Read the operation manual entirely. When you see this symbol, the subsequent instructions and warnings are serious - follow without exception. Your life and the lives of others depend on it!

Illustrations may show optional equipment not supplied with standard unit.
Machine Identification

Record your machine details in the log below. If you replace this manual, be sure to transfer this information to the new manual.

If you or the dealer have added options not originally ordered with the machine, or removed options that were originally ordered, the weights and measurements are no longer accurate for your machine. Update the record by adding the machine weight and measurements with the option(s) weight and measurements.

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Important Safety Information

Look for Safety Symbol

The SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL indicates there is a potential hazard to personal safety involved and extra safety precaution must be taken. When you see this symbol, be alert and carefully read the message that follows it. In addition to design and configuration of equipment, hazard control and accident prevention are dependent upon the awareness, concern, prudence and proper training of personnel involved in the operation, transport, maintenance and storage of equipment.

Be Aware of Signal Words

Signal words designate a degree or level of hazard seriousness.

DANGER, and the color Safety Red, indicate an imminent hazard which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. This signal word is limited to the most extreme situations, typically for machine components that, for functional purposes, cannot be guarded.

WARNING, and the color Safety Orange, indicate a potential hazard which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury, and includes hazards that are exposed when guards are removed. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

CAUTION, and the color Safety Yellow, indicate a potential hazard which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

Prepare for Emergencies

▲ Be prepared if a fire starts
▲ Keep a first aid kit and fire extinguisher handy.
▲ Keep emergency numbers for doctor, ambulance, hospital and fire department near phone.

Be Familiar with Safety Decals

▲ Read and understand “Safety Decals” on page 5, thoroughly.
▲ Read all instructions noted on the decals.
▲ Keep decals clean. Replace damaged, faded and illegible decals.
Wear Protective Equipment

▲ Wear protective clothing and equipment.
▲ Wear clothing and equipment appropriate for the job. Avoid loose-fitting clothing.
▲ Because prolonged exposure to loud noise can cause hearing impairment or hearing loss, wear suitable hearing protection such as earmuffs or earplugs.
▲ Because operating equipment safely requires your full attention, avoid wearing entertainment headphones while operating machinery.

Handle Chemicals Properly

Agricultural chemicals can be dangerous. Improper use can seriously injure persons, animals, plants, soil and property.

▲ Do not use liquid seed treatments with the 3P806NT.
▲ Read and follow chemical manufacturer’s instructions.
▲ Wear protective clothing.
▲ Handle all chemicals with care.
▲ Avoid inhaling smoke from any type of chemical fire.
▲ Never drain, rinse or wash dispensers within 100 feet (30m) of a freshwater source, nor at a car wash.
▲ Store or dispose of unused chemicals as specified by chemical manufacturer.
▲ Dispose of empty chemical containers properly. Laws generally require power rinsing or rinsing three times, followed by perforation of the container to prevent re-use.

Avoid High Pressure Fluids

Escaping fluid under pressure can penetrate the skin, causing serious injury.

▲ Avoid the hazard by relieving pressure before disconnecting hydraulic lines.
▲ Use a piece of paper or cardboard, NOT BODY PARTS, to check for suspected leaks.
▲ Wear protective gloves and safety glasses or goggles when working with hydraulic systems.
▲ If an accident occurs, seek immediate medical attention from a physician familiar with this type of injury.

Keep Riders Off Machinery

Riders obstruct the operator’s view. Riders could be struck by foreign objects or thrown from the machine.

▲ Never allow children to operate equipment.
▲ Keep all bystanders away from machine during operation.
Use Safety Lights and Devices

Slow-moving tractors and towed implements can create a hazard when driven on public roads. They are difficult to see, especially at night.

- Use flashing warning lights and turn signals whenever driving on public roads.
- Use lights and devices provided with implement

Transport Machinery Safely

Maximum transport speed for implement is 20 mph (30 kph). Some rough terrains require a slower speed. Sudden braking can cause a towed load to swerve and upset.

- Do not exceed 20 mph (30 kph). Never travel at a speed which does not allow adequate control of steering and stopping. Reduce speed if drill is not equipped with brakes.
- Comply with state and local laws.
- Carry reflectors or flags to mark drill in case of breakdown on the road.
- Semi-mounted implements reduce weight on steering tires. Verify that tractor is correctly ballasted. Watch for signs of poor steering traction.

Tires Not a Step

Do not use gauge wheel or lift-assist tires as steps. A tire could spin underfoot, resulting in a fall onto the implement or ground, possibly causing serious injury.

- The gauge wheel tire can be in poor ground contact at any time, even with the drill lowered in the field. It can appear to be in ground contact, and spin easily, in multiple conditions.
- The lift-assist tires can be in poor ground contact, or out of ground contact, whenever the drill is lowered.

Shutdown and Storage

- Park on level ground.
- Secure drill using blocks.
- Unhitch and store the drill in an area where children normally do not play.

Tire Safety

Tire changing can be dangerous and should be performed by trained personnel using correct tools and equipment.

- When inflating tires, use a clip-on chuck and extension hose long enough for you to stand to one side—not in front of or over tire assembly. Use a safety cage if available.
- When removing and installing wheels, use wheel-handling equipment adequate for weight involved.
Practice Safe Maintenance

- Understand procedure before doing work. Use proper tools and equipment. Refer to this manual.
- Work in a clean, dry area.
- Lower the drill, put tractor in park, turn off engine, and remove key before performing maintenance. If work must be performed with implement raised, use blocks or jackstands rated for the drill weight.
- Make sure all moving parts have stopped and all system pressure is relieved.
- Allow drill to cool completely.
- Disconnect battery ground cable (-) before servicing or adjusting electrical systems.
- Welding: Disconnect battery ground. Avoid fumes from heated paint.
- Inspect all parts. Make sure parts are in good condition and installed properly.
- Remove buildup of grease, oil or debris.
- Remove all tools and unused parts from drill before operation.

Safety At All Times

Thoroughly read and understand the instructions in this manual before operation. Read all instructions noted on the safety decals.

- Be familiar with all drill functions.
- Operate machinery from the driver’s seat only.
- Do not leave drill unattended with tractor engine running.
- Do not stand between the moving tractor and drill during hitching.
- Keep hands, feet and clothing away from power-driven parts.
- Wear snug-fitting clothing to avoid entanglement with moving parts.
- Make sure all persons are clear of working area.
Safety Decals

Safety Reflectors and Decals

Your implement comes equipped with all lights, safety reflectors and decals in place. They were designed to help you safely operate your implement.

- Read and follow decal directions.
- Keep lights in operating condition.
- Keep all safety decals clean and legible.
- Replace all damaged or missing decals. Order new decals from your Great Plains dealer. Refer to this section for proper decal placement.
- When ordering new parts or components, also request corresponding safety decals.

Reflector: Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV)

818-055C

![Reflectors: Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV)](image)

On top of lift assist pivot weldment; 1 total

See “Transporting” on page 25.

Reflectors: Red

838-266C

![Reflectors: Red](image)

On rear face of lift assist cross tube, outside daytime reflectors; 2 total

See “Transporting” on page 25.

Reflectors: Daytime

838-267C

![Reflectors: Daytime](image)

On rear face of lift assist cross tube, inside red reflectors; 2 total

See “Transporting” on page 25.

To install new decals:

1. Clean the area on which the decal is to be placed.
2. Peel backing from decal. Press firmly on surface, being careful not to cause air bubbles under decal.
Reflectors: Amber
838-266C

On side frames at walkboard ends, on front face of lower front tool bars, outside ends; 4 total
See “Transporting” on page 25.

Reflectors: Amber (With Weights Option)
838-266C

On decal mounts attached to both weight brackets; 2 total
See “Transporting” on page 25.

Danger: Moving Chain (Option)
818-518C

Dual Seed: On outside of box end wall, under both covers; 2 total

Danger: Moving Chain (Option)
818-518C

Native Grass: On outside of box end wall, under both covers; 2 total
Danger: Moving Chain (Option)  
818-518C

![image]

Small Seeds: On chain guard of Small Seeds option; 1 total

Danger: Hitch Crush  
818-590C

![image]

On front face of frame, right of each hitch; 2 total
See “Hitching Tractor to Drill” on page 14.

Danger: Possible Chemical Hazard  
838-467C

![image]

Under lid of Small Seeds box; 1 total
See “Loading Materials” on page 27.

Warning: Speed  
818-337C

![image]

On front face of upper front cross tube, left of gauge wheel; 1 total
See “Transporting” on page 25.
Warning: Transport Locks
838-057C

![Diagram of Transport Locks]

On left face of lift assist mount weldment; 1 total

Warning: High Pressure Fluid
838-094C

![Diagram of High Pressure Fluid]

On front face of upper front cross-tube, left of hitch; 1 total
See “Hitching Tractor to Drill” on page 14.

Warning: Falling Hazard
838-102C

![Diagram of Falling Hazard]

On left side frame at ladder; 1 total
See “Loading Materials” on page 27.

Warning: Hand Crush
838-611C

![Diagram of Hand Crush]

On axle tube; 2 on axle tube 2, 3, 4, or 5 total
Warning: Hand Crush (Option)  
838-611C

Dual Seed: Under lid;  
1 Under Lid  
2, 3, 4, or 5 total  
See “Hitching Tractor to Drill” on page 15.

Warning: Hand Crush (Option)  
838-611C

Native Grass: Under lid;  
2 under lid  
2, 3, 4, or 5 total  
See “Hitching Tractor to Drill” on page 15.

Warning: Moving Parts  
818-860C

On front face of upper front cross tube at gearbox;  
1 total

Caution: Tires Not A Step  
818-398C

On outside face of caster arms above tires;  
2 total  
See “Tires Not a Step” on page 3.
Caution: General
818-719C

On front face of upper front cross tube, left of center; 1 total

See “Important Safety Information” on page 1.

Caution: Tire Pressure and Torque
838-092C

On rim of each lift assist wheel; 2 total

Caution: Transport Locks
848-339C

On top face of caster cross tube; 2 total

NOTICE: Petroleum Products
858-679C

On left-hand ends of seed boxes; 1 per seed box
Introduction

Great Plains welcomes you to its growing family of new product owners. Your Semi-Mounted 8-Foot No-Till Drill has been designed with care and built by skilled workers using quality materials. Proper setup, maintenance, and safe operating practices will help you get years of satisfactory use from the machine.

Description of Unit

The 3P806NT is a towed seeding implement. This drill has a working width of 8 feet (2.5 m). The drill has straight arm, double disc 06 Series openers. The opener discs make a seed bed, and seed tubes mounted between the discs place seed in the furrow. Press wheels following the opener discs close the furrow and gauge opener seeding depth. A T-handle on the opener body makes seeding depth adjustments.

The metering system is driven from the forward gauge wheel. Seeding rates are set by rate adjustment handles and a Drive Type gear box for a main seed box. Native Grass rates are set by sprocket selection.

Intended Usage

Use this drill to seed grasses or production-agriculture crops or to seed over existing grass stands, in ground conditions that are flat to semi-flat or gently rolling.

Models Covered

This manual applies to Great Plains drill model:

3P806NT-1375 15-row 7.5-inch (19.1 cm)

Standard 3P806NT Models have a main seed box. A second main seed box (Dual Seed), Fertilizer, Native Grass and/or Smalls Seeds capability may be added.

This manual covers both current and previous Great Plains 3P806NT models. Some significant operating differences are noted by headings with serial number breaks A1056V- and A1057V+ (“-” is “and lower”, “+” is “and higher”).

Using This Manual

This manual familiarizes you with safety, assembly, operation, adjustments, troubleshooting, and maintenance. Read this manual and follow the recommendations to help ensure safe and efficient operation.

Manual Family QRC

The QR Code (Quick Response) to the left will take you to this machine’s family of manuals. Use your smart phone or tablet to scan the QR Code with an appropriate App to begin viewing.

Document Family

151-143M Operator Manual (this document)
151-143P 3P806NT Parts Manual
151-143B Seed Rate Manual

NOTICE

Identifies an Economic (not a Safety) Risk:

NOTICE provides a crucial point of information related to the current topic. Read and follow the instructions to avoid damage to equipment and ensure desired field results.

This form sets off useful information related to the current topic, or forestalls possible misunderstanding.

Right-hand and left-hand as used in this manual are determined by facing the direction the machine will travel while in use unless otherwise stated. An orientation rose in some line art illustrations shows the directions of: Up, Back, Left, Down, Front, Right.

Dealer QRC

The QR Code (Quick Response) to the left will take you to available dealers for Great Plains products. Refer to the Parts Manual QR Locater for detailed instructions.
Owner Assistance

If you need customer service or repair parts, contact a Great Plains dealer. They have trained personnel, repair parts and equipment specially designed for Great Plains products.

Refer to Figure 2

Your machine’s parts were specially designed and should only be replaced with Great Plains parts. Always use the serial and model number when ordering parts from your Great Plains dealer. The serial-number plate is located on the top front cross-tube, near the gearbox.

Record your drill model and serial number here for quick reference:

Model Number: __________________________
Serial Number: __________________________

Further Assistance

Great Plains Manufacturing, Inc. and your Great Plains dealer want you to be satisfied with your new product. If for any reason you do not understand any part of this manual or are otherwise dissatisfied, please take the following actions first:

1. Discuss the matter with your dealership service manager. Make sure they are aware of any problems so they can assist you.

2. If you are still unsatisfied, seek out the owner or general manager of the dealership.

If your dealer is unable to resolve the problem or the issue is parts related, please contact:

Great Plains Service Department
1525 E. North St.
P.O. Box 5060
Salina, KS 67402-5060

Or go to www.greatplainsag.com and follow the contact information at the bottom of your screen for our service department.
Preparation and Setup

This section helps you prepare your tractor and drill for use.

Pre-Delivery Setup

If the drill has just been delivered, or has been broken down for re-shipment, this item needs to be completed prior to first field use:

- See “Appendix B - Pre-Delivery” on page 76. You may also need to install features, options and accessories that are not factory-installed, including:
  - “Carbide Disc Scraper Installation” on page 87.
  - “Weight Bracket Installation” on page 89
  - Native Grass Seed Rate Reduction installation, found in manual 202-583M in the Reduction kit.

Pre-Planting Setup

The balance of this section covers items that need to be completed or checked prior to each field use of the drill.

Pre-Setup Checklist

1. Read and understand “Important Safety Information” on page 1.
2. Check that all working parts are moving freely, bolts are tight, and cotter pins are spread.
3. Check that all grease fittings are in place and lubricated. See “Lubrication and Scheduled Maintenance” on page 52.
4. Re-connect any seed or fertilizer hoses disconnected for storage. See “Red Lights” on page 84.
5. Check that all safety decals and reflectors are correctly located and legible. Replace if damaged. See “Safety Decals” on page 5.
6. Inflate tires to pressure recommended and tighten wheel bolts as specified. See “Appendix A - Reference Information” on page 63.
Hitching Tractor to Drill

The 3P806NT is a 3-Point Category II hitch implement, employed in 2-point Semi-Mounted mode.

The top link of the tractor 3-point is not used for transport or field operation. Full 3-point mode is incompatible with lift-assist.

1. Remove tractor drawbar before hitching. The drill gauge wheel tire or assembly will be damaged if it contacts the drawbar during hitching, raising or lowering operations.

2. If a hitch extension is required, install the extension or setback on the drill, per the instructions at “Hitch Extension Installation” on page 88, before continuing with hitching.

**NOTICE**

Equipment Damage Risk:
Great Plains CPH, PFH or SSH accessory hitches are not compatible with the 3P806NT.

**DANGER**

Crushing Hazard:
You may be severely injured or killed by being crushed between the tractor and drill. Do not stand or place any part of your body between drill and moving tractor. Stop tractor engine and set park brake before installing hitch pins.

3. Raise or lower tractor 3-point lift arms, or hitch extension, as needed and pin lower arms to drill. Upper arm is unused.

4. Set your tractor 3-point draft control to Float position.

**NOTICE**

Equipment Damage Risk:
Do not raise tractor 3-point lift arms until after hydraulic and electrical connection have been made.
Hydraulic Hose Hookup

Hydraulic Hose Hookup (s/n A1057V+)
Applies to drills with serial numbers A1057V+
Connect hydraulic system to tractor before lifting the drill.
The hydraulic system of the 3P806NT drill has one single-acting lift-assist cylinder. (This cylinder has a larger capacity than the dual cylinders used in the previous hydraulic system with models A1056V-.) The cylinder raises the rear of the drill during lift (tractor 3-point lift arms raise the front).

Refer to Figure 3
5. Determine which tractor remote to use for lift assist, and set the lever for that circuit to Float (to relieve any pressure).
6. Connect the single lift hose to the Extend port of the tractor remote.

Prior to first use, adapt the 1/2 in. male NPT hose fitting to a connector compatible with the tractor. Use liquid pipe thread sealant (not tape) on NPT.

A poppet style QD (Quick Disconnect) to 1/2 in. FNPT coupler is available as part number 811-856C.

Bleeding Hydraulics
When the hydraulic system is first charged, and if air is later allowed in the system, it is necessary to bleed it, or lift may be uneven side to side. See “Bleeding Hydraulics (s/n A1057V+)” starting on page 50.

Hydraulic Hose Hookup (s/n A1056V-)
Applies to drills with serial numbers A1056V-

Refer to Figure 4
The hydraulic system of the 3P806NT drill (models with serial number A1056V-) has two single-acting lift-assist cylinders. These cylinders raise the rear of the drill during lift (tractor 3-point lift arms raise the front).

Electrical Connection

Refer to Figure 5
7. Plug the drill lighting connector into tractor outlet.
8. Coil-up and tie-up excess cable, allowing enough slack for the drill to tilt back if the tractor 3-point lift arms happen to be raised prior to the lift-assist circuit.
Leveling the Drill

Perform leveling in representative field conditions. On hard ground or pavement, coulters and openers may prevent determination of drill level.

9. If caster swivel locks were engaged, retract the rods and pin them up. See “Transporting” on page 25.


11. Remove transport lock channels from lift assist cylinders. See “Drill Lift/Lower (s/n A1057V+)” on page 20.

Refer to Figure 6

12. Initially adjust tractor 3-point lift arms so opener tube runs at the recommended initial height above ground when drill is lowered in the field.

13. The drive wheel should be in the fourth mounting hole from the top. This is the factory configuration.

The drive wheel axle height may need to be adjusted due to ground conditions. See page 34.

14. Check level of frame front-to-rear. If not level, adjust the rear height with the stroke control spacers.
Stroke Control Spacers (s/n A1057V+)

(Applies to drills with serial numbers A1057V+
For serial number A1056V-, see page 18.)

The height of the drill at rear (when lowered) is adjusted with a set of stroke control spacers (part no. 810-442C) included with the drill. Five snap-around spacers are stored on the storage rod for a combined length of 6\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches (165 mm).

Refer to Figure 7 and the table in Figure 8

15. Remove the desired combination of stroke control spacers from the lift-assist weldment storage rod and install on the cylinder rod. There is no factory recommendation for this, as it depends on the tractor used.

If planting in rolling terrain, it may be necessary to adjust the lift assist cylinders manually with the tractor hydraulics to allow the machine to float backwards.

Check Level

16. Lower drill until the cylinders rest on the stroke control spacers. See “Drill Lift/Lower (s/n A1057V+)” on page 20.

17. Pull drill forward to put coulters and openers in ground, and assure that lift-assist casters are in trailing position. Set tractor brakes.

18. When correct level has been achieved, set a stop, lock or reference indicator on the tractor’s hitch control to prevent lowering below drill-level.

19. Check level of frame front-to-rear. If not level, adjust the rear height with the stroke control spacers. If changed, re-check front tool bar height, and re-adjust tractor 3-point lift arms. Repeat until level.

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Stroke Control Spacers (s/n A1056V-)

(Appplies to drills with serial numbers A1056V-
For serial number A1057V+, see page 17.)

The height of the drill at rear (when lowered) is adjusted
with a set of stroke control spacers (part no.
810-242C) included with the drill. Five snap-around
spacers stored on each side combine for 20 different
lengths.

Refer to Figure 7 and the table in Figure 7

1. Remove the desired combination of stroke control
spacers from each lift-assist weldment storage rod
and install the same set on each cylinder rod.
There is no factory recommendation for this, as it
depends on the tractor used.

Check Level

2. Lower drill until the cylinders rest on the stroke
control spacers.
See “Drill Lift/Lower (s/n A1056V-)” on page 21.

3. Pull drill forward to put coulters and openers in
ground, and assure that lift-assist casters are in
trailing position. Set tractor brakes.

4. When correct level has been achieved, set a stop,
lock or reference indicator on the tractor’s hitch
control to prevent lowering below drill-level.

5. Check level of frame front-to-rear. If not level, adjust
the rear height with the stroke control spacers. If
changed, re-check front tool bar height, and
re-adjust tractor 3-point lift arms. Repeat until level.

a. If unequal spacer counts are ever needed to achieve side-to-side level, see “Eyebolt Adjustment” on page 48.
Operating Instructions

This section covers general operating procedures. Experience, machine familiarity and the following information will lead to efficient operation and good working habits. Always operate farm machinery with safety in mind.

Pre-Start Checklist

WARNING

High Pressure Fluid Hazard:
Escaping fluid under pressure can have sufficient pressure to penetrate the skin. Check all hydraulic lines and fittings before applying pressure. Fluid escaping from a very small hole can be almost invisible. Use paper or cardboard, not body parts, and wear heavy gloves to check for suspected leaks. If injured, seek immediate medical attention from a physician familiar with this type of injury.

1. Carefully review “Important Safety Information” starting on page 1.
2. Lubricate drill as indicated under “Lubrication and Scheduled Maintenance” on page 52.
3. Check all tires for proper inflation. See “Tire Inflation Chart” on page 63.
4. Check all bolts, pins and fasteners. Torque as shown in “Torque Values Chart” on page 64.
5. Check drill for worn or damaged parts. Repair or replace parts before going to the field.
6. Check hydraulic hoses, fittings and cylinders for leaks. Repair or replace before going to the field.
7. Rotate the each ground drive wheel to see that the drive system and meters are working properly and free from foreign material.
8. Check that the caster pivots are unlocked.

WARNING

Falling hazard:
Watch your step when walking on drill ladder and walkboard. Falling from drill could cause severe injury or death.
Drill Lift/Lower (s/n A1057V+)

(applies to drills with serial numbers A1057V+
For serial number A1056V-, see page 21)

Raising and lowering the drill relies on the tractor 3-point lift arms in front, and hydraulic lift-assist cylinder at rear. When setup for field use, the hitch and lift circuits may be operated in any order, or simultaneously. Both, however, must be lowered for planting, and the lowered hitch height must be as established at step 14 on page 16.

Raising
1. Raise the tractor 3-point lift arms fully.
2. Activate the lift circuit lever to Extend the lift-assist cylinder fully. Set circuit to Neutral.

⚠️ CAUTION

Crushing Hazard:
Rely on circuit Neutral to hold the drill raised only for field turns. Use parking stands and lock channel for all other raised operations, transport, parking, maintenance and storage.

Raising after Transport, Parking or Storage
Refer to Figure 11 and Figure 12

3. If raising for planting, remove lock channel 1 from lift-assist cylinder. Store in the pin hole 2 of the right side of lift assist weldment.
4. Install stroke control spacers 3. Remove needed set from rod 4 on lift-assist weldment and clamp around cylinder rod 5. Use a locally developed spacer combination (see page 17).

Raising for Transport, Parking or Storage
Refer to Figure 11 and Figure 12

5. If raising for transport or storage, set lift circuit to neutral to hold at raised. Set tractor parking brake and shut off tractor.

⚠️ If recently developed or changed, make a note of the combination removed.
7. Install lock channel 1 on cylinder rod. Secure with pin.
8. Re-start tractor. Slowly move the lift circuit lever to Retract, allowing the cylinder to settle on the lock (and relieving pressure from the hydraulic system).
Drill Lift/Lower (s/n A1056V-)
(applies to drills with serial numbers A1056V- for serial number A1057V+, see page 20)

Raising and lowering the drill relies on the tractor 3-point arms in front, and hydraulic lift-assist cylinders at rear. When setup for field use, the hitch and lift circuits may be operated in any order, or simultaneously. Both, however, must be lowered for planting, and the lowered hitch height must be as established at step 14 on page 16.

Raising
1. Raise the tractor 3-point lift arms fully.
2. Activate the lift circuit lever to Extend the lift-assist cylinders fully. Set circuit to Neutral.

**CAUTION**

*Crushing Hazard:*
Rely on circuit Neutral to hold the drill raised only for field turns. Use lock channels for all other raised operations, transport, parking, maintenance and storage.

**Refer to Figure 13**

3. If raising for planting, remove lock channels from lift-assist cylinders. Store in the pin holes of the inside plates of the lift assist riser weldments.

**Refer to Figure 14**

4. Install stroke control spacers. Remove needed set from rods on lift-assist weldments and clamp around cylinder rods. Use a locally developed spacer combination (see page 18).

**Raising for Transport, Parking or Storage**

5. If raising for transport or storage, set tractor parking brake and shut off tractor.

**Refer to Figure 14**

6. Remove stroke control spacers from lift-assist cylinders. Store spacers on weldment rods. If recently developed or changed, make a note of the combination removed.

**Refer to Figure 13**

7. Remove lock channels from the riser weldments. Install them on the cylinder rods. Secure with pins.
8. Slowly move the lift circuit lever to Retract, allowing the cylinders to settle on the locks (and relieving pressure from the hydraulic system).
Lowering

The lift-assist cylinder(s) is(are) single-acting. Move the tractor remote circuit lever to Retract. The drill to settles by gravity. The cylinder piston drives oil back to the tractor reservoir.

Do not use Float to lower, or the drill will settle suddenly.

If lowering from transport, parking or storage, it is first necessary to raise the drill, remove the lock channel(s), and install the stroke control spacers. See “Leveling the Drill” on page 16.

1. Slowly move the lift circuit lever to Retract, until each list-assist cylinder fully settles.
2. Lower the tractor 3-point lift arms to the stop, block or reference indicator established at step 14 on page 16.
3. Move lift-assist circuit lever to Float.
4. If about to begin planting, set tractor 3-point hitch to Float (and not Draft or Depth Control mode).
Caster Pivot Locks (s/n A1057V+)(applies to drills with serial numbers A1057V+ for serial number A1056V-, see page 24)

To prevent side movement of the drill when transported by trailer, the lift-assist casters may be locked in their full-reversing orientation.

Use this feature only for trailer transport. Do not use these locks for semi-mounted towing or field operations.

**Locking Casters**

*Refer to Figure 15*

1. With drill hitched, raise both tractor 3-point lift arms and lift assist (page 20). Install lift lock channel 1.
2. Pull or back drill onto trailer bed.

On extremely narrow trailer beds, it may be necessary to lock the casters before moving the drill onto the trailer. Make sure drill is precisely aligned for the final move, as maneuverability is greatly reduced with lock pins in place.

3. On both casters lift and turn spring loaded lock pin plungers 2 90 degrees. Move in reverse, lock pins snap into place in the caster plate cutouts 3 when aligned under each lock tube.
4. Lower drill.

**Unlocking Casters**

*Refer to Figure 15*

1. Hitch drill before unlocking.
2. Leave the lock pins 2 in place until the drill is removed from the trailer, unless the trailer bed has more than ample width to permit casters to safely make a full turn.
3. Lift lock pins 2 out of lock plate holes and turn 90 degrees to hold in the unlock position.

![Figure 15](image-url)

Caster Pivot Locked (s/n A1057V+)
Caster Pivot Locks (s/n A1056V-)
(applies to drills with serial numbers A1056V-
for serial number A1057V+, see page 23)

To prevent side movement of the drill when transported by trailer, the lift-assist casters may be locked in their full-trailing or full-reversing orientations.

Use this feature only for trailer transport. Do not use these locks for semi-mounted towing or field operations.

Locking Casters
Refer to Figure 16
1. With drill hitched, raise both tractor 3-point lift arms and rear ends (page 21). Install lift lock channels.
2. Pull or back drill onto trailer bed.
3. Pull forward, or reverse, until casters are in desired orientation, and a lock plate cutout is aligned under each lock tube.
4. At both left and right lift assist arms, remove the retaining pins, allowing the locking pin to fall into the lock plate cutout.
5. Store the retaining pins in the lock channel storage holes of the lift assist riser weldment.

Unlocking Casters
Refer to Figure 16
1. Hitch drill before unlocking.
2. Leave the lock pins in place until the drill is removed from the trailer, unless the trailer bed has more than ample width to permit casters to safely make a full turn.
3. Retrieve retaining pins from storage locations.
4. Lift lock pins out of lock plate holes.
5. Align hole in lock pin with hole in upper lock tube. Secure lock pin with retaining pin.
Transporting

Instructions and advisories for transport depend on the method of transport. Towing behind a tractor is covered on this page under “Semi-Mounted 3-Point Transport”. Transport via trailer is covered under “Trailer Transport” on page 26.

Semi-Mounted 3-Point Transport

**DANGER**

**Loss of Control Hazard:**
Tow the drill on its own tires only with a 3-point tractor. Towing with any other hitch type is likely to result in loss of control and a serious accident, with risk of injury or death, and almost certain major equipment damage.

Before transporting with a tractor, check these items:

1. Check that tractor is sufficient for towing the drill.

   Tractor must have at least 80 horsepower (60 kW).

   Use a tractor with adequate lift capacity, and that is weighted to maintain steering control. See the table on next page for weights of typical drill configurations. Tractor must have sufficient front-end weights.

2. Unload drill boxes. The drill can be transported with full boxes of material (other than native Grass), but the added weight increases stopping distance and decreases maneuverability. Unload before transporting if possible.

3. Raise drill completely (page 20).

4. Install lock channels on lift cylinders (page 20).

   The cylinder lock can be secured or removed only after the drill is fully raised.

5. Check that caster locks are disengaged (page 23).

**Keep Clearance in Mind**

Remember that the drill may be wider than the tractor. Allow safe clearance.

**Observe Road Rules**

Comply with all national, regional and local safety laws when traveling on public roads.
Typical³ 3P806NT Weights by Configuration

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**CAUTION**

**Load Maneuvering Hazard** - Use care and planning when loading or unloading the drill in trailer transport. The rear casters may turn and force the drill off the trailer.

▲ Make sure the trailer is rated for the load.

▲ Make the trailer is wide enough for the load.

▲ Make sure the load is secured properly.

**Loading Trailer**

1. Hitch suitable 3-point tractor with available hydraulic remote (page 15).
2. Raise drill (page 20).

**Loading with Casters Locked**

3. Carefully line-up the tractor, drill and trailer, so that:
   a. no turns are needed for the final movement, and
   b. the casters are fully reversed.
4. Install caster swivel lock pins (page 23).
5. Carefully back the drill onto the trailer bed.
6. Lower the drill (page 22).
7. Secure the load with cargo straps or chains.

**DANGER**

**Unstable Load Hazard** - Do not transport on a trailer of insufficient width or length. Unless both caster tires are on the bed, too few openers are supporting the entire drill. The load may spill, with risk of serious injury or death to anyone nearby, and certainty of major equipment damage.

**NOTICE**

**Equipment Damage Risk** - The drill must be hitched to a 3-point tractor for any movement. Coulter or opener damage is likely if unhitched movement is attempted. Observe all hitching precautions.

**Unloading Trailer**

1. Check that casters are still locked.
2. Release cargo straps or chains.
3. Hitch suitable 3-point tractor with available hydraulic remote (page 15).
4. On a narrow trailer, confirm that caster pivot swivel locks are still in place (page 23).
5. Raise drill (page 20).
6. Carefully tow drill from trailer.
7. Remove caster pivot swivel locks (if engaged, page 23).
8. Unless arriving at planting ground, install lift-assist cylinder transport locks (page 20).

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a. Weights are for serial number A1057V+, are approximate, and can vary by hundreds of pounds based on material density, press wheel options, accessories and user modifications. Weight kit figures presume 10 each 100 pound suitcase weights.
Loading Materials

Fully loaded with dense seed and fertilizer, the drill weighs an additional 1580 lbs (718 kg). Include this weight when checking tractor capability.

The drill must be hitched for seed loading.

Load slightly more material than needed, because consumption rates can vary between compartments even though the furrow rates are identical.

**Main Seed Box Loading**

1. Check that all meter doors are positioned for the seed size, and not set for clean-out. See “Position Seed Cup Doors” in seed Rate Manual. If loading prior to transport, set them to position 1 (smallest seed).
2. Install or remove optional seed plugs as desired for the row spacing planned. See “Seed Tube Plug (Small Seeds)” on page 61.

If loading prior to transport, and calibration has not yet been done, set Seed Rate Handle to 0. At 0, and with the doors at 1, no seed can leak during transport.

3. The main seed box lid handle is also a latch. It needs to pivot up to release the lid.
4. Load seed evenly into compartments.

To reduce wear on unused boxes that may also be present:

- Remove final drive chain for small seed box.
- Remove Native Grass ground drive chain (right wheel).

**Loading Native Grass Box**

1. The main seed box lid handle is also a latch. It needs to pivot up to release the lid.
2. Load seed evenly into compartments.

**Loading Small Seeds Box**

1. If loading prior to transport, and calibration has not yet been done, set Seed Rate Handle to 0. At 0, no seed can leak during transport.
2. Take all necessary materials safety precautions if the seed is treated.
3. The Small Seeds lid is held closed by two external rubber latches. Pull them up and to the rear to release the lid.
4. Load seed evenly into compartments.
5. To reduce wear, remove main shaft drive chains for main seed boxes.

**Loading Dual Seed Box**

See “Main Seed Box Loading.”

**Material Rates Overview**

Details of seed and fertilizer rate setting are found in the Adjustments section, and rely on data from the Seed Rate Manual.

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**WARNING**

Take all prescribed material safety precautions.

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**Loading Fertilizer**

Fully loaded with dense fertilizer, the drill can weigh an additional 560 lbs (255 kg) or more. Include this weight when checking tractor capability.

Load fertilizer after transport if possible. Unless the rate adjuster is set to zero, some spillage can occur through meters during transport, even with the drive system disengaged.

1. Check that fertilizer clean-out door is closed and all latches are secure.
2. If loading prior to transport, and calibration has not yet been done, set Rate Adjuster to 0. At 0, no fertilizer can leak during transport.
3. The fertilizer lid is held closed by a spring-loaded bumper. Lift smartly at the handle to release it.
4. Load fertilizer evenly into fertilizer compartment.
5. To reduce wear, remove drive chains for seed boxes not used.
Rate setting controls are different for each box, but independent for each box. Some boxes have more than one control.

Basic rate settings are found in the Seed Rate Manual (part number 151-143B, normally located in the Manual-Pak™ enclosure at front center of drill).

All chart rates, for all boxes, are approximate. Great Plains strongly recommends calibration of each box to the material to be applied.

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### Seeding Depth Overview

Setting nominal planting depth, and achieving it consistently, is affected by multiple adjustable drill functions, which can interact. From greatest to least effect they are:

**Refer to Figure 18**

- **Coulter Height** (page 16)
  - The coulters prepare soil ahead of the openers, and are typically set slightly deeper than the openers. The openers thus only need to open the tilled shaft into a V-shaped furrow. The openers cannot generally run deeper than the coulters, and running them too close to coulter depth may result in uneven seed depth.

- **Opener Depth** (Press Wheel Height) (page 39)
  - Using the T-handle, in no-till conditions, opener depth can be set near, and at any level above coulter depth.
  - In soft or conventionally tilled soil, the opener disc depth is more independent of the coulters.

- **Row Unit Down Pressure** (Spring) (page 37)
  - In most conditions, the factory spring setting is sufficient to make a consistent furrow in the coulter-prepared soil. In extremely heavy conditions, with the coulters running at the desired depth, the openers may be making a furrow of inconsistent depth. Rather than increase the coulter depth, you can increase opener down force at the row unit springs.

- **Disc Blade Adjustments** (as blades wear) (page 36)
  - As blades wear, the diameter of the discs, and their contact gap, changes. Seeding depth will also change (or become irregular), unless adjustments are made to blade spacing and the T-handle setting. Generally, the blades need to be replaced completely before coulter height adjustments would be needed.

**NOTICE**

Never back up with openers in the ground. To do so may cause damage or opener plugging.
Acremeter Operation

The acremeter\(^a\) counts shaft rotations whenever the shaft is rotating - normally this is only with the drill lowered and in motion. The meter is programmed to display rotations as acres or hectares, when using all rows, factory-specified tires and tire inflations.

Unusual conditions and/or non-standard row spacings can cause the acremeter tally to vary somewhat from actual acres planted.

Refer to Figure 19

Acremeters supplied with drills have varied over time. For operational details (modes, resets, calibration), see the manual supplied with the acremeter:

Meter Style and Manual

1. 194-074M
2. 152-325M
3. 152-314M
4. 194-209M

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a. An electronic acremeter is available as an upgrade for older drills having a mechanical acremeter.
Field Operation

1. Hitch drill to a suitable tractor (page 14).

**Crushing Hazard:**
You may be severely injured or killed by being crushed between the tractor and drill. Do not stand or place any part of your body between drill and moving tractor. Stop tractor engine and set park brake before installing pins.

2. Remove caster pivot swivel locks if installed (page 23).
3. Fully raise drill (page 20).
4. Rotate gauge wheel. Check that feed cups, seed tubes and drives are working properly and free from foreign material.
5. Remove lift-assist cylinder transport locks and store on weldments (page 22).
6. Install Stroke Control Spacers (page 17).
7. Load materials (page 27).
8. Set initial seed population from Seed Rate manual.
9. Rotate gauge wheel to fill cups. Check for flow at opener tubes.
10. Calibrate material rates (see Seed Rate Manual).
11. Record initial acremeter reading (page 29).
12. Pull forward, lower drill, set both hitch and lift-assist circuit to Float, and begin seeding.
13. When turning at row ends and for other short-radius turns, always raise drill (tractor 3-point lift arms and lift-assist). Seeding automatically stops when the ground drive wheel loses contact.

Parking
Perform the following steps when parking the drill for 36 hours or less. Refer to “Storage” to prepare for longer-term storage.

1. Position drill on a level, solid area.
2. Lower tractor 3-point lift arms and Retract lift-assist cylinder/s (page 22) until drill is on the ground.
3. Set lift-assist circuit to Float, to relieve all pressure.
4. Remove pins from lower 3-point links at tractor (any hitch extension in use may be left on drill).
5. Disconnect lighting harness and any other electrical connections.
6. Disconnect seed and fertilizer hoses at openers. Allow to hang freely.
7. Cap or plug seed tubes to prevent pest entry.
8. Lubricate and adjust all roller chains.
9. Take special care to oil feed cup drive sprocket in its square bore.
10. Disconnect seed and fertilizer lines to openers.
11. Inspect drill for worn or damaged parts. Make repairs and service during the off season.
12. Use spray paint to cover scratches, chips and worn areas on the drill to protect the metal.
13. Cover with a tarp if stored outside.

Storage
Store drill where children do not play. Prevent coulter/opener ground contact.

1. Hitch tractor (page 14).
2. Unload seed and fertilizer boxes (page 45).
3. Thoroughly clean seed, seed treatment residue and fertilizer residue from boxes and feeder cups.
4. Position drill on a level, solid area. If possible, store the drill inside or under a tarp for longer life.
5. Place a tarp, pallets or sheets of wood under coulters and opener discs.
6. Lower tractor 3-point lift arms and Retract lift-assist cylinder/s (page 22) until drill is on the ground.
7. Set lift-assist circuit to Float, to relieve all pressure.
8. Remove pins from lower 3-point links at tractor (any hitch extension in use may be left on drill).
9. Disconnect lighting harness and any other electrical connections.
10. Disconnect lift-assist hydraulic line.
11. Remove any dirt and debris that can hold moisture and cause corrosion.
12. Disconnect seed and fertilizer hoses at openers. Allow to hang freely.
13. Cap or plug seed tubes to prevent pest entry.
14. Lubricate areas noted under “Lubrication and Scheduled Maintenance”.
17. Inspect drill for worn or damaged parts. Make repairs and service during the off season.
18. Use spray paint to cover scratches, chips and worn areas on the drill to protect the metal.
19. Cover with a tarp if stored outside.
## Adjustments

To get full performance from your drill, you need an understanding of all component operations, and many provide adjustments for optimal field results.

The 3P806NT has double-disc 06 Series openers with depth-controlling press wheels mounted on floating opener frames. Opener bodies are staggered for easy soil flow. All openers pivot on a common axis to maintain consistent depth as the opener frame follows contours. A spring provides the down pressure necessary for double discs to open a seed furrow. The spring allows openers to float into depressions and over obstructions. Individual openers can be adjusted to account for tire tracks.

Even if your planting conditions rarely change, some of these adjustment items need periodic attention due to normal wear.

### Seed and Fertilizer Rate

Seed are applied by fluted feed meters driven by the gauge wheel. Independent mechanisms drive main seed, fertilizer, native grass and small seeds application.

**Main Box Seed rate** is controlled by adjustments for:
- Left Drive Type gearbox lever
- Seed Rate Handle at box (drill front)
- Feed Cup Door (one each seed tube)

**Dual Box Seed rate** is controlled by adjustments for:
- Right Drive Type gearbox lever
- Seed Rate Handle at box (drill rear)
- Feed Cup Door (one each seed tube)

**Native Grass rate** is controlled by:
- Rate Reduction Sprockets (see manual 202-583M)
- Right Drive Type gearbox lever (drill front)
- Driven Sprocket at Native Grass Seed box

**Small Seeds rate** is controlled by:
- Rate Reduction Sprockets (see manual 202-583M)
- Right Drive Type gearbox lever (drill rear)

**Fertilizer rate** is controlled by a Rate Adjuster at box (drill rear)

### Planting Depth

Setting nominal planting depth, and achieving it consistently, is affected by multiple adjustable drill functions, from greatest to least effect they are:
- Coulter Height
- Opener Depth (Press Wheel Height)
- Opener Down Pressure, and;
- Disc Blade Adjustments (as blades wear).

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SRM Rate setting details are in the Seed Rate Manual, part number 151-143B, normally located in the Manual-Pak™enclosure at the front of the drill.
Coulter Adjustments

Refer to Figure 20

A no-till coulter ①, is mounted directly ahead of each opener on the drill. The coulters cut through heavy trash and make a groove in the soil for the openers. The coulters are mounted on the drill frame so coulter cutting depth changes as the drill is raised and lowered.

To set drill seeding depth, you must:
1. Set coulter depth by raising or lowering the front drive wheel (see below).
2. Check front-to-back drill level and re-adjust lift-assist stroke control spacers (page 17).
4. If soil conditions make it necessary, increase coulter down pressure by adding weights (page 34).

Coulters normally operate fully down against their stops, with the coulter springs compressing only occasionally as the blades encounter obstructions.

If necessary, adjust individual coulters or openers to run deeper for tire tracks, refer to “Coulter Depth (Individual Rows)” on page 34.

The amount of coulter down force needed to cut a soil groove varies with soil conditions. Adding weight or shortening the coulter spring increases coulter down pressure and cutting force.

Coulter Depth (All Rows)

Refer to Figure 21

Raise or lower drive wheel, by relocating axle, to achieve proper coulter depth.

- Raising wheel sets coulters deeper.
- Lowering wheel sets coulters shallower.

Factory default setting is hole ③.

Do not lower coulters to aid in penetrating hard soil. Instead, increase coulter down pressure by adding weight to drill. See “Coulter Down Pressure” on page 33.

**NOTICE**

Normal practice is to set coulter depth approximately 1 inch deeper than desired seed depth.
Coulter Down Pressure

The maximum down force at the coulters depends on:

- empty drill weight (page 26),
- extra weights added (page 34),
- down-force consumed by the opener discs (this can range from 50-150 pounds), and;
- the current material loading (which declines to zero during planting).

3P806NT configurations typically are too light to reach the factory down-force of 400 lbs at all rows. The table at right shows typical forces available. Do not increase coulter spring forces drill-wide unless weight is available.

Coulter Spring Length

Coulter springs are preset at 10 in. (25.4 cm), giving coulters an initial operating force of 400 pounds before the spring compresses. This setting is adequate for many difficult no-till conditions.

In normal operation at target running depth, springs are at full extension or only slightly compressed. They compress briefly at obstructions and in denser soil.

- In heavy no-till conditions, you may observe the springs in compression most of the time. This means that the blades are not reaching the desired coulter depth. If adequate drill weight is available, you can increase the spring down-force to compensate.
- In light but rocky conditions, the factory setting may be higher than needed. Extend blade life by reducing the force at which the blades ride up over obstructions.

To adjust the coulter spring:

Refer to Figure 22

1. Raise the drill and install transport locks. See “Drill Lift/Lower (s/n A1057V+)” on page 20.
2. Determine the new spring length (1) desired. See the table at right.
3. Measure the current length of the spring(s) to be changed. If already shorter than 9 3/4 in., or longer than 10 1/4 in., do not further adjust them.
4. Loosen the jam nut (2).
5. Rotate the adjuster nut (3) until the spring is at the new length. Tighten the jam nut.

If all springs are continuously in compression, the coulters can lift the drill off the ground (at the ground drive wheel), resulting in low seeding rates and uneven seed depth. If high forces are required, frame weights are probably required.

Available Coulter Force Per Row

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<tr>
<th>Drill Configuration</th>
<th>Empty Drill</th>
<th>Drill with Full Weight Kit</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Standard Drill</td>
<td>161 lbs (73 kg)</td>
<td>250 lbs (114 kg)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Drill w/Fertilizer</td>
<td>178 lbs (81 kg)</td>
<td>267 lbs (121 kg)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Drill w/Native Grass</td>
<td>187 lbs (85 kg)</td>
<td>276 lbs (125 kg)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Drill w/Small Seed</td>
<td>170 lbs (77 kg)</td>
<td>259 lbs (118 kg)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fert. &amp; Small Seed</td>
<td>183 lbs (83 kg)</td>
<td>273 lbs (124 kg)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NG &amp; Small Seed</td>
<td>196 lbs (89 kg)</td>
<td>285 lbs (129 kg)</td>
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Machine Damage Risk:

Resetting coulter-spring length shorter than 9 1/4 in. may cause premature failure of parts, and voids the warranty. No 3P806NT configurations have enough weight to compress all springs shorter than 9 1/4 in.
Coulter Depth (Individual Rows)
The running depth of all coulters is adjusted simultaneously by changing the tool bar height. Adjusting the height of a small number of coulters may be useful for rows in tire tracks.
Adjust individual coulters as follows.
1. On level ground, lower the drill until coulters just touch the ground.
2. Raise the drill by the extra amount you need to lower the rows in tracks.

Refer to Figure 23
3. At each coulter to be adjusted, slightly loosen all six bolts (1, 2) at the mount.
4. Using a rubber mallet, tap the spring bar 3 up or down until the bottom edge of the coulter disc is at ground level.
5. Tighten the two clamp bolts (1) until both U-bolts are firmly against the edge of the spring bar 3. It is normal for there to be a small gap between the clamps.
6. Tighten the four U-bolts 2.
7. Lower the drill and pull forward 30 feet (10m).
8. Check coulter blade to opener blade (furrow centerline) alignment.

Drill Weight Adjustment
In heavy no-till conditions, or if it is otherwise necessary to increase coulter spring force, extra frame weight is probably required (or the higher forces will just lift the drill off the ground, resulting in unreliable ground drive operation).
Adding weight requires the optional weight kit and user-provisioned standard “suitcase” tractor weights (kit does not include weights). See page 62 for ordering and page 89 for installation.
The kit includes two brackets. Each bracket accepts up to five 100 pound (45 kg) weight. The following table shows the additional force per row that the kit can provide.

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<td>Pounds</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>62</td>
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Do not adjust the bar height of all coulters. Use the tractor 3-point lift arms and front gauge wheel to set group coulter height (page 16).
Row Unit Adjustments

Refer to Figure 25 (which depicts an 06 series row unit fully populated with all optional accessories [except Fertilizer and Seed-Lok®] supported for use with the 3P806NT drill; coulter is not part of opener assembly and is not shown)

From front to back, a Great Plains 06 Series row unit can include the following capabilities (some optional):

1. Disc Blades: standard, 2 per row unit
   Double disc blades open a furrow, creating the seed bed. Spacers adjust the blades for a clean furrow. See “Disc Blade Adjustments” on page 36.

2. Dual Down Pressure Springs: standard
   The adjustable springs provides the force to get the row unit and attachments into the soil prepared by the coulter. See “Opener Down Pressure” on page 37.

3. Main Box Seed Delivery tube: standard
   No adjustments are necessary.

4. Seed firmer: seed flap (shown) standard
   No adjustments required. The flap may need to be shortened if Seed-Lok® is field-installed. See “Seed Flap Replacement” on page 47 for maintenance.

   Seed-Lok® firming wheel (optional)
   Improves seed-soil contact. See “Seed-Lok® Lock-Up” on page 38.

5. Disc Scraper: standard
   In sticky soils, a scraper helps keep the opener discs operating freely. A slotted scraper is standard. See “Disc Scraper Adjustment” on page 37.

   A spring-loaded carbide scraper is optional. See page 57 for ordering and page 87 for installation.

6. Native Grass Box Seed Delivery tube: optional
   No adjustments are necessary.

7. Fertilizer Delivery tube: optional (not shown)
   No adjustments are necessary.

8. Small Seeds Box Seed Delivery tube: optional
   No adjustments are necessary. If Fertilizer is also installed, small seeds are delivered by a side tube (not shown).

9. Press wheels: standard (choice of types)
   The T-Handle controls press wheel height and opener depth. The wheels close the seed trench. See “Opener Depth (Press Wheel Height)” on page 39.

   Do not back up with row units in the ground. To do so will cause severe damage and row unit plugging.
Disc Blade Adjustments

Opener disc angle and stagger is not adjustable, but disc-to-disc spacing is, and may need attention as discs experience normal wear. Spacers must be reset when blades are replaced.

Refer to Figure 26

The ideal spacing causes the blades to be in contact for about one inch. If you insert two pieces of paper between the blades, the gap between them should be $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ in. (1.3 to 4.4 cm).

If the contact region is significantly larger or smaller (or there is no contact at all), it needs to be adjusted by moving one or more spacer washers. If the contact region varies with blade rotation, one or both blades is likely bent and in need of replacement.

Adjusting Disc Contact

CAUTION

Sharp Object Hazard:
Row unit disc blades may be sharp. Use caution when making adjustments in this area.

Refer to Figure 27

1. Raise the drill and lock the lift-assist cylinders.
2. Remove the bolt 1 retaining the opener disc on one side. Carefully remove the disc, noting how many spacers 2 are outside the disc and inside the disc. Do not lose the hub components and dust cover 3.
3. To reduce the spacing between the discs (the normal case), move one spacer washer from the inside to the outside of the disc.
4. Re-assemble and check disc contact.
Opener Adjustments
Opener Down Pressure

Opener springs provide the down pressure necessary for opener discs to open a seed trench. The springs allow the openers to float down into depressions and up over obstructions.

Each opener spring can be adjusted for down pressure. This is useful when planting in tractor tire tracks.

Refer to Figure 28

To adjust the pressure, remove “W” clip at bottom of spring. Place “W” clip in a higher hole in spring rod for more pressure or in a lower hole for less pressure.

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<td>Lowest</td>
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NOTICE
Use this adjustment only for a few rows, typically in tire tracks. Do not set row force higher on all rows. Instead use coulter adjustments (page 32) and frame weight adjustments (page 34).

Re-check drill level (page 16) after adjusting row force.

Disc Scraper Adjustment

To keep opener discs turning freely, dirt scrapers are mounted between discs to clean as the discs rotate. As field conditions vary, scrapers may need to be adjusted. In damp conditions, scrapers may need to be lowered. If openers are not turning freely, scrapers may need to be raised.

Refer to Figure 29

To adjust scrapers, loosen 3/8 inch bolt ① and move scraper as needed.

The standard scraper is shown. Optional spring-loaded carbide scrapers are available (see page 57). They require no adjustment.
Small Seeds Tube Adjustment (Option)

Refer to Figure 30

On a drill with the Small Seeds option, deeper seed placement may be achieved by rotating the seed tube ① to face forward.

This orientation is suggested only if the seed firmer is a seed flap. If a Keeton® or Seed-Lok® is present, seed falls on the firmer and may be scattered rather than placed deeper.

Seed-Lok® Lock-Up

Optional Seed-Lok® firming wheels provide additional seed-to-soil contact. The wheels are spring loaded and do not require adjusting. In some wet and sticky conditions the wheels may accumulate soil. To avoid problems associated with this, you can lock-up the firmers.

Refer to Figure 31 (shown with an opener disc removed for clarity - this task can be performed with discs mounted)

To lock up Seed-Lok® wheels:  
1. Pull catch wire aside ①.
2. Pull firming-wheel arm ② up and release wire to catch arm.
Opener Depth (Press Wheel Height)
A press wheel attached to each opener body controls seeding depth. To maintain consistent depth, the relationship between the bottom of the opener discs and press wheel is fixed upwardly by an adjustable stop on each opener.

The press wheels also close the seed trench and gently press soil over seed. To provide consistent soil firming, press wheels are free to move down from normal operating position. This maintains pressing action even if opener discs encounter obstructions or hard soil.

Refer to Figure 32
Set opener seeding depth by adjusting press-wheel height. To adjust, first raise drill slightly, then lift and slide T-handles on top of openers.

- For shallower seeding, slide T-handles toward drill.
- For deeper seeding, slide T-handles away from drill.
## Troubleshooting

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<td>Clean out seed tubes.</td>
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<td>Check tire pressure and frame height. Solution may require drier conditions.</td>
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<td>Use faster Drive Type speed and close feed cup flutes to a more narrow position.</td>
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<td>Check gearbox, sprocket, seed-rate handle and seed door settings. Perform calibration if not already done.</td>
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<td>Open feed cups to a wider position.</td>
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<td>Feed cup door handle not open enough.</td>
<td>Open feed cup door handle to a lower position.</td>
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<td>Too wet or cloddy.</td>
<td>Wait until drier weather or rework ground.</td>
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<td>Not enough down pressure on disc openers.</td>
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<td>Clear blockage.</td>
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<td>Clean out and check for damage.</td>
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<td>Failed disc bearings</td>
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<td>Scrapper worn or damaged</td>
<td>Replace scraper.</td>
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<td>Feed cup sprockets locked up or twisted feed cup drive shaft</td>
<td>Foreign matter lodged in one or more feed cup sprockets.</td>
<td>Clean out feed cup sprockets. Use clean seed.</td>
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<td>Dried liquid insecticide inside feed cups.</td>
<td>Remove build up by disassembling each feed cup and scraping foreign substance from turn surfaces.</td>
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<td>Coulters not going deep enough</td>
<td>Not enough down pressure.</td>
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<td>Row down pressure set too high (reducing weight available to coulters)</td>
<td>Reduce row down pressure to standard (page 37). Set coulters to prepare furrow more aggressively (page 32).</td>
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<td>Coulters and drill going too deep</td>
<td>Coulters set too deep or spring force too high</td>
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<td>Set press wheels to a shallower depth.</td>
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<td>Coulters and openers plugging in no-till conditions</td>
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<td>Drill at a slight angle to rows.</td>
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<td>Small seeds box not emptying evenly</td>
<td>Adjustable divider not set evenly.</td>
<td>Move adjustable divider to create more volume in areas that run out first.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chain</td>
<td>Debris, retainer clip</td>
<td>Be sure retainer clip is facing opposite way of chain travel. See page 47.</td>
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<td>Acremeter inaccurate</td>
<td>Excess wheel slippage</td>
<td>Check frame height, wheel axle position, tire size and pressure. If correct, solution may be to wait for drier conditions.</td>
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<td>Passes misaligned</td>
<td>Check that planting passes are not leaving gaps (under-reporting area) or causing overlap (over-reporting area).</td>
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<td>Wheel slippage is varying from nominal.</td>
<td>If variance is consistent, develop a correction factor for your conditions.</td>
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<td>Check that acremeter is for your drill.</td>
<td>Activate display. Lower left corner must be “656.2 revs/ac” or “1621.5 revs/ha”. Contact dealer if otherwise.</td>
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<td>Acremeter battery exhausted</td>
<td>Replace acremeter. See page 29. (unit is sealed and battery is not replaceable).</td>
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Maintenance and Lubrication

Proper servicing and maintenance is the key to long implement life. With careful and systematic inspection, you can avoid costly maintenance, downtime and repair. Always turn off and remove the tractor key before making any adjustments or performing any maintenance.

⚠️ WARNING

Crushing Hazard:
Always have frame sufficiently blocked up when working on, and particularly under implement. You may be severely injured or killed by being crushed under a falling implement.

⚠️ WARNING

High Pressure Fluid Hazard:
Check all hydraulic lines and fittings before applying pressure. Use paper or cardboard, not body parts, and wear heavy gloves to check for suspected leaks. Escaping fluid under pressure can have sufficient pressure to penetrate the skin. Fluid escaping from a very small hole can be almost invisible. If an accident occurs, seek immediate medical attention from a physician familiar with this type of injury.

After using drill for several hours, check all bolts to be sure they are tight.
1. Securely block drill before working on it.
2. Lubricate areas listed under “Lubrication and Scheduled Maintenance” on page 52.
3. Clean any fittings that do not take grease.
4. Inflate tires as specified on “Tire Inflation Chart” on page 63.
5. Inspect hydraulic hoses for cuts, cracks and aging. Check fittings for evidence of leaks.
6. Replace any worn, damaged or illegible safety decals. Order new decals from your Great Plains dealer. See “Safety Decals” on page 5.
Caster Brake Adjustment
Caster Brake Adjustment (s/n A1057V+)

(appplies to drills with serial numbers A1057V+
For serial number A1056V-, see page 44)

Refer to Figure 33
The rear lift-assist wheels each have independent adjusters for the caster pivot. The adjustments will vary depending on different field-to-field conditions as well as road transport conditions.

Caster Pressure Plate and Tube:
The tube acts as a pivot brake 1, and helps prevent caster oscillation during transport.

If the caster is oscillating during transport turns or in field use, adjust the pressure plate bolt 2.

Refer to Figure 34
The factory setting for both adjustments is 1 3/4 in. (4.4 cm) from the face of the bolt head to the top of the weldment, this measurement is a starting point and will need to be fine tuned from field-to-field as conditions vary. Depending on conditions, adjustment may be needed to go from field to road transport. If caster brake components are ever replaced, return the bolts to the factory setting.

Pressure Plate Adjustment
1. Loosen the jam nut ③.
2. Turn the bolt ① clockwise until the spring is fully compressed.
3. Back the bolt out 1/4 in. (6 mm).
4. Tighten the jam nut.
Caster Brake Adjustment (s/n A1056V-)
(applies to drills with serial numbers A1056V-
for serial number A1057V+, see page 43)

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oscillation during transport.

If the caster is oscillating during transport turns or in field
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Refer to Figure 36
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1⅞ in. (4.4 cm) from the face of the bolt head to the top
of the weldment, this measurement is a starting point
and will need to be fine tuned from field-to-field as
conditions vary. Depending on conditions, adjustment
may be needed to go from field to road transport. If
caster brake components are ever replaced, return the
bolts to the factory setting.

Pressure Plate Adjustment
1. Loosen the jam nut ③.
2. Turn the bolt ② clockwise until the spring is fully
compressed.
3. Back the bolt out ⅛ in (6mm).
4. Tighten the jam nut.
Materials Clean-Out

Main Box and Dual Box Clean-Out

Refer to Figure 37, which depicts the seed cup door handle in a normal operating position.

1. Set the Seed Rate Handle to zero (0). This moves the seed cup sprockets out of the seed path.
2. Position a tarp or bucket under each row or set of rows to be cleaned out.
3. At the seed cup for that row, pull the door handle out of the operating detent range, and swing it down to position .
4. Open the main seed box and use a small brush to sweep seed toward seed cups set to clean-out. If seed does not flow freely, inspect seed cup, hose and seed tubes for obstructions.
5. If a vacuum cleaner is available, use it to remove residual material.

It is not necessary to operate the meter drive shaft for clean-out. With the Seed Rate set to zero, nothing moves inside the seed cups; however, an inspection of the flutes for excess wear and damage does require shaft rotation. Set the Seed Rate Handle to 100 and disengage the lock-out hub. With openers lowered to engage the clutch, the seed meter jackshaft can be slowly turned with the calibration crank, while another person inspects the flutes from the open seed boxes.

Native Grass Box Clean-Out

If a suitable vacuum is available, open the Native Grass box lid, and vacuum out remaining seed. If too much seed remains for the vacuum, or no vacuum is available:

1. Raise and lock up the drill. Place a tarp under the Native Grass seed tubes.
2. Set the Native Grass (right gearbox) Drive Type to 4. Optionally install the smallest final Driven sprocket.
3. Install the calibration crank, and turn the drive system until no seed flows from Native Grass tubes.
4. Vacuum out any residual material from above.

**NOTICE**

Equipment Damage Risk:

Water wash-out is not recommended for the Native Grass box, particularly if seed lubricants have been used. Water may cause build-up of solidified residue. Filler material used in native grass mixes can also present problems.
Fertilizer Box Clean-Out
After applying fertilizer, clean the box as soon as possible. Fertilizers often contain corrosive chemicals.

Refer to Figure 39
With a small scoop or can, remove as much fertilizer as possible from drill boxes.
Clean-out releases material across the entire length of a box. Have collection equipment prepared.
Release all clean-out latches on the drill, and open clean-out door. Leave door open until after washout.

Refer to Figure 40
Wash inside of fertilizer box with high pressure water.
Let drill boxes dry before closing clean-out doors.

Small Seeds Box Clean-Out
1. Open box lid and scoop out as much seed as possible.
2. To recover remaining seed, place a collection tarp under the small seeds tubes at the openers.
3. Raise drill.
4. Set seed rate handle to 100.
5. Rotate calibration crank or end wheel until no seed flows.
6. If a vacuum cleaner is available, remove any residual seed from top of meters.

Disc Maintenance
Coulter and opener disc blades wear in normal service, becoming smaller in diameter. Periodically check blade diameter, and replace when below the recommended limits. Discs can also be dented by unusual field hazards, or bent. Replace damaged blades immediately.

Opener Disc Replacement
Replace 15 in. (38.1 cm) opener discs when re-positioning spacers no longer brings both blades into the contact as recommended at “Disc Blade Adjustments” on page 36.
Consult updated Parts Manual for latest disc, or disc assembly part number.

Coulter Disc Replacement
Replace 17 in. (43.2 cm) coulter blades when adjusting drill level becomes difficult. Two signs that blade replacement is indicated are:
• Coulter blade diameter is close to, or below, 15 in. (38.1 cm).
See page 57 for replacement and alternate coulter blades.
Chain Maintenance

Initially check the drive chains after the first 10 hours of drill use. The slack of new chains tends to increase during the first few hours of operation due to seating. Thereafter, check the chains every 100 hours.

Lubricate chains any time there is a chance of moisture, and when being stored at the end of the planting season.

Chain Slack

Refer to Figure 41, which, for clarity, greatly exaggerates slack, and omits the idlers.

1. Measure the span 1 for allowable slack:
   Locate the longest span of each chain (usually the span which does not run through the idlers).

2. Determine the ideal slack:
   Long chains (over 36 in. / 91cm):
   \[ \frac{1}{4} \text{ in. per ft.} \ (21 \text{ mm/m}) \]
   Vertical short chains:
   \[ \frac{1}{4} \text{ in. per ft.} \ (21 \text{ mm/m}) \]
   Horizontal short chains:
   \[ \frac{1}{2} \text{ in. per ft.} \ (42 \text{ mm/m}) \]

3. Measure the current slack 2:
   Acting at a right angle to the chain span at the centre of the span, deflect the chain in both directions. The slack is the distance of the movement.

4. Adjust the idlers for ideal slack.

Whenever mounting a chain, make sure the clip at the removable link is oriented to minimize snags.

Refer to Figure 42 (arrow shows chain direction)

Install clip with open end facing away from direction of chain travel (shown by gray or striped arrows in chain routing diagrams).

Seed Flap Replacement

Current Drill Model Flap

Refer to Figure 43

To replace a seed flap 1, use needle nose pliers or similar tool to grasp “T” top of flap. Pull upward to remove flap from metal bracket 2.

Push new seed flap 1 down through metal bracket 2 until flap snaps into place with “T” top resting on top of bracket.

If a seed firmer is also installed, it may be necessary to shorten the flap.
Older Drill Model Flap

Refer to Figure 44

To replace a seed flap ① use a needle nose or similar tool and squeeze the tabs ② together. Pull plastic seed flap ① down out of metal bracket ③. Push new seed flap ① up through metal bracket ② until tabs ② on seed flap snap in place.

Eyebolt Adjustment

Eyebolt Adjustment (s/n A1057V+)

(applies to drills with serial numbers A1057V+)
For serial number A1056V-, see page 49)

Refer to Figure 45

It may occasionally be necessary to make adjustments to the eyebolts at the top of the lift-assist weldments, for example:

- lowered position is too high even with no spacers on the cylinder rod.

To make adjustments:

1. Determine what change in drill height is required.
2. Hitch the drill to the 3-point tractor (page 14). Raise the drill, and support the rear tool bar on jack stands.
3. Loosen the jam nut ①.
4. Rotate the adjuster nut ② (under weldment top, not visible in figure) by the amount of height change required. Moving the eyebolt ③ lower increases height. Moving the eyebolt higher decreases height.
5. Tighten the jam nut.
6. Lower the drill and check the setting.

The factory setting for eyebolt reveal is:
④ 3 1/2 in. (88.9 mm)
Eyebolt Adjustment (s/n A1056V-)
(applies to drills with serial numbers A1056V-
For serial number A1057V+, see page 48)

Refer to Figure 46

It may occasionally be necessary to make adjustments to the eyebolts at the top of the lift-assist weldments, for example:

- drill is out of level side-to-side, or;
- lowered position is too high even with no spacers on the cylinder rod.

To check side-to-side level:

1. Move the drill to a flat surface; a concrete pad is ideal.
2. Raise the drill. Install the lift-assist lock channel/s.
3. Lower the lift assist circuit completely. Lower the tractor 3-point lift arms just enough to keep the drill reasonably level front-to-back (and keep the openers off the ground).
4. Measure from the ground to the rear corners of the walkboard. If these measurement do not agree within 1/8 to 1/4 inches (5 mm), adjust the eyebolts.

To make adjustments:

5. Determine which side (or both) to adjust, and what change in drill height is required.
6. Hitch the drill to the 3-point tractor (page 14). Raise the drill, and support the rear tool bar on jack stands.
7. Loosen the jam nut ①.
8. Rotate the adjuster nut ② (under weldment top, not visible in figure) by the amount of height change required. Move the eyebolt ③ lower increases height. Moving the eyebolt higher decreases height.
9. Tighten the jam nut.
10. Lower the drill and check the setting.

The factory setting for eyebolt reveal is:
③ 3 in. (76 mm)
Bleeding Hydraulics (s/n A1057V+)
(appplies to drills with serial numbers A1057V+
For serial number A1056V-, see page 51)

⚠️ WARNING

High Pressure Fluid Hazard:
Escaping fluid under pressure can have sufficient pressure to penetrate the skin. Check all hydraulic lines and fittings before applying pressure. Fluid escaping from a very small hole can be almost invisible. Use paper or cardboard, not body parts, and wear heavy gloves to check for suspected leaks. If injured, seek immediate medical attention from a physician familiar with this type of injury.

Check that tractor hydraulic reservoir is full.

NOTICE

Bleed pressurized lines only at:
JIC (Joint Industry Conference, 37-flare) or
NPT (National Pipe Thread, tapered thread) fittings.

Avoid bleeding at:
ORB (O-Ring Boss)

Never bleed pressurized lines at:
QD (Quick Disconnect) fittings.

1. Check hydraulic fluid in tractor reservoir and fill reservoir to proper level. Add fluid to system as needed. A low reservoir level may introduce air into the system, causing jerky or uneven cylinder movements.
2. Hitch drill to tractor (page 14).
3. If lift-assist lock channel or stroke control spacers are installed, raise drill and remove them.
4. Fully lower drill (page 20).
5. Set tractor lift circuit to Float and shut off tractor.
6. Crack (slightly loosen) JIC connection ① at elbow fitting.
7. Start tractor. Slowly Extend lift-assist circuit until oil seeps at cracked fitting.
8. Set circuit to Neutral and shut off tractor.
9. Tighten JIC fitting to 18-20 ft-lbs (24-27 N-m).
10. With cylinder bled and tightened, raise drill and re-install removed lock channel or spacers.
Bleeding Hydraulics (s/n A1056V-)

(applies to drills with serial numbers A1056V-
For serial number A1057V+, see page 50)

**WARNING**

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Check that tractor hydraulic reservoir is full.

**NOTICE**

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- JIC (Joint Industry Conference, 37-flare) or
- NPT (National Pipe Thread, tapered thread) fittings.
Avoid bleeding at:
- ORB (O-Ring Boss)
Never bleed pressurized lines at:
- QD (Quick Disconnect) fittings.

1. Check hydraulic fluid in tractor reservoir and fill reservoir to proper level. Add fluid to system as needed. A low reservoir level may introduce air into the system, causing jerky or uneven cylinder movements.

2. Hitch drill to tractor (page 14).

3. If lift-assist lock channels or stroke control spacers are installed, raise drill and remove them.

4. Fully lower drill (page 21).

5. Set tractor lift circuit to Float and shut off tractor.

6. Crack (slightly loosen) JIC connection ① at tee fitting (under walkboard).

7. Start tractor. Slowly Extend lift-assist circuit until oil seeps at cracked fitting.

8. Set circuit to Neutral and shut off tractor.

9. Tighten JIC fittings to 18-20 ft-lbs (24-27 N-m).

10. With both sides bled and tightened, raise drill and re-install removed lock channels or spacers.
Lubrication and Scheduled Maintenance

Coulter Arm Pivots

One pivot per row; 15 total (via grease bank)
Type of Lubrication: Grease
Quantity = Until grease emerges

Lift-Assist Arm Pivot (s/n A1057V+)

One zerk each pivot; 4 total
Type of Lubrication: Grease
Quantity = Until grease emerges

Lift-Assist Arm Pivots (s/n A1056V-)

One zerk each pivot; 2 total
Type of Lubrication: Grease
Quantity = Until grease emerges
Caster Pivots (s/n A1057V+)

One zerk each pivot; 2 total
Type of Lubrication: Grease
Quantity = Until grease emerges

Caster Pivots (s/n A1056V-)

One zerk each pivot; 2 total
Type of Lubrication: Grease
Quantity = Until grease emerges

Fertilizer Shaft Bearings (Option)

1 zerk each bearing, 2 per shaft; 2 total
Type of Lubrication: Grease
Quantity: Until resistance is felt

If Small Seeds is also installed, access these zerks from below.
Small Seeds Shaft Bearings (Option)

1 zerk total
Type of Lubrication: Grease
Quantity: Until grease emerges

Felt Barrier Seals

1 seal at each shaft end, 2 total
Type of Lubrication: Oil
Quantity: Soak seal

If Small Seeds is also installed, access these seals from below or through the end wall gaps.

Seed Cup Drive Shaft Sprocket

1 sliding sprocket
Type of Lubrication: Oil
Quantity: Coat thoroughly

Move the Seed Rate adjustment handle back and forth to get oil into the square bore. Perform this with seed box empty, or handle may be difficult to set to 100.
Drive Chains

As Required

See “Chain Routing” starting on page 66 for locations all chains by drill configuration.
Type of Lubrication: Chain Lube
Quantity = Coat thoroughly.

Coulter Hub Bearings

Seasonal

One zerk per coulter; 15 total
Type of Lubrication: Grease
Quantity = Until resistance is felt

Ground Drive Wheel Bearings

Seasonal

2 races per wheel; 4 total
Type of Lubrication: Grease
Quantity = repack
Caster Wheel Bearings (s/n A1057V+)

| Seasonal |

2 races total
Type of Lubrication: Grease
Quantity = repack

Caster Wheel Bearings (s/n A1056V-)

| Seasonal |

2 races per wheel; 4 total
Type of Lubrication: Grease
Quantity = repack

Gearbox

| On Repair |

The gearbox is lubricated and sealed at the factory. Under normal conditions, it does not require maintenance or lubrication.

If the gearbox has been opened for repair, repack all gears and around shaft bearings using at least 7 oz. of gear lube, part number 788067.

Keep moisture and dirt out of gearbox. Inspect (replace if needed) the rubber seals on gearbox drive and shifter shafts.

Spread a small skim coat of anaerobic sealant (Loctite® 525 or equivalent) to gear case mating surfaces before bolting them back together.

**NOTICE**

Use sparingly. Excess sealant may squeeze off the intended surface and lock bearings or gears.
Options

Agitator, Main Seed Box

An optional agitator can be added to the main seed box. It stirs the seed directly above the metering cups, separating soybeans that are sticky with inoculant, and helping prevent bridging of light, fluffy seeds (this is not a substitute for the optional Native Grass seed box).

If the drill has only a main seed box only, or has Dual Seed or Native Grass as the only optional box, order the “W/DRIVE” kit to obtain the necessary accessory drive components.

If the drill has Fertilizer or Small Seeds, or any combination thereof, order the “W/O DRIVE” kit.

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An agitator is standard in the optional Dual Seed box.

Coulter Blades

The standard coulter blades on the 3P806NT drill are 17 in. (43.2 cm) 820-156C Turbo or 820-018C Fluted. Available replacement and alternate blades include:

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<tr>
<td>① 50 Convolution 5/16 Fluted</td>
<td>820-018C</td>
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<td>② 12 Convolution 3/4 Wavy</td>
<td>820-082C</td>
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<tr>
<td>③ 24 Convolution 5/8 Wavy</td>
<td>820-116C</td>
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<tr>
<td>④ 20 Convolution 5/8 Turbo</td>
<td>820-156C</td>
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Carbide Disc Scraper

Slotted disc scrapers are standard. Optional carbide disc scrapers are spring-loaded and require no periodic adjustment. Disc scrapers are compatible with the standard seed flap and Seed-Lok®, but not Keeton®. Order one per row.

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<tr>
<td>SPRING SCRAPER ASSEMBLY</td>
<td>121-781A</td>
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See “Carbide Disc Scraper Installation” on page 87.
Dual Seed Box
This seed box is an optional second seed box installed behind the main seed box used for planting a wide variety of seeds. It is used for planting the same or additional crops as the main seed box. Dual Seed can plant at the same or different rate than the Main Seed Box. Box capacity is one bushel per foot of box width. Dual Seed may be factory or field installed. Consult your Great Plains dealer for ordering information.

Dual Seed is not compatible with Native Grass or Fertilizer Option (or kits).

For operation, see: “Loading Materials” on page 27, “Setting Main Box Seed Rate” in Seed Rate Manual, and; “Main Box and Dual Box Clean-Out” on page 45.

Fertilizer
The Fertilizer attachment is designed to meter dry fertilizer and apply it in row. It is driven independently of other boxes on the drill. The standard Fertilizer attachment includes a drive system, 7.4 cubic foot box, stainless steel meters, and delivery tubes. Consult your Great Plains dealer for ordering information.

The Fertilizer attachment is compatible with an existing, concurrently installed, or subsequent installation of Small Seeds. The Fertilizer attachment is not compatible with the Native Grass.

For operation, see: “Loading Materials” on page 27, “Setting Fertilizer Rate” in Seed Rate Manual, and “Fertilizer Box Clean-Out” on page 46.

Hitch Extension Kit
This accessory extends the drill’s 3-point hitch to eliminate interference on tractors with unusual wheel bases or oversize tires. The extension is available as an Option with the original drill order, or as a separate kit. The kit includes pins for the forward holes.

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<td>COMPACT EXTENSION HITCH</td>
<td>(67)</td>
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This extension hitch is compatible with most standard quick hitches.

See “Hitch Extension Installation” on page 88.
Press Wheel Selection
The base drill includes a choice of press wheels. Additional wheels are available, and all may be field-installed.
This manual does not list kit part numbers as the available wheels are often region-specific. Consult your Great Plains dealer.

Series II Native Grass Attachment
This attachment is designed to seed fluffy, hard-to-plant grasses. Standard equipment includes dedicated ground drive and gearbox system, acremeter, 8 bushel box with Series II meters, Series II agitator, and seed tubes. Consult your Great Plains dealer for ordering information.
Native Grass is not compatible with the Fertilizer Option (or kits). Native Grass is compatible with an existing, concurrent, or subsequent installation of the Small Seeds attachment.
For operation, see: “Loading Materials” on page 27, “Setting Native Grass Seed Rate” in Seed Rate Manual, and; “Native Grass Box Clean-Out” on page 45.

Removable Partition
This partition reduces side-to-side seed flow in the small seeds box. This can prevent seed pile-up when drilling across slopes and in other situations where the seed is particularly fluid. Partition sold individually. Order quantity desired.

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<td>RMVBL SMALL SEED BOX PARTITION</td>
<td>123-409D</td>
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Seed Firmers

The standard 3P806NT drill includes seed flaps. Only one type of optional seed firmer may be installed at the same time. Order one firmer kit per opener.

**Seed-Lok® Seed Firmer**

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<td>Series Seed-Lok® kit</td>
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For operations, see “Seed-Lok® Lock-Up” on page 38.

Seed Lubricants

Use seed lubricants only in Native Grass planting.

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<td>Graphite (1 lb / 0.45 kg bottle)</td>
<td>821-042C</td>
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<td>Graphite (5 pound / 2.3 kg jug)</td>
<td>821-060C</td>
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See “Loading Materials” on page 27.

Seed Tube Plug (Main Seeds)

This plug stops seed flow from the main or dual seed box above the meter. Order one per row to be set inactive.

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<td>Fluted Feed Meter Plug</td>
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See “Main Seed Row Shutoff” in the Seed Rate Manual.
Seed Tube Plug (Small Seeds)

This plug stops seed flow from the small seeds box above the meter. Order one per row to set inactive.

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<td>SML SDS CUP PLUG</td>
<td>133-315H</td>
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Small Seeds Attachment

The Small Seeds (SGS) attachment is designed to meter various small seeds in row. It is driven independently of other boxes on the drill. The standard attachment includes a drive system, 1.9 bushel box (67 liter), meters and seed tubes.

Consult your Great Plains dealer for ordering information.

The Small Seeds attachment is compatible with an existing, concurrently installed, or subsequent installation of Dual Seed, Fertilizer or Native Grass.

Weight Brackets

The weight brackets are available to add weight for additional penetration in no-till conditions. The kit includes two weight brackets, two weight bracket adjustment legs, and mounting hardware. Also included are two decal mounts and two amber reflector decals. Each weight bracket accepts up to five standard 100 pound (45 kg) “suitcase” style tractor weights. The weight brackets are available as an Option with the original drill order, or as a separate kit.

The kit does not include weights.

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<td>Weight Bracket Package (66)</td>
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See also: “Weight Bracket Installation” on page 89, and “Drill Weight Adjustment” on page 34.

Second Ladder

The second ladder can be installed on the opposite end of the walkboard from the standard ladder.

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Appendix A - Reference Information

Specifications and Capacities

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<td>Row Spacing</td>
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<td>Rows per drill</td>
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<tr>
<td>Swath</td>
<td>97.5 in (247.7 cm)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weight, pounds</td>
<td>4054-4500 lbs (1839-2041 kg)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transport Width</td>
<td>approx. 99 in (251 cm)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Height</td>
<td>approx. 95 in (2.41 m)</td>
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<td>Length</td>
<td>approx. 141 in (3.56 m)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transport Clearance</td>
<td>approx. 16 in (40.6 cm)</td>
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**Capacities:**
- Main Seed Box: 16 bu (564 liters)
- Dual Seed Box: 8 bu (282 liters)
- Native Grass Box: 8 bu (282 liters)
- Small Seeds Box: 1.9 bu (67 liters)
- Fertilizer Box: 7.4 cubic feet (211 liters)

**Agitators:**
- Optional in Main Seed Box
- Standard in optional Dual Seed box.
- Standard in optional Native Grass box.

**Transport/Lift-Assist Wheel**
- 265/70B 16.5 NHS Skid Steer

**Ground Drive Wheel**
- 5.70L x 8, 8x3.75 4-bolt rim

**Tractor Requirements**
- Semi-Mounted 3-Point Category II hitch,
  80 hp (60 kW), 1 hydraulic circuit

**Tire Inflation Chart**

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<tr>
<td>265/70B 16.5 NHS Skid Steer</td>
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<tr>
<td>5.70-8 8-Ply</td>
<td>50 psi 345 kPa</td>
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**Tire Warranty Information**

All tires are warranted by the original manufacturer of the tire. Tire warranty information is found online at the manufacturer’s websites listed below. For assistance or information, contact your nearest Authorized Farm Tire Retailer.

- **Manufacturer**
  - Firestone: www.firestoneag.com
  - Goodyear: www.goodyearag.com
  - BKT: www.bkt-tires.com
  - Gleason: www.gleasonwheel.com
  - Titan: www.titan-intl.com

- **Manufacturer Website**
  - Firestone www.firestoneag.com
  - Goodyear www.goodyearag.com
  - BKT www.bkt-tires.com
  - Gleason www.gleasonwheel.com
  - Titan www.titan-intl.com

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a. Empty weight range: see page 26 for weights of representative configurations.
b. With rear lift lock channels installed, and semi-mounted hitch elevated to drill-level.
# Torque Values Chart

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<td>N-m(^b)</td>
<td>ft-lb(^d)</td>
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<td>ft-lb</td>
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<td>1/4(^a)-20</td>
<td>7.4</td>
<td>5.6</td>
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<td>8</td>
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<td>1/2(^a)-28</td>
<td>8.5</td>
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Torque tolerance + 0%, -15% of torquing values. Unless otherwise specified use torque values listed above.

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\( a \) in-tpi = nominal thread diameter in inches-threads per inch  
\( b \) N·m = newton-meters  
\( c \) mm x pitch = nominal thread diameter in mm x thread pitch  
\( d \) ft-lb = foot pounds

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Hydraulic Diagrams

Lift-Assist: s/n A1057V+

Lift-Assist: s/n A1056V-
Chain Routing
Striped arrows show chain direction.
“T” callouts show sprocket and idler tooth counts.
“P” callout show chain pitch count.

Ground Drive to Gearbox
This assembly drives the Main Seed Box (via the gearbox), and if installed, all optional attachments. See “Gearbox to Main Seed Box Meters” on page 67 for gearbox output chain routing.
Gearbox to Main Seed Box Meters

See “Ground Drive to Gearbox” on page 66 for gearbox input. Main box meters are the only meters coupled to the left gearbox output.
Gearbox to Dual Seed Box Meters (Option)

See “Ground Drive to Gearbox” on page 66 for gearbox input.
Gearbox to Native Grass Meters (Option)
See “Ground Drive to Gearbox” on page 66 for gearbox input.

Native Grass Driven Sprocket: 14T through 23T from storage tower (ships with 17T, shown on this page)

Gearbox Output Sprocket: Standard drill: 19T w/ Rate Reduction kit: 12T

N. G. Jackshaft Input Sprocket: Standard drill: 17T w/ Rate Reduction kit: 22T
Main Seed Box Agitator (Option)

No Fertilizer or Small Seeds installed.

Agitator and Fertilizer Drive (Options)

No Small Seeds installed.
See page 72 for Fertilizer Box drive.
Agitator and Small Seeds Drive (Options)
No Fertilizer or Native Grass installed.
See below for Native Grass configuration.
See page 74 for Small Seeds Box drive

Agitator and Small Seeds Drive w/Native Grass (Options)
No Fertilizer installed.
See above if Native Grass not installed.
See page 74 for Small Seeds Box drive
Fertilizer Drive (Option)
No Main Seed Box Agitator installed.
See below for Fertilizer Box drive

Fertilizer Box Drive (Option)
See page 73 if Small Seeds also installed.
Fertilizer Box Drive with Small Seeds (Options)
See previous diagram for Fertilizer Box drive details.
See page 74 for Small Seeds Box drive details.

Small Seeds Drive (Option)
See above if Fertilizer is also installed.
See page 71 if Main Box Agitator is also installed, with or without Native Grass installed.
See next diagram for Small Seeds Box drive details.
Small Seeds Drive w/Native Grass (Options)

No Fertilizer installed.
See page 73 if Native Grass not installed.
See below or page 75 for Small Seeds Box drive

Small Seeds Box Drive (Option)

See page 75 if Fertilizer is also installed.
See page 71, page 73 or page 74 for Accessory
Jackshaft to Small Seeds chain detail.
Small Seeds Box Drive with Fertilizer (Option)
When Fertilizer is also installed, Small Seeds Jackshaft is driven from Fertilizer jackshaft. If Fertilizer is not also installed, see page 74.
Appendix B - Pre-Delivery

Figure Callouts

1 to 8, 9 to 12

callouts identify components in the currently referenced Figure or Figures. These numbers may be re-used from page to page.

callouts reference existing parts exchanged or temporarily removed parts. The descriptions match those on the cartons, bags or item tags, as well the current Parts Manual. (Ref.Page)

14 to 100

callouts reference new parts. The descriptions match those in the current drill Parts Manual.

Connector Identification

Refer to Figure 49

1 JIC - Joint Industry Conference (SAE J514)
Note straight threads 2 and the 37° cone 3 on “M” fittings (or 37° flare on “F”).

4 ORB - O-Ring Boss (SAE J514)
Note the straight threads 5 and, elastomer O-Ring 6. Fittings needing orientation, such as the ell above, also have a washer 7 and jam nut 8 (“adjustable thread port stud”)

Unload Truck

The 3P806NT drill is delivered by flatbed truck. When coordinating the unload with the Great Plains driver, plan to position the partially assembled drill at a spot with:

- at least 10 ft. (3 m) clearance behind the press wheels,
- tractor access in front,
- ample light,
- flat, level and dry surface.

Tools required for installation:

- hoist with 500 lb (277 kg) capacity,
- basic hand tools

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Install Lift-Assist

Install Wheels

Refer to Figure 50

Use the caster pivot locks 7 as needed to prevent caster swiveling.

The pivot arm 22 is shown hoisted. The work can be performed with the arm resting on the ground.

Caster Frame

1. For each caster frame 21, the following hub assembly and spindle are pre-assembled:
   - 73 802-065C MHCS 3/4-10X2 1/4 GR5
   - 86 804-023C WASHER LOCK SPRING 3/4 PLT
   - 86 815-200C HUB ASSY 6BOLT 6*BC 4.62PILOT
   - 20 151-156H 1007 SPINDLE GW WELDMENT
   - 66 803-210C NUT HEX JAM 1 1/2-12 PLT

Assemble Wheels

Refer to Figure 51 and Figure 52

2. Select one:
   - 35 196-274K RH TIRE/RIM 265/70B16.5 SKID ST and six:
   - 66 802-845C BOLT WHL 9/16-18X1 1/8 GR5

The “outside” of the wheel rim 84 has the valve stem 85. The bolt holes are raised to the outside, and counter-sunk for the self-centering bolts 86. The “outside” of the spindle is the threaded end with two jam nuts 66.

3. Insert the spindle 20 into the wheel. Insert bolts 58 to finger-tight.

Following the order in the bolt torquing pattern, gradually tighten the bolts to Grade 5 specification.

Refer to Figure 53 (which depicts the caster frame to the front of the caster arm)

4. Align the wheel/spindle assemblies in the caster frames. Orient the wheels with the valve stems to the outside (which is toward the inside if the caster frames are reversed, as in the figure). Secure with bolts 53 and lock washers 73.
Install Pivot

Refer to Figure 54

5. Select the pivot mount:
   - (23) 151-171H LIFT ASSIST REAR PVT MNT
   - (30) 151-381D LIFT ASSIST AXLE PIVOT PIN
   - and one:
   - (32) 161-056D CASTER SPACER

6. Orient the pivot mount (23) with the (front) parallel arm plates (23) on the pivot lock (29) (front) side of the pivot arm weldment (38). The caster stabilizers (37) are on the rear side of the pivot arm. Align the pivot holes.

**NOTICE**

Part Damage Risks:
During pivot pin (30) insertion, take care to avoid damaging the spacers (32) or dislodging the bushings (97).

7. Insert one spacer (32) between the front holes of the pivot mount (23) and pivot arm (38). From the front, insert the threaded end of the pin (30) into the pivot mount. Carefully adjust the spacer position until the pin passes through it.

8. Insert one spacer (32) between the rear holes of the pivot mount (23) and pivot arm (38). Carefully adjust the spacer position until the pin passes through it.

9. Select one each:
   - (52) 802-060C HHCS 5/8-11X4 GR5
   - (62) 803-024C NUT LOCK 5/8-11 PLT
   - Align the pin bolt hole (30) with the bolt hole in the front tube of the pivot mount (23). From the top, insert the bolt (52). Secure with lock nut (62). Use Grade 2 torque.

10. Select one each:
   - (40) 500-064D WASHER - SAFETY CHAIN SA
   - (64) 803-031C NUT HEX 1-8 PLT
   - (74) 804-027C WASHER LOCK SPRING 1 PLT
   - At the threaded end of the pivot pin (30), add a flat washer (40), lock washer (74) and nut (64). Tighten nut to Grade 2 torque.
Caster Shaft Installation

Refer to Figure 55 and Figure 56

Begin Install Shaft

11. Select one each:
   - 161-116D LIFT ASSIST CASTER SHAFT
   - 802-060C HHCS 5/8-11X4 GR5
   - 803-024C NUT LOCK 5/8-11 PLT

   Insert caster shaft [34] through caster frame plate [1] and secure with bolt [52] and nut [62].

Install Lock Out Plunger

12. Select one each:
   - 807-175C SPRING COMP .796Dx.065WX1.
   - 151-355D 1007 LOCK OUT PLUNGER
   - 805-076C PIN ROLL 3/16 X 1 3/4 PLT.

   Place lock out plunger spring [80] over lock out plunger [29]. Inserting from the bottom up of plunger tube [2], force both into the plunger tube and secure with roll pin [77].

   The lock out plunger tube [2] MUST be facing to the front of the drill. If it is facing to the rear, the pivot arm tube is on backwards and must be switched.

Finish Install Shaft

13. Select one each:
   - 161-056D CASTER SPACER
   - 161-114D CASTER RETAINER CAP
   - 890-072C BUSHING 2 1/2 X 2 1/4 X 2 LG.
   - 802-034C HHCS 1/2-13X1 1/4 GR5
   - 804-015C WASHER LOCK SPRING 1/2 PLT

   Place spacer [32] over the top of the caster shaft [34]. With mallet, drive one bushing [97] into shaft hole on bottom of pivot arm tube and one in top of hole on pivot arm tube. Place shaft up through these bushings in pivot arm. Complete assembling shaft by placing caster retaining cap [33] on top and securing with two washer lock springs [70] and two bolts [48].

Install Lock Tube

14. Select one each:
   - 266-020D UHMW RND 2.0 DIA X 2.0 LONG
   - 807-143C SPRING COMP 1.880D X .36 +
   - 266-012D PLATE RND 3/16" THK 1 7/8"
   - 802-067C HHCS 3/4-10X4 GR5 FTHD
   - 803-048C NUT HEX JAM 3/4-10 PLT

   Assemble bushing [37], spring [36] and small round plate [32]. Push up inside lock tube. Complete with nut [52] and bolt [54].

Install Caster Zerks

15. Select one:
   - 800-001C GREASE ZERK STRAIGHT 1/4-28

   Install zerk [41] in shaft at end of pivot arm tube.

16. Repeat all steps for other caster.
Attach Lift-Assist Frame Mount

Refer to Figure 57

Frame Mount Weldment

17. Select one each:

Select eight each bolts, washers, nuts:
- 151-179H LIFT ASSIST FRAME MNT WLDMNT
- 02-053C HHCS 5/8-11X1 3/4 GR5
- 03-021C NUT HEX 5/8-11 PLT
- 04-022C WASHER LOCK SPRING 5/8 PLT
- 04-195C WASHER FLAT 1.31ODX.65IDX.188T

Attach mount weldment to holes provided in drill frame.

Mount Clamp and Long Spacers

18. Select two each:

Select one each:
- 151-384D LIFT ASSIST MOUNT CLAMP SPACER

Select eight each:
- 02-057C HHCS 5/8-11X2 1/4 GR5
- 03-021C NUT HEX 5/8-11 PLT
- 04-022C WASHER LOCK SPRING 5/8 PLT

Position both clamp spacers. Place lift assist mount clamp weldment on top of spacers. Secure with bolts, washers and nuts.

Attach Lift-Assist Bolt On Mount

19. Select one:

20. Select ten each:

Attach lift assist bolt on mount to frame mount weldment using bolts, washers and nuts.
Connect Parallel Arms

*Refer to Figure 58 and Figure 59*

**Lower Parallel Arm**

21. Select one:

   - **25** 151-173H LIFT ASSIST LWR PARALLEL ARM

   The lower parallel arms (25) have a cross-tube with a cylinder lug (1). The arms are installed with the cross-tube closer to the front, lug up, and lug pointing to the rear.

22. Select one set:

   - **57** 802-728C HHCS 1-8X18 GR5
   - **75** 804-029C WASHER FLAT 1 SAE
   - **74** 804-027C WASHER LOCK SPRING 1 PLT
   - **64** 803-031C NUT HEX 1-8 PLT

23. Bring the forward tube of the lower arms (25) into alignment with the lower holes (2) of the lift-assist mount (24). Insert a bolt (57). Add a flat washer (75) and lock washer (74). Secure with nut (64), tightened to Grade 2 torque.

24. Select one set:

   - **57** 802-728C HHCS 1-8X18 GR5
   - **75** 804-029C WASHER FLAT 1 SAE
   - **74** 804-027C WASHER LOCK SPRING 1 PLT
   - **64** 803-031C NUT HEX 1-8 PLT

   Bring the lower holes (3) of the lift-assist pivot (23) into alignment with the rear tube of the lower arms (25). Insert a bolt (57). Add a flat washer (75) and lock washer (74). Secure with nut (64), tightened to Grade 2 torque.

**Upper Parallel Arm**

25. Select one:

   - **39** 402-172H 16R PARALLEL ARM WLDNNT

   The upper parallel arms are symmetrical. There is no top, bottom, front or back.

26. Repeat step 22 through step 24 for the upper arms and upper holes.

**Install Arm Zerks**

27. Select four:

   - **41** 800-001C GREASE ZERK STRAIGHT 1/4-28

   Install one zerk (41) in middle of top and bottom cross bar of each parallel arm.
Hydraulic Setup

Refer to Figure 60

28. Select one each:
   - 82 811-065C EL 9/16MJIC 9/16MORB
   - 96 841-286C HH1/4R2 134 9/16PJIC 1/2MNPT

29. Secure the FJIC end of hose (96) to the end port of the elbow (82). Tighten to specification.

30. At the MORB fitting, fully back off the jam nut. Loosely connect the MORB end of hose to the top (base end) port of the cylinder. Orient the elbow so that the hose route is down. Do not tighten ORB fitting or its jam nut.

31. Select two sets:
   - 43 800-064C HOSE CLIP 13/16 ID
   - 118 800-239C 1.125 WIRING AND TUBE CLIP

⚠️ NOTE: The hose is secured with four clips.

32. Select four sets:
   - 47 802-017C HHCS 3/8-16X1 GR5
   - 69 804-013C WASHER LOCK SPRING 3/8 PLT
   - 60 803-014C NUT HEX 3/8-16 PLT

33. Place the clip (43) around the feed-line hose (96). Insert the bolt (47). Loosely secure with lock washer (69) and nut (60). Tighten the nut.

34. Place the wiring and tube clips (118) around the feed-line hose (96). Insert the bolt (47). Loosely secure with lock washer (69) and nut (60). Tighten the nut.

35. Feed-line hose (96) terminates in a 1/2 in. male NPT fitting. Adapt this to the style and size of coupler required to connect the drill to a hydraulic source for the next step. The drill does not include a coupler for this purpose. If fitting the coupler for the tractor to be used with this drill in the field, apply liquid sealant to the threads before making the connection. Do not use plastic tape sealant.

Hydraulic Charge and Bleed

Refer to Figure 61

NOTICE

Bleed pressurized lines only at:
- JIC (Joint Industry Conference, 37-flare) or NPT (National Pipe Thread, tapered thread) fittings.

Avoid bleeding at:
- ORB (O-Ring Boss)
- Never bleed pressurized lines at:
  - QD (Quick Disconnect) fittings.

See “Bleeding Hydraulics (s/n A1057V+)” on page 50.
Lift-Assist Closeout

Refer to Figure 62

36. Locate one sets of stroke control spacers:
   Refer to Figure 62
   Stroke Control Spacers
   If they are in the main seed box, relocate the set to the rod on the weldment.

37. With the drill lowered on the lock channel. Make sure cylinder is fully seated on the channel, and that no part of the channel is at a cylinder bolt face.

38. Perform a side to side level check, and make any adjustment required, per “Eyebolt Adjustment” on page 48.

Lighting

Drills are shipped with rear lighting not installed to prevent damage during shipment. The dealer must install the lights prior to selling the drill.

Amber Lights

Refer to Figure 63

1. Select one:
   36 151-454D SPACER
   15 119-190D HANDLE
   34 151-559D 3 SEC MIN TILL LIGHT BRACKET
   107 833-697C LIGHT, AMBER LAMP LED
   Select two:
   65 802-203C HFSS 1/2-13X1 1/2 GR5
   75 803-169C NUT HEX FLG LOCK 1/2-13 PLT
   54 801-081C SCREW HEX SELF TAP 1/4-20X3/4

2. Install a spacer (36), lamp bracket (34), and handle (15), using two the bolts (65) and two nuts (75).

3. Install the amber lamp (107) to the lamp bracket with two 1/2-20x3/4 inch self tapping screws (54).

4. Repeat the procedure for the other amber lamp.

Figure 63
Brackets for Amber Lights
Red Lights

Refer to Figure 64

1. Select two:
   - 833-696C LIGHT, RED LAMP - LED
2. Install the two red lights to the mount with four 1/2-20x3/4 inch self tapping screws.
3. Find one:
   - 833-990C LIGHT WISHBONE LED HARNESS (Not shown)
   - The wishbone harness is fastened to the rear of the machine mainframe with a wire tie. Remove the wire tie.

Refer to Figure 65

1. Select two:
   - 800-499C P-CLAMP
   - 802-079C HHCS 3/8-16X1 1/4 GR5
   - 804-011C WASHER FLAT 3/8 USS PLT
   - 804-013C WASHER LOCK SPRING 3/8 PLT
   - 803-014C NUT HEX 3/8-16 PLT
2. Install the two P-clamps on the wishbone harness.
3. Install a P-clamp and a 3/8-16x1 1/4 cap screw in the two locations shown.
4. Install a flat washer, lock washer, and nut on both cap screws.
5. Route the rear of the wishbone harness over the center of the lift assist frame.
6. Use a wire tie to connect the wiring harness to the mounting post for the SMV.
7. Connect the wiring harness to the two red lights.
Attach Meter Hoses at Rows

All meter hoses are shipped disconnected at the row units. Clamps are shipped inside a seed box. The opener frame has openings for up to three material hoses:

- The forward hole is always used for the seed delivery tube for the main seed box.
- The center hole is used for Dual Seed, Fertilizer or Native Grass, if installed.
- The rear hole is used for Small Seeds, if installed.

Start with the left row unit (row 1). For each row:

Refer to Figure 66

Main Seed Hose

Select one:

- 8200-008C CLAMP HOSE 1 1/2 NO. 24

Open the clamp (42). Place it onto the outlet end of the hose (87), up against the ribs. Slide the outlet end of the hose fully onto the seed tube inlet (91) at the forward row unit opening (a). Move the clamp to just below the raised lip of the seed tube inlet.

Dual Seed or Fertilizer Hose

Select one:

- 800-346C CLAMP HOSE 2 5/8 #42

Open the clamp (45). Place it onto the outlet end of the hose (89), up against the ribs. Slide the outlet end of the hose fully onto the delivery tube inlet (92) at the center row unit opening (b). Move the clamp to halfway onto the hose neck.

Native Grass Hose

Select one:

- 800-346C CLAMP HOSE 2 5/8 #42

Open the clamp (45). Place it onto the outlet end of the hose (88), up against the ribs. Slide the outlet end of the hose fully onto the native grass tube inlet (94) at the center row unit opening (b). Move the clamp to halfway onto the hose neck.

Small Seeds Hose

Select one:

- 800-321C HOSE CLAMP NO.12 3/4 ID

Open the clamp (44). Place it onto the outlet end of the hose (80), up against the ribs. Slide the outlet end of the hose fully onto the small seeds tube inlet (16) at the rear row unit opening (b). Move the clamp to halfway onto the hose neck.
Install SMV Reflector

Refer to Figure 67

The SMV reflector (95) is shipped pre-assembled to the mount (14), but dismounted from the pivot (23). Locate it in a seed box or crate.

Select two sets:

- 802-092C RHSNB 5/16-18X3/4 GR5
- 804-009C WASHER LOCK SPRING 5/16 PLT
- 803-008C NUT HEX 5/16-18 PLT

Orient the reflector (95) upright, and red/orange reflective side to rear. Secure mount (14) to lift-assist pivot (23) with bolts (56), lock washers (67) and nuts (59).
Carbide Disc Scraper Installation

Optional carbide disc scrapers are not factory installed. See page 57 for ordering information. These instructions describe installation of kit:

121-781A SPRING SCRAPER ASSEMBLY

Start with row 1 (left-most row unit):

8. Remove one or both disc blades to gain safe access to the mount 1. Note the position of bushings and spacers for correct re-assembly (page 36).

9. Remove the existing slotted scraper.

Refer to Figure 68

10. Select one:

   55  802-079C HKCS 3/8-16X1 1/4 GR5

   If Seed-Lok® is present, or also being mounted, also select one:

   69  804-013C WASHER LOCK SPRING 3/8 PLT

   Place the lock washer 69 on the bolt 55 (because the nut is not used).

11. Select one:

   68  804-012C WASHER FLAT 3/8 SAE PLT

   Place this flat washer on the bolt.

12. Select one:

   890-357C SCRAPER-SPRING LOAD-AIR DESIGN

   If the blades were not completely pre-assembled, select one each:

   99  K7090 AIR DESIGN SCRAPER LH SIDE

   100 K7091 AIR DESIGN SCRAPER RH SIDE

   102 K7096 SPACER AND WASHER ASSEMBLY

   101 K7093 AIR DESIGN SCRAPER 5LB SPRING

   Nest one side (99, 100) behind the other. Connect the spring 101 between the sides, using the small top holes. Insert the spacer 102 from the front, with the narrow raised center to the rear (in the large blade holes).

13. Insert the bolt through the scraper blades (99, 100) and spacer 102.

14. If no Seed-Lok® is present, select one each:

   69  804-013C WASHER LOCK SPRING 3/8 PLT

   90  803-014C NUT HEX 3/8-16 PLT

   Secure the scraper assembly to the scraper mount 1 using the lock washer 69 and nut 60.

   If a Seed-Lok® is present (not shown), secure the scraper assembly to the Seed-Lok®, using a threaded hole present in the Seed-Lok®. The hex nut is 60 unused.

15. Re-mount the removed disc blade.
Hitch Extension Installation

On tractors with oversize tires, or unusual wheel bases, the rear tractor tires may be too close to (or touch) drill components when directly hitched. In this case, a hitch extension kit (page 58) is available.

**NOTICE**

Great Plains CPH, PFH or SSH accessory hitches are not compatible with the 3P806NT.

Mount the extension on the drill **before** hitching to the tractor.

**DANGER**

**Crushing Hazard:**
You may be severely injured or killed by being crushed between the tractor and drill. Do not stand or place any part of your body between drill and moving tractor. Stop tractor engine and set park brake before installing hitch pins.

*Refer to Figure 69*

1. Remove hitch pins from drill.
2. Use a lift or hoist (typically at the pin hole in the front top link ①). Bring the extension upright and lift it high enough to engage the rear top link ② with the drill 3-point top link ③. Secure with pin at drill.
3. With the assistance of the hoist, align lower rear points of extension ④ with lower drill points ⑤. Secure with pins.
4. The lift or hoist may be removed.

Once installed the extension may be left installed on the drill at unhitching, as it is secured at all three points on the drill.

**NOTICE**

**Equipment Damage Risk:**
When hitching, with or without a hitch extension, the tractor top link is unused. Full 3-point operation is incompatible with lift-assist. The extension hitch is mounted to the tractor on the lower 3-point lift arms only; using the extension for 2-point lifting.
Weight Bracket Installation

These instructions apply to an installation of an optional 151-135A weight bracket kit.

Refer to Figure 70

Start at the left side of the drill.

1. Select one:
   - 151-134H WEIGHT BRACKET WELDMENT
   - 151-445D DECAL MOUNT

2. Position the weldment (17) at the left end of the top front frame tool bar. Orient the beveled edges and upper bracket to the back.

3. Install the U-bolts (78).

4. Install the decal mount (35) on the U-bolts.

5. Secure the weldment (17) to the tool bar with the lock washers (73) and nuts (63).

6. Select one:
   - 838-266C Amber Reflector Decal

7. Install the amber reflector decal on the decal mount.

8. Examine the weights to be used, and determine how to install the weight bracket adjustment legs. The orientation depicted is not optimal for all weights.

9. Select one:
   - 151-271D WEIGHT BRACKET ADJ. LEG
     and two sets:
     - 802-055C HHCS 5/8-11X2 GR5
     - 804-021C WASHER FLAT 5/8 SAE PLT
     - 804-022C WASHER LOCK SPRING 5/8 PLT
     - 803-021C NUT HEX 5/8-11 PLT

10. Secure the weight bracket adjustment leg (28) to the upper bracket with the bolts (50), washers (71), lock washers (72) and nuts (61). Depending on how your weights lock, it may be necessary to leave the bolts loose until after the weights are mounted.

11. Repeat step 1 through step 10 for the right side of the drill.

See “Drill Weight Adjustment” on page 34 for weight selection.
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