

# **R85 Rotary Disc 13 Foot Self-Propelled Windrower Header**

OPERATOR'S MANUAL

Revision A

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**R85 ROTARY DISC 13 FOOT SELF-PROPELLED WINDROWER HEADER**

# 1 INTRODUCTION

This manual describes the operating and maintenance procedures for the MacDon Model R85 Self-Propelled 13 Foot Rotary Disc Header. Your new MacDon rotary header is designed to cut, condition, and lay in windrows a wide variety of grasses and hay crops.

**CAREFULLY READ ALL THE MATERIAL PROVIDED BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO UNLOAD, ASSEMBLE, OR USE THE MACHINE.**

Use this manual as your first source of information about the machine. If you follow the instructions given in this manual, your Mower will work well for many years. A Parts Catalog is also supplied with your new header. If you require more detailed service information, a Service Manual is available from your dealer.

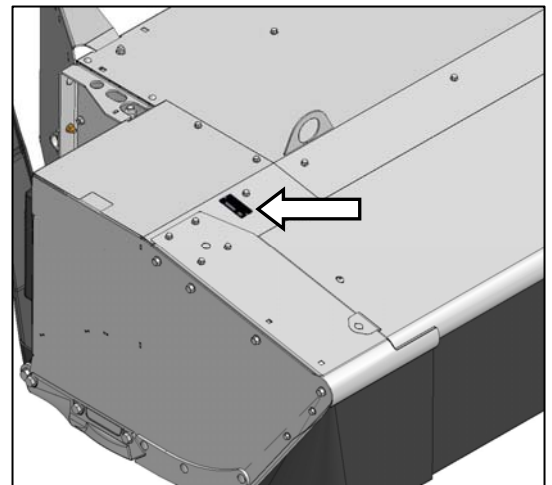
Use the Table of Contents and the Index to guide you to specific areas. Study the Table of Contents to familiarize yourself with how the material is organized.

Keep this manual handy for frequent reference and to pass on to new operators or owners. Call your dealer if you need assistance, information, or additional copies of this manual. Store this Operator's Manual and the Parts Catalog in the manual storage case located at the right end of the header.

RECORD THE SERIAL NUMBER OF THE HEADER.

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Serial Number plate is located on the top surface at the right end of the header.



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# SAFETY

## 2 SAFETY

### 2.1 SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL



This safety alert symbol indicates important safety messages in this manual and on safety signs on the machine.

This symbol means:

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

Carefully read and follow the safety message accompanying this symbol.

WHY IS SAFETY IMPORTANT TO YOU?

ACCIDENTS DISABLE AND KILL.  
ACCIDENTS COST.  
ACCIDENTS CAN BE AVOIDED.

### 2.2 SIGNAL WORDS

Note the use of the signal words **DANGER**, **WARNING**, and **CAUTION** with safety messages. The appropriate signal word for each message has been selected using the following guidelines:



**DANGER**

Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



**WARNING**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. It is also used to alert against unsafe practices.



**CAUTION**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It is also used as a reminder of good safety practices.

### 2.3 SAFETY SIGNS

- Keep safety signs clean and legible at all times.
- Replace safety signs that are missing or become illegible.
- If original parts on which a safety sign was installed are replaced, be sure the repair part also bears the current safety sign.
- Safety signs are available from your Dealer Parts Department.

#### 2.3.1 Safety Sign Installation

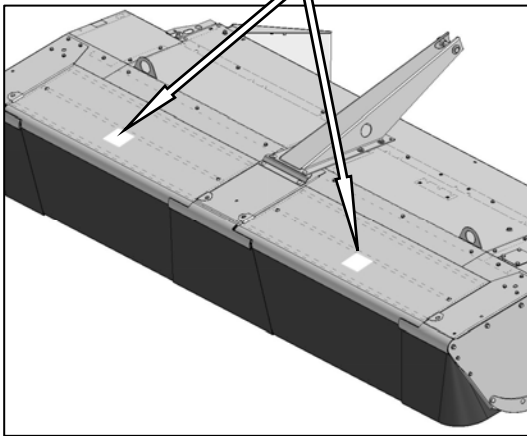
- a. Be sure the installation area is clean and dry.
- b. Decide on the exact location before you remove the decal backing paper.
- c. Remove the smaller portion of the split backing paper.
- d. Place the sign in position and slowly peel back the remaining paper, smoothing the sign as it is applied.
- e. Small air pockets can be smoothed out or pricked with a pin. .

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## 2.3.2 Safety Sign Location



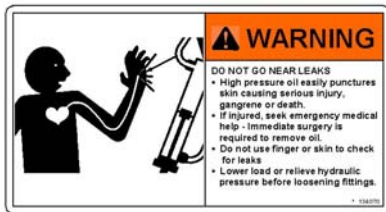
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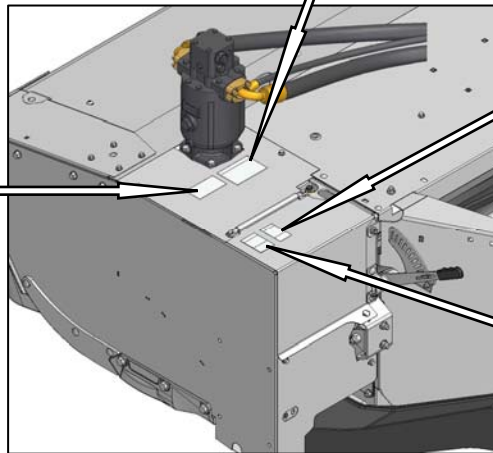
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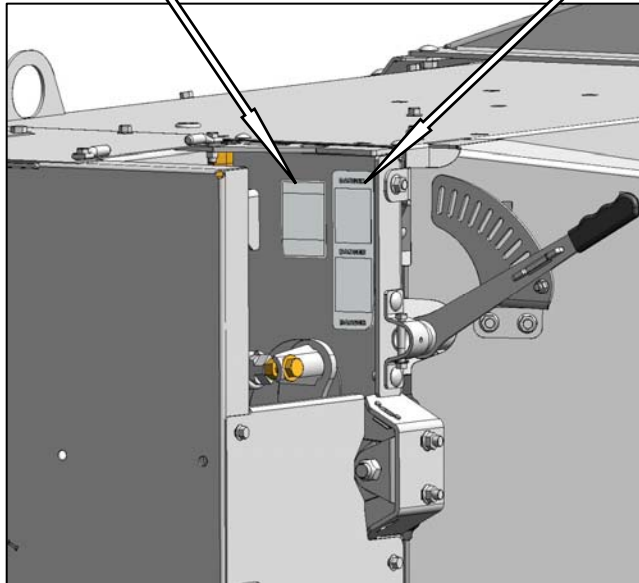
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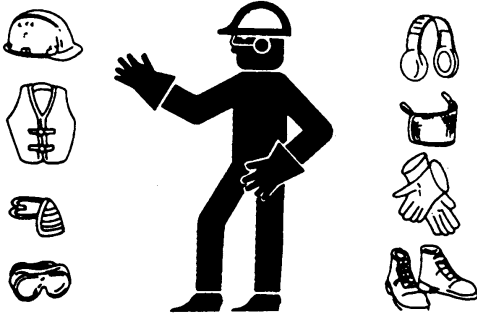
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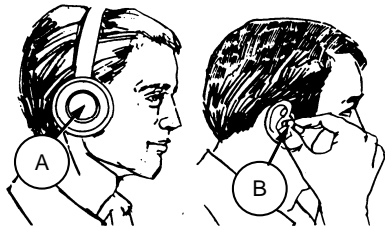
### CAUTION

The following are general farm safety precautions that should be part of your operating procedure for all types of machinery:

- Protect yourself.



- When assembling, operating and servicing machinery, wear all the protective clothing and personal safety devices that COULD be necessary for the job at hand. Don't take chances.
- You may need:
  - a hard hat.
  - protective shoes with slip resistant soles.
  - protective glasses or goggles.
  - heavy gloves.
  - wet weather gear.
  - respirator or filter mask.
  - hearing protection. Be aware that prolonged exposure to loud noise can cause impairment or loss of hearing. Wearing a suitable hearing protective device such as ear muffs (A) or ear plugs (B) protects against objectionable or loud noises.



- Provide a first-aid kit for use in case of emergencies.



- Keep a fire extinguisher on the machine. Be sure the extinguisher is properly maintained and be familiar with its proper use.
- Keep young children away from machinery at all times.
- Be aware that accidents often happen when the operator is tired or in a hurry to get finished. Take the time to consider the safest way. Never ignore warning signs of fatigue.
- Wear close-fitting clothing and cover long hair. Never wear dangling items such as scarves or bracelets.
- Keep hands, feet, clothing and hair away from moving parts. Never attempt to clear obstructions or objects from a machine while the engine is running.
- Keep all shields in place. Never alter or remove safety equipment. Make sure driveline guards can rotate independently of the shaft and can telescope freely.
- Use only service and repair parts made or approved by the equipment manufacturer. Substituted parts may not meet strength, design, or safety requirements.
- Do not modify the machine. Unauthorized modifications may impair the function and/or safety and affect machine life.
- Stop engine and remove key from ignition before leaving operator's seat for any reason. A child or even a pet could engage an idling machine.



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## GENERAL

- Keep the area used for servicing machinery clean and dry. Wet or oily floors are slippery. Wet spots can be dangerous when working with electrical equipment. Be sure all electrical outlets and tools are properly grounded.
- Use adequate light for the job at hand.
- Keep machinery clean. Do not allow oil or grease to accumulate on service platforms, ladders or controls. Clean machines before storage.
- Never use gasoline, naphtha or any volatile material for cleaning purposes. These materials may be toxic and/or flammable.
- When storing machinery, cover sharp or extending components to prevent injury from accidental contact.



## SAFETY

### 3 DEFINITIONS

#### 3.1 ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

TERM	DEFINITION
API	American Petroleum Institute
APT	Articulating Power Tongue
ASTM	American Society Of Testing And Materials
C	Celsius
F	Fahrenheit
ft/min	feet per minute
ft/s	feet per second
gpm	U.S. gallons per minute
hp	horsepower
in. <sup>3</sup>	cubic inches
kPa	kilopascals
lbf	pounds force
lbf-ft or ft-lbf	pound feet or foot pounds
lbf-in. or in-lbf	pound inches or inch pounds
MPa	megapascals
mph	miles per hour
N	newtons
N·m	newton meters
oz.	ounces
psi	pounds per square inch
PTO	Power Take-Off
rpm	Revolutions Per Minute
SAE	Society Of Automotive Engineers

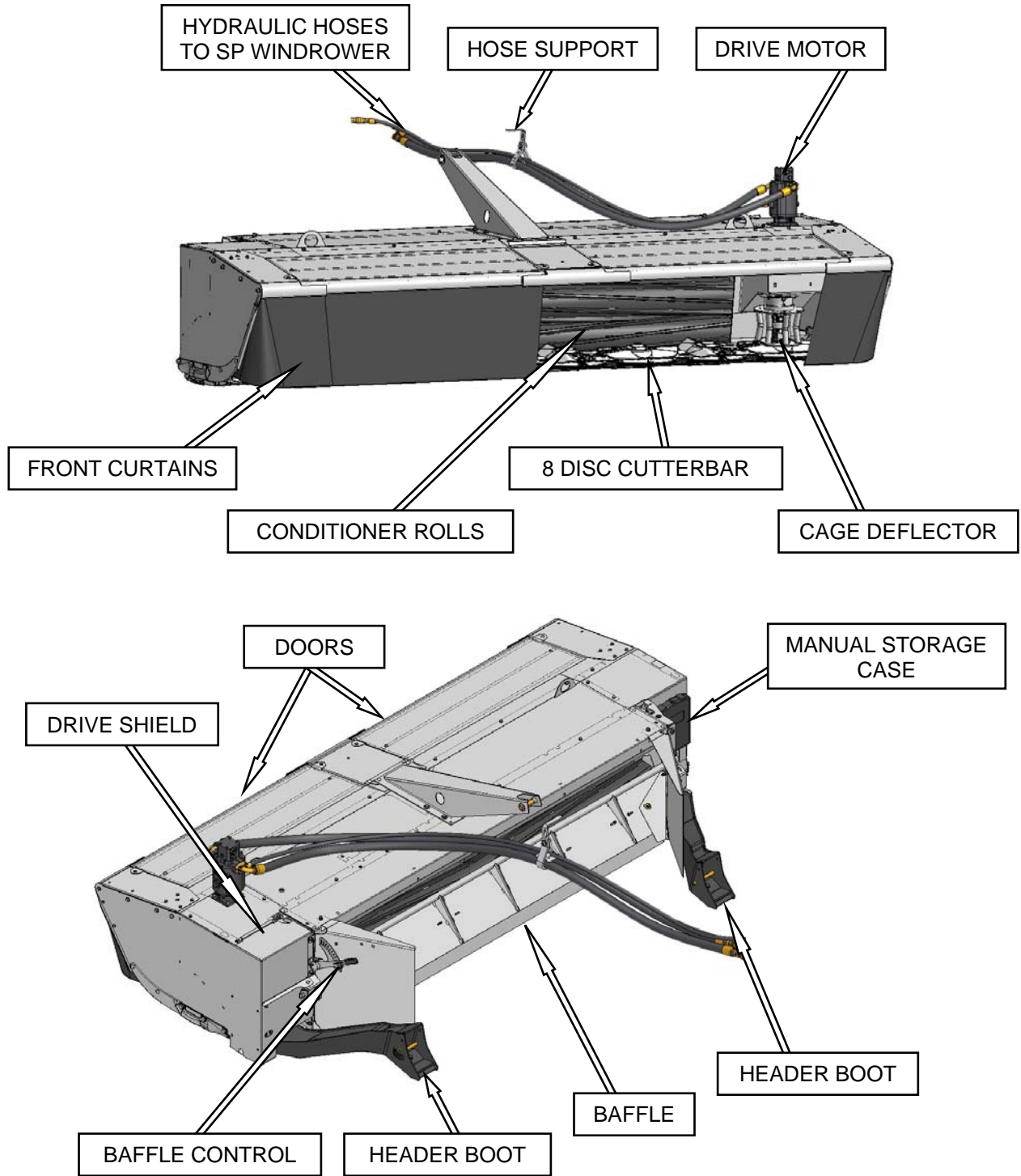
#### 3.2 TERMS

The following terms may be used in this manual:

TERM	DEFINITION
Cab-Forward	Windrower operation with the operator and cab facing in the direction of travel.
Center Link	A hydraulic cylinder or turnbuckle type link between the header and the machine that tilts the header.
Engine-Forward	Windrower operation with the operator and engine facing in the direction of travel.
Header or Rotary Header	A machine that cuts and conditions hay, and is attached to a windrower.
Mower Conditioner	A machine that cuts and conditions hay, and is pulled by an ag tractor.
Self-propelled Windrower	Self-propelled machine consisting of a power unit with a header and conditioner.
Tractor	Ag type tractor.
Truck	A four-wheel highway/road vehicle weighing no less than 7500 lb (3400 kg).
Windrower	Power unit of a self-propelled rotary header.

# GENERAL

## 4 COMPONENT IDENTIFICATION



## SPECIFICATIONS

### 5 SPECIFICATIONS

<b>HEADER MODEL</b>		<b>R85 – 13 FT</b>
<b>FRAME &amp; STRUCTURE</b>		
Transport Width	13 ft-0 in. (3952 mm)	
Weight (estimated)	3000 lb (1360 kg)	
Carrier	MacDon M150, M205 SP Windrowers	
Lighting	None	
Manual Storage	Header Mounted Storage Case	
<b>CUTTERBAR</b>		
Qty Of Cutting Discs	8	
Blades Per Disc	Two 18 Deg. Bevel Down Reversible	
Disc Speed	1800-2600 rpm	
Blade Tip Speed Range	131-189 mph (59.2-85.5 m/s)	
Effective Cutting Width	12 ft-9.5 in. (3895 mm)	
Cutting Height	1 to 3 in. (25-75 mm)	
Lubricant Capacity (Maximum)	7 Pints (3.25 litres)	
Cutting Angle Range	0-8 Deg Below Horizontal	
Geartrain Protection	Shearable Disc Spindles	
Deflectors	Two Hourglass Converging	
Shoes	Two Adjustable	
<b>DRIVE</b>		
Type	M200&M205	6.4 cu in. (106 cc) Heavy Duty Hydraulic Motor
	M150	4.6 cu in. (75 cc) Heavy Duty Hydraulic Motor
Max. Power Developed	M205	231 hp (174 kW)
	M200	195 hp (146 kW)
	M150	130 hp (97 kW)
Connections	Direct Coupled (Optional Quick Coupler Connection)	
Normal Operating Pressure	4000 psi (27.58 MPa)	
<b>CONDITIONER</b>		
Drive	Bevel Gearbox To Belt Driven Enclosed Conditioner Timing Gearbox And Driveline.	
Bevel Gearbox Lub. Capacity	21 oz. (620 ml)	
Conditioner Gearbox Lub. Cap.	12 oz. (350 ml)	
Roll Type	Intermeshing Steel Bars	
Roll Diameter	9.0 in. (229 mm) / 7.0 in. (179 mm) OD Tube	
Roll Length	118 in. (3000 mm)	
Roll Speed	730-1040 rpm	
Swath Width	36-102 in. (915-2540 mm)	
Forming Shields	Windrower Mounted Adjustable Forming Shield System	
<b>GROUND SPEED</b>	<b>16 mph (25.7 km/h)</b>	

NOTES: 1. Specifications and design are subject to change without notice or obligation to revise previously sold units.

## OPERATION

### 6 OPERATION

#### 6.1 OWNER/OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES



#### CAUTION

- It is your responsibility to read and understand this manual completely before operating the windrower. Contact your dealer if an instruction is not clear to you.
- Follow all safety messages in the manual and on safety signs on the machine.
- Remember that YOU are the key to safety. Good safety practices protect you and the people around you.
- Before allowing anyone to operate the windrower, for however short a time or distance, make sure they have been instructed in its safe and proper use.
- Review the manual and all safety related items with all operators annually.
- Be alert for other operators not using recommended procedures or not following safety precautions. Correct these mistakes immediately, before an accident occurs.
- Do not modify the machine. Unauthorized modifications may impair the function and/or safety and affect machine life.
- The safety information given in this manual does not replace safety codes, insurance needs, or laws governing your area. Be sure your machine meets the standards set by these regulations.
- Ensure that the windrower is properly equipped to safely operate the header. This may include adding ballast according to Windrower Operator's Manual requirements for attachments of this size and mass.

#### 6.2 OPERATIONAL SAFETY

Follow these safety precautions:



#### CAUTION

- Follow all safety and operational instructions given in your windrower Operator's Manual. If you do not have a windrower manual, get one from your dealer and read it thoroughly.
- Never attempt to start the windrower engine or operate the windrower except from the operator's seat.
- Check the operation of all controls in a safe clear area before starting work.
- Do not allow riders on windrower.
- Never start or move the machine until you are sure all bystanders have cleared the area.
- Avoid travelling over loose fill, rocks, ditches or holes.
- Drive slowly through gates and doorways.
- If cutting ditch banks, use extreme caution. If the header hits an obstruction, the front of the windrower will usually swerve towards the ditch.
- When working on inclines, travel uphill or downhill when possible.
- Never attempt to get on or off a moving windrower.
- Do not get off the windrower while the header is in operation.
- Stop windrower engine and remove key before adjusting or removing plugged material from the machine. A child or even a pet could engage the drive.
- Check for excessive vibration and unusual noises. If there is any indication of trouble, shut down and inspect the machine. Follow proper shutdown procedure:
  - engage windrower brake
  - turn off engine and remove key
  - wait for all movement to stop
  - dismount and engage lift cylinder stops before inspecting raised machine.
- Operate only in daylight or good artificial light.

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- Keep everyone several hundred feet away from your operation. Ensure bystanders are never in line with the front or rear of the machine. Stones or other foreign objects can be ejected from either end with force.
- Extreme care must be exercised to avoid injury from thrown objects. Do not, under any circumstances, operate the mower-conditioner when other people are in the vicinity. Stones and other objects can be thrown great distances by the rotating cutting blades.



- The cutterbar curtains are very important to reduce the potential for thrown objects. Always keep these curtains down when operating the mower-conditioner. Replace the curtains if they should become worn or damaged.

## OPERATION

### 6.3 PRE-SEASON CHECK

Perform the following the beginning of each operating season:



#### CAUTION

- Review the Operator's Manual to refresh your memory on safety and operating recommendations.
  - Review all safety signs and other decals on the header and note hazard areas.
  - Be sure all shields and guards are properly installed and secured. Never alter or remove safety equipment.
  - Be sure you understand and have practiced safe use of all controls. Know the capacity and operating characteristics of the machine.
  - Check the first aid kit and fire extinguisher. Know where they are and how to use them.
- a. Lubricate machine completely. Refer to Section 7.7, Lubrication.
  - b. Perform all annual maintenance. See Section 7.11, Maintenance Schedule.

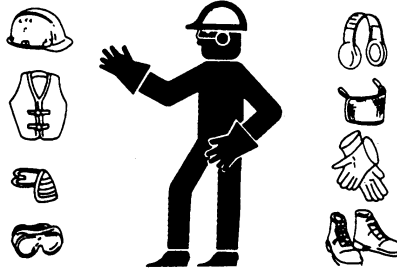
### 6.4 DAILY START-UP CHECK



#### CAUTION

- Be sure windrower and header are properly attached, all controls are in neutral and windrower brake is engaged.
- Clear the area of other persons, pets etc. Keep children away from machinery. Walk around the windrower to be sure no one is under, on or close to it.
- Wear close fitting clothing and protective shoes with slip resistant soles.
- Remove foreign objects from the machine and surrounding area.

- As well, carry with you any protective clothing and personal safety devices that **COULD** be necessary through the day. **Don't take chances.**



- You may need:
  - a hard hat
  - protective glasses or goggles
  - heavy gloves
  - respirator or filter mask
  - wet weather gear
- Protect against noise. Wear a suitable hearing protective device such as ear muffs or ear plugs to protect against objectionable or uncomfortable loud noises.



- a. Check the machine for leaks or any parts that are missing, broken, or not working correctly.

#### NOTE:

*Use proper procedure when searching for pressurized fluid leaks. Refer to Section 7.10 Hydraulics.*

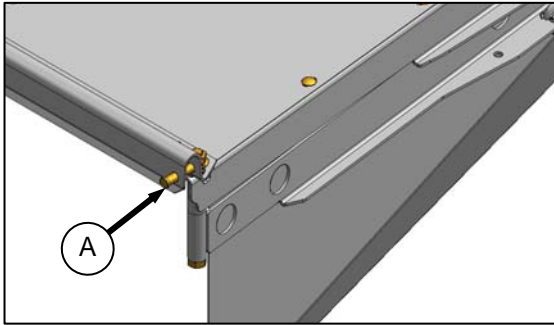
- b. Clean all reflective surfaces on the machine.
- c. Perform all Daily maintenance. Refer to Section 7.11 Maintenance Schedule.



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### 6.5 HEADER ATTACHMENT

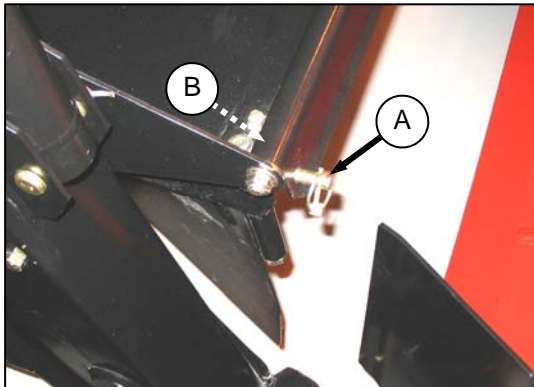
- a. If not installed, attach the forming shield to the windrower:



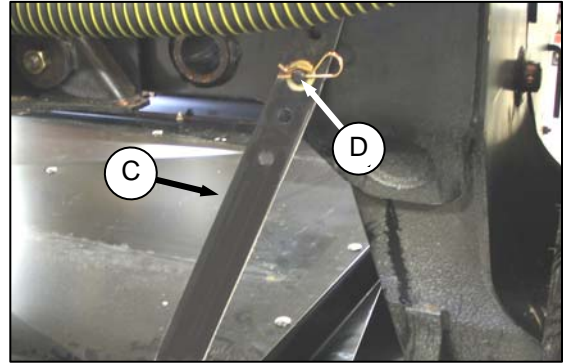
1. Remove the two clevis pins (A) from forming shield forward end.



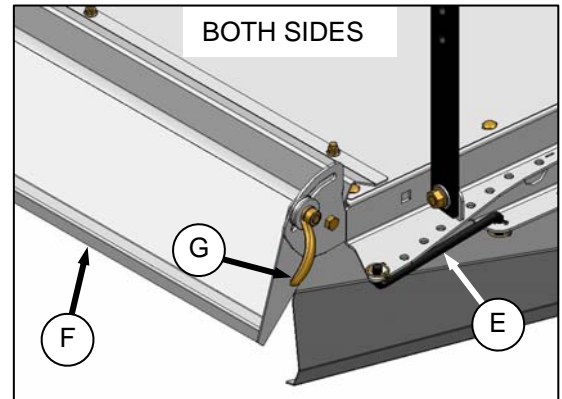
2. Position forming shield under the windrower frame.



3. Locate forming shield onto spacers (B) on windrower legs and secure with clevis pins (A) and lynch pin.



4. Lift the aft end of the forming shield and attach straps (C) to pins (D) on windrower frame. Install washer and hairpin to secure strap. Use the middle hole and adjust height to suit the crop.



5. Set forming shield side deflectors to desired width by repositioning adjuster bars (E). Use same hole location on both sides.
6. Adjust fluffer shield (F) to middle position. Loosen handles (G) if required.
- b. Attach the R85 header to the Windrower. Refer to the MacDon Self-Propelled Windrower Operator's Manual, and then return to this manual to complete the attachment.
- c. Connect the hydraulics and electrical harness. See applicable section in the following pages for your windrower model.

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### 6.5.1 M205 Windrower

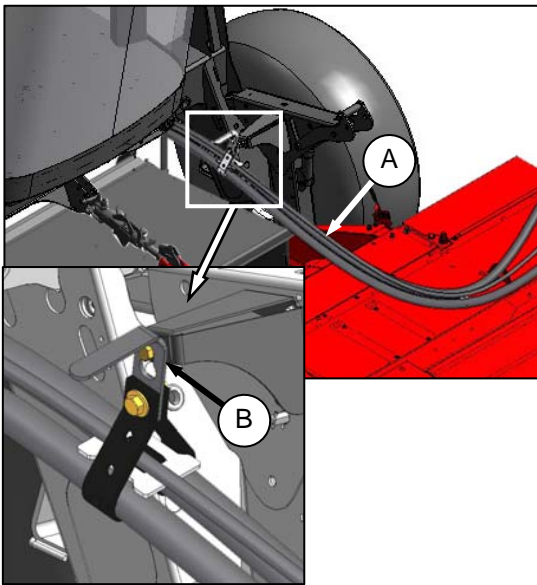


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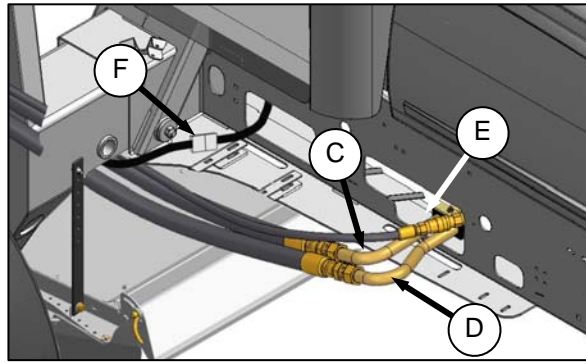
Stop engine and remove key from ignition before leaving operator's seat for any reason. A child or even a pet could engage an idling machine.



- a. Move windrower left side platform to open position.



- b. Route the hose bundle (A) from the header, under the windrower frame and attach hose support (B) to bracket on windrower frame.
- c. Remove caps and plugs from the two large hoses and lines.



- d. Connect large hoses to the lines at (C) and (D) as shown. Torque fittings to 135 ft·lbf (183 N·m).
- e. Attach case drain hose coupler at (E).
- f. Connect electrical harness to connector (F) located beside the forward valve block on the windrower.



- g. Move windrower platform to closed position.

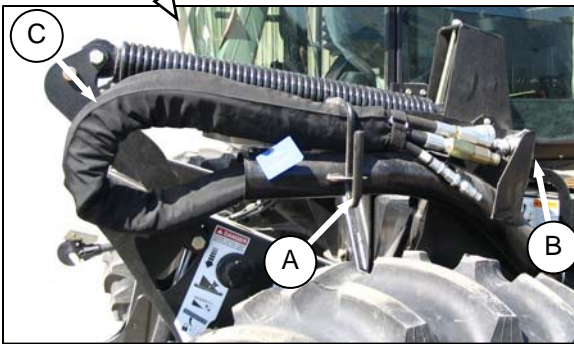
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### 6.5.2 M200 WINDROWER



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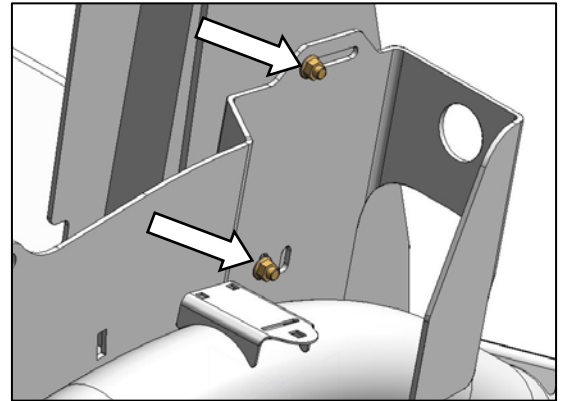
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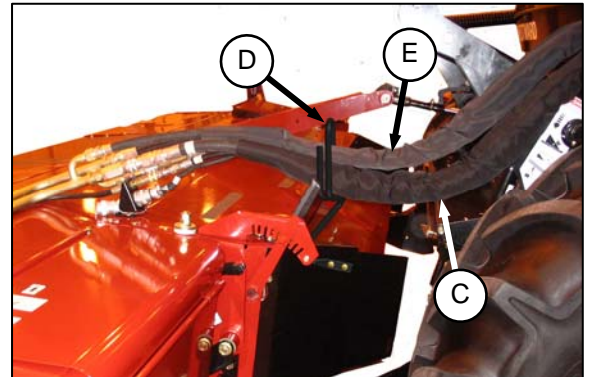
- a. Disengage and rotate lever (A) counter-clockwise to fully up position.
- b. Remove cap (B) securing electrical connector to frame.



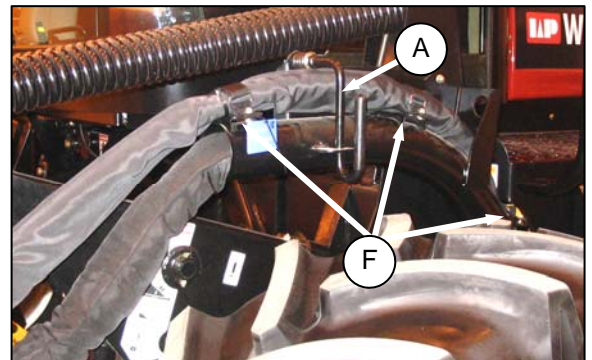
- c. Move hose bundle (C) from windrower, and rest bundle on to header.



- d. Check that hose support is positioned so that lower bolt is in forward hole and support is positioned as shown. Loosen bolts and adjust as required.



- e. Route hose bundle (C) from windrower through support (D) on header.
- f. Route header return and pressure hose bundle (E) through support (D) on header, to windrower.

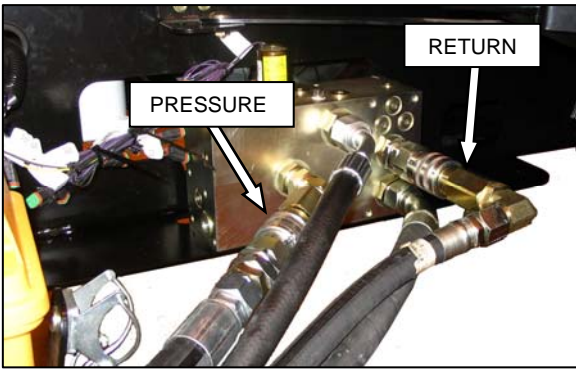
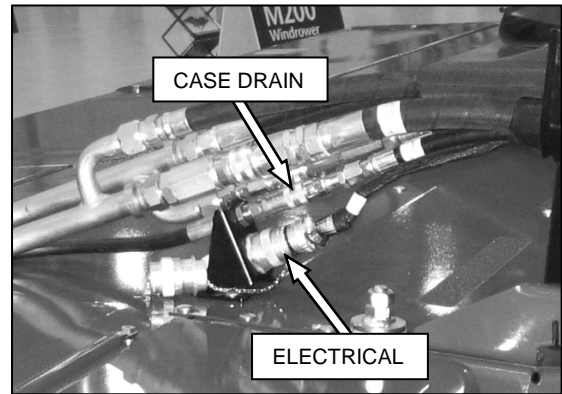
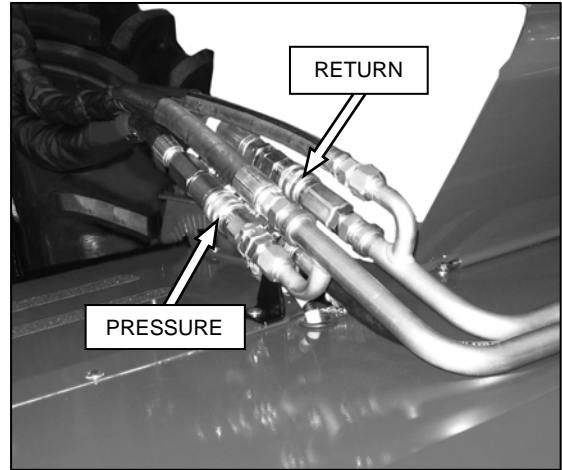


- g. Lower and lock lever (A).
- h. Secure hose bundles with three cinch straps (F).  
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- i. Move windrower left side platform to open position.



MIDDLE VALVE BLOCK

- j. Connect two hose bundle from header to middle valve block as shown.
- k. Remove caps and plugs on hoses from windrower and lines on header

- l. Connect the three hoses from windrower to the fittings on the header as shown.
- m. Assemble electrical connector as shown.



- n. Move platform to closed position.

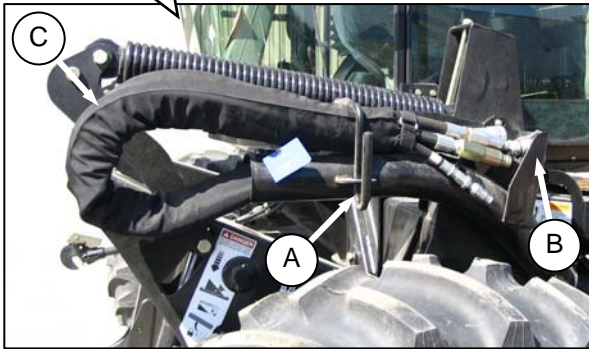
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### 6.5.3 M150 WINDROWER



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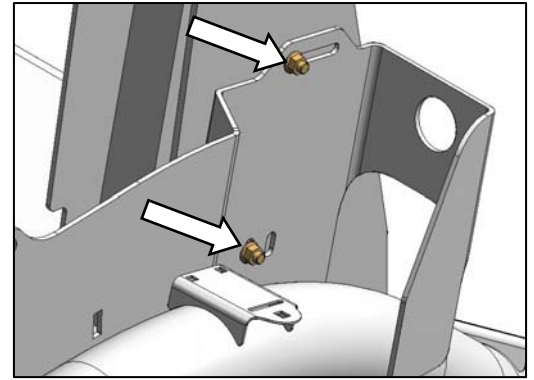
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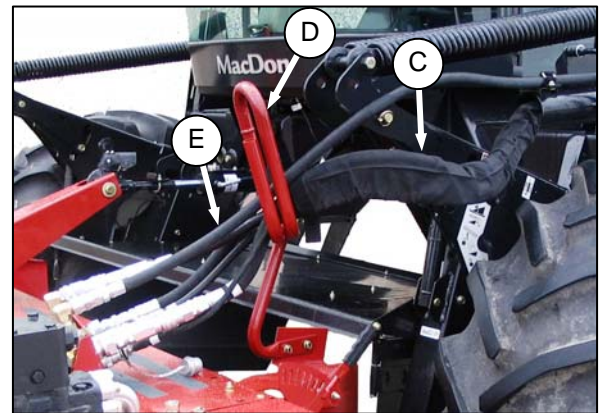
- Disengage and rotate lever (A) counter-clockwise to fully up position.
- Remove cap (B) securing electrical connector to frame.



- Move hose bundle (C) from windrower, and rest bundle on to header.



- Check that hose support is positioned so that lower bolt is in forward hole and support is positioned as shown. Loosen bolts and adjust as required.



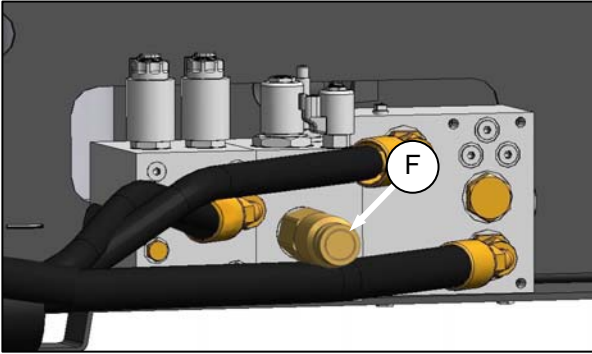
- Route hose bundle (C) from windrower through support (D) on header.
- Route header hose (E) through support (D) on header, to windrower.



- Move windrower left side platform to open position.

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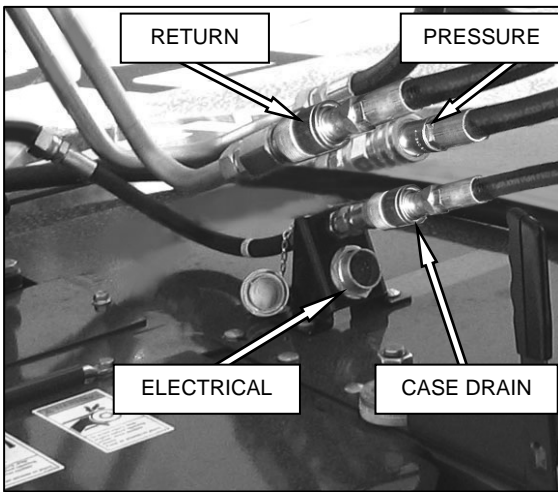
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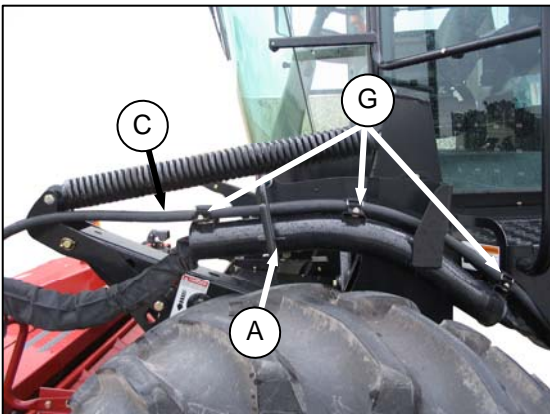
- h. Connect single hose (E) from header to coupler (F) on middle valve block as shown
- i. Remove caps and plugs on hoses from windrower and lines on header.



- m. Move windrower platform to closed position.



- j. Connect the three hoses from windrower to the fittings on the header as shown.
- k. Connect harness from windrower to electrical connector.



- l. Lower and lock lever (A). Secure hose (C) with three cinch straps (G).

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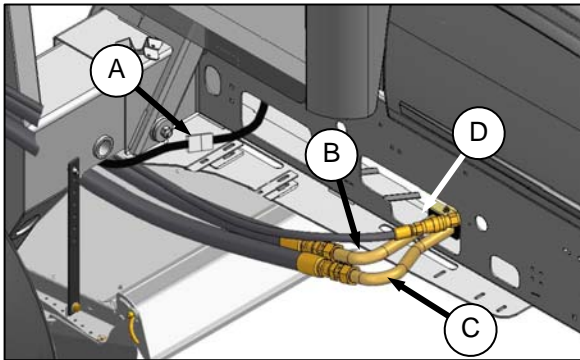
### 6.6 HEADER DETACHMENT

#### 6.6.1 M205 Windrower

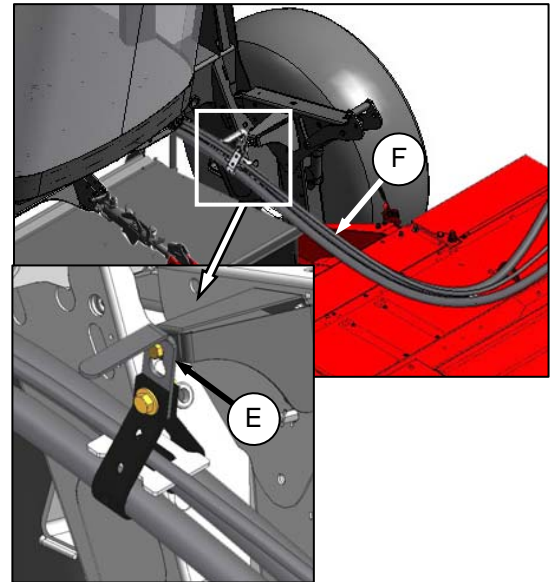
- Lower header to ground. If ground is soft, place blocks under header.
- Stop engine and remove key.



- Move LH (cab forward) platform to rear of windrower.



- Disconnect electrical harness at connector (A).
- Disconnect hoses from lines (B), (C), and (D) on windrower. Install caps and plugs on open lines.



- Disconnect hose support (E) from bracket on windrower lift linkage.
- Route hoses (F) and electrical harness onto header.



- Move maintenance platform to closed position.
- Detach the header from the windrower. Refer to the MacDon Self-Propelled Windrower Operator's Manual.

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### 6.6.2 M200 WINDROWER



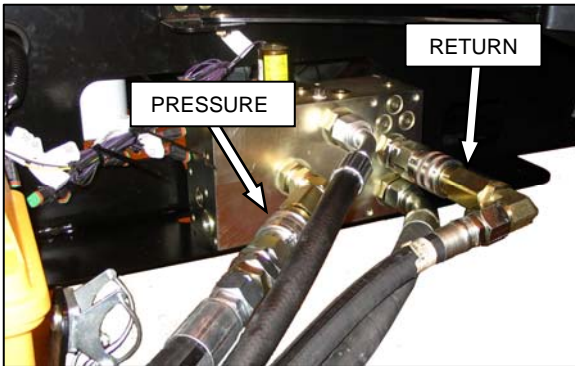
#### DANGER

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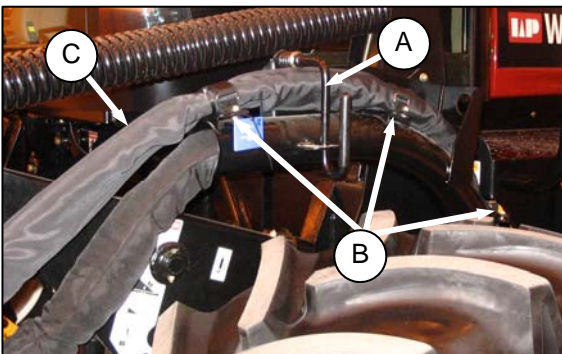
- Lower header to ground. If ground is soft, place blocks under header.
- Stop engine and remove key.



- Move LH (cab forward) platform to rear of windrower.

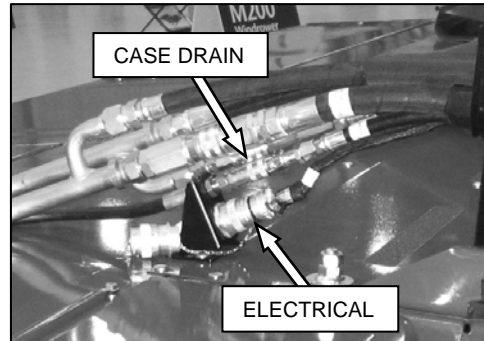
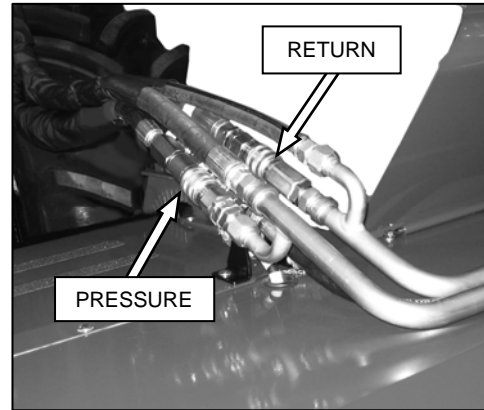


- Disconnect the two hydraulic couplers from windrower valve.

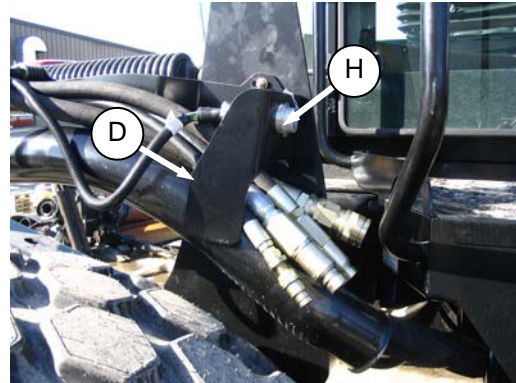


- Raise lever (A) and undo Velcro straps (B).
- Move hose bundle (C) to store on header

- Install caps on connectors and hose ends if equipped.



- At the header, disconnect electrical connector by turning collar counterclockwise and pulling connector to disengage.
- Disconnect the two drive couplers, and case drain coupler on header.

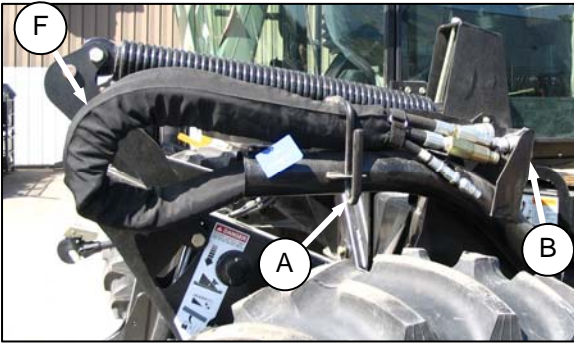


- Move hose bundle from header and locate on windrower LH side with hoses in support (D).

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- k. Rotate lever (A) clockwise and push to engage bracket.
- l. Locate electrical harness through support (D) and attach cap to electrical connector (E).



- m. Move windrower platform back to closed position.
- n. Detach header from windrower. Refer to the Self-Propelled Windrower Operator's.

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### 6.6.3 M150 WINDROWER



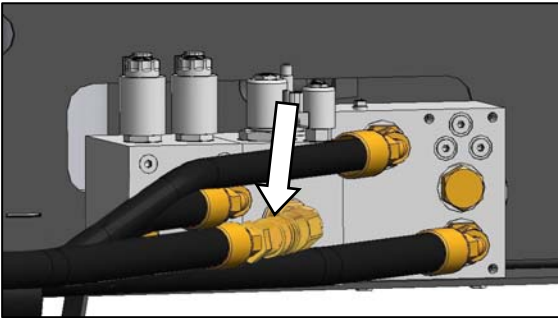
#### DANGER

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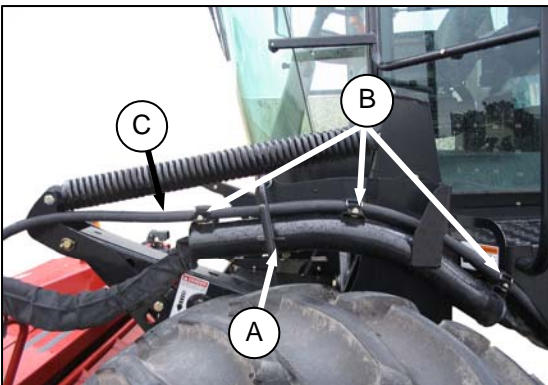
- Lower header to ground. If ground is soft, place blocks under header.
- Stop engine and remove key.



- Move LH (cab forward) platform to rear of windrower.

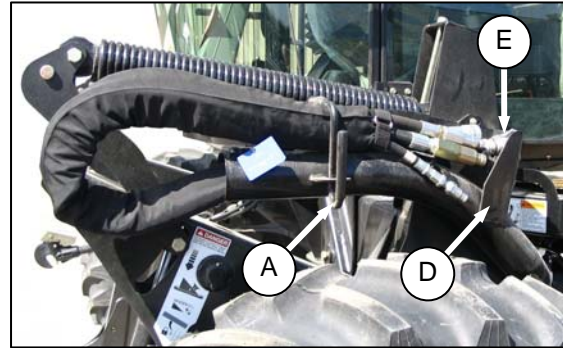


- Disconnect the hydraulic coupler from windrower valve.



- Raise lever (A) and undo Velcro straps (B).
- Move hose (C) to store on header.

- Install caps on connectors and hose end if equipped.
- At the header, disconnect electrical connector by turning collar counterclockwise and pulling connector to disengage.
- Disconnect the two drive couplers, and case drain coupler on header.



- Move hose bundle from header and locate on windrower LH side with hoses in support (D).
- Rotate lever (A) clockwise and push to engage bracket.
- Locate electrical harness through support (D) and attach cap to electrical connector (E).



- Move windrower platform back to closed position.
- Detach header from windrower. Refer to the Self-Propelled Windrower Operator's Manual.

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### 6.7 BREAK-IN PERIOD

- a. After attaching header to windrower for the first time, operate the machine slowly for 5 minutes, watching and listening FROM THE WINDROWER SEAT for binding or interfering parts.

#### NOTE

*Until you become familiar with the sound and feel of your new header, be extra alert and attentive.*



#### WARNING

**Before investigating an unusual sound or attempting to correct a problem, shut off windrower, engage parking brake and remove key.**

- b. Perform the items specified in 7.12.1 Break-In Inspection Requirements.

### 6.8 SHUTDOWN PROCEDURE



#### CAUTION

**Before leaving the windrower seat for any reason:**

- Park on level ground if possible.
- Lower the header fully.
- Place ground speed control in N-DETENT.
- Stop engine and remove key from ignition.
- Wait for all movement to stop.

### 6.9 TRANSPORTING HEADER

Refer to your MacDon Self-Propelled Windrower Operator's Manual for transporting headers when attached to the windrower.

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## 6.10 HEADER OPERATION

Satisfactory operation of the header in all situations requires making proper adjustments to suit various crops and conditions.

Correct operation reduces crop loss and increases productivity. As well, proper adjustments and timely maintenance will increase the length of service you receive from the machine.

The variables listed below and detailed on the following pages will affect the performance of the header. You will quickly become adept at adjusting the machine to give you the desired results. Most of the adjustments have been set at the factory but if desired, the settings can be changed to suit crop conditions.

VARIABLE	SECTION
Header Flotation	6.10.1
Roll Gap	6.10.2
Roll Tension	6.10.3
Roll Timing	6.10.4
Forming Shields	6.10.5
Header Angle	6.10.6
Cutting Height	6.10.7
Disc Speed	6.10.8
Ground Speed	6.10.9
Double Windrowing	6.10.10

### 6.10.1 Header Flotation

Header flotation springs are normally set so that 95-105 lbf (426-471 N) is required to lift either end of the header just off the ground. In rough or stony conditions, it may be desirable to maintain a lighter setting to protect cutting components.

#### NOTE

*When float setting is light, it may be necessary to use a slower ground speed to avoid excessive bouncing and leaving a ragged cut.*

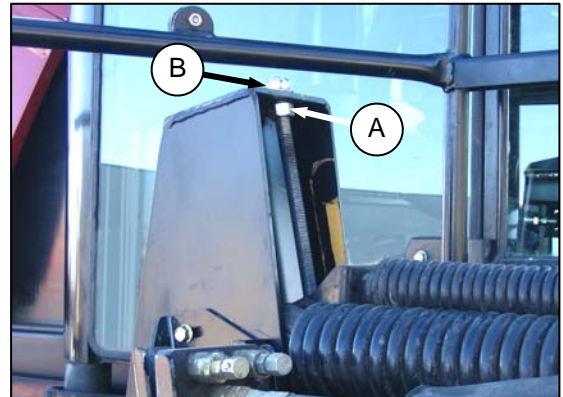
- Set the float fine adjustment to mid-range with the windrower float adjustment system in the cab. Refer to the M Series Self-Propelled Windrower Operator's Manual, Form #169017.



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- Check float by grasping the front corner of header and lifting. The force to lift should be 95-105 lbf (426-471 N) and should be approximately the same at both ends.
- Perform the following steps to adjust the float if necessary:
  - Raise the header fully, shut down the engine, and remove the key.



- Loosen nut (A) on linkage spring drawbolt.
- Turn drawbolt (B) clockwise to increase float (makes header lighter) or counterclockwise to decrease float (makes header heavier).
- Tighten nut (A) to lock drawbolt.
- Recheck the float.

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### 6.10.2 Roll Gap

Steel rolls "condition" the crop by crimping and crushing the stem in several places. This allows moisture release for quicker drying. The degree to which the crop is conditioned as it passes through the rolls is controlled by roll gap, which is factory set at 0.25 inch (6 mm).

Correct conditioning of alfalfa, clover and other legumes is usually indicated when 90% of the stems show cracking, but no more than 5% of the leaves are damaged. Set enough roll gap to achieve this result.

A larger gap (up to 1 inch (25 mm)) may be desirable in thick stemmed cane-type crops; however, too large a gap may cause feeding problems.

Grass type crops may require less gap for proper feeding and conditioning. If settings below the factory setting are used, it is recommended that the actual gap be visually checked.

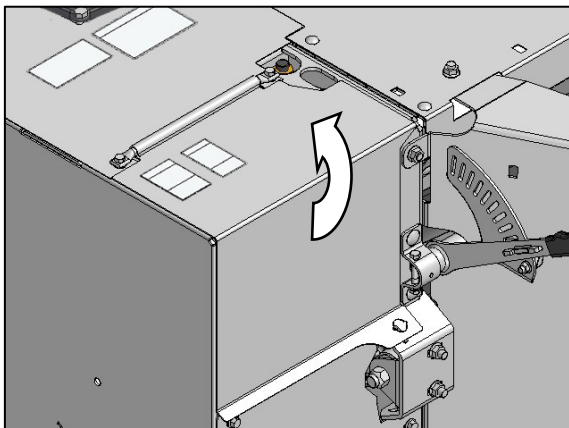
To check roll gap, proceed as follows:



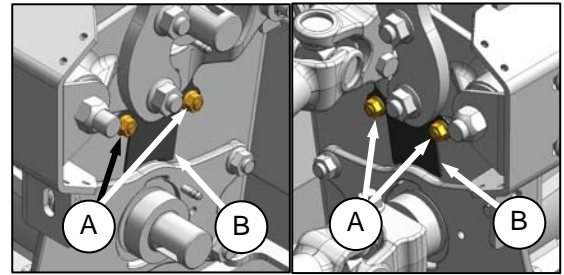
### DANGER

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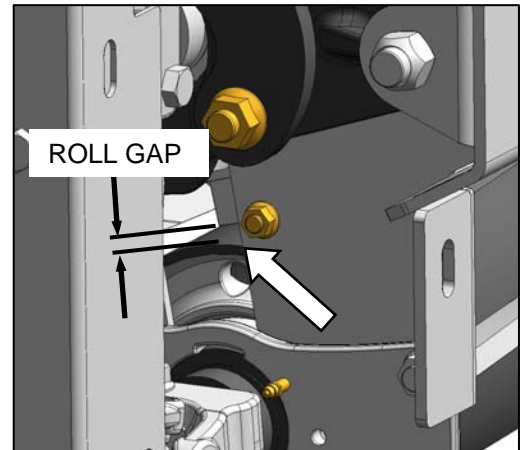
- Lower header fully.



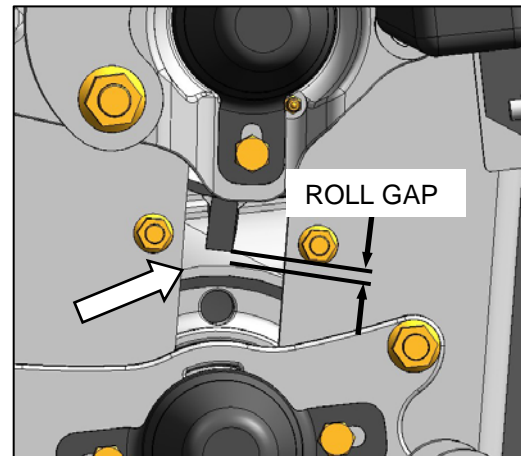
- Stop engine and remove key.
- Open drive shield at left end of header. See 7.5 DRIVE SHIELD.



- At each end of rolls, loosen nuts (A), and slide cover (B) upwards to expose observation hole.



LEFT END



RIGHT END

- Check the gap at each end of the rolls to verify setting and adjust as necessary.

### IMPORTANT

Roll timing is critical when the roll gap is decreased because:

- Conditioning is affected, and
- The bars may contact each other.

Refer to Section 6.10.4, Roll Timing.

- Re-position covers (B) and tighten nuts (A).
- Close drive shield.

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### 6.10.2.1 Roll Gap Adjustment

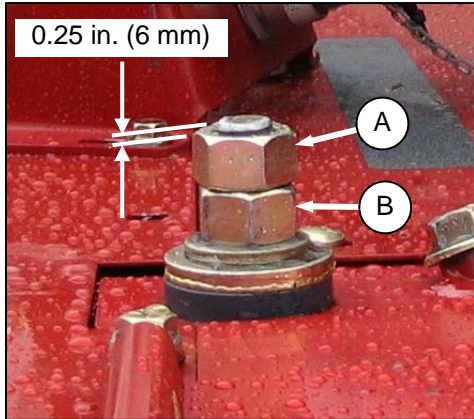
- a. Lower header fully.



### DANGER

Stop engine and remove key from ignition before leaving operator's seat for any reason. A child or even a pet could engage an idling machine.

- b. Stop engine and remove key.



- c. Loosen and back-off upper jam nut (A), both sides of conditioner.
- d. To increase roll gap, turn lower nut (B) clockwise.

#### NOTE

*The amount of thread protruding through jam nut indicates roll gap. Factory setting is 0.25 in. (6 mm).*

#### NOTE

*When adjusting roll gap, be sure that the thread protruding is the same on both sides of the conditioner roll to achieve a consistent gap across the rolls.*

- e. To decrease the roll gap, turn lower nut (B) counter-clockwise.
- f. Tighten jam nuts (A), both sides.

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### 6.10.3 Roll Tension

The roll tension (the force holding the rolls together) is factory set to maximum and is adjustable. Heavy crops or tough forage that tend to separate the rolls require the maximum roll tension to ensure that material is sufficiently crimped. Light alfalfa and short grasses would require less roll tension to lessen over-conditioning.

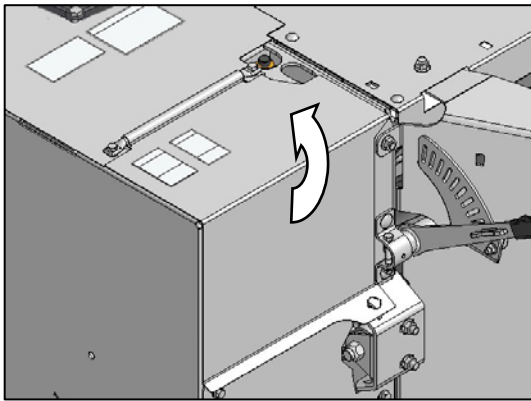
#### 6.10.3.1 Roll Tension Adjustment



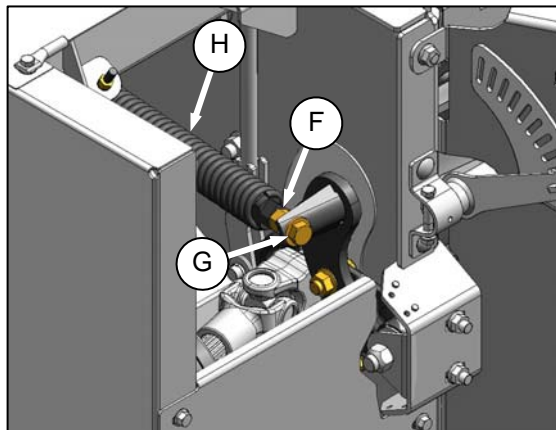
### DANGER

Stop engine and remove key from ignition before leaving operator's seat for any reason. A child or even a pet could engage an idling machine.

- a. Lower header to ground, shut down windrower and remove key.



- b. Open drive shield at LH end of header. See 7.5 DRIVE SHIELD.



LH SHOWN

- c. To increase the roll tension, loosen jam nut (F) and turn the spring draw-bolt (G) clockwise to tighten the spring (H).

- d. Repeat above step for opposite end of roll.
- e. To decrease the roll tension, turn the spring draw-bolts counterclockwise to loosen the springs.

#### IMPORTANT

Turn each bolt equal amounts. Each turn of the bolt changes the roll tension by approximately 6.5 lbf (29 N).

- f. Tighten jam-nut (F) after adjusting tension.
- g. Close drive shield.

## OPERATION

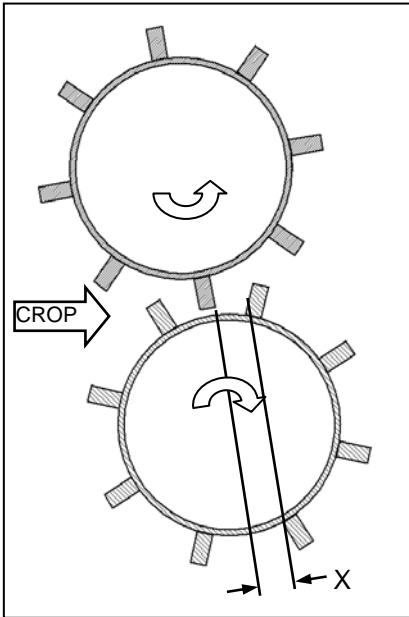
### 6.10.4 Roll Timing

For proper conditioning, the rolls must be properly timed with each steel bar on one roll centered between two bars of the other roll as shown. The factory setting should be suitable for most crop conditions.

#### IMPORTANT

Roll timing is critical when the roll gap is decreased because:

- Conditioning is affected, and
- The bars may contact each other.



To check roll timing "X", proceed as follows:



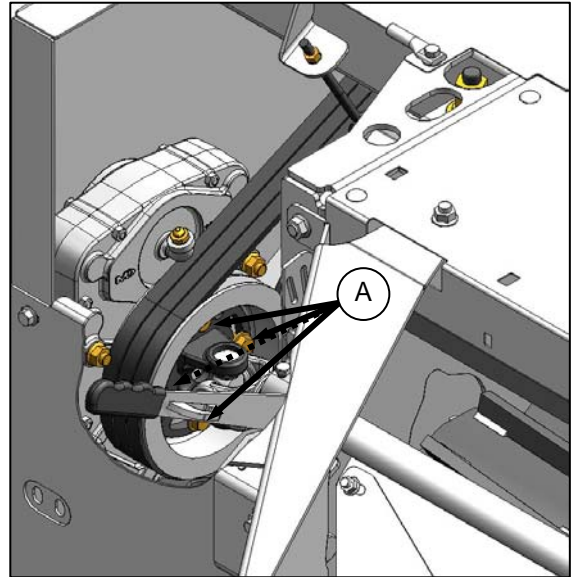
#### DANGER

**Stop engine and remove key from ignition before leaving operator's seat for any reason. A child or even a pet could engage an idling machine.**

- Lower header fully, stop engine and remove key.
- Open drive shield. See 7.5 DRIVE SHIELD.
- Examine roll timing (distance 'X') at each end of the rolls with the header fully lowered. Each steel bar on one roll should be centered between two bars of the other roll so that distance "X" is approximately equal on both sides of the bar.

### 6.10.4.1 Roll Timing Adjustment

Adjust roll timing, if necessary, as follows:



- Loosen four bolts (A) in slots of yoke plate on upper roll universal shaft.
- Manually rotate upper roll until timing is as stated above.
- Tighten bolts (A) to secure the position.



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### 6.10.5 Forming Shields



#### WARNING

Keep everyone several hundred feet away from your operation. Ensure bystanders are never in line with the front or rear of the machine. Stones or other foreign objects can be ejected from either end with force.

The position of the forming shields controls the width and placement of the windrow. The decision on forming shield position should be based on the following factors:

- weather conditions (rain, sun, humidity, wind)
- type and yield of crop
- drying time available
- method of processing (bales, silage, "green-feed")

A wider windrow will generally dry faster and more evenly, resulting in less protein loss. Fast drying is especially important in areas where the weather allows only a few days to cut and bale. Refer to Section 6.11, Haying Tips, for more information.

A narrower windrow may be preferred for ease of pick-up, and when drying is not critical, for example, when cutting for silage or "green-feed".

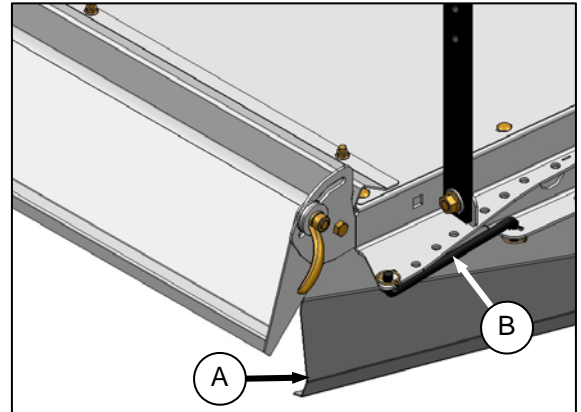
#### 6.10.5.1 Side Deflectors

The position of the side deflectors control the width and placement of the windrow.

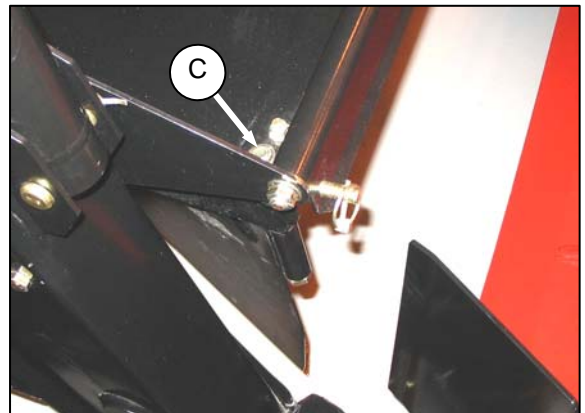


#### DANGER

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- a. Set forming shield side deflectors (A) to desired width by repositioning adjuster bars (B) in holes in forming shield cover. To ensure windrow placement is centered, adjust both side deflectors to the same position.



- b. If side deflector attachment is too tight or too loose, tighten or loosen nut (C) as required.

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### 6.10.5.2 Rear Deflector (Fluffer Shield)

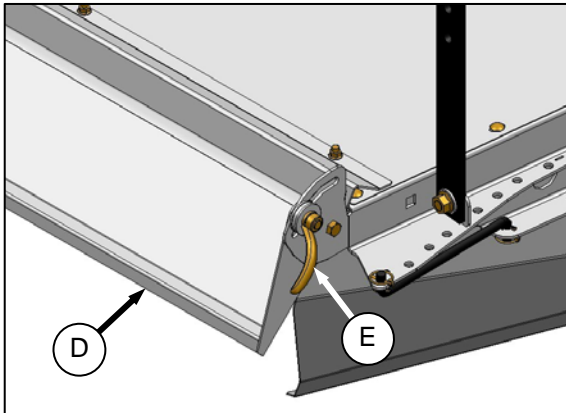
The rear deflector slows the crop exiting the conditioner rolls, directs the flow downward, and "fluffs" the material.

Adjust the deflector as follows:



#### DANGER

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BOTH SIDES

- For more crop control in light material, lower the deflector (D) by pushing down on one side of the deflector and then on the other side.

#### NOTE

*Locking handles (E) are located at either end of the deflector and may be loosened slightly.*

- For heavier crops, raise the deflector by pulling up on one side and then on the other side.

#### NOTE

*For even windrow formation, be sure the deflector is not twisted.*

- Tighten handles (E) to secure deflector position.

### 6.10.5.3 Baffle

The baffle (F) determines the width and height of the windrow. It is located immediately behind and above the conditioning rolls, and can be positioned to;

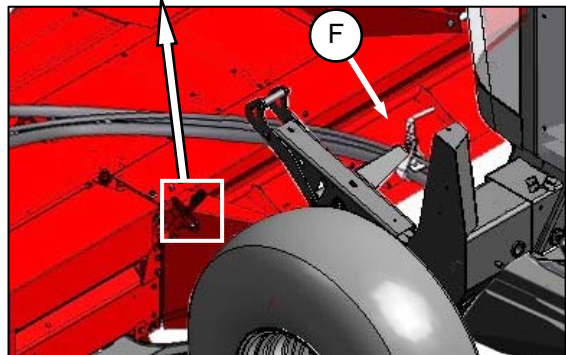
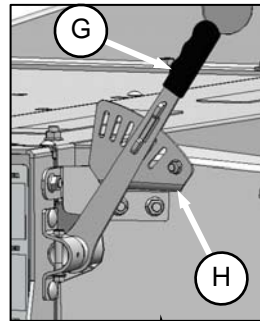
- Direct the crop flow into the forming shield for narrow and moderate width windrows.
- Direct crop downward to form a wide swath.

Adjust the baffle as follows:



#### DANGER

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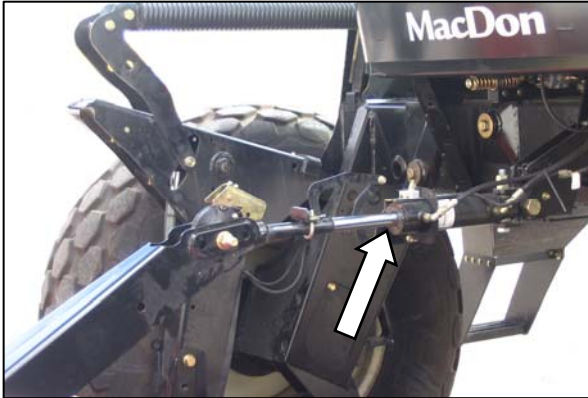


- Pull lever (G) to disengage from bracket (H) and move lever forward to raise baffle (F) and backward to lower baffle.
- Release lever into bracket.

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### 6.10.6 Header Angle

Header (or cutterbar) angle can be varied from 0-8° below horizontal. Choose an angle that maximizes performance for your crop and field conditions. A flatter angle provides better clearance in stony conditions while a steeper angle is required in down crops for better lifting action.



The header angle can be hydraulically adjusted from the windrower cab using hydraulic cylinder without shutting down the windrower. Refer to your MacDon Self-Propelled Windrower Operator's Manual.

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### 6.10.7 Cutting Height

Cutting height is determined by a combination of the angle of the cutterbar/header, and the skid shoe settings.

Cutting height should be adjusted for optimum cutting performance without allowing excessive build-up of mud and soil inside the header that can lead to poor crop flow and increased wear on cutting components.

Choose an angle that maximizes performance for your crop and field conditions. Refer to Section 6.11.6 Header Angle.

Optional adjustable skid shoes are available to also provide different cutting heights as described below:

- Lowering the skid shoes or decreasing header angle increases the cutting height. This may be desirable in stony conditions, to reduce damage to cutting components. Also, a longer stubble length helps material dry faster.
- Raising the skid shoes and increasing header angle allows the crop to be "shaved".

To minimize damage to cutterbar components, scooping soil, or soil build-up at the cutterbar in damp conditions, header float should be set as light as possible without causing excessive bouncing. When the float setting is light, it may be necessary to use a slower ground speed to avoid excessive bouncing and leaving a ragged cut.

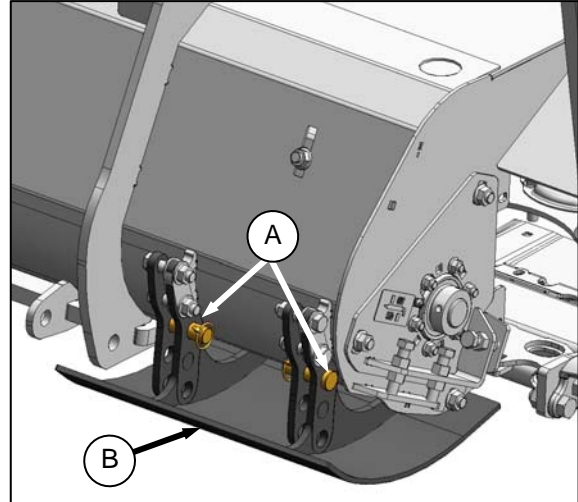
Set up the header as follows:



### DANGER

**To avoid bodily injury or death from unexpected start-up or fall of raised machine; stop engine, remove key and engage header lift cylinder stops before going under machine for any reason.**

- a. Raise header fully, stop engine, and remove key.
- b. Remove lynch pin and remove adjuster pin (A) from one side of skid shoe.
- c. Hold skid shoe and remove lynch pin and adjuster pin (A) from other side. Position shoe at desired position and reinstall adjuster pins (A). Secure with lynch pins.
- d. Repeat for skid shoe at opposite end of header.



- e. Check header float as described in the following section
- f. Adjust header angle to desired working position using the machines' header angle controls. If angle is not critical, set it to mid-position. Refer to Section 6.10.6 Header Angle for more information.

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### 6.10.8 Disc Speed

The disc header can be used to cut a variety of crops and for the best cutting results, a range of disc speeds is recommended for each type of crop and condition. See table below.

CROP	CONDITION	DISC RPM
Alfalfa	Heavy	2300-2500
	Light	1600-2000
Sudan, Sorghum, Haygrazer, Timothy	Tall & Stemmy	2300-2500
Short Grass	Dense	2500
	Thin	1800-2000

Disc speeds are set and adjusted from the cab using without shutting down the windrower. Refer to your MacDon Self-Propelled Windrower Operator's Manual.

### 6.10.9 Ground Speed



#### CAUTION

**Reduce speed when turning, crossing slopes, or when travelling over rough ground.**

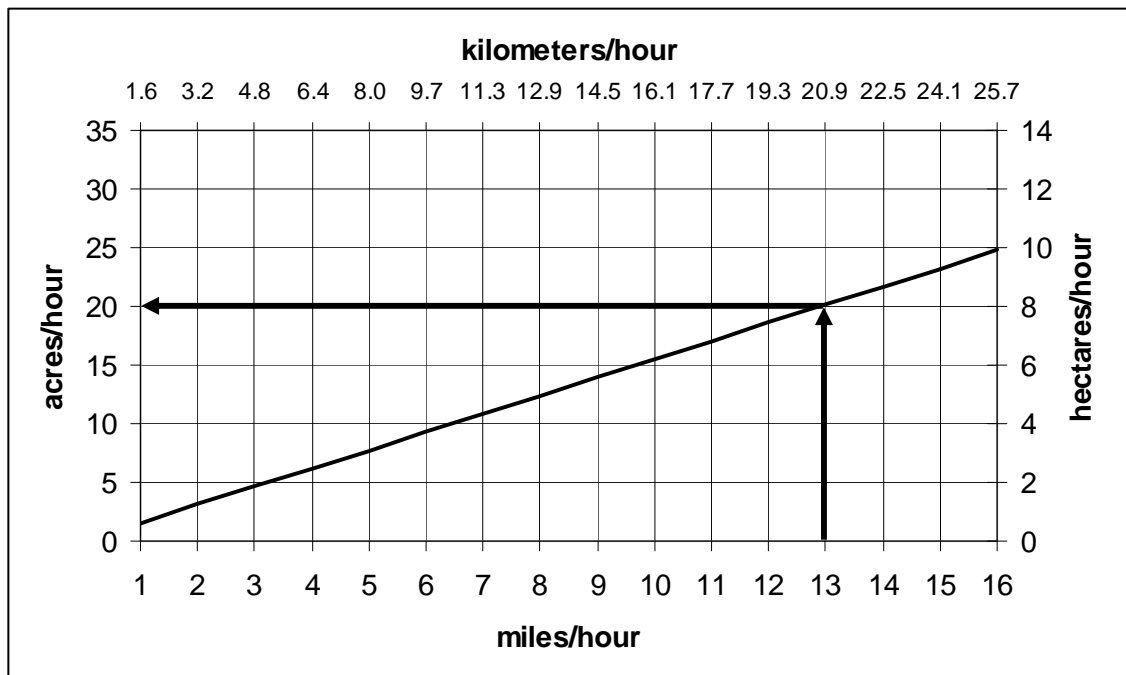
- a. Choose a ground speed that allows the cutterbar and conditioner to cut the crop smoothly and evenly. Try different combinations of header speed and ground speed to suit your specific crop. Refer to your MacDon Self-Propelled Windrower Operator's Manual for changing ground speed.
- b. In tough cutting conditions, such as native grasses, the disc speed will need to be increased.
- c. In light crops the header speed can be reduced while maintaining ground speed.

#### NOTE

*Operating the header at the minimum disc speed will extend the wear life of cutting components.*

- d. The chart below indicates the relationship between ground speed and area cut for two header sizes.

Example: At ground speed of 13 mph (21 km/h), the area cut would be approximately 20 acres (8 hectares) per hour.



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### 6.10.10 Double Windrowing



If your windrower is equipped with the Double Windrow Attachment (DWA), refer to MacDon M Series Windrower Double Windrow Attachment Manual #169216 for operating and maintenance instructions. The manual is shipped with the DWA Kit.

### 6.10.11 Tall Crop Dividers

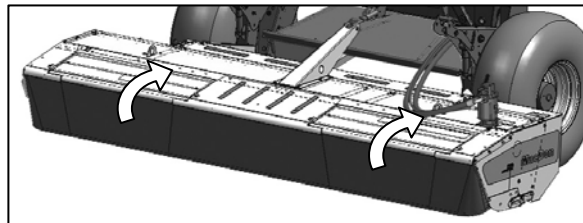
The tall crop dividers (one on each end of header) assist in clean crop dividing and cutterbar entry in tall crops. They are not adjustable but can easily be removed as follows:



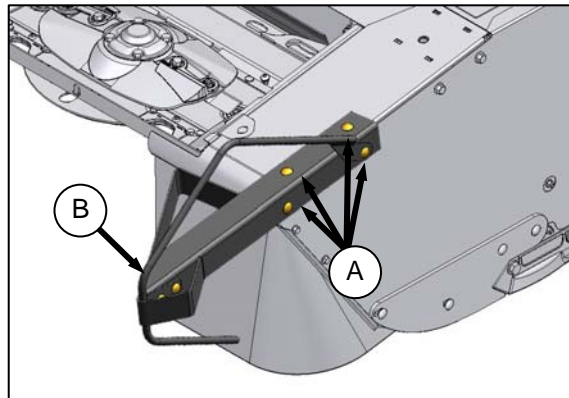
#### **DANGER**

**Stop engine and remove key from ignition before leaving operator's seat for any reason. A child or even a pet could engage an idling machine.**

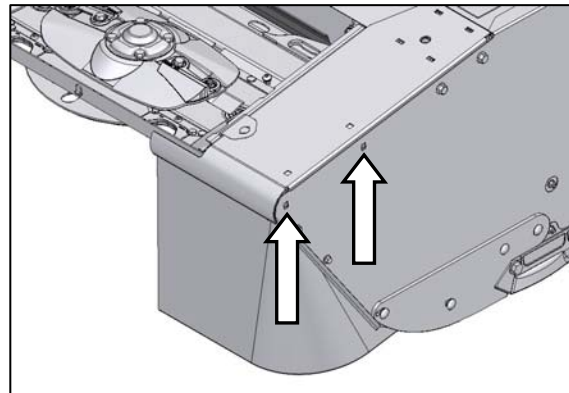
- a. Lower header to ground, shut down windrower and remove key.



- b. Open cutterbar doors.



- c. Remove the four bolts (A) and remove deflector (B).



- d. Re-install the four bolts.
- e. Close cutterbar doors.

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### 6.11 HAYING TIPS

#### 6.11.1 Curing

- a. A quick cure will maintain top quality because:
  - Protein is lost for each day hay lies on the ground,
  - The sooner the cut hay is harvested, the earlier the start for next growth.
- b. Leaving the windrow as wide and thin as possible makes for the quickest curing.
- c. The cured hay should be baled as soon as possible.

#### 6.11.2 Topsoil Moisture

- a. On wet soil, the general rule of "wide and thin" does not apply. A narrower windrow will dry faster than hay left flat on wet ground.
- b. When the ground is wetter than the hay, moisture from the soil is absorbed by the hay above it. Determine topsoil moisture level before cutting. Use a moisture tester or estimate level:

LEVEL	% MOISTURE	CONDITION
Wet	Over 45	Soil is Muddy
Damp	25 – 45	Shows Footprints
Dry	Under 25	Surface is Dusty

- c. If ground is wet due to irrigation, wait until soil moisture drops below 45%.
- d. If ground is wet due to frequent rains, cut when weather allows and let the forage lie on wet ground until it dries to the moisture level of the ground.
- e. The cut hay will dry no more until the ground under it dries, so consider moving the windrow to drier ground.

#### 6.11.3 Weather and Topography

- a. Cut as much hay as possible by midday, when drying conditions are best.
- b. Fields sloping south get up to 100% more exposure to the sun's heat than do north sloping fields. If hay is baled and chopped, consider baling the south facing fields and chopping those facing north.
- c. When relative humidity is high, the evaporation rate is low and hay dries slower.
- d. If there is no wind, saturated air becomes trapped around the windrow. Raking or tedding will expose the hay to fresher, less saturated air.
- e. Cutting hay perpendicular to the direction of the prevailing winds is also recommended.

#### 6.11.4 Windrow Characteristics

It is recommended that a windrow with the following characteristics be produced. Refer to Header Operation, Section 6.10 for instructions on adjusting the header.

CHARACTERISTIC	ADVANTAGE
High And Fluffy	The movement of air through the windrow is more important to the curing process than direct sunlight.
Consistent Formation, Not Bunchy	Permits an even flow of material into the baler, chopper etc.
Even Distribution of Material Across Windrow	Results in even and consistent bales to minimize handling and stacking problems.
Properly Conditioned	Prevents excessive leaf damage.

#### 6.11.5 Driving On Windrow

Driving on previously cut windrows can lengthen drying time by a full day in hay that will not be raked.

If practical, set forming shields for a narrower windrow that can be straddled.

#### NOTE

*Driving on the windrow in high yielding crops may be unavoidable if a full width windrow is necessary.*

#### 6.11.6 Raking and Tedding

- a. Raking or tedding speeds up drying, however the benefits must be weighted against the additional leaf losses which will result. There is little or no advantage to raking or tedding if the ground beneath the windrow is dry.
- b. Large windrows on damp or wet ground should be turned over when they reach 40-50% moisture. Hay should not be raked or teded at less than 25% moisture, or excessive yield losses will result.

#### 6.11.7 Chemical Drying Agents

- a. Hay drying agents work by removing wax from legume surfaces, enabling water to escape and evaporate faster. However, treated hay lying on wet ground will also absorb ground moisture faster.
- b. Before deciding to use a drying agent, costs and benefits relative to your area should be carefully compared.

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### 6.12 UNPLUGGING THE HEADER



#### DANGER

Stop windrower engine and remove key before removing plugged material from header. A child or even a pet could engage the drive.

- a. Stop forward movement of the windrower and disengage the header.
- b. Raise header fully, shut off engine, remove key.
- c. Engage header lift cylinder locks.



#### WARNING

Wear heavy gloves when working around cutterbar.

- d. Open cutterbar doors and clean off cutterbar by hand.

### 6.13 STORAGE

Do the following at the end of each operating season:

- a. Clean the windrower thoroughly.



#### CAUTION

**Never use gasoline, naphtha or any volatile material for cleaning purposes. These materials may be toxic and/or flammable.**

- b. Store in a dry, protected place if possible. If stored outside, always cover windrower with a waterproof canvas or other protective material.
- c. Raise header and engage header lift cylinder lock-outs.
- d. If possible, block up the windrower to take weight off tires.
- e. Repaint all worn or chipped painted surfaces to prevent rust.
- f. Loosen drive belts.
- g. Lubricate the header thoroughly, leaving excess grease on fittings to keep moisture out of bearings. Apply grease to exposed threads, cylinder rods and sliding surfaces of components. Oil cutterbar components to prevent rust.
- h. Check for worn components and repair as necessary.
- i. Check for broken components and order replacement from your dealer. Attention to these items right away will save time and effort at beginning of next season.
- j. Replace or tighten any missing or loose hardware. Refer to Section 7.3.1, Recommended Torques.
- k. Remove tall crop dividers (if equipped) to reduce space required for inside storage.



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The following instructions are provided to assist the operator in the use of the disc header. Detailed maintenance, service, and parts information are contained in the Service Instruction Manual and Parts Catalogue that are available from your dealer.

Log hours of operation and use the "Maintenance Checklist" provided to keep a record of scheduled maintenance. Refer to Section 7.11, Maintenance Schedule.

### 7.1 PREPARATION FOR SERVICING



#### CAUTION

To avoid personal injury, before servicing header or opening drive covers, perform the following:

- Fully lower the header. If necessary to service in the raised position, always engage header lift cylinder stops.
- Stop engine and remove key.
- Engage park brake.
- Wait for all moving parts to stop.

### 7.2 RECOMMENDED SAFETY PROCEDURES

- Park on level surface when possible. Block wheels securely if windrower is parked on an incline. Follow all recommendations in your Windrower Operator's Manual.
- Wear close-fitting clothing and cover long hair. Never wear dangling items such as scarves or bracelets.
- Wear protective shoes with slip-resistant soles, a hard hat, protective glasses or goggles and heavy gloves.



- If more than one person is servicing the machine at the same time, be aware that rotating a driveline or other mechanically driven component by hand (for example, accessing a lube fitting) will cause drive components in other areas (belts, pulleys, and disc) to move. Stay clear of driven components at all times.



- Be prepared if an accident should occur. Know where the first aid kit and fire extinguishers are located and how to use them.



- Keep the service area clean and dry. Wet or oily floors are slippery. Wet spots can be dangerous when working with electrical equipment. Be sure all electrical outlets and tools are properly grounded.
- Use adequate light for the job at hand.
- Replace all shields removed or opened for service.
- Use only service and repair parts made or approved by the equipment manufacturer. Substituted parts may not meet strength, design or safety requirements.
- Keep the machine clean. Never use gasoline, naphtha or any volatile material for cleaning purposes. These materials may be toxic and/or flammable.

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## 7.3 MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS

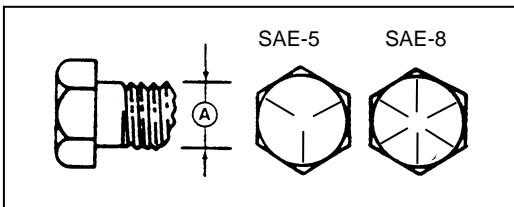
### 7.3.1 Recommended Torques

- Tighten all bolts to the torques specified in chart unless otherwise noted throughout this manual.
- Check tightness of bolts periodically, using bolt torque chart as a guide.
- Replace hardware with the same strength bolt.
- Torque figures are valid for non-greased or non-oiled threads and heads unless otherwise specified. Do not grease or oil bolts or capscrews unless specified in this manual.
- When using locking elements, increase torque values by 5%.

#### 7.3.1.1 SAE Bolts

BOLT DIA. "A" in.	NC BOLT TORQUE*			
	SAE 5		SAE 8	
	lbf-ft	N-m	lbf-ft	N-m
1/4	9	12	11	15
5/16	18	24	25	34
3/8	32	43	41	56
7/16	50	68	70	95
1/2	75	102	105	142
9/16	110	149	149	202
5/8	150	203	200	271
3/4	265	359	365	495
7/8	420	569	600	813
1	640	867	890	1205

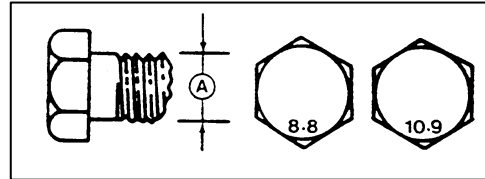
\* Torque categories for bolts and capscrews are identified by their head markings.



#### 7.3.1.2 Metric Bolts

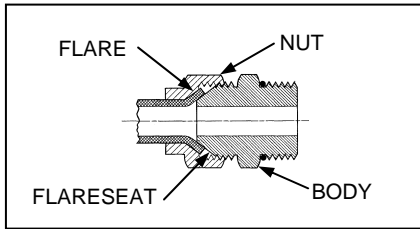
BOLT DIA. "A"	NC BOLT TORQUE*			
	8.8		10.9	
	lbf-ft	N-m	lbf-ft	N-m
M3	0.4	0.5	1.3	1.8
M4	2.2	3	3.3	4.5
M5	4	6	7	9
M6	7	10	11	15
M8	18	25	26	35
M10	37	50	52	70
M12	66	90	92	125
M14	103	140	148	200
M16	166	225	229	310
M20	321	435	450	610
M24	553	750	774	1050
M30	1103	1495	1550	2100
M36	1917	2600	2710	3675

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### 7.3.1.3 Flare-Type Hydraulic Fittings

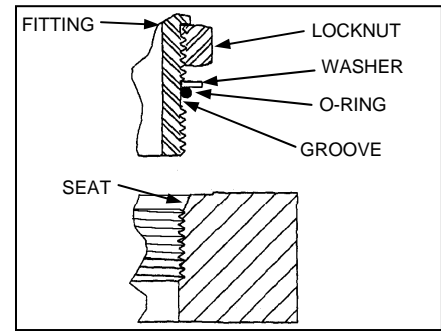


- Check flare and flare seat for defects that might cause leakage.
- Align tube with fitting before tightening.
- Lubricate connection and hand tighten swivel nut until snug.
- To prevent twisting the tube(s), use two wrenches. Place one wrench on the connector body and with the second tighten the swivel nut to the torque shown.

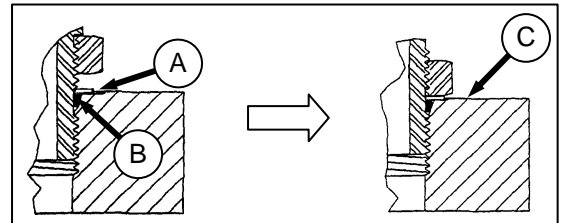
SAE NO.	TUBE SIZE O.D. (in.)	THD SIZE (in.)	NUT SIZE ACROSS FLATS (in.)	TORQUE VALUE*		RECOMMENDED TURNS TO TIGHTEN (AFTER FINGER TIGHTENING)	
				ft-lbf	N-m	Flats	Turns
3	3/16	3/8	7/16	6	8	1	1/6
4	1/4	7/16	9/16	9	12	1	1/6
5	5/16	1/2	5/8	12	16	1	1/6
6	3/8	9/16	11/16	18	24	1	1/6
8	1/2	3/4	7/8	34	46	1	1/6
10	5/8	7/8	1	46	62	1	1/6
12	3/4	1-1/16	1-1/4	75	102	3/4	1/8
14	7/8	1-3/16	1-3/8	90	122	3/4	1/8
16	1	1-5/16	1-1/2	105	142	3/4	1/8

\* The torque values shown are based on lubricated connections as in reassembly.

### 7.3.1.4 O-Ring Type Hydraulic Fittings



- Inspect O-ring and seat for dirt or obvious defects.



- On angle fittings, back off the lock nut until washer (A) bottoms out at top of groove (B) in fitting.
- Hand tighten fitting until back up washer (A) or washer face (if straight fitting) bottoms on part face (C) and O-ring is seated.
- Position angle fittings by unscrewing no more than one turn.
- Tighten straight fittings to torque shown.
- Tighten angle fittings to torque shown in the following table while holding body of fitting with a wrench.

SAE NO.	THD SIZE (in.)	NUT SIZE ACROSS FLATS (in.)	TORQUE VALUE*		RECOMMENDED TURNS TO TIGHTEN (AFTER FINGER TIGHTENING)	
			ft-lbf	N-m	Flats	Turns
3	3/8	1/2	6	8	2	1/3
4	7/16	9/16	9	12	2	1/3
5	1/2	5/8	12	16	2	1/3
6	9/16	11/16	18	24	2	1/3
8	3/4	7/8	34	46	2	1/3
10	7/8	1	46	62	1-1/2	1/4
12	1-1/16	1-1/4	75	102	1	1/6
14	1-3/16	1-3/8	90	122	1	1/6
16	1-5/16	1-1/2	105	142	3/4	1/8
20	1-5/8	1-7/8	140	190	3/4	1/8
24	1-7/8	2-1/8	160	217	1/2	1/12

\* The torque values shown are based on lubricated connections as in reassembly.

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### 7.3.2 Recommended Lubricants

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

**IMPORTANT**

**Do not overfill the cutterbar when adding lubricant.** Overheating and failure of cutterbar components may occur if overfilled.

LUBRICANT	SPEC	DESCRIPTION	USE	CAPACITIES
Grease	SAE Multi-Purpose	High Temp. Extreme Pressure (EP2) Performance With 1% Max Molybdenum Disulphide (NLGI Grade 2). Lithium Base	As Required Unless Otherwise Specified.	--
		High Temp. Extreme Pressure (EP) Performance With 10% Max Molybdenum Disulphide (NLGI Grade 2). Lithium Base	Driveline Slip-Joints	--
Gear Lubricant	Traxon LS 80W90*	High Thermal & Oxidation Stability. API Service Class GL-5	Cutterbar	7 Pints (3.25 litres)
			Conditioner Gearbox	12 oz. (350 ml)
			Bevel Gearbox	21 oz. (620 ml)

\* or equivalent

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### 7.3.3 Conversion Chart

QUANTITY	INCH-POUND UNITS		FACTOR	SI UNITS (METRIC)	
	UNIT NAME	ABBR.		UNIT NAME	ABBR.
Area	acres	acres	$\times 0.4047 =$	hectares	ha
Flow	US gallons per minute	(gpm)	$\times 3.7854 =$	liters per minute	L/min
Force	pounds force	lbf	$\times 4.4482 =$	Newtons	N
Length	inch	in.	$\times 25.4 =$	millimeters	mm
	foot	ft	$\times 0.305 =$	meters	m
Power	horsepower	hp	$\times 0.7457 =$	kilowatts	kW
Pressure	pounds per square inch	psi	$\times 6.8948 =$	kilopascals	kPa
			$\times .00689 =$	megapascals	MPa
Torque	pound feet or foot pounds	lbf-ft or ft-lbf	$\times 1.3558 =$	newton meters	N·m
	pound inches or inch pounds	lbf-in. or in-lbf	$\times 0.1129 =$	newton meters	N·m
Temperature	degrees Fahrenheit	°F	$(F - 32) \times 0.56 =$	Celsius	°C
Velocity	feet per minute	ft/min	$\times 0.3048 =$	meters per minute	m/min
	feet per second	ft/s	$\times 0.3048 =$	meters per second	m/s
	miles per hour	mph	$\times 1.6063 =$	kilometers per hour	km/h
Volume	US gallons	US gal.	$\times 3.7854 =$	liters	L
	ounces	oz.	$\times 29.5735 =$	milliliters	ml
	cubic inches	in. <sup>3</sup>	$\times 16.3871 =$	cubic centimeters	cm <sup>3</sup> or cc
Weight	pounds	lb	$\times 0.4536 =$	kilograms	kg

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### 7.4 HEADER LIFT CYLINDER LOCKS

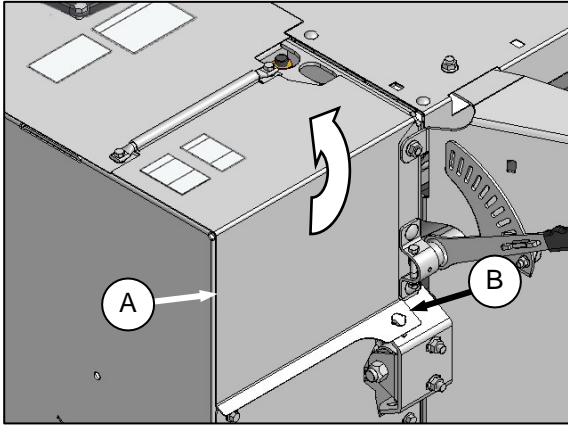
Refer to your MacDon Self-Propelled Windrower Operator's Manual for details on the header lift cylinder locks.

### 7.5 DRIVE SHIELD



#### WARNING

Do not operate the machine with the drive shields open. High speed rotating components may throw debris and could result in death or serious injury.



- To open the drive shield (A), rotate fastener (B) ¼ turn and lift shield to open position.

#### NOTE

*Fastener is spring-loaded and should return to original position.*

- To close, lower shield and fastener will self-latch.

### 7.6 CUTTERBAR DOORS



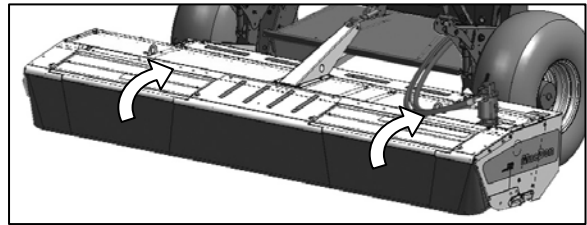
#### WARNING

Do not operate the machine without all the cutterbar doors down, curtains installed and in good condition.

There are two doors, to provide access to the cutterbar area. Rubber curtains are attached to each door, and at the front corners and center fixed cover.

The cutterbar curtains are very important to reduce the potential for thrown objects. Always keep these curtains down when operating the mower-conditioner.

Replace the curtains if they should become worn or damaged. Refer to your dealer or the Technical Service Manual for replacement instructions.



- To open door, lift at front of door.
- To close door pull at top and move to closed position.



#### CAUTION

To avoid injury, keep hands and finger away from corners of doors when closing.

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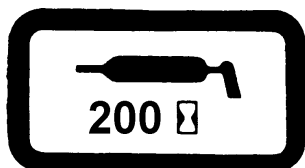
### 7.7 LUBRICATION



#### WARNING

To avoid personal injury, before servicing windrower or opening drive covers, follow procedures in Section 7.1, Preparation for Servicing.

The greasing points are marked on the machine by decals showing a grease gun and grease interval in hours of operation.



Log hours of operation and use the "Maintenance Checklist" provided to keep a record of scheduled maintenance. Refer to Section 7.11, Maintenance Schedule.

### 7.7.2 Greasing Points

Refer to the illustrations on the following pages for identifying the various locations that require lubrication.

#### 7.7.1 Greasing Procedure



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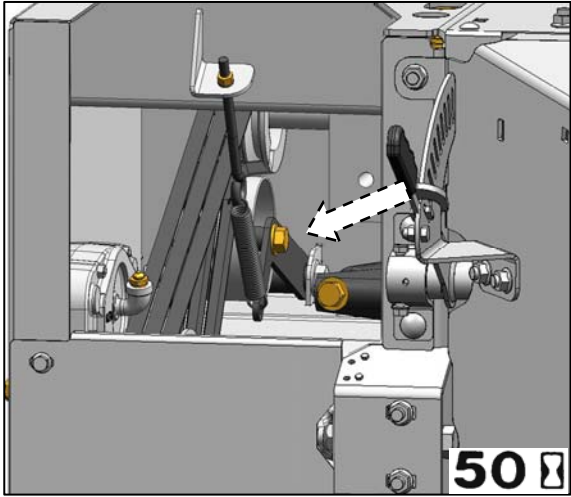
Stop engine and remove key from ignition before leaving operator's seat for any reason. A child or even a pet could engage an idling machine.

- a. Use the recommended lubricants specified in this manual. See 7.3.2 Recommended Lubricants.
- b. Wipe grease fitting with a clean cloth before greasing, to avoid injecting dirt and grit.
- c. Inject grease through fitting with grease gun until grease overflows fitting, except where noted.
- d. Leave excess grease on fitting to keep out dirt.
- e. Replace any loose or broken fittings immediately.
- f. If fitting will not take grease, remove and clean thoroughly. Also clean lubricant passageway. Replace fitting if necessary.

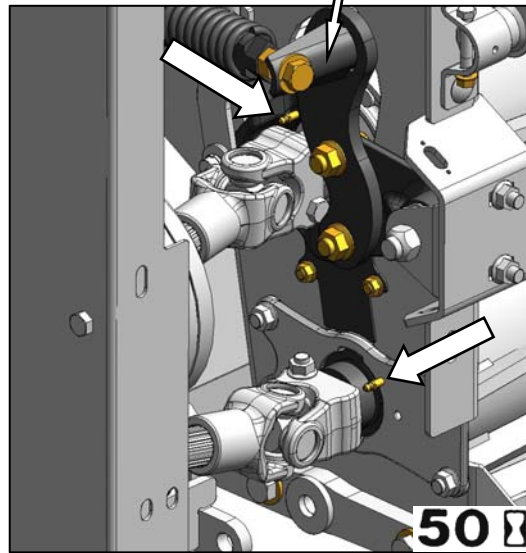
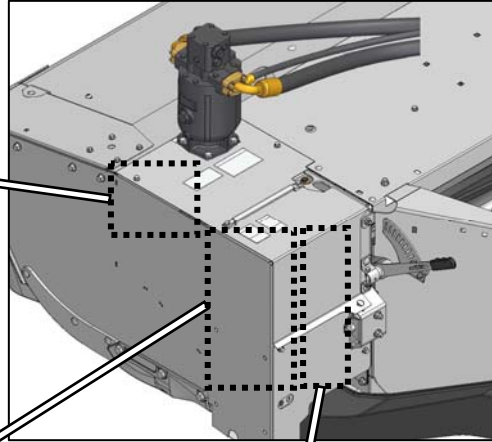
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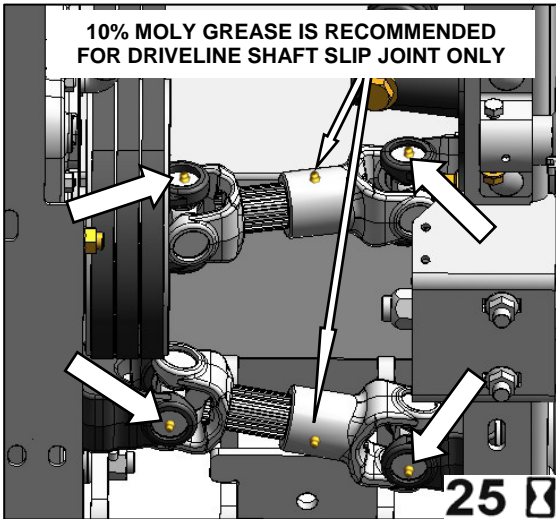
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ROLL SHAFT BEARINGS (2 PLCS)



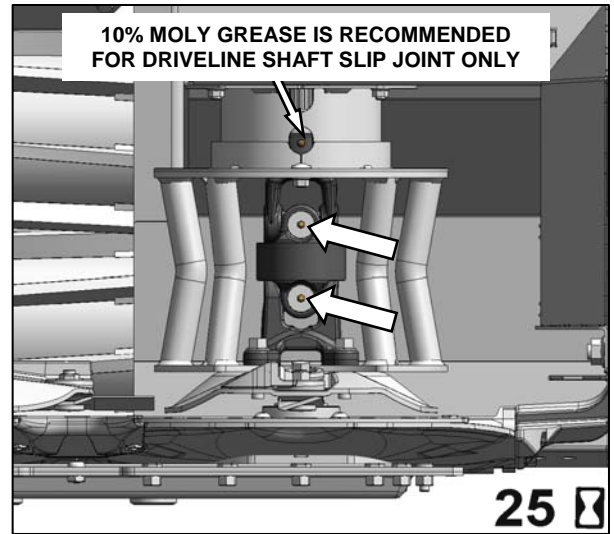
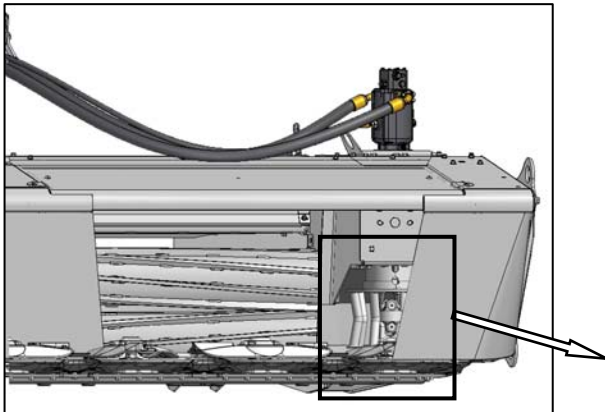
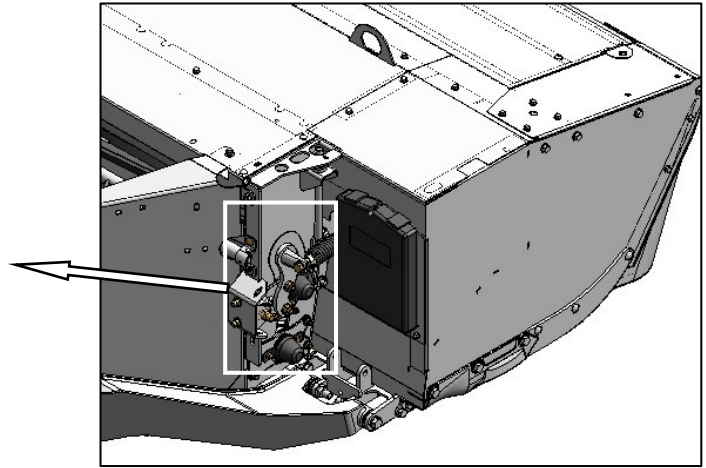
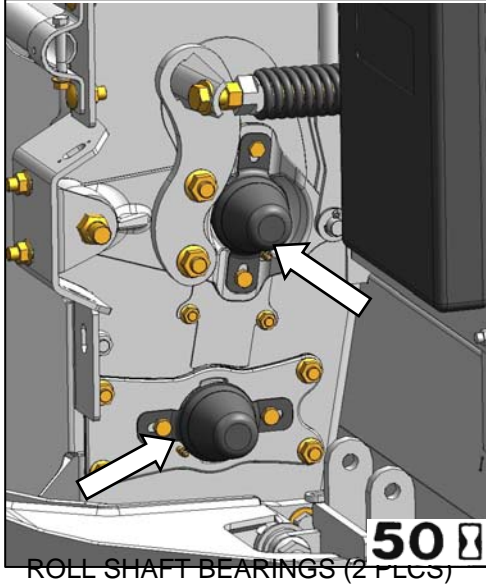
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## Greasing

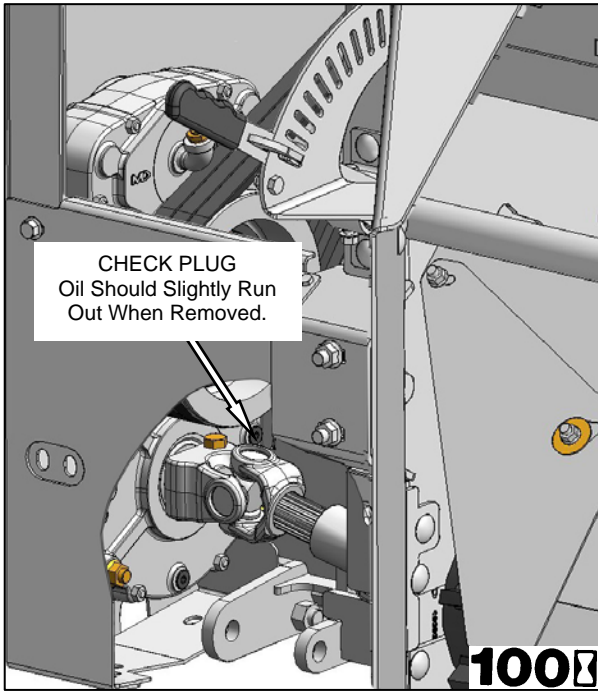
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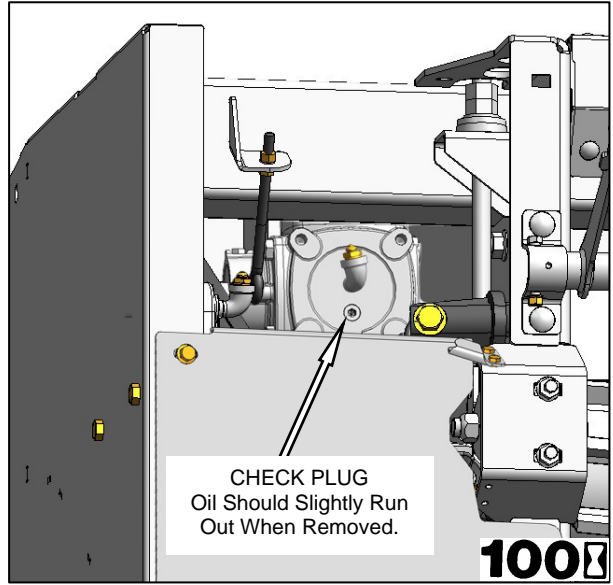
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## 7.7.3 Lubricant Level



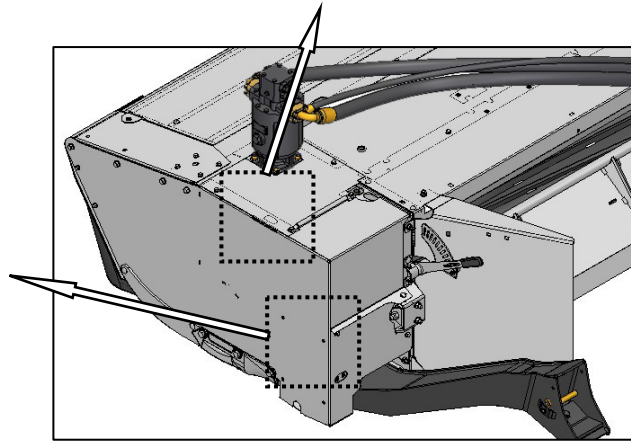
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Oil Should Slightly Run  
Out When Removed.

GEARBOX LUBRICANT LEVEL  
(CHECK WITH HEADER FULLY RAISED)



CHECK PLUG  
Oil Should Slightly Run  
Out When Removed.

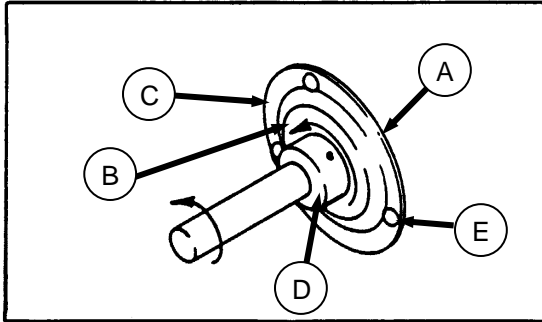
GEARBOX LUBRICANT LEVEL  
(CHECK WITH TOP OF HEADER HORIZONTAL)



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### 7.7.4 Sealed Bearing Installation

- a. Clean shaft and coat with rust preventative.



- b. Install flangette (A), bearing (B), second flangette (C) and lock collar (D).

**NOTE**

*The locking cam is only on one side of the bearing.*

- c. Install (but do not tighten) the flangette bolts (E).
- d. When the shaft is correctly located, lock the lock collar with a punch.

**NOTE**

*The collar should be locked in the same direction the shaft rotates. Tighten the set screw in the collar.*

- e. Tighten the flangette bolts.
- f. Loosen the flangette bolts on the mating bearing one turn and re-tighten. This will allow the bearing to line up.

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### 7.8 CUTTERBAR

#### 7.8.1 Cutter Bar Lubrication

The lubricant level in the cutterbar cannot be checked. If in doubt as to the quantity of lubricant in the cutterbar, do not add lubricant. Drain the cutterbar and refill with new clean lubricant as follows:

##### IMPORTANT

Drain the cutterbar when the lubricant is warm. If the lubricant is cold, idle the machine for about 10 minutes prior to draining.



#### DANGER

Stop engine and remove key from ignition before leaving operator's seat for any reason. A child or even a pet could engage an idling machine.



#### CAUTION

Exercise caution when working around the blades. Blades are sharp and can cause serious injury. Wear gloves when handling blades.

##### 7.8.1.1 Draining

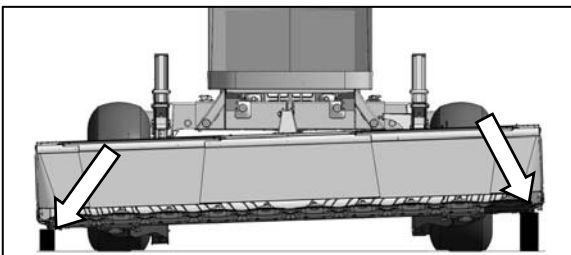
- Park the machine on level ground, raise header fully, stop engine, and remove key.



#### DANGER

To avoid bodily injury or death from unexpected start-up or fall of raised machine; stop engine, remove key and engage header lift cylinder stops before going under machine for any reason.

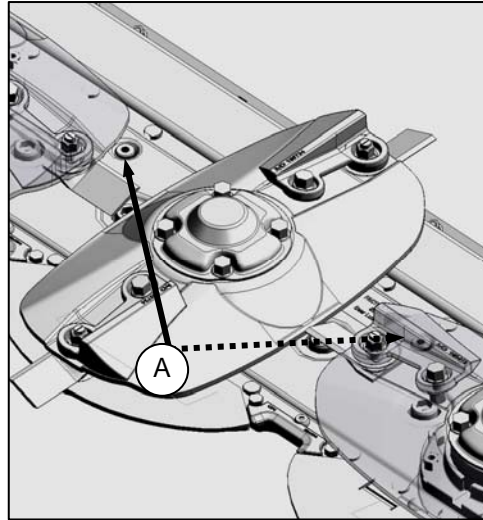
- Engage header lift cylinder locks.
- Place a block under each end of the header.



##### NOTE

The block under the left end of the header should be higher than the right end.

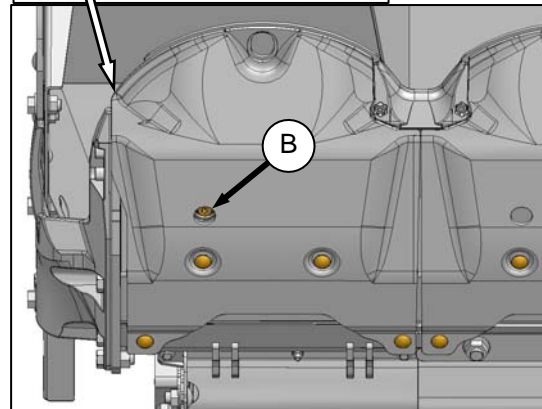
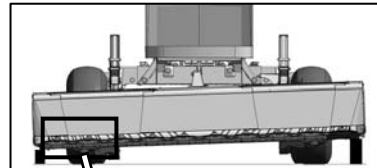
- Disengage the header lift cylinder locks, start windrower, and lower header onto blocks. Shut down windrower and remove key.
- Open cutterbar RH door.



- Clean around either filler (A) and remove plug with an 8 mm hex L-Key.

##### NOTE

Rotate disc to expose filler if necessary.



- Place a suitably sized container under the cutterbar drain hole (B).
- Remove plug (B) with an 8 mm hex L-Key, and allow sufficient time for lubricant to drain.

##### IMPORTANT

Do not flush the cutterbar.

- Replace drain plug (B) and tighten.
- Safely dispose of lubricant.

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### 7.8.1.2 Filling



#### DANGER

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#### CAUTION

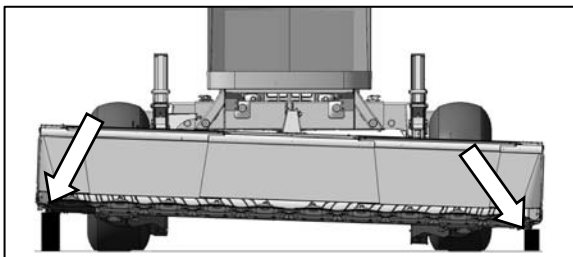
Never start or move the machine until you are sure all bystanders have cleared the area.

- Start engine and raise header. Stop engine and engage header lift cylinder lock-outs.
- Move higher block to right end of header and remove used lubricant container.

#### NOTE

*Having the fill end higher allows for quicker filling of cutterbar.*

- Disengage header lift cylinder lock-outs.



- Start engine and lower header onto blocks. Stop engine and remove key.



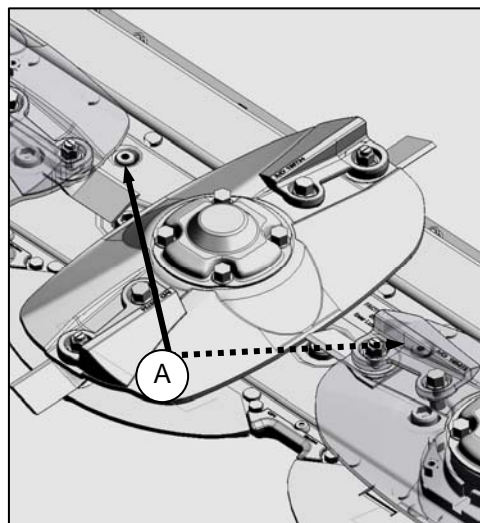
#### DANGER

Stop engine and remove key from ignition before leaving operator's seat for any reason. A child or even a pet could engage an idling machine.

- Add exactly 7 pints (3.25 litres) of Traxon SAE 80W-90 lubricant through filler hole (A).

#### IMPORTANT

Do not overfill the cutterbar. Overfilling can cause overheating, and damage to or failure of cutterbar will occur.



- Replace filler plug (A).
- Close cutterbar doors.
- Start engine and raise header.
- Stop engine and engage header lift cylinder lock-outs.
- Remove blocks.

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### 7.8.2 Rock Guards

The R85 is equipped with a rock guard at each cutting disc location. The rock guard prevents the cutterbar from digging into the ground and protects the disc from coming in contact with stones and other debris.



#### DANGER

Stop engine and remove key from ignition before leaving operator's seat for any reason. A child or even a pet could engage an idling machine.



#### DANGER

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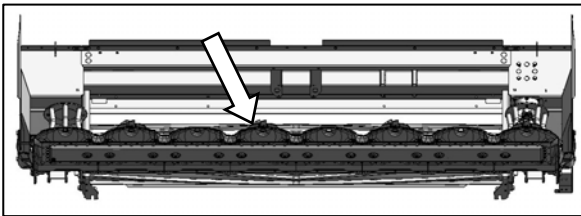


#### CAUTION

Exercise caution when working around the blades. Blades are sharp and can cause serious injury. Wear gloves when handling blades.

Check rock guards periodically for severe damage or wear as follows:

- Raise header fully, stop engine, and remove key.
- Engage header lift cylinder locks.



- Inspect rock guards for severe damage, wear, and distortion. The guards should be replaced if severely damaged or worn.
- Check for loose or missing fasteners and tighten or replace fastener if missing.
- See the Technical Manual or your MacDon dealer for replacement procedures.

### 7.8.3 Disc Maintenance

Check daily that discs are not damaged by rocks or worn excessively from abrasive working conditions. They are interchangeable and a disc can be moved to a spindle that rotates in the opposite direction, as long as it is in a useable condition. The discs are not repairable and must be replaced if severely damaged or worn.

#### IMPORTANT

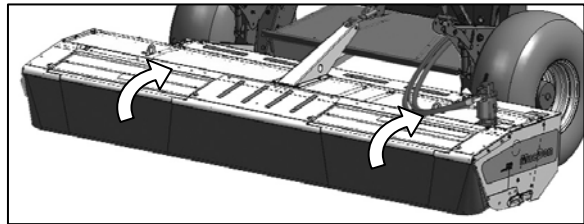
*If holes appear in a disc, replace the disc immediately. Do not attempt to repair the discs. Always use factory replacement parts.*



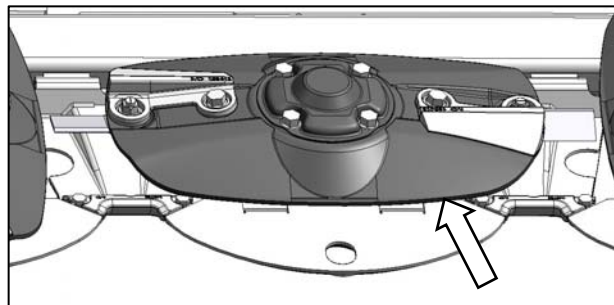
#### DANGER

Stop engine and remove key from ignition before leaving operator's seat for any reason. A child or even a pet could engage an idling machine.

- Lower header to ground, shut off engine and remove key.



- Open cutterbar doors.



- Check discs for damage or loose fasteners.
- Replace damaged discs. Refer to following section.
- Replace damaged fasteners. Tighten loose fasteners.
- Close cutterbar doors.

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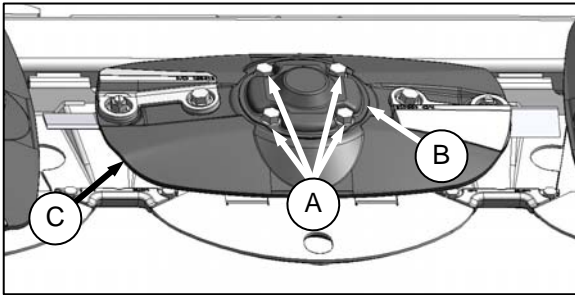
### 7.8.3.1 Disc Removal/Installation



### CAUTION

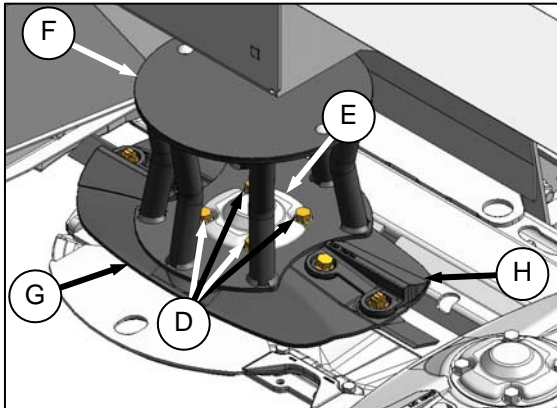
Exercise caution when working around the blades. Blades are sharp and can cause serious injury. Wear gloves when handling blades.

- Place a block of wood between two discs to prevent disc rotation while loosening blade bolts.
- Replacing a disc:



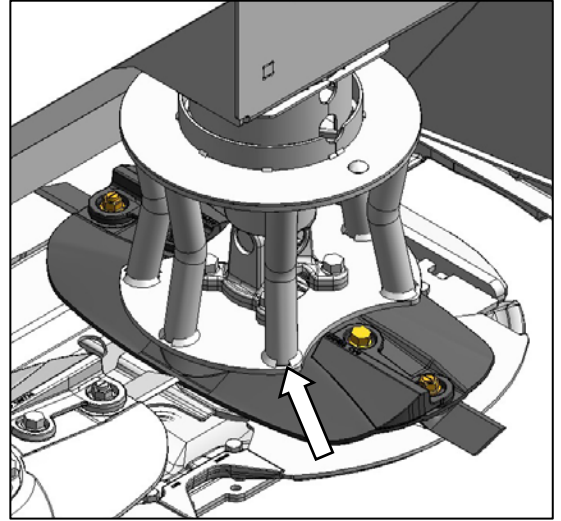
- Remove four bolts (A) on disc cover (B) and remove cover and disc (C).
- Position new disc (C) on spindle ensuring it is 90 degrees to the adjacent discs.
- Install cover (B) and secure with four bolts (A). Tighten bolts to 92 ft·lbf (125 N·m).

- Replacing driven disc under deflector:



- Remove four bolts (D).
- Remove cover (E), deflector (F), and disc (G).
- Position new disc (G) on spindle ensuring it is 90 degrees to adjacent discs.
- Position deflector (F) on spindle so that it clears accelerators (H).
- Install cover (E), and secure with four bolts (D). Tighten bolts to 92 ft·lbf (125 N·m).

- Replacing the driveline disc:



Refer to the Technical Service Manual.



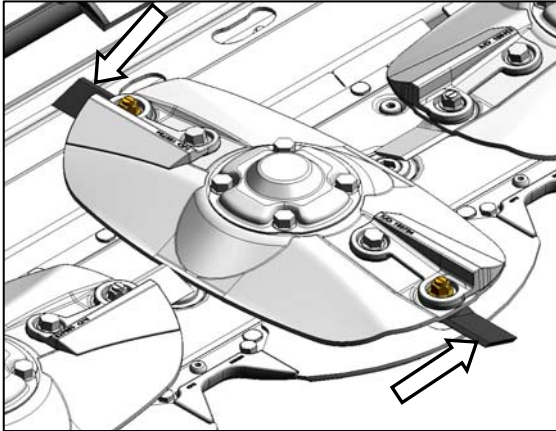
### WARNING

Ensure cutterbar is completely clear of foreign objects. These objects can be ejected with considerable force when the machine is started and may result in serious injury or machine damage.

- Close doors.

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### 7.8.4 Cutter Blades



Each disc has two cutter blades attached to either end and are free to swivel horizontally on a specially designed shoulder bolt. The blade, with two cutting edges, can be flipped over so that the blade doesn't need to be replaced as often.

The blades are not repairable and must be replaced if severely damaged or worn.

#### IMPORTANT

Always use factory replacement parts.

#### 7.8.4.1 Inspection



#### CAUTION

Cutter blades have two cutting edges. Exercise caution when working around the blades. Blades are sharp and can cause serious injury. Wear gloves when handling blades.



#### CAUTION

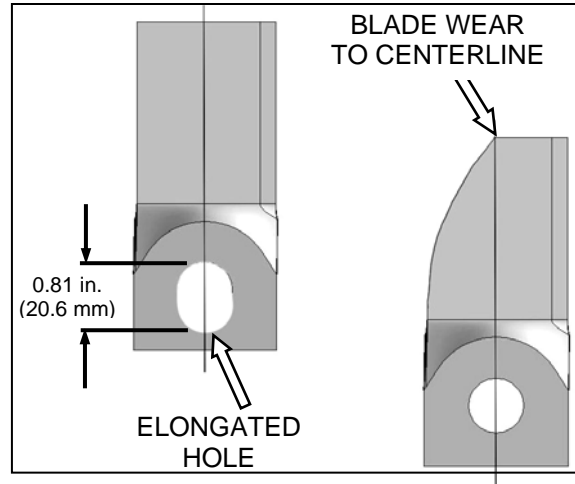
Damaged blades may damage the cutterbar, and result in poor cutting performance. Replace damaged blades at earliest possible opportunity.



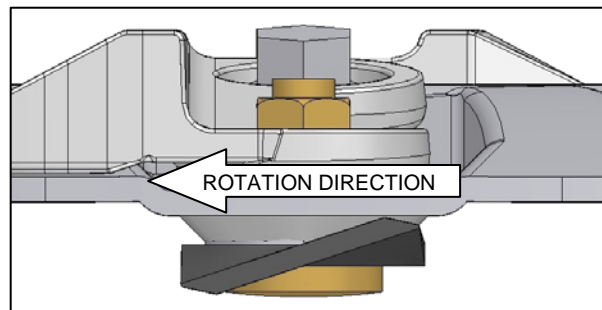
#### DANGER

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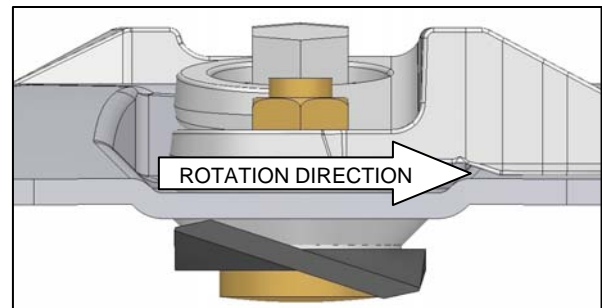
- Check daily that the cutter blades are securely attached to the disc.



- Check blades for cracks or wear beyond safe operating limits and distortion.
- Replace blades immediately if any of these problems occur.



CLOCKWISE DISC



COUNTERCLOCKWISE DISC

#### IMPORTANT

Blades should be replaced in pairs, otherwise the disc may be unbalanced and damage the cutterbar.

#### IMPORTANT

The cutter blades have cutting edges on both edges so that the blade can be turned over and reused. The twist in each blade determines if its cutting direction is clockwise or counterclockwise.



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### 7.8.4.2 Replacement



#### CAUTION

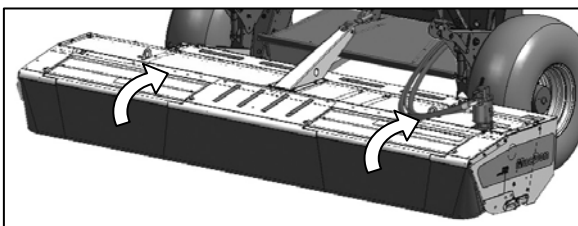
Cutter blades have two cutting edges. Exercise caution when working around the blades. Blades are sharp and can cause serious injury. Wear gloves when handling blades.



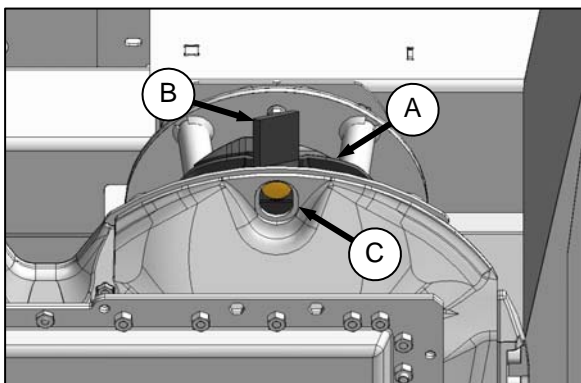
#### DANGER

To avoid bodily injury or death from unexpected start-up or fall of raised machine; stop engine, remove key and engage lift cylinder lock-out valves before going under machine for any reason.

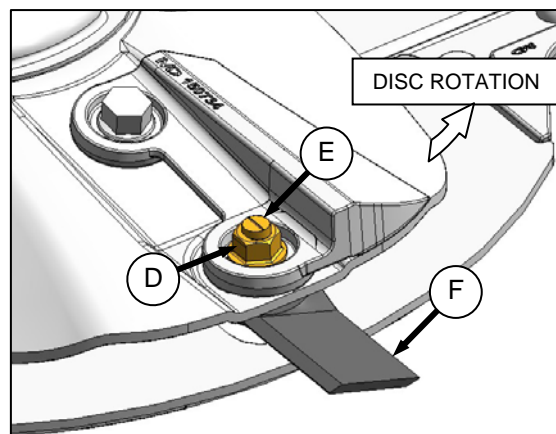
- Raise header fully, shut off engine and remove key.
- Engage lift cylinder lock-out valves.



- Open cutterbar door(s).



- Rotate disc (A) so that blade (B) faces forward, and lines up with hole (C) in rock guard.
- Place a block of wood between two discs to prevent disc rotation while loosening blade bolts.
- Clean debris from blade attachment area.



- Remove nut (D).
- Remove shoulder bolt (E), and blade (F).
- Install new or reversed blade (F) with shoulder bolt (E) onto disc.
- Install nut (D). Tighten nut to 100 ft-lbf (135 N-m).
- Remove block of wood if used.



#### WARNING

Ensure cutterbar is completely clear of foreign objects. These objects can be ejected with considerable force when the machine is started and may result in serious injury or machine damage.

- Close doors.

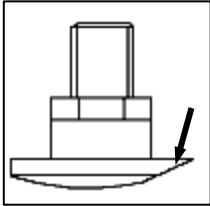
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### 7.8.4.3 Cutter Blade Hardware

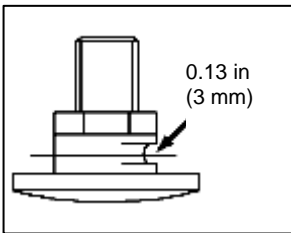
Check blade attachment hardware each time blades are changed. Refer to previous section for hardware replacement procedure.

a. Check bolts for wear or damage and replace bolt if:

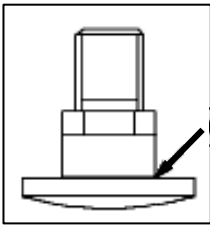
1. Bolt has been removed and installed five times.



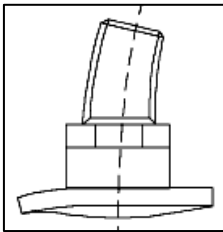
2. Head is worn flush with bearing surface of blade.



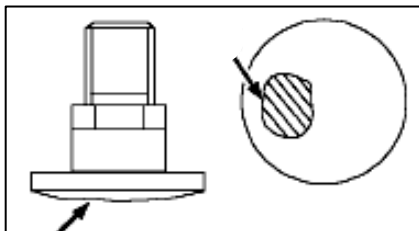
3. Diameter of bolt neck is worn out of specification.



4. Bolt is cracked.

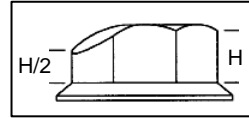


5. Bolt is visibly distorted.



6. Evidence of interference with adjacent parts.

b. Check nuts for wear or damage and replace nut if:



- Worn height is less than half total height.
- Cracked.
- Nut has been removed and installed five times.

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### 7.8.5 Cage Deflectors

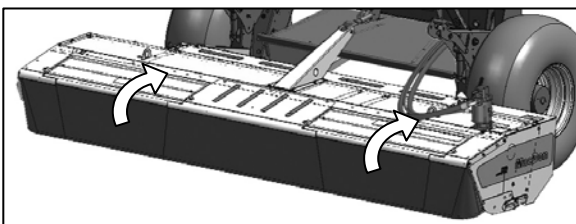
The cage deflectors are designed to deliver the cut material from the ends of the cutterbar into the auger and to assist in maintaining the even flow of crop into the conditioner. They should be checked daily for damage or wear.



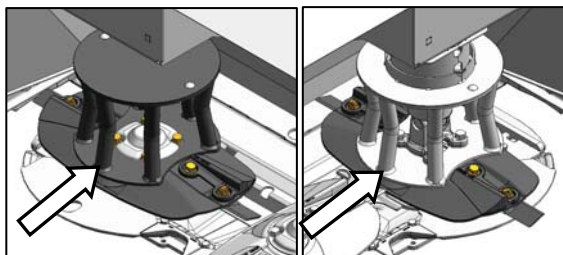
#### DANGER

**Stop engine and remove key from ignition before leaving operator's seat for any reason. A child or even a pet could engage an idling machine.**

- a. Lower header to ground, shut off engine and remove key.



- b. Open cutterbar doors.



- c. Check that cage deflectors are not damaged or bent by rocks, and for loose fasteners.
- d. Replace cage deflectors if they are severely damaged or worn. See next section. Do not repair.
- e. Tighten loose fasteners.



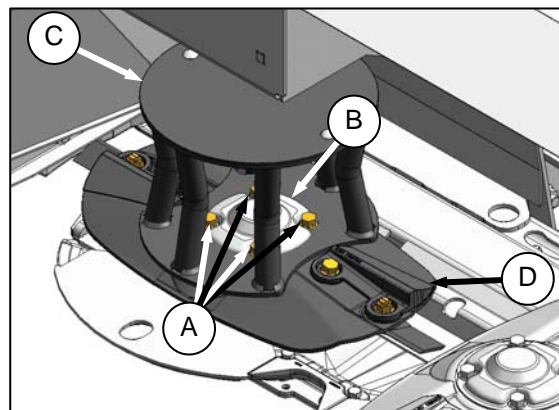
#### WARNING

**Ensure cutterbar is completely clear of foreign objects. These objects can be ejected with considerable force when the machine is started and may result in serious injury or machine damage.**

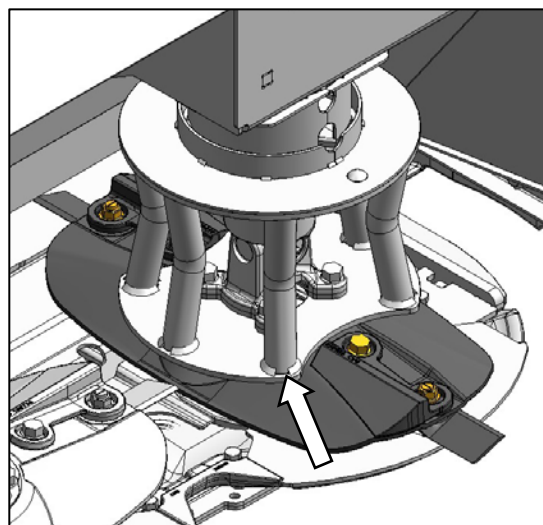
- f. Close cutterbar doors.

### 7.8.5.1 Cage Deflector Removal/Installation

- a. Replacing driven cage deflector:



1. Remove four bolts (A).
2. Remove cover (B) and cage deflector (C).
3. Position new cage deflector (C) on spindle so that it clears accelerators (D).
4. Install cover (B), and secure with four bolts (A).
5. Tighten bolts to 92 ft-lbf (125 N·m).
6. Close cutterbar doors.



- b. Replacing driveline cage deflector:

Refer to the Technical Service Manual or your MacDon dealer.

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### 7.9 DRIVES

#### 7.9.1 Conditioner Drive Belt

The conditioner drive belt (A) is located inside the drive compartment at the left hand side of the header and is tensioned with a spring tensioner. The tension is factory set so should not require adjusting.

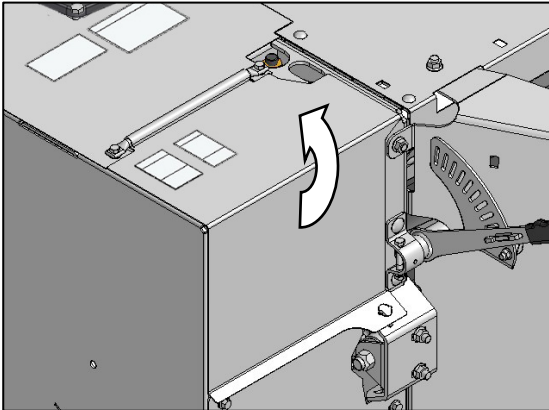
Check the belt tension and inspect for damage or wear every 100 hours or annually, preferably before the start of the cutting season.



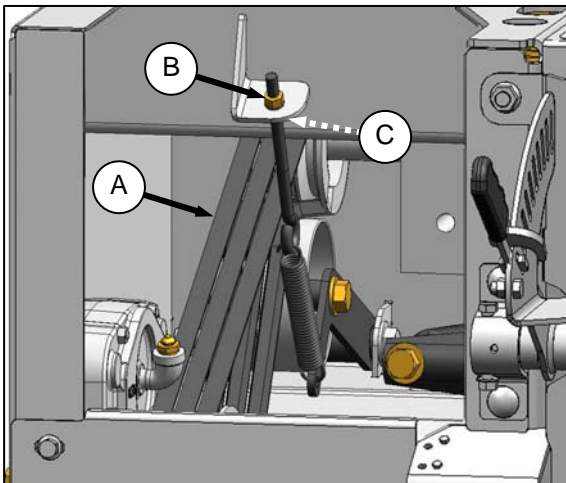
### DANGER

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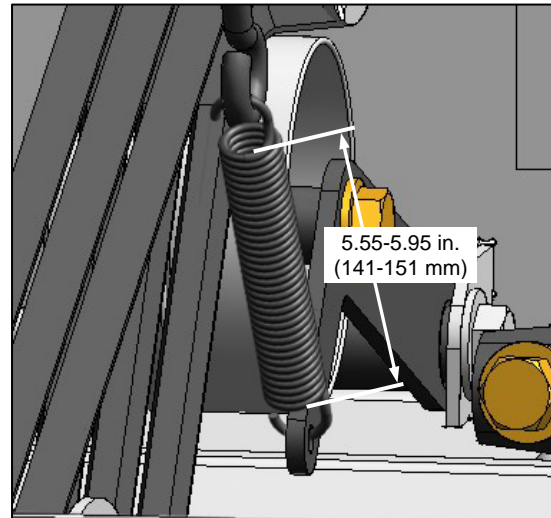
- a. Lower header to ground, turn off engine, and remove key.



- b. Open drive shield. See 7.5 DRIVE SHIELD.



- c. Check that adjuster nuts (B) and (C) are tight.



- d. The tensioner spring should measure approximately 5.55-5.95 in. (141-151 mm) in length when properly tensioned.
- e. If necessary, adjust tension as follows:
1. Loosen jamb-nut (C).
  2. Turn nut (B) clockwise to increase spring length (tension), or counter-clockwise to decrease length (loosen).
  3. Tighten jamb-nut (C).
- f. Close drive shield.

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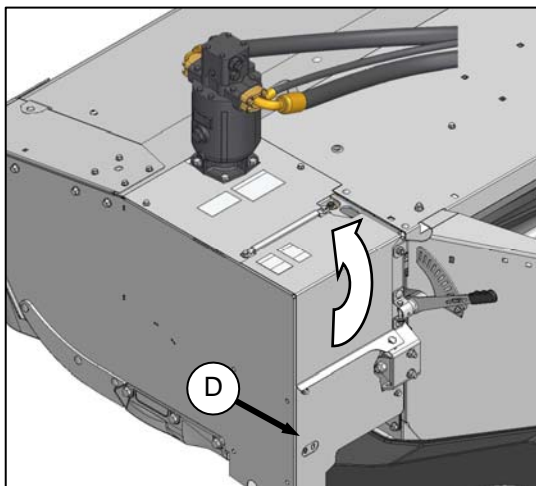
### 7.9.1.1 Replacing Conditioner Drive Belt



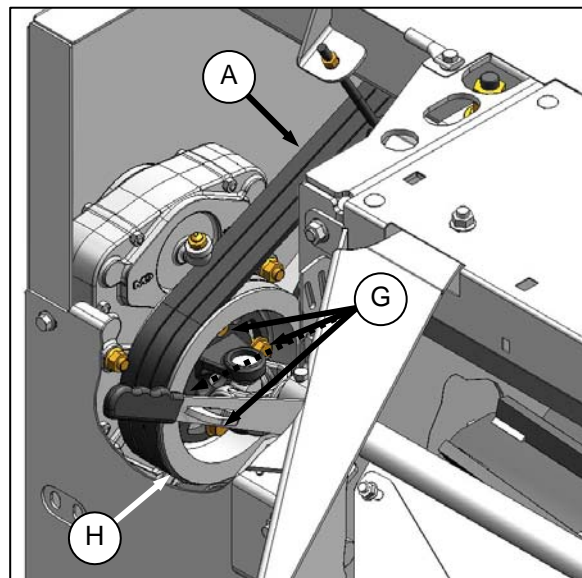
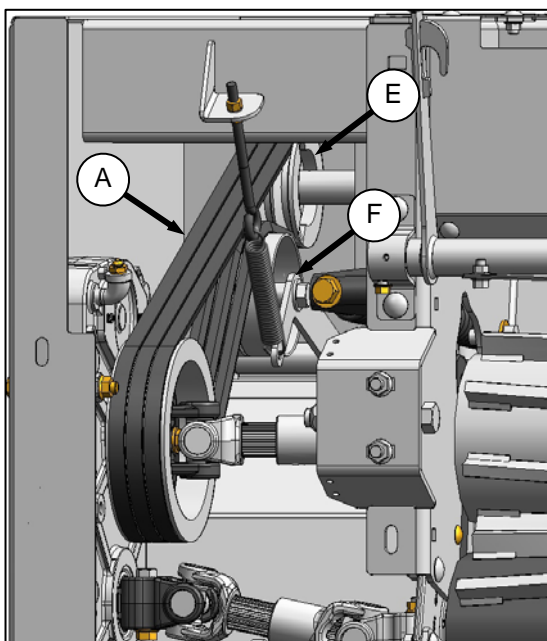
#### DANGER

Stop engine and remove key from ignition before leaving operator's seat for any reason. A child or even a pet could engage an idling machine.

- a. Lower header to ground, turn off engine, and remove key.



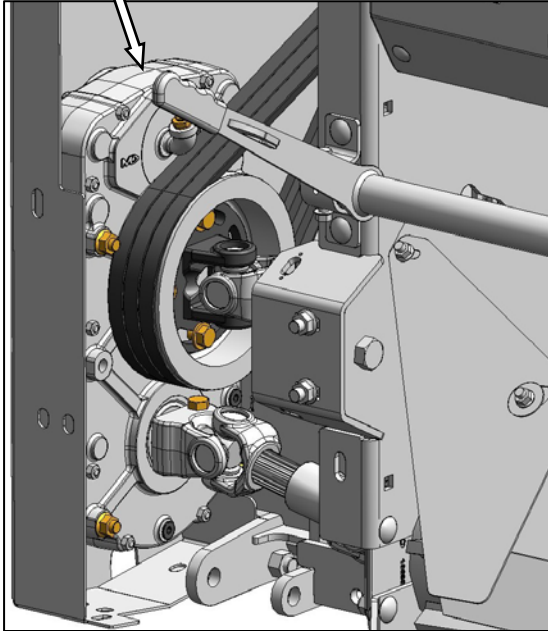
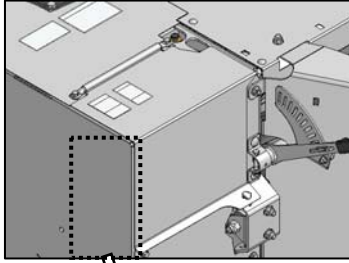
- b. Open drive shield. See 7.5 DRIVE SHIELD. Lower shield (D) can also be removed to ease access to drive compartment.
- c. Release tension on conditioner drive belt (A). See previous section.



- d. Remove conditioner drive belt (A) from drive pulley (E). Tensioner (F) can be forced away from belt to ease removal.
- e. Remove the four bolts (G) and washers attaching upper driveline to driven pulley (H), and slide driveline away from pulley.
- f. Remove drive belt (A) from driven pulley.
- g. Install new belt (A) onto driven pulley (H) first, and then onto drive pulley (E), ensuring it is in the pulley grooves.
- h. Tension belt (A). See previous section.
- i. Re-attach upper driveline to driven pulley with bolts (G) and washers. Check roll timing before fully tightening bolts. See Section 6.10.4 Roll Timing.
- j. Torque bolts to 75 lbf-ft (102 N·m).
- k. Re-install lower drive shield (D).
- l. Close drive shield.

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### 7.9.2 Conditioner Gearbox



The conditioner gearbox, which transfers power from the bevel gearbox to the conditioner rolls and to the overshoot auger, is located inside the drive compartment at the left end of the header. If repairs are required, it should be removed and serviced at your dealer. See your MacDon dealer or Technical Service Manual.

The only regular servicing required is maintaining the lubricant level and changing the lubricant according to the intervals specified in this manual.

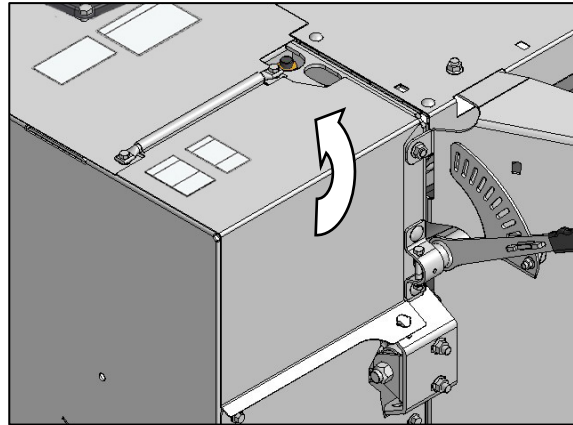
#### 7.9.2.1 Changing Lubricant



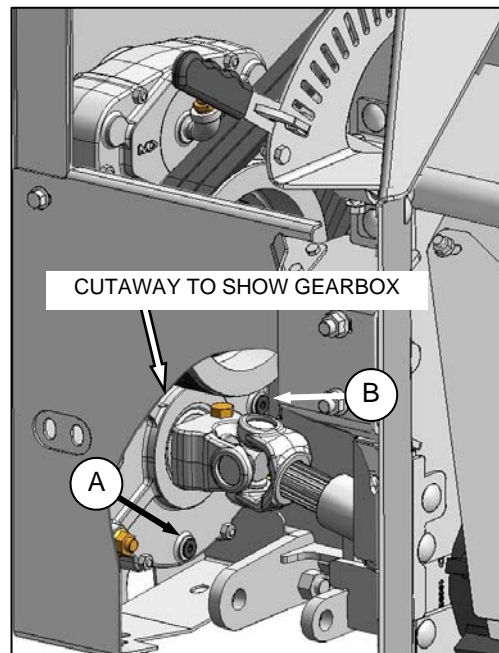
### DANGER

Stop engine and remove key from ignition before leaving operator's seat for any reason. A child or even a pet could engage an idling machine.

- Drain the gearbox when the lubricant is warm. If the lubricant is cold, idle the machine for about 10 minutes prior to draining.
- Raise header to full height and engage header lift cylinder locks. Stop engine and remove key.



- Open drive shield. See 7.5 DRIVE SHIELD.

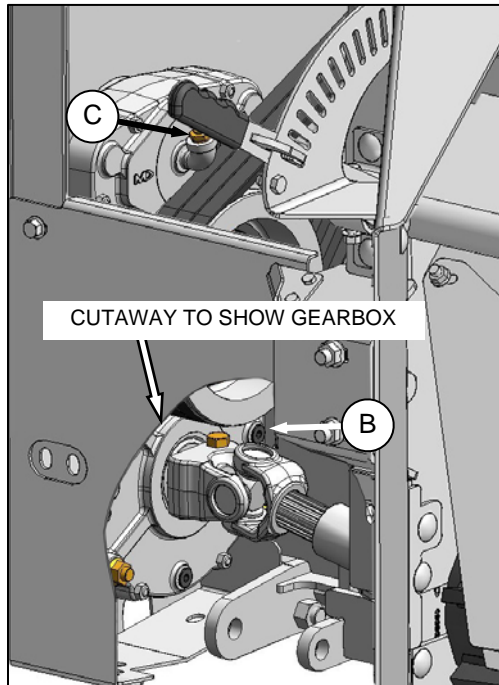


- Place a suitable container under drain plug (A).
- Remove plugs (A) and (B).
- Allow sufficient time for lubricant to drain.
- Replace plug (A) and tighten.

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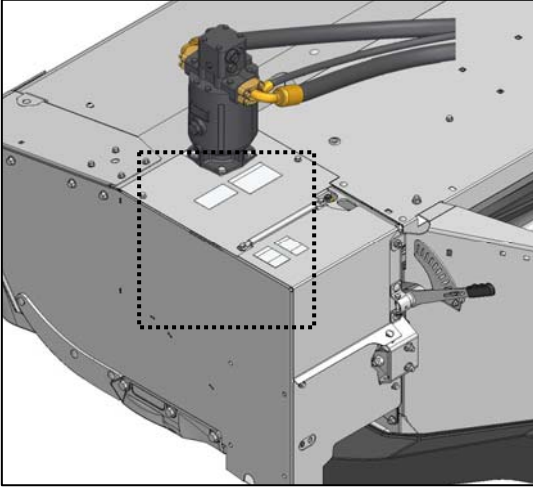
- h. Remove breather and bushing (C) at filler pipe.



- i. Add 12 oz. (350 ml) of Traxon 80W90 gear lubricant to gearbox through filler pipe. Lubricant should slightly run out of port (B) when at the proper level.
- j. Re-install plug (B) and tighten.
- k. Re-install bushing and breather (C) in filler pipe and tighten.
- l. Properly dispose of used lubricant and clean up any spilled lubricant.
- m. Close drive shield.

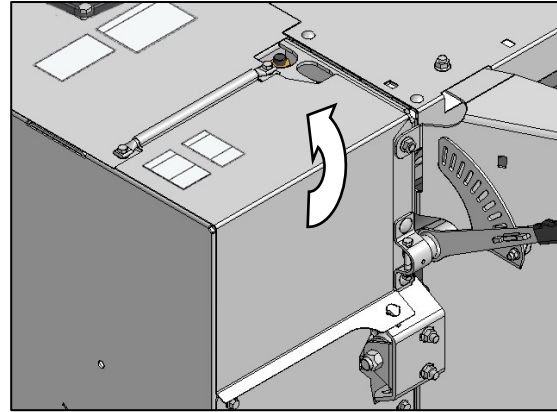
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### 7.9.3 Bevel Gearbox

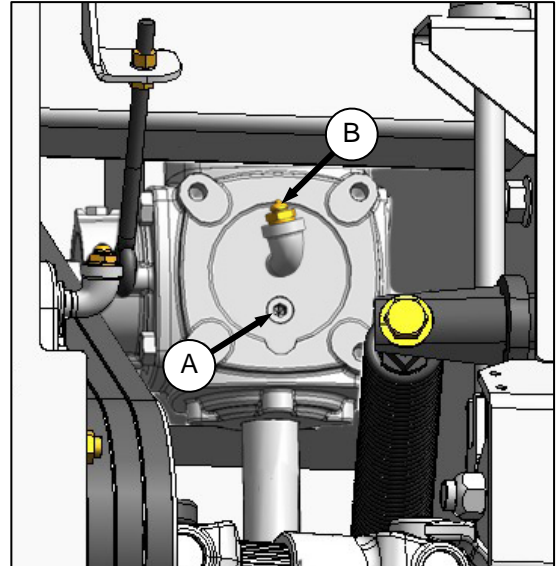


The bevel gearbox, which transfers power from the hydraulic motor to the header drives, is located inside the drive compartment at the left end of the header. If repairs are required, it should be removed and serviced at your dealer. See your MacDon dealer or Technical Service Manual.

The only regular servicing required is maintaining the lubricant level and changing the lubricant according to the intervals specified in this manual.



c. Open drive shield. See 7.5 DRIVE SHIELD.



d. Place a suitable container under drain plug (A).

e. Remove plug (A).

f. Allow sufficient time for lubricant to drain.

g. Disengage header lift cylinder locks, start engine and lower header so that it is level. Stop engine and remove key.

h. Remove breather and bushing from filler elbow (B).

i. Add 21 oz. (620 ml) of Traxon 80W90 gear lubricant to gearbox through elbow (B). Lubricant should slightly run out of port (A) when at the proper level.

j. Replace plug (A), bushing and breather (B), and tighten.

k. Properly dispose of used lubricant and clean up any spilled lubricant.

l. Lower drive shield.

#### 7.9.3.1 Changing Lubricant



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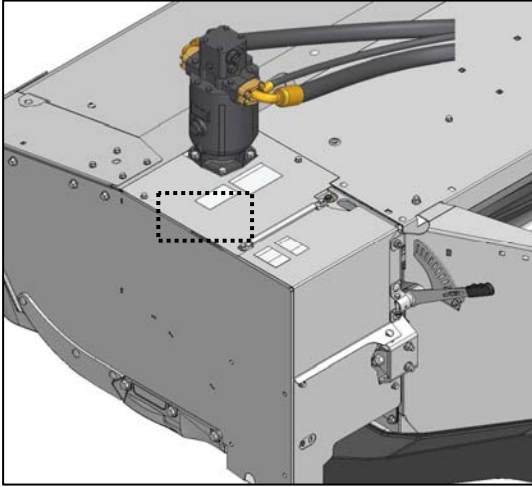
**Stop engine and remove key from ignition before leaving operator's seat for any reason. A child or even a pet could engage an idling machine.**

- Drain the gearbox when the lubricant is warm. If the lubricant is cold, idle the machine for about 10 minutes prior to draining.
- Raise header to full height and engage header lift cylinder locks. Stop engine and remove key.



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### 7.9.4 Gearbox Speed Sensor



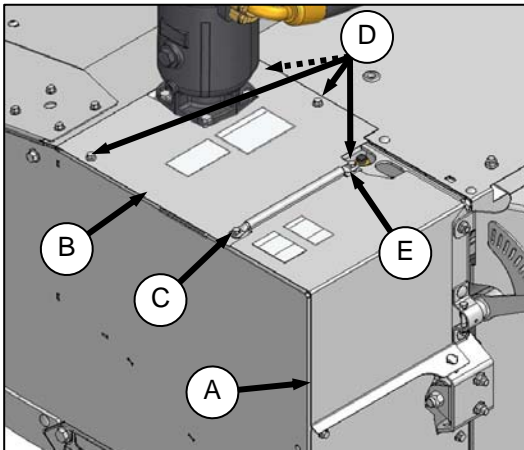
The gearbox speed sender monitors the rotational speed of the gearbox output shaft and sends a signal to the systems monitor in the operator's station, that is displayed as disc speed. The sensor does not require regular maintenance and if it malfunctions or is damaged, it can be easily adjusted or replaced.



### DANGER

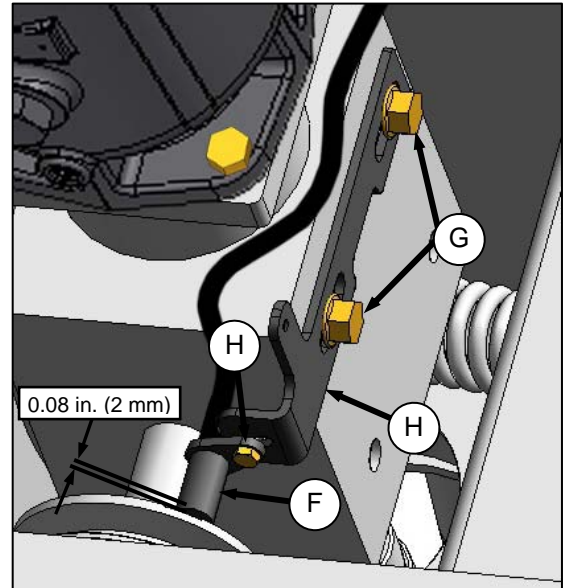
**Stop engine and remove key from ignition before leaving operator's seat for any reason. A child or even a pet could engage an idling machine.**

- a. Lower header to ground, turn off engine, and remove key.

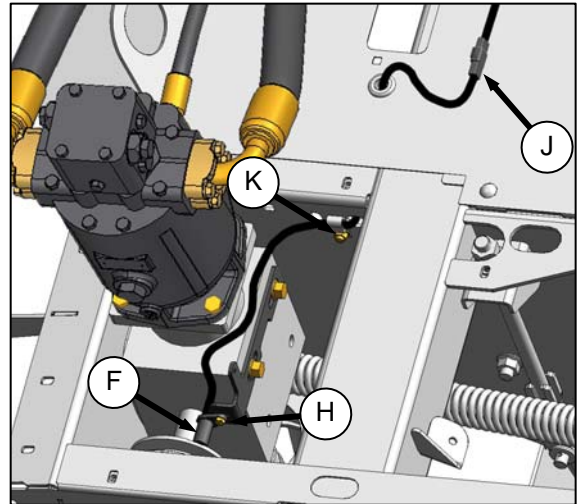


- b. Remove shield (A) and cover (B) as follows:
  1. Open shield (A).
  2. Remove bolt (C), washer and nut from LH hinge.
  3. Pull shield (A) off other hinge.

4. Remove four bolts (D) and hinge (E).
5. Slide and lift cover (B) away from motor to remove it.



- c. Check gap between sensor (F) and pulley. If required, adjust gap by loosening bolts (G) and moving bracket (H) to achieve 0.08 in. (2 mm) gap. Tighten bolts.
- d. Check position of sensor. If required, adjust position by loosening bolt (H) and moving sensor to align it with rim of pulley.
- e. Remove and install the sensor as follows:

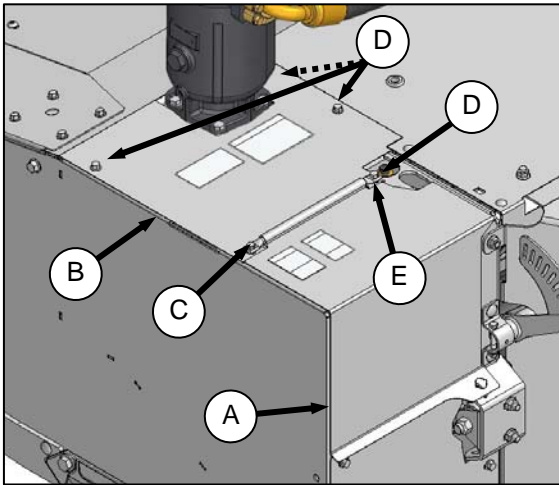


1. Disconnect sensor wire from header wiring harness at connector (J).
2. Remove bolt through clip (K).
3. Pull harness through grommet and into drive compartment.
4. Remove nut and bolt (H) securing sensor (F) to bracket and remove sensor.

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5. Install new sensor (F) onto bracket with bolt (H) and nut. Ensure sensor is aligned with pulley rim.
  6. Check gap between sensor and pulley is 0.08 in. (2 mm) and adjust as required.
  7. Route connector and harness through hole in frame and through grommet in cover.
  8. Connect sensor wiring to existing connector (J).
- f. Re-install cover (B) and shield (A) as follows:



1. Position cover (B) over opening and install four bolts (D) and nuts, and hinge (E). Washer goes between hinge (E) and frame.
  2. Slide shield (A) onto hinge (E), and attach other hinge with bolt (C), washer, and nut. Washer goes between hinge and frame.
- g. Close shield

## 7.10 HYDRAULICS

Refer to your MacDon Self-Propelled Windrower Operator's Manual for hydraulic system maintenance procedures for self-propelled windrowers.

### 7.10.1 Hoses and Lines

Check hydraulic hoses and lines daily for signs of leaks.

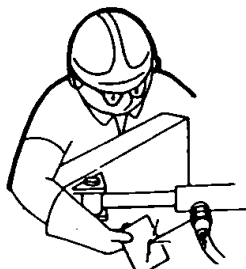


#### WARNING

- **Avoid high-pressure fluids. Escaping fluid can penetrate the skin causing serious injury. Relieve pressure before disconnecting hydraulic lines.**



**Tighten all connections before applying pressure. Keep hands and body away from pin-holes and nozzles which eject fluids under high pressure.**



- **If ANY fluid is injected into the skin, it must be surgically removed within a few hours by a doctor familiar with this type of injury or gangrene may result. Use a piece of cardboard or paper to search for leaks.**

#### IMPORTANT

Keep hydraulic coupler tips and connectors clean. Dust, dirt, water and foreign material are the major causes of hydraulic system damage. **DO NOT** attempt to service hydraulic system in the field. Precision fits require **WHITE ROOM CARE** during overhaul.

### 7.10.2 Hydraulic Motor

The hydraulic drive motor does not require any maintenance. If repairs are required, it should be removed and serviced at your MacDon dealer. Refer to the Technical Service Manual for removal and installation procedures.

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### 7.11 MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

The following maintenance schedule lists the periodic maintenance procedures, organized by service intervals. Regular maintenance is the best insurance against early wear and untimely breakdowns. Following this schedule will increase machine life. For detailed instructions, refer to the specific headings in Section 7, Maintenance/Service. Use the fluids and lubricants specified in Section 7.3.2, Recommended Fluids and Lubricants.

**Service Intervals:** The recommended service intervals are in hours of operation. Where a service interval is given in more than one time frame, e.g. "100 hours or Annually", service the machine at whichever interval is reached first.

**IMPORTANT**

*Recommended intervals are for average conditions. Service the machine more often if operated under adverse conditions (severe dust, extra heavy loads, etc.).*



**CAUTION**

**Carefully follow safety messages given under Section 7.2, Recommended Safety Procedures.**

#### 7.11.1 Break-In Inspection

HRS	ITEM	INSPECTION	REFER TO SECTION
<b>5</b>	Drive Belt	Check Tension.	7.9.1
	Hardware	Check For Loose Hardware. Tighten To Required Torque.	7.3.1
<b>25</b>	Drive Belt	Check Tension.	7.9.1
<b>50</b>	Drive Belt	Check Tension.	7.9.1
	Cutterbar Lubricant	Change. <b>Use Only Specified Amount. Do Not Overfill.</b>	7.8.1
	Conditioner Gear Box Lub.	Change.	7.9.2
	Bevel Gearbox Lubricant	Change.	7.9.3
<b>150</b>	Bevel Gearbox Lubricant	Change.	7.9.3
	Conditioner Gear Box Lub.	Change.	7.9.2
	Cutterbar Lubricant	Change. <b>Use Only Specified Amount. Do Not Overfill.</b>	7.8.1

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### 7.11.2 Interval Maintenance

<b>INTERVAL</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>SECTION</b>
<b>FIRST USE</b>	Refer To BREAK-IN INSPECTIONS (previous page).	7.11.1
<b>100 HOURS OR ANNUALLY *</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check Bevel Gearbox Lubricant Level.</li> <li>2. Check Conditioner Drive Belt Tension.</li> <li>3. Check Conditioner Drive Gearbox Lubricant Level.</li> </ol>	7.9.4 7.9.1 7.9.3
<b>END OF SEASON</b>	Refer To STORAGE.	6.13
<b>10 HOURS OR DAILY</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check Hydraulic Hoses And Lines For Leaks.</li> <li>2. Check Cutter Blades For Security And Condition.</li> <li>3. Check Hourglass Deflectors For Security And Condition.</li> </ol>	-- 7.8.4.2 7.8.6
<b>25 HOURS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grease Cutterbar Driveline Bearings.</li> <li>2. Grease Roll Universal Shafts.</li> </ol>	7.7.2
<b>50 HOURS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grease Roll Universal Shafts.</li> <li>2. Grease Roll Shaft Bearings.</li> <li>3. Grease Drive Belt Tensioner.</li> </ol>	7.7.2
<b>250 HOURS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Change Bevel Gearbox Lubricant.</li> <li>2. Change Cutterbar Lubricant. <b>Use only specified amount. Do not overfill.</b></li> </ol>	7.9.4 7.9.2
<b>1000 HOURS OR 3 YEARS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Change Conditioner Drive Gearbox Lubricant.</li> </ol>	7.9.3

**\* IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ANNUAL MAINTENANCE BE DONE PRIOR TO START OF OPERATING SEASON.**

# MAINTENANCE/SERVICE

## 7.11.3 Maintenance Record

	ACTION:	✓ - Check	⬇ - Lubricate	▲ - Change																	
<b>MAINTENANCE RECORD</b>	<b>Hour Meter Reading</b>																				
	<b>Date</b>																				
	<b>Serviced By</b>																				
	<b>FIRST USE</b>	Refer To Section 7.11.1, BREAK-IN PERIOD																			
	<b>100 HOURS OR ANNUALLY</b>																				
✓	Conditioner Drive Belt																				
✓	Conditioner Gearbox Lubricant Level																				
✓	Bevel Gearbox Lubricant Level																				
	<b>END OF SEASON</b>	Refer To Section 6.13, STORAGE																			
	<b>10 HOURS OR DAILY</b>	<b>NOTE: A RECORD OF DAILY MAINTENANCE IS NOT NORMALLY REQUIRED BUT IS AT THE OWNER/OPERATOR'S DISCRETION.</b>																			
✓	Hydraulic Hoses & Lines																				
✓	Cutter Blades, Deflectors & Discs																				
	<b>25 HOURS</b>																				
⬇	Roll Universal Shafts																				
⬇	Cutterbar Driveline Bearings																				
	<b>50 HOURS</b>																				
▲	Cutterbar Lube – First 50 & 150 H																				
▲	Bevel Gearbox Lube - First 50 & 150 H																				
⬇	Roll Universal Shafts																				
⬇	Drive Belt Tensioner																				
⬇	Roll Shaft Bearings																				
	<b>250 HOURS</b>																				
▲	Cutterbar Lube																				
▲	Bevel Gearbox Lube																				
	<b>1000 HOURS OR 3 YEARS</b>																				
▲	Conditioner Drive Gearbox Lube																				

## TROUBLESHOOTING

### 8 TROUBLESHOOTING

#### 8.1 MOWER PERFORMANCE

SYMPTOM	PROBLEM	SOLUTION	SECTION
<b>Cutterbar Plugging</b>	Dull, bent, or badly worn blades.	Replace blades.	7.8.4.2
	Build-up of dirt between rock guards.	Decrease header angle and increase flotation. In some conditions, it may be necessary to carry header slightly with header lift cylinders.	6.10.6 & 6.10.1
	Conditioner drive belt slipping.	Adjust conditioner drive belt tension.	7.9.1
<b>Ragged Or Uneven Cutting Of Crop</b>	Header angle too flat for guards to pick up down crop.	Increase header angle.	6.10.6
	Header flotation too light, causing bouncing.	Adjust to heavier float setting.	6.10.1
	Excessive ground speed.	Reduce ground speed.	6.10.9
	Downed crop.	Adjust header angle to cut closer to ground.	6.10.6
<b>Strips Of Uncut Crop Left On Field</b>	Bent cutter blades.	Replace blades.	7.8.4.2
	Build-up of dirt between rock guards.	Decrease header angle and increase flotation.	6.10.6 & 6.10.1
	Ground speed too slow.	Increase ground speed.	6.10.9
	Excessive header speed.	Reduce header disc speed.	6.10.8
	Foreign object on cutterbar.	Disengage header and stop engine. When all moving parts are completely stopped, remove foreign object.	6.12
<b>Conditioner Rolls Plugging</b>	Ground speed too fast.	Reduce ground speed.	6.10.9
	Roll gap too large for proper feeding.	Decrease roll gap.	6.10.2
	Roll gap too small in thick stemmed cane-type crops.	Increase roll gap.	
	Baffle set too low.	Raise baffle.	6.10.7.3
	Roll speed too low.	Increase disc speed.	6.10.8
	Foreign object between rolls.	Disengage header and stop engine. When all moving parts are completely stopped, remove foreign object.	--

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SYMPTOM	PROBLEM	SOLUTION	SECTION
<b>Conditioner Rolls Plugging (cont'd)</b>	Cutting height too low.	Decrease header angle to raise cutting height.	6.10.6
	Backing into windrow.	Raise header before backing up.	--
	Rolls improperly timed.	Adjust roll timing.	6.10.6
<b>Uneven Formation And Bunching Of Windrow</b>	Rear deflector bypassing or dragging crop.	Adjust rear deflector for proper crop control.	6.10.7.2
	Forming shields improperly adjusted.	Adjust forming shields.	6.10.7
	Roll gap too large.	Adjust roll gap.	6.10.2
	Conditioner rolls running too slow.	Maintain rated header speed.	See Windrower Operator's Manual
<b>Uneven Windrow Formation In Light Crop</b>	Uneven feeding.	Reduce header speed.	
<b>Cutting Height Varies From One Side To The Other</b>	Flotation not properly balanced.	Adjust header flotation.	6.10.1
<b>Not Cutting Short Enough In Down Crop</b>	Broken, bent or dull blades.	Replace blades or turn blades over.	7.8.4.2
	Ground speed too fast.	Reduce ground speed.	See Windrower Operator's Manual
	Cutting height too high.	Adjust header angle to lower cutting height if field conditions allow.	6.10.6
<b>Material Being Pulled Out By Roots When Cutting Tall Crop Leaning Into Machine</b>	Crop in conditioner rolls before crop is cut.	Increase roll gap.	6.10.2.2
<b>Damaged Leaves And Broken Stems</b>	Insufficient roll gap.		
	Roll timing off.	Check roll timing and adjust if necessary.	6.10.6
<b>Slow Crop Drying</b>	Rolls not crimping crop sufficiently.	Decrease roll gap.	6.10.2
	Crop is bunched in windrow.	Adjust forming shields/baffle.	6.10.7
<b>Excessive Drying Or Bleaching Of Crop</b>	Excessive crimping.	Increase roll gap.	6.10.2
	Crop is spread too wide in windrow.	Adjust forming shields.	6.10.7
<b>Plugging Behind End Hourglass Deflectors</b>	Ground speed too slow.	Increase ground speed.	See Windrower Operator's Manual



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SYMPTOM	PROBLEM	SOLUTION	SECTION
Poorly Formed Or Bunchy Windrows	Forming shields not properly adjusted.	Adjust forming shields.	6.10.7

### 8.2 MECHANICAL

SYMPTOM	PROBLEM	SOLUTION	SECTION
Excessive Noises	Bent cutter blade.	Replace blade.	7.8.4.2
	Conditioner roll timing off.	Check roll timing and adjust if necessary.	6.10.4
	Conditioner roll gap too small.	Check gap and adjust if necessary.	6.10.2
Excessive Vibration Or Noise In Header	Mud deposits on conditioner rolls.	Clean rolls.	--
	Conditioner rolls contacting each other.	Increase roll gap.	6.10.2
		Check roll timing.	6.10.4
Excessive Heat In Cutterbar	Too much lubricant in cutterbar.	Drain lubricant and refill with specified amount.	7.8.1
Frequent Blade Damage	Mud on cutterbar.	Remove mud from cutterbar. Do not allow mud to dry on cutterbar.	--
	Spindle bearing failure.	Replace spindle bearing.	See MacDon Dealer.
	Material wrapped around spindle.	Remove disc and remove material.	7.8.3
	Cutting too low in rocky field conditions.	Decrease header angle. Increase flotation.	6.10.6 & 6.10.1
	Header float set too heavy.	Increase flotation.	6.10.1
	Ground speed too high in rocky field conditions. Note-high ground speed tends to dig rocks from ground instead of floating over them.	Reduce ground speed.	6.10.9
	Blade incorrectly mounted.	Check all blade mounting hardware ensure blades are free to move.	7.8.4.3
Excessive Wear Of Cutting Components	Header angle too steep.	Reduce header angle.	6.10.6
	Crop residue and dirt deposits on cutterbar.	Clean cutterbar.	--

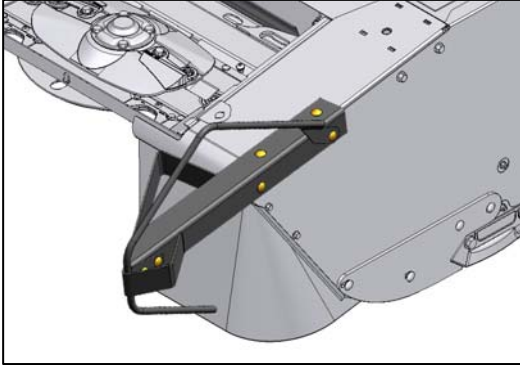
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SYMPTOM	PROBLEM	SOLUTION	SECTION
	Mud on cutterbar.	Remove mud from cutterbar. Do not allow mud to dry on cutterbar.	
<b>Breakage Of Conditioner Drive Belt</b>	Improper belt tension.	Adjust conditioner drive belt tension.	7.9.1.1
	Belt not in proper groove in pulley.	Move belt to proper groove.	7.9.1.2
<b>Breakage Of Conditioner Drive Belt</b>	Foreign object between rolls.	Disengage header and stop engine. When all moving parts are completely stopped, remove foreign object.	--
	Belt pulleys and idlers misaligned.	Align pulleys and idler.	See MacDon Dealer.
<b>Machine Pulling To One Side</b>	Header dragging on one end and pulling to that side.	Adjust header flotation on both ends.	6.10.1
<b>Discs Don't Turn When Engaging Header</b>	Mud on cutterbar.	Remove mud from cutterbar. Do not allow mud to dry on cutterbar.	--
	Hoses not connected.	Connect hoses.	6.5
	Faulty drive belt.	Check drive belt on pulleys.	7.9.1
	Poor electrical connection at valve.	Check connection at windrower.	See windrower manual.
<b>Header Runs While Unloaded But Slows Or Stops When Starting To Cut</b>	Hydraulic oil level in windrower is low.	Add oil to windrower reservoir.	See windrower manual.
	Defective hydraulic motor.	Repair/replace hydraulic motor.	See MacDon Dealer.
	Defective hydraulic pump in windrower.	Repair/replace pump.	
	Defective relief valve in windrower.	Repair/replace relief valve.	
	Cold oil in hydraulic drive system.	Reduce ground speed until oil reaches operating temperature.	--
<b>Header Slows When Going Uphill</b>	Hydraulic oil level in windrower is low.	Add oil to windrower reservoir.	See windrower manual.

## OPTIONS

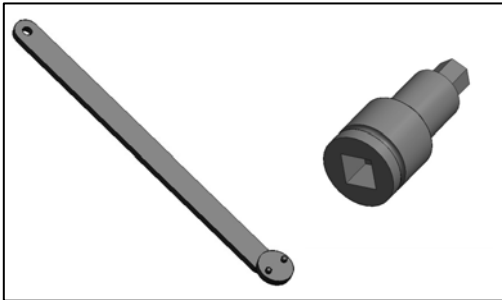
### 9 OPTIONS AND ATTACHMENTS

#### 9.1 TALL CROP DIVIDER KIT



The tall crop dividers attach to the ends of the header for clean crop dividing and cutterbar entry in tall crops. The kit includes left and right dividers and attachment hardware.

#### 9.2 CUTTERBAR REPAIR TOOL KIT



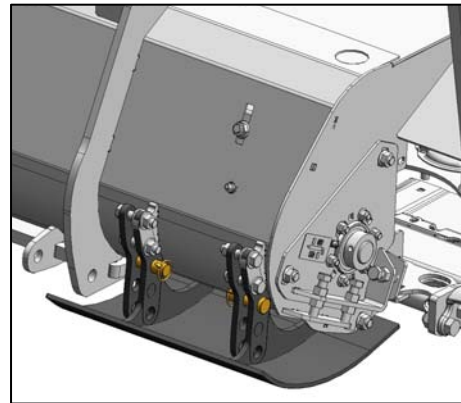
The cutterbar repair tool kit contains the necessary tools for replacement of the cutterbar idler gears. Refer to the Technical Service Manual for instructions.

#### 9.3 DOUBLE WINDROW ATTACHMENT



The double windrow attachment (DWA) can be attached to the M Series Windrower to enable double windrowing. The kit includes all the necessary fittings and instructions.

#### 9.1 SKID SHOE KIT



The skid shoe kit installs at either end of the cutterbar and the shoes can be adjusted for varying cutting height. The kit includes two skid shoe assemblies, attachment hardware, and installation instructions.

## UNLOADING AND ASSEMBLY

### 10 UNLOADING AND ASSEMBLY

Refer to R85 Rotary Disc Self-Propelled Windrower Header Unloading & Assembly Instructions, #169487 and Pre-Delivery Checklist that is included with your shipment.

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