



OPERATOR'S AND PARTS MANUAL

BALE HUGGER

**FOR
RTFL**



SERIAL NUMBER: _____

MODEL NUMBER: _____

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PREFACE

GENERAL COMMENTS

Congratulations on the purchase of your new attachment! This product was carefully designed and manufactured to give you many years of dependable service. Only minor maintenance (such as cleaning and lubricating) is required to keep it in top working condition. Be sure to observe all maintenance procedures and safety precautions in this manual and on any safety decals located on the product and on any equipment on which the attachment is mounted.

This manual has been designed to help you do a better, safer job. Read this manual carefully and become familiar with its contents.

WARNING! Never let anyone operate this unit without reading the "Safety Precautions" and "Operating Instructions" sections of this manual.



Always choose hard, level ground to park the vehicle on and set the brake so the unit cannot roll.

Unless noted otherwise, right and left sides are determined from the operator's control position when facing the attachment.

NOTE: The illustrations and data used in this manual were current (according to the information available to us) at the time of printing, however, we reserve the right to redesign and change the attachment as may be necessary without notification.

BEFORE OPERATION

The primary responsibility for safety with this equipment falls to the operator. Make sure the equipment is operated only by trained individuals that have read and understand this manual. If there is any portion of this manual or function you do not understand, contact your local authorized dealer or the manufacturer to obtain further assistance. Keep this manual available for reference. Provide the manual to any new owners and/or operators.

SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL



This is the "Safety Alert Symbol" used by this industry. This symbol is used to warn of possible injury. Be sure to read all warnings carefully. They are included for your safety and for the safety of others working with you.

SERVICE

Use only manufacturer replacement parts. Substitute parts may not meet the required standards.

Record the model and serial number of your unit on the cover of this manual. The parts department needs this information to insure that you receive the correct parts.

SOUND AND VIBRATION

Sound pressure levels and vibration data for this attachment are influenced by many different parameters: some items are listed below (not inclusive):

- prime mover type, age, condition, with or without cab enclosure and configuration
- operator training, behavior, stress level
- job site organization, working material condition, environment

Based on the uncertainty of the prime mover, operator, and job site, it is not possible to get precise machine and operator sound pressure levels or vibration levels for this attachment.

NOTE: A list of all Paladin Patents can be found at <http://www.paladinattachments.com/patents.asp>.

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SAFETY STATEMENTS



THIS SYMBOL BY ITSELF OR WITH A WARNING WORD THROUGHOUT THIS MANUAL IS USED TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO INSTRUCTIONS INVOLVING YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY OR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAN RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH.



DANGER

THIS SIGNAL WORD INDICATES A HAZARDOUS SITUATION WHICH, IF NOT AVOIDED, WILL RESULT IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.



WARNING

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CAUTION

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS USED TO ADDRESS PRACTICES NOT RELATED TO PHYSICAL INJURY.

GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

WARNING!



READ MANUAL PRIOR TO INSTALLATION

Improper installation, operation, or maintenance of this equipment could result in serious injury or death. Operators and maintenance personnel should read this manual, as well as all manuals related to this equipment and the prime mover thoroughly before beginning installation, operation, or maintenance. **FOLLOW ALL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL AND THE PRIME MOVER'S MANUAL(S).**



READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL SAFETY STATEMENTS

Read all safety decals and safety statements in all manuals prior to operating or working on this equipment. Know and obey all OSHA regulations, local laws, and other professional guidelines for your operation. Know and follow good work practices when assembling, maintaining, repairing, mounting, removing, or operating this equipment.



KNOW YOUR EQUIPMENT

Know your equipment's capabilities, dimensions, and operations before operating. Visually inspect your equipment before you start, and never operate equipment that is not in proper working order with all safety devices intact. Check all hardware to ensure it is tight. Make certain that all locking pins, latches, and connection devices are properly installed and secured. Remove and replace any damaged, fatigued, or excessively worn parts. Make certain all safety decals are in place and are legible. Keep decals clean, and replace them if they become worn or hard to read.

GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

WARNING!



PROTECT AGAINST FLYING DEBRIS

Always wear proper safety glasses, goggles, or a face shield when driving pins in or out, or when any operation causes dust, flying debris, or any other hazardous material.

WARNING!



LOWER OR SUPPORT RAISED EQUIPMENT

Do not work under raised booms without supporting them. Do not use support material made of concrete blocks, logs, buckets, barrels, or any other material that could suddenly collapse or shift positions. Make sure support material is solid, not decayed, warped, twisted, or tapered. Lower booms to ground level or on blocks. Lower booms and attachments to the ground before leaving the cab or operator's station.

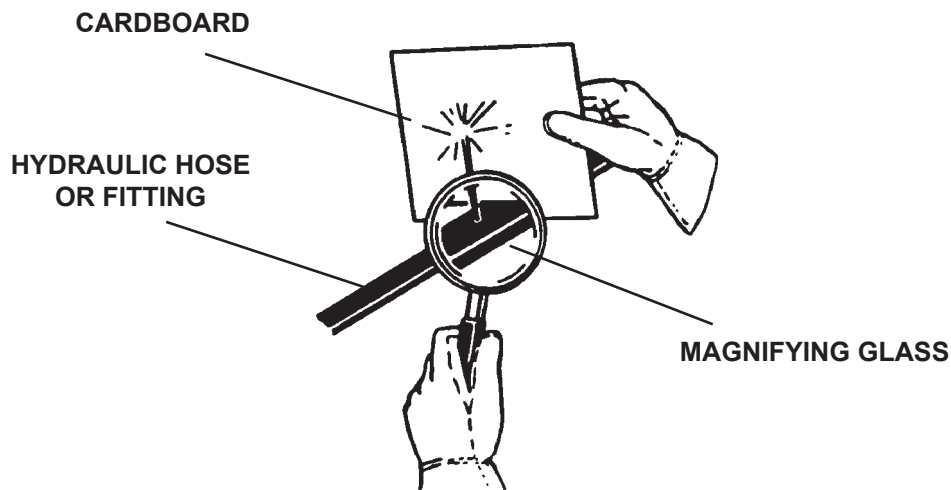
WARNING!



USE CARE WITH HYDRAULIC FLUID PRESSURE

Hydraulic fluid under pressure can penetrate the skin and cause serious injury or death. Hydraulic leaks under pressure may not be visible. Before connecting or disconnecting hydraulic hoses, read your prime mover's operator's manual for detailed instructions on connecting and disconnecting hydraulic hoses or fittings.

- Keep unprotected body parts, such as face, eyes, and arms as far away as possible from a suspected leak. Flesh injected with hydraulic fluid may develop gangrene or other permanent disabilities.
- If injured by injected fluid, see a doctor at once. If your doctor is not familiar with this type of injury, ask him or her to research it immediately to determine proper treatment.
- Wear safety glasses, protective clothing, and use a piece of cardboard or wood when searching for hydraulic leaks. **DO NOT USE YOUR HANDS! SEE ILLUSTRATION.**



GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

WARNING!



DO NOT MODIFY MACHINE OR ATTACHMENTS

Modifications may weaken the integrity of the attachment and may impair the function, safety, life, and performance of the attachment. When making repairs, use only the manufacturer's genuine parts, following authorized instructions. Other parts may be substandard in fit and quality. Never modify any ROPS (Roll Over Protection Structure) or FOPS (Falling Object Protective Structure) equipment or device. Any modifications must be authorized in writing by the manufacturer.

WARNING!



SAFELY MAINTAIN AND REPAIR EQUIPMENT

- Do not wear loose clothing or any accessories that can catch in moving parts. If you have long hair, cover or secure it so that it does not become entangled in the equipment.
- Work on a level surface in a well-lit area.
- Use properly grounded electrical outlets and tools.
- Use the correct tools for the job at hand. Make sure they are in good condition for the task required.
- Wear the protective equipment specified by the tool manufacturer.



SAFELY OPERATE EQUIPMENT

Do not operate equipment until you are completely trained by a qualified operator in how to use the controls, know its capabilities, dimensions, and all safety requirements. See your machine's manual for these instructions.

- Keep all step plates, grab bars, pedals, and controls free of dirt, grease, debris, and oil.
- Never allow anyone to be around the equipment when it is operating.
- Do not allow riders on the attachment or the prime mover.
- Do not operate the equipment from anywhere other than the correct operator's position.
- Never leave equipment unattended with the engine running, or with this attachment in a raised position.
- Do not alter or remove any safety feature from the prime mover or this attachment.
- Know your work site safety rules as well as traffic rules and flow. When in doubt on any safety issue, contact your supervisor or safety coordinator for an explanation.

WARNING!



CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65 WARNING

This product may contain a chemical known to the state of California to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm. www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

EQUIPMENT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

WARNING! KNOW WHERE UTILITIES ARE



Observe overhead electrical and other utility lines. Be sure equipment will clear them. When digging, call your local utilities for location of buried utility lines, gas, water, and sewer, as well as any other hazard you may encounter.

WARNING! EXPOSURE TO RESPIRABLE CRYSTALLINE SILICA DUST ALONG WITH OTHER HAZARDOUS DUSTS MAY CAUSE SERIOUS OR FATAL RESPIRATORY DISEASE.



It is recommended to use dust suppression, dust collection and if necessary personal protective equipment during the operation of any attachment that may cause high levels of dust.

WARNING! REMOVE PAINT BEFORE WELDING OR HEATING



Hazardous fumes/dust can be generated when paint is heated by welding, soldering or using a torch. Do all work outside or in a well ventilated area and dispose of paint and solvent properly. Remove paint before welding or heating.

When sanding or grinding paint, avoid breathing the dust. Wear an approved respirator. If you use solvent or paint stripper, remove stripper with soap and water before welding. Remove solvent or paint stripper containers and other flammable material from area. Allow fumes to disperse at least 15 minutes before welding or heating.

WARNING! END OF LIFE DISPOSAL



At the completion of the useful life of the unit, drain all fluids and dismantle by separating the different materials (rubber, steel, plastic, etc.). Follow all federal, state and local regulations for recycling and disposal of the fluid and components.



WORKING WITH THE BALE HUGGER

- Never use your attachment for a work platform or personnel carrier.
- Specified lift capacities must not be exceeded, otherwise machine stability is not sufficient. Always observe lift capacity limits listed in machine specifications.
- An operator must not use drugs or alcohol, which can change his or her alertness or coordination. An operator taking prescription or over-the-counter drugs should seek medical advice on whether or not he or she can safely operate equipment.
- Always check locking pins before operating any attachment.
- Do not transport more than one round bale at a time.
- Carry the bale low to avoid obstructing your vision.
- Do not stack bales on uneven ground. Bales stacked on uneven ground can topple.
- Be sure that stack and load heights do not exceed the lifting capabilities of your prime mover.
- Never lift, move, or swing a loaded attachment over anyone.
- Never try to stop a rolling bale.
- Before exiting the prime mover, lower the attachment to the ground, apply the parking brakes, turn off the engine, and remove the key.
- Worn, damaged, or illegible safety decals must be replaced. New safety decals can be ordered from the manufacturer.
- When operating on slopes, drive up and down, not across. Avoid steep hillside operation, which could cause the prime mover to overturn.
- Reduce speed when driving over rough terrain, on a slope, or turning, to avoid overturning the vehicle.

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INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

ATTACHING AND DETACHING EQUIPMENT

Please see your vehicle operator's manual for instructions on attaching and detaching your equipment.

WARNING!



To prevent serious personal injury or death, only attach equipment that is designed for your prime mover.

Specified lift capacities must not be exceeded, otherwise machine stability will not be sufficient. Always observe lift capacity limits listed in machine specifications.

OPERATING EQUIPMENT

Read all Safety Precautions before operating your new attachment.

The bale hugger is designed to handle single round bales only. Due to differences in round bale size, check the hugger for proper clamping force on your bale before moving or lifting.

NOTE: When handling bales for the first time, raise the bale 6" in. (150 mm) above the ground and check the hugger's grasp on the bale. Make sure the hugger is not allowing the bale to slip or damaging the plastic wrap.

1. Approach the bale with the hugger open and the arms either straight out or rotated straight down. **NOTE:** The straight down position is typically used to rotate a bale for stacking on end.
2. Position the arms around the middle of the bale.
3. Close the arms, raise and roll the back bale approximately 20° or just high enough to provide ground clearance. **NOTE:** If the bale appears to be unstable, lower the bale, and repeat steps 1 & 2 until the bale is secure. Stop and start the prime mover gradually when lowering or lifting loads.



- Operate the attachment only when properly seated at the operator's station.
- Do not raise the bale too high. Vehicle stability may be affected if bales are carried at raised heights.
- Do not transport more than one round bale at a time.
- Carry the bale low to avoid obstructing your vision.
- Be sure stack and load heights do not exceed the lifting capabilities of your prime mover.
- Reduce speed when driving over rough terrain, on a slope, or turning, to avoid overturning the vehicle.
- When handling bales on a slope, avoid side slope travel whenever possible. Drive up the slope to pick up a bale, and then down in reverse.
- Never try to stop a rolling bale.
- Do not stack bales on uneven ground. Bales stacked on uneven ground can topple.
- Before exiting the prime mover, lower the bale hugger to the ground, turn off the prime mover's engine, remove the key and apply the brakes.

IMPORTANT! If your hydraulically operated attachment starts to drift due to oil leakage within the cylinder assembly, discontinue use until the problem has been corrected.

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MAINTENANCE & SERVICE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Regular maintenance is the key to long equipment life and safe operation. Maintenance requirements have been kept to an absolute minimum. However, it is very important that these maintenance functions be performed as described in this section.

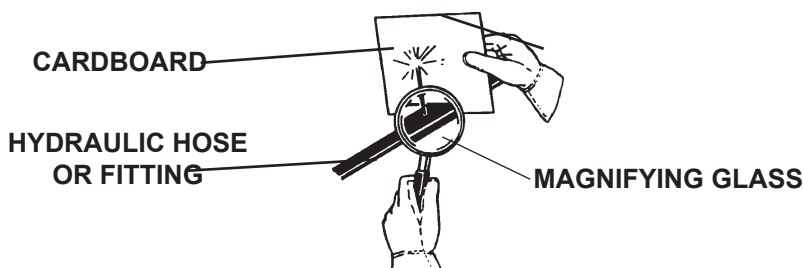
Procedure	Daily	Every 40 Hours
Check all bolts and nuts for tightness.	✓	
Replace any missing bolts or nuts with approved replacement parts.	✓	
Check hydraulic system for hydraulic oil leaks. See procedure below.	✓	
Visually inspect the machine for worn parts or cracked welds, and repair as necessary.	✓	
Check for missing or illegible Safety / Warning Decals.	✓	
Lubricate all grease fittings.		✓

WARNING! Escaping fluid under pressure can have sufficient force to penetrate the skin, causing serious personal injury. Fluid escaping from a very small hole can be almost invisible. Use a piece of cardboard or wood, rather than hands to search for suspected leaks.



Keep unprotected body parts, such as face, eyes, and arms as far away as possible from a suspected leak. Flesh injected with hydraulic fluid may develop gangrene or other permanent disabilities.

If injured by injected fluid, see a doctor at once. If your doctor is not familiar with this type of injury, ask him or her to research it immediately to determine proper treatment.



IMPORTANT: When replacing parts, use only factory-approved replacement parts. Manufacturer will not accept responsibility for use of unapproved parts or accessories, and damages that result from their use.

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CYLINDER SEAL REPLACEMENT

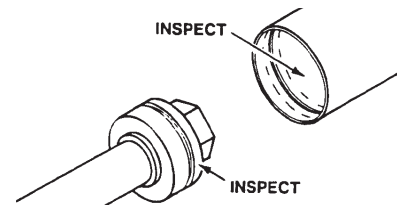
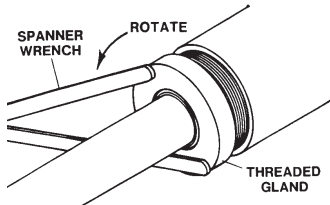
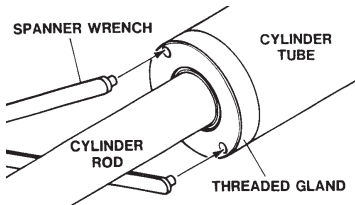
The following information is provided to assist you in the event you should need to repair or rebuild a hydraulic cylinder. When working on hydraulic cylinders, make sure that the work area and tools are clean and free of dirt to prevent contamination of the hydraulic system and damage to the hydraulic cylinders. Always protect the active part of the cylinder rod (the chrome section). Nicks or scratches on the surface of the rod could result in cylinder failure. Clean all parts thoroughly with a cleaning solvent before reassembly.

DISASSEMBLY PROCEDURE

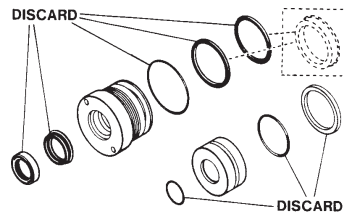
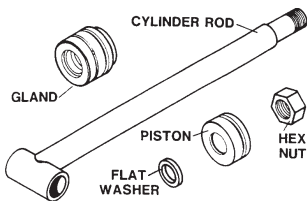
IMPORTANT: Do not contact the active surface of the cylinder rod with the vise. Damage to the rod could result.

THREADED TYPE GLAND

1. Rotate the gland with a spanner wrench counterclockwise until the gland is free of the cylinder tube.
2. Pull the cylinder rod from the cylinder tube and inspect the piston and the bore of the cylinder tube for deep scratches or galling. If damaged, the piston AND the cylinder tube must be replaced.



3. Remove the hex nut, piston, flat washer or spacer tube (if so equipped), and gland from the cylinder rod. If the cylinder rod is rusty, scratched, or bent, it must be replaced.
4. Remove and discard all the old seals.

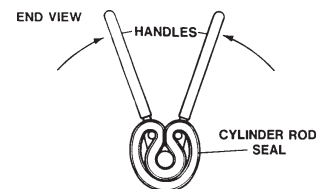
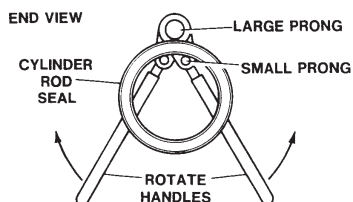
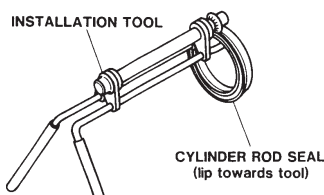


ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE

IMPORTANT: Replace all seals even if they do not appear to be damaged. Failure to replace all seals may result in premature cylinder failure. **NOTE:** Seal kits will service most cylinders of similar bore size and rod diameter.

1. Install the cylinder rod seal in the gland first. Be careful not to damage the seal in the process, as it is somewhat difficult to install.

NOTE: A special installation tool (Part #65349) is available to help with installing the seal. Simply fit the end of the tool over the seal so that the large prong of the tool is on the outside of the seal, and the two smaller prongs on the inside. The lip of the seal should be facing towards the tool. Rotate the handles on the tool around to wrap the seal around the end of the tool.



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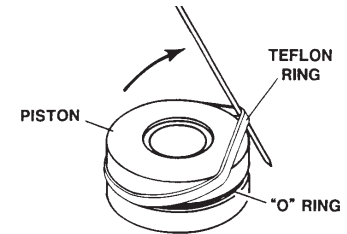
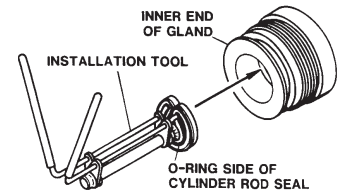
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Now insert the seal into the gland from the inner end. Position the seal in its groove, and release and remove the tool. Press the seal into its seat the rest of the way by hand.

2. Install the new piston ring, rod wiper, O-rings and backup washers, if applicable, on the piston.

Be careful not to damage the seals. Caution must be used when installing the piston ring. The ring must be stretched carefully over the piston with a smooth, round, pointed tool.

3. After installing the rod seal inside the gland, as shown in step #1, install the external seal.

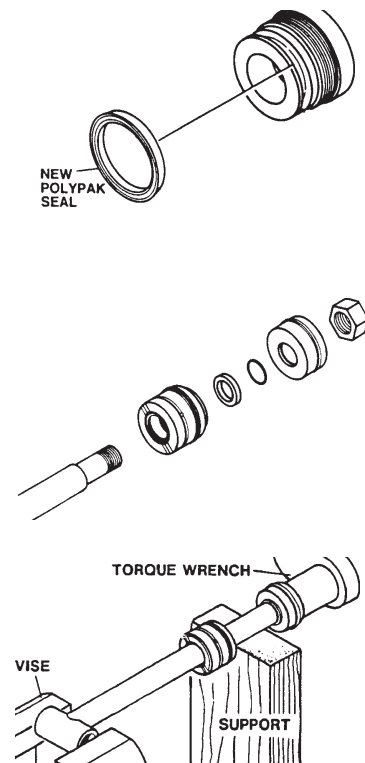


NOTE: Threaded glands may have been equipped with a separate O-ring and backup washer system or a polypak (all in one) type seal. Current seal kits contain a polypak (all in one) type seal to replace the discarded seal types on ALL THREADED GLANDS.

4. Slide the gland onto the cylinder rod, being careful not to damage the rod wiper. Then install the spacer, or flat washer (if so equipped), small o-ring, piston, and hex nut onto the end of the cylinder rod.
5. Secure the cylinder rod (mounting end) in a vise with a support at its center. Torque the nut to the amount shown for the thread diameter of the cylinder rod (see chart).

Thread Diameter	POUNDS - FEET
7/8"	150-200
*1"	230-325
1-1/8"	350-480
1-1/4"	490-670
1-3/8"	670-900
* 1" Thread Diameter WITH 1.25" Rod Diameter	
Min. 230 ft. lbs. Max. 250 ft. lbs.	

IMPORTANT: Do not contact the active surface of the cylinder rod with the vise. Damage to the rod could result.



6. Apply a lubricant (such as Lubriplate #105) to the piston and teflon ring. Insert the cylinder rod assembly into the cylinder tube.

IMPORTANT: Ensure that the piston ring fits squarely into the cylinder tube and piston groove, otherwise the ring may be damaged and a leak will occur.

7. Use a spanner wrench to rotate the gland clockwise into the cylinder. Continue to rotate the gland with the spanner wrench until it is tight.

WARNING!



Cylinders serviced in the field are to be tested for leakage prior to the attachment being placed in work. Failure to test rebuilt cylinders could result in damage to the cylinder and/or the attachment, cause severe personal injury or even death.

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STORAGE

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following storage procedure will help you to keep your attachment in top condition. It will also help you get off to a good start the next time your equipment is needed. We therefore strongly recommend that you take the extra time to follow these procedures whenever your attachment will not be used for an extended period of time.

PREPARATION FOR STORAGE

1. Clean the attachment thoroughly, removing all mud, dirt, and grease.
2. Inspect for visible signs of wear, breakage, or damage. Order any parts required, and make the necessary repairs, to avoid delays when starting next season.
3. Tighten all loose nuts, capscrews, and hydraulic connections.
4. Lubricate all grease fittings.
5. Coat the exposed portions of the cylinder rods with grease.
6. Connect the hydraulic couplers together to protect the hydraulic system from contaminants.
7. Touch up all unpainted and exposed areas with paint, to prevent rust.
8. Replace decals, if damaged or in unreadable condition.
9. Store the attachment in a dry and protected place, with a cover, if possible. Leaving the attachment outside will materially shorten its life.

REMOVING FROM STORAGE

1. Remove all protective coverings.
2. Check hydraulic hoses for deterioration, and replace if necessary.

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LIMITED WARRANTY

In order to provide you with the most UP-TO-DATE Warranty information, Paladin Warranty Statement and Warranty Procedures along with Warranty Registration and Claim Forms have been moved to our website at www.paladinattachments.com.

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PARTS

The following section contains detailed diagrams and parts lists which include your attachment. Please use these diagrams and parts lists to locate replacement parts, prior to contacting the parts department.

When servicing your attachment, remember to use only original manufacturer replacement parts. Substitute parts may not meet the standards required for safe, dependable operation.

To facilitate parts ordering, have the model and serial number of your product ready, to ensure that you receive the correct parts for your specific attachment.

The model and serial number for your attachment should be recorded in the space provided on the cover of this manual. This information may be obtained from the serial number identification plate located on your attachment. **See the parts diagram for your attachment for the location.**

NOTE: Most daily and emergency orders received by 2:00 P.M. will be shipped the same day received, with “Emergency-Machine-Down” orders receiving first priority.



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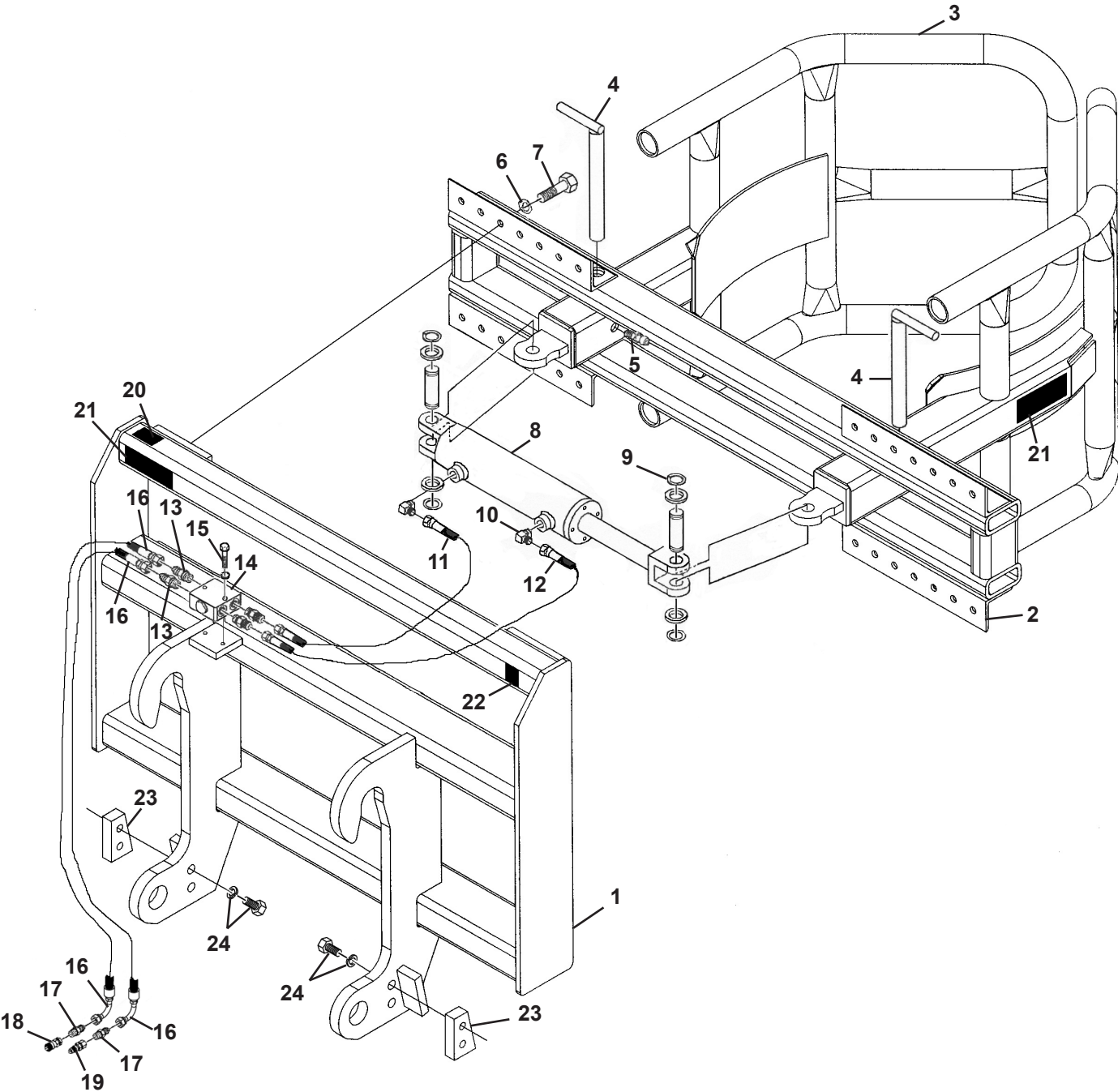
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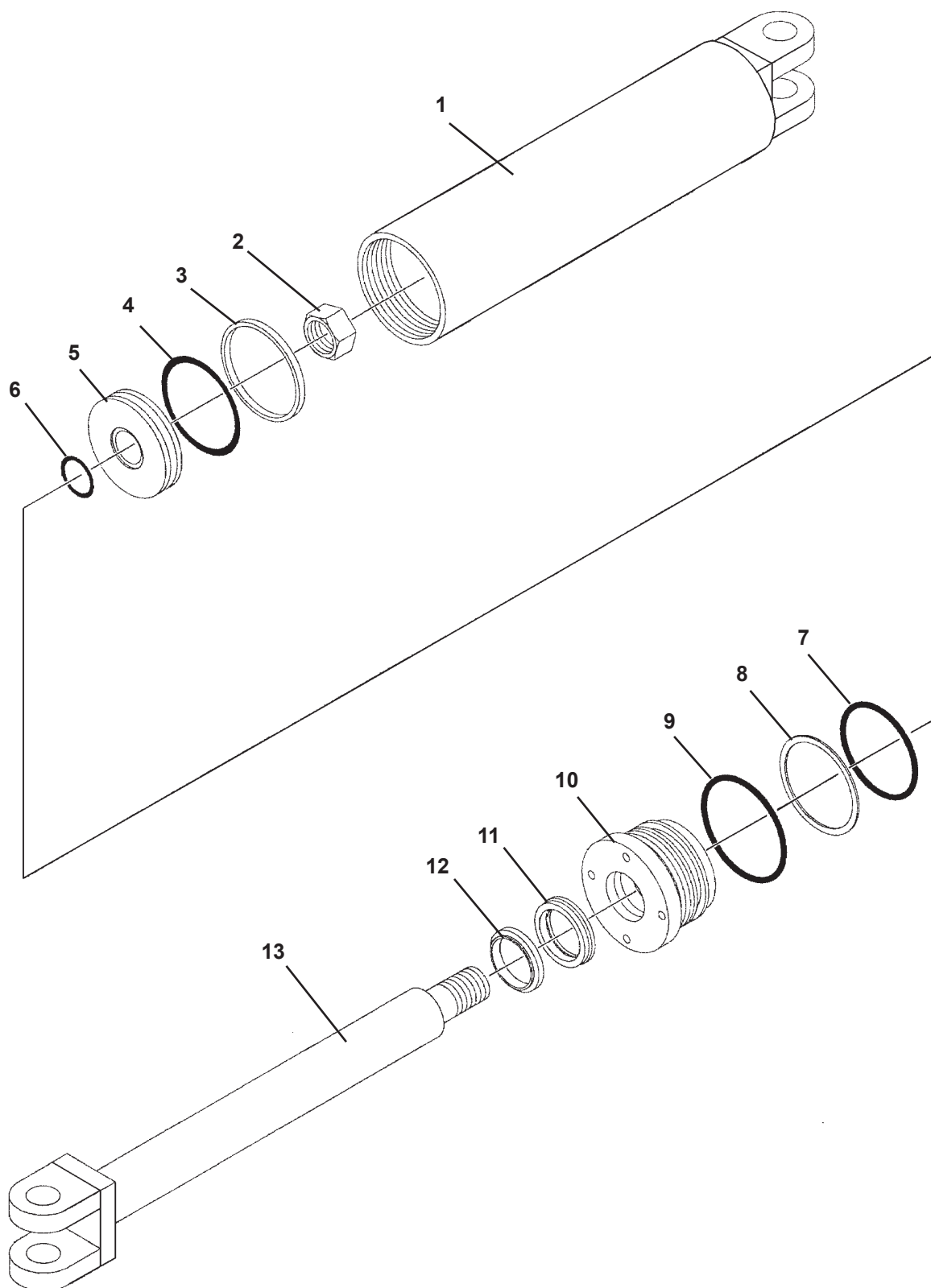
BALE HUGGER - ROUND

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QTY.</u>	<u>PART NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	104240	Bale Hugger Frame
2	1	16551	Pivot Frame
3	2	33086	Arm
4	2	33088	Retaining Pin, 1.25" x 9.00"
5	2	6616	Grease Fitting
6	8	1506	.62" Lock Washer
7	8	1112	.62" UNC x 1.00" Hex Capscrew
8	1	18641	Cylinder Assembly
9	4	1738	Snap Ring
	4	61079	Thrust Washer
	2	18997	Retaining Pin, 1.06" x 2.75"
10	2	30204	90° Elbow 6MBo-6MFS
11	1	37842	Hose .38" x 24" 6FFS-6FFS
12	1	37841	Hose .38" x 22" 6FFS-6FFS
13	4	30208	Straight Connector 6MBo-6MFF
14	1	88536	Valve
15	2	1026	.31" UNC x 2.00" Hex Capscrew
	2	1502	.31" Lock Washer
16	2	38316	Hose .38" x 76" 8FFS-6FFS 90°
17	2	30205	Straight Connector 12MBo-8MFF
18	1	22518	Female Quick Coupler
19	1	22519	Male Quick Coupler
20	1	----	Serial Number Identification Tag Location
21	3	Varies	Logo
22	1	4338	Made in USA Decal
23	2	14228	Stop Block
24	4	10012	.75" UNC x 2.25" Hex Capscrew, Grade 8
	4	1507	.75" Lock Washer

CYLINDER

ASSEMBLY #18641



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CYLINDER

ASSEMBLY #18641

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QTY.</u>	<u>PART NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	18642	Cylinder Tube
2	1	1483	Hex Nut
3	1	4569*	Piston Ring
4	1	4570*	O-Ring
5	1	6731	Piston
6	1	4641*	O-Ring
7	1	45555*	O-Ring
8	1	4631*	Back-Up Washer
9	1	4908*	O-Ring
10	1	77445	Cylinder Gland
11	1	45225*	Poly-Pak Seal
12	1	45372*	Rod Wiper
13	1	18644	Cylinder Rod

**NOTE: Seal kit #45539 includes all parts marked with an asterisk (*).
Parts are not sold separately.**



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