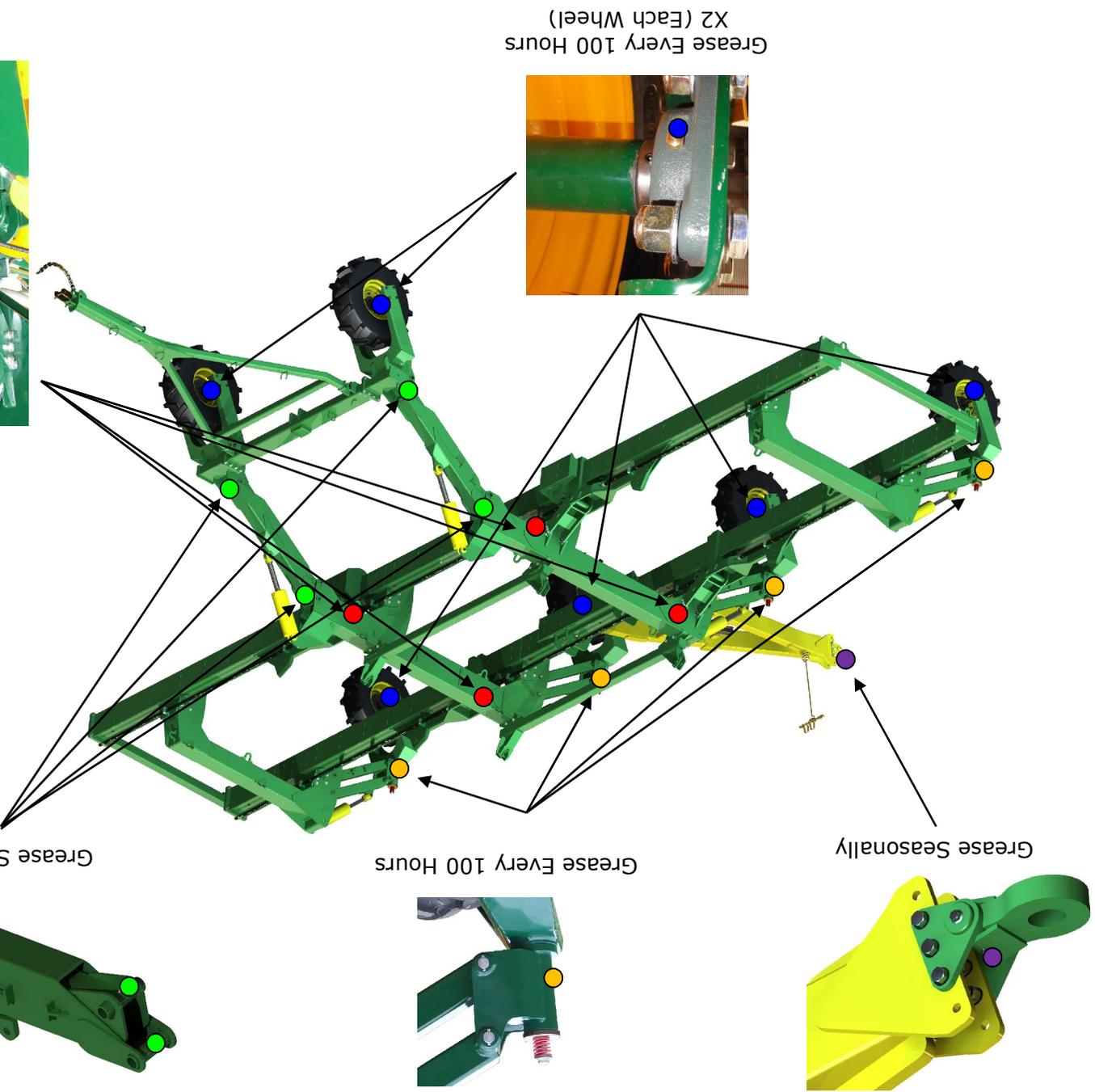
### IMPORTANT

**Do not use steam or hot water as a cleaning medium. Some hydraulic components such as hydraulic rams depend on the oil residue left on them as a rust barrier**

## Maintenance

	Use in conjunction with pages 4.2 & 4.3	Periodically during 1 <sup>st</sup> season use	After first ten hours	Daily	Weekly	Pre Season	Season End
Adjust wheel nut tension	X		X			X	
Check wheel bearing preload			X			X	
Grease wheel bearings			X			X	
Hydraulic lines and fittings are in good condition			X			X	
Check fold pins are in place and fold bolts are tight			X			X	
Hitch pins in place & secure (front & rear)			X			X	
Hydraulic lines are securely connected			X			X	
Pull pivot pins are in place and bolts are tight			X			X	
Check hydraulic pins are secure with end clips in place			X			X	
All safety decals are clearly readable and			X			X	
Striker Rams are free from damage and/or leaks			X			X	
Tyre pressures					X	X	
Grease pull pivot pins					X	X	
Grease fold ram rollers					X	X	
Grease Striker pivot pins					X	X	
All 'Striker' locking bolts are in place & tight.					X	X	
As per "Post Season Maintenance" (Pg 4.3)							X

**Grease Points and Lube Intervals**



Grease Every 100 Hours  
X2 (Each Wheel)



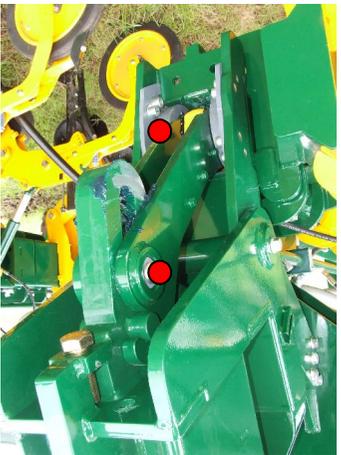
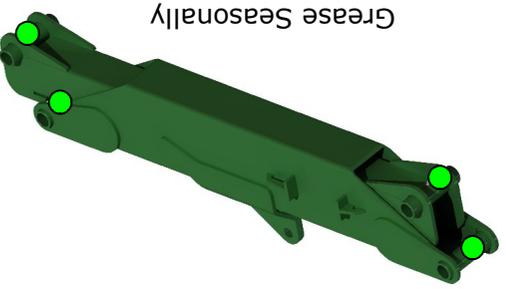
Grease Seasonally



Grease Every 100 Hours



Grease Seasonally



Grease Seasonally

**Tyre Grease Points and Lube Intervals**

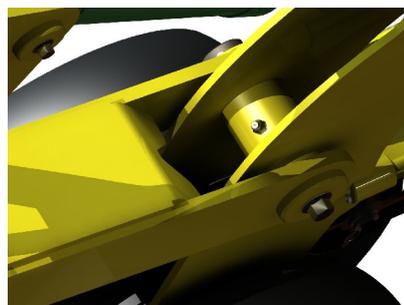
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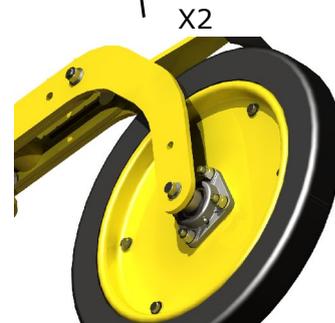
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**Useful Formulae/Conversions**

**Length**

1 km = 0.62 mile

1 m = 3.28 ft

1 mm = 0.039 inch

1 mile = 1.609 km

1 ft = 0.304 m

1 inch = 25.40 mm

**Area**

1 ha = 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> = 2.47 acre

1 acre = 4840 sq. yd = 0.40 ha

1 km<sup>2</sup> = 0.38 sq. mile

1 sq. mile = 2.589 km<sup>2</sup>

**Volume**

1 m<sup>3</sup> = 35.31 cu.ft

1 cu.ft = 0.028 m<sup>3</sup>

1 litre = .22 gal.

1 gal = 4.54 litre

1 litre = 0.26 US gal

1 US gal = 3.78 litre

1 bushel = 8.00 gal = 1.28 ft<sup>3</sup>

1 litre = 0.027 bushel

1 Bushel = 36.36 litre

**Pressure**

1 psi = 6.89 kPa

1 kPa = 0.14 psi

1 Bar = 14.5 psi

**Mass**

1 kg = 2.20 lb

1 lb = 0.45 kg

1 kg = 1000 grams

**Application Rate**

1 kg/ha = 0.89 lb/acre

1 lb/acre = 1.12 kg/ha

**Mass Flow Rate**

kg/hr = Application Rate (kg/ha) x Area Rate (ha/hr)

kg/min =  $\frac{\text{Application Rate (kg/ha)} \times \text{Area Rate (ha/hr)}}{60}$

lb/hr = Application Rate (lb/acre) x Area Rate (acre/hour)

lb/min =  $\frac{\text{Application Rate (lb/acre)} \times \text{Area Rate (acre/hour)}}{60}$

**Risk Assessment  
Hazard Checklist for "X-Bar's"**

<b>Product Description</b>	<b>Simplicity "X-Bar"</b>		
<b>Model</b>	<b>12m</b>	<b>Serial Number</b>	<b>2127</b>
<b>Date of Inspection</b>	<b>20/11/10</b>	<b>Location of Inspection</b>	<b>Dalby</b>
<b>Inspected by:</b>		<b>Signature</b>	

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Risk Source</b>	<b>Safety Measure</b>	<b>Safety Measure Check?</b>
Incorrect Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of Information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive Operator's Manual with safety and operating information</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>
Crushing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hitch Dropping</li> <li>Wings Falling When in Transport Position</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydraulic Jack Fitted</li> <li>Warning decals fitted at all crush points</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>  <b>Yes</b>
Falling off during operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Riding on Planter during operation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warning Decals Fitted</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>
Contact with overhead power lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport Height</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warning decal fitted</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>
High pressure fluid leak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydraulic hoses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hoses clamped at close intervals to prevent rubbing</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>
Oil ingress through skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Checking for hydraulic leaks with hands</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warning decal fitted</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>





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