



OPERATOR'S MANUAL

BALE SPIKE

**FOR
RTFL, TLB & WL**



SERIAL NUMBER: _____

MODEL NUMBER: _____

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FOREWORD

Although Bradco has various bale spikes available, we are continually designing new sizes and mountings. If your combination is not listed, please contact the factory. We have extensive mounting information available to generate the product you need.

Below is a listing of the bale spikes that are currently available. See the “Parts” section of this manual for the assemblies “Shown”.

DESCRIPTION & MOUNT	ASSEMBLY #
CATERPILLAR	
Bale Spike (2 Round Bales) - CAT IT/TH (Shown)	12913
Bale Spike (Large Square) - CAT IT/TH (Shown)	12762
JCB	
Bale Spike (1 Bale) - JCB Q-FIT (Shown)	12654
Bale Spike (2 Round Bales) - JCB Q-FIT (Shown)	12107
JRB	
Bale Spike (1 Bale) - JRB 416 SERIES QUICK ATTACH (Shown)	12828
Bale Spike (1 Bale) - JRB 418 SERIES QUICK ATTACH (Shown)	118186
Bale Spike (2 Round Bales) - JRB E SERIES QUICK ATTACH (Shown)	120435
Bale Spike (Large Square) - JRB E SERIES QUICK ATTACH (Shown)	13299
JOHN DEERE	
Bale Spike (Large Square) - JD244H with JRB Series 84 QUICK ATTACH (Shown)	13224
Bale Spike (Large Square) - JD310E (Shown)	13299
Bale Spike (2 Round Bales) - JD310E (Shown)	120435
MANITOU	
Bale Spike (2 Round Bales) - MANITOU (Shown)	12437
NEW HOLLAND	
Bale Spike (1 Bale) - NEW HOLLAND VERSATTACH (Shown)	12654
Bale Spike (2 Round Bales) - NEW HOLLAND VERSATTACH (Shown)	12107
SKID STEER LOADER	
Bale Spike (Large Square - UNIVERSAL SKID STEER HITCH (Shown)	16693
BLANK - NO MOUNTING	
Bale Spike (Large Square) (Shown)	13336

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

THIS SIGNAL WORD INDICATES A HAZARDOUS SITUATION WHICH, IF NOT AVOIDED, COULD RESULT IN MINOR OR MODERATE INJURY.

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.

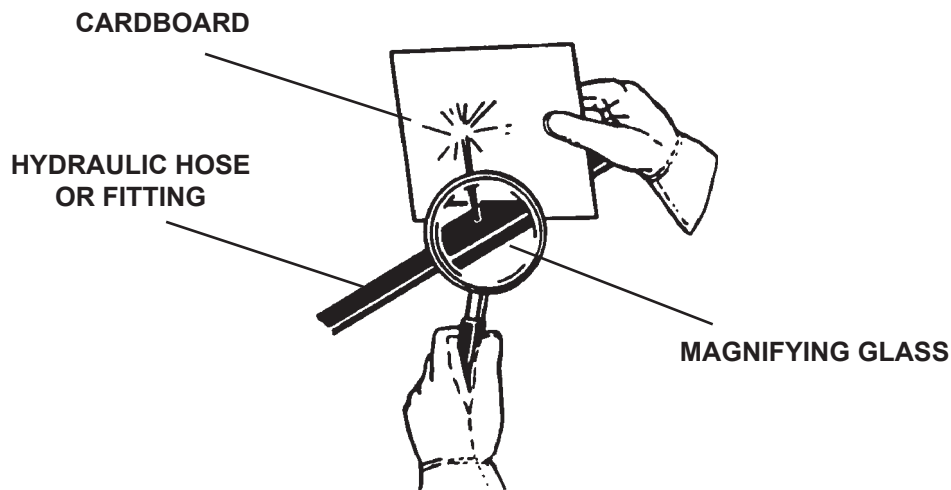
WARNING!



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 SPIKE

- Never use your attachment for a work platform or personnel carrier.
- Bale spikes are not equipped with a load guard. Only carry the quantity of bales that your particular bale spike was designed for.
- Do not transport stacks of bales.
- 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.
- Never lift, move, or swing a bale over anyone.
- 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.
- Carry the attachment low for maximum stability and visibility.
- Never stack loads on uneven ground. Loads stacked on uneven ground can topple.
- Always spear bales (round or square) with a slight downward motion. Spearling bales with a 5° angle on the spike will allow the bale to be dropped off the spike easier.
- Spear bales 1/4 to 1/2 the way up from the bottom edge of bale.
- For some applications, the spikes on the attachment may contact and damage the front wheels of the operating machine if the boom is in a raised and retracted position with the spikes rotated downward.

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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.

Always spear bales (round or square) with a slightly downward motion. Spearing bales with a 5° angle on the spike, and lowering the boom as the spear is entering the bale will allow the bale to be dropped off the spike easier.

For some applications, the spikes on the attachment may contact and damage the front wheels of the operating machine if the boom is in a raised and retracted position with spikes rotated downward.

Be sure tines are securely embedded into all bales to prevent them from falling and causing injury.

Do not raise bale(s) too high. Vehicle stability may be affected if bales are carried at raised heights. Lifting too high or rolling the attachment too far back could result in objects sliding backward down the arms onto the operator compartment.

Bale spikes are not equipped with a load guard. Only carry the quantity of bales that your particular bale spike was designed for. Do not transport more bales than your attachment was designed to lift.

When transporting bale(s), carry them as low to the ground as possible.

Do not stack bales on uneven ground. Bales stacked on uneven ground can topple. Be sure when stacking bales that the load heights do not exceed the lifting capabilities of your handling equipment.

For personal safety, lower the attachment to the ground, set the parking brake, shut off engine, and remove key before getting off of your prime mover.

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 and capscrews.
4. Touch up all unpainted and exposed areas with paint, to prevent rust.
5. Replace decals, if damaged or in unreadable condition.
6. 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.

PARTS

In order to provide you with the most UP-TO-DATE part information, all parts for this attachment have been moved to our website at www.paladinattachments.com/Manuals. Please use these diagrams and parts lists to locate replacement parts.

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 when contacting the factory, please have the product control number (PCN) or model and serial number of your product ready to ensure that you receive the correct parts for your specific attachment.

The product control number (PCN), 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.

NOTE: Most daily and emergency parts orders (in stock) received by 10:30 A.M. (Eastern Standard Time) will be shipped UPS Ground the same day received. UPS Next Day orders must be received by 1:30 PM (Eastern Standard Time.)

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WARRANTY

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