

MERIDIAN

BULK SEED TENDER OPERATOR'S MANUAL



FOR OWNERS OF MODEL 225RST

PRODUCT WARRANTY REGISTRATION FORM



WARRANTY REGISTRATION

This form must be filled out by the dealer and signed by both the dealer and the customer at the time of delivery. Please mail or fax the completed form for validation of the equipment registration.

Customer's Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Postal Code _____, _____, _____

Phone Number (_____) _____ - _____

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Tender Model # _____

Serial Number # _____

DEALER INSPECTION REPORT

____ Tender frame secured to trailer

____ Check fuel level and gas shut-o

____ Check engine oil level

____ Check reduction case oil level

____ Start Honda engine

____ Brake and lighting harness connection

____ Remote throttle control functions

____ Lubricate unit where necessary

____ Check air pressure in tires

____ Electric brakes in working condition

____ All guards/shields installed correctly

____ All safety signs installed and intact

____ Reflectors and lights clean and working

____ Review safety and operating instructions

____ Inspect customer's hitch for 2-5/16"

ball/gooseneck hitch

____ Verify receipt of all options ordered

____ Verify hitch-to-frame bolts are tight

I have thoroughly instructed the buyer on the above-described equipment, including review of the Operator's Manual content, equipment care, adjustments, operational use, safety procedures, and applicable warranty policy.

Dealer/Company Name _____

City, State, Postal Code _____, _____, _____

Dealer's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

The above equipment and Operator's Manual have been received by me, and I have been thoroughly instructed as to care, adjustments, safe operation, and applicable warranty policy.

Owner's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____



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CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

LICENSING INFORMATION

Date: ____/____/____

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SOLD TO:

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TENDER MODEL # _____

TENDER WEIGHT _____

TENDER SERIAL # _____

TRAILER MODEL # _____

TRAILER SERIAL * # _____

TRAILER WEIGHT _____

**(*Only one serial number is issued for a complete tender package which will include the trailer.
The trailer in these complete packages does not receive a separate serial number.)**

- 225 RST (with bumper hitch) 80601
- 225 RST (no trailer) 80131
- 225 RST (with gooseneck) 80602
- 225 RST (with bumper hitch and scales) 80603
- 225 RST (with gooseneck and scales) 80604

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations on your choice of a Meridian Manufacturing Group 225RST Bulk Seed Tender to complement your seed delivery system in your farming operation. This equipment has been designed and manufactured to meet the exacting standards for such equipment in the agricultural industry and will keep your seed delivery system at optimum efficiency.



The Bulk Seed Tender system is designed to handle any kind of bulk seed, quickly transport it, and then transfer it into planters and drills, as required.

Safe, efficient, and trouble-free operation of your Bulk Seed Tender requires that you, and anyone else who will be operating or maintaining the machine, read and understand the Safety, Operation, Maintenance, and Troubleshooting information contained within this Operator's Manual.

This manual covers the 225RST model manufactured by Meridian Manufacturing Group, Inc. Use the Table of Contents as a guide to locate required information.



1.2 OPERATOR ORIENTATION

The directions left, right, front, and rear, as mentioned throughout this manual, are as seen from the truck drivers' seat and facing in the direction of travel.

1.3 OWNER/OPERATOR

It is the responsibility of the owner or operator to read this manual and to train all other operators before they start working with the machine. Follow all safety instructions exactly. Safety is everyone's business. By following recommended procedures, a safe working environment is provided for the operator, bystanders, and the area around the work site. Untrained operators are not qualified and must not operate the machine.

In addition to the 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. It is the responsibility of the owner or operator to read this manual and to train all operators before they start working with the machine. Follow all safety instructions as laid out in this manual.

Keep this manual handy for easy reference and to pass on to new operators or owners. Call your Meridian Manufacturing Group, Inc. dealer if you need assistance, information, or additional copies of the manuals.

The information, specifications, and illustrations in this manual are those in effect at the time of printing. We reserve the right to change specifications or design at any time without notice.

2. SAFETY

SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL

This Safety Alert symbol means
ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT!
YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!



The Safety Alert symbol identifies important safety messages on the Meridian Bulk Seed Tender Models and in the manual. When you see this symbol, be alert to the possibility of personal injury or death. Follow the instructions in the safety message.

WHY IS SAFETY IMPORTANT TO YOU?

3 Big Reasons

- Accidents Disable and Kill •
- Accidents Cost •
- Accidents Can Be Avoided •

SIGNAL WORDS:

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

CAUTION - Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

WARNING - Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, 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.

DANGER - Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. This signal word is to be limited to the most extreme situations typically for machine components which, for functional purposes, cannot be guarded.

If you have any questions not answered in this manual, require additional copies of the manual, or the manual is damaged, please contact your dealer or Meridian Manufacturing Group, 2902 Expansion Blvd., Storm Lake, Iowa, 50588, toll free 1-800-437-2334, phone (712) 732-1780, or fax (712) 732-1028.

YOU are responsible for the **SAFE** operation and maintenance of your Meridian Manufacturing Group Bulk Seed Tender. **YOU** must ensure that you and anyone else who is going to operate, maintain, or work around the Bulk Seed Tender be familiar with the operating and maintenance procedures and related **SAFETY** information contained in this manual. This manual will take you step-by-step through your working day and alert you to all good safety practices that should be adhered to while operating the Bulk Seed Tender system.

Remember, **YOU** are the key to safety. Good safety practices not only protect you but also the people around you. Make these practices a working part of your safety program. Be certain that **EVERYONE** operating this equipment is familiar with the recommended operating and maintenance procedures and follow all the safety precautions. Most accidents can be prevented. Do not risk injury or death by ignoring good safety practices.

- Bulk Seed Tender system owners must give operating instructions to operators or employees before allowing them to operate the machine, and then annually thereafter per OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) regulation 1928.57.
- The most important safety feature on this equipment is a **SAFE** operator. It is the operator's responsibility to read and follow **ALL** Safety and Operating instructions in the manual. Most accidents can be avoided.
- A person who has not read and understood all operating and safety instructions is not qualified to operate the machine. An untrained operator exposes himself and bystanders to possible serious injury or death. Always be and stay alert to any possible unsafe operating or maintenance procedures or conditions.
- Do not modify the equipment in any way. Unauthorized modification may impair the function and/or safety of the components and systems and could affect the life of the equipment, possibly invalidating the warranty coverage.
- Think **SAFETY!** Work **SAFELY!**

2.1 GENERAL SAFETY

1.  Read and understand the Operator's Manual and all safety signs before operating, maintaining, adjusting, filling, unloading, or unplugging the Bulk Seed Tender system.
2.  Have a first aid kit available for use should the need arise and know how to use it.
3.  Have a fire extinguisher available for use should the need arise and know how to use it.
4.  Do not allow riders.
5. When working around or operating this equipment, wear appropriate personal protective equipment. This list includes but is not limited to:
 -  A hard hat
 -  Protective shoes with slip resistant soles
 -  Protective goggles, glasses, or face shield
 -  Heavy gloves and protective clothing
 -  Respirator
6.  Do not allow long hair, loose fitting clothing, or jewelry around equipment.
7.  Install and secure all guards before starting.
8.  Stop engine, remove ignition key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing, repairing, adjusting, loading, filling, or unplugging.
9.   Establish a lock-out or tag-out policy for the work site. Be sure all personnel are trained in and follow all procedures. Lock-out or tag-out all power sources before working around loading/unloading equipment.
10.  Clear the area of people, especially small children, before starting.
11.  Review safety related items annually with all personnel who will be operating, using, or maintaining the Bulk Seed Tender system.

2.2 EQUIPMENT SAFETY GUIDELINES

1. Safety of the operator and bystanders is one of the main concerns in designing and developing a machine. However, every year many accidents occur which could have been avoided by a few seconds of thought and a more careful approach to handling equipment. You, the operator, can avoid many accidents by observing the following precautions in this section. To avoid personal injury or death, study the following precautions and insist those working with you, or for you, follow them.
2. In order to provide a better view, certain photographs or illustrations in this manual may show an assembly with a safety shield removed. However, equipment should never be operated in this condition. Keep all shields in place. If shield removal becomes necessary for repairs, replace the shield prior to use.
3. Never use alcoholic beverages or sedative drugs while operating this equipment. Consult your doctor about operating this machine while taking prescription medications.
4. Do not allow persons to operate or assemble this unit until they have read this manual and have developed a thorough understanding of the safety precautions and how it works. Review the safety instructions with all users annually.
5. Under no circumstances should young children be allowed to work with this equipment. This equipment is dangerous to children and persons unfamiliar with its operation. The operator should be a responsible, properly trained, and physically able person familiar with farm machinery and trained in this equipment's operations. If the elderly are assisting with farm work, their physical limitations need to be recognized and accommodated.
6. Never exceed the limits of a piece of machinery. If its ability to do a job, or to do so safely, is in question - **DON'T TRY IT.**
7. Do not modify the equipment in any way. Unauthorized modification may result in serious injury or death and may impair the function and life of the equipment.

8. In addition to the design and configuration of this implement, including Safety Signs and Safety 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 the machine. Refer to Safety Messages and operation instruction in each of the appropriate sections of the auxiliary equipment and machine Manuals. Note all Safety Signs affixed to the auxiliary equipment.

2.3 SAFETY TRAINING

1. Safety is a primary concern in the design and manufacture of our products. Unfortunately, our efforts to provide safe equipment can be wiped out by a single careless act of an operator or bystander.
2. In addition to the 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 this equipment.
3. The best safety feature is an informed, careful operator. It is the operator's responsibility to read and comply with ALL Safety and Operating instructions in the manual. Accidents can be avoided.
4. Working with unfamiliar equipment can lead to injuries. Read this manual, as well as the manual for your auxiliary equipment, before assembling or operating to acquaint yourself with the machines. If this machine is used by any person other than yourself, it is your responsibility to make certain that the operator reads and understands the operator's manuals and is instructed in safe and proper use.
5. Know your controls and how to immediately stop augers, conveyors, and any other auxiliary equipment in an emergency. Read this manual and the one provided with all auxiliary equipment.
6. Train all new personnel and review instructions frequently with employees. Be certain only a properly trained and physically able person will operate the machinery. A person who has not read and understood all operating and safety instructions is not qualified to operate the machine. An untrained operator exposes himself and bystanders to possible serious injury or death.

2.4 SAFETY SIGNS

Refer to the Safety Signs section for safety information.

2.5 PREPARATION

Refer to the Pre-Operating Instructions section for safety information.

2.6 OPERATING SAFETY

Refer to the Operating section for safety information.

2.7 MAINTENANCE SAFETY

Refer to the Maintenance section for safety information.

2.8 LOCK-OUT OR TAG-OUT SAFETY

Refer to the Maintenance section for safety information.

2.9 STORAGE SAFETY

Refer to the Storage section for safety information.

2.10 TRANSPORT SAFETY

Refer to the Towing section for safety information.

2.11 REFUELLING SAFETY

Refer to the Service Procedures section for safety information.

2.12 BATTERY SAFETY

Refer to the Service Procedures section for safety information.

3. SAFETY SIGN LOCATIONS

3.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The types of safety signs and locations on the equipment are shown in the following pages. Good SAFETY AWARENESS requires that you familiarize yourself with the various safety signs, the type of warning and the area, or a particular function related to that area.

-  If safety signs have been damaged, removed, become illegible, or parts replaced without signs, new signs must be applied.
- Replacement parts that displayed a safety sign should also display the current sign.
- Replacement safety signs (labels) are available from your authorized Dealer Parts Department or the factory at no cost.

3.2 HOW TO INSTALL SAFETY SIGNS

- Be sure that the installation area is clean and dry.
- Be sure the temperature is above 50°F (10°C).
- Determine the exact position before you remove the backing paper.
- Remove the smallest portion of the split backing paper.
- Align the sign over the specified area and carefully press the small portion with the exposed sticky backing in place.
- Slowly peel back the remaining paper and carefully smooth the remaining portion of the sign in place.
- Small air pockets can be pierced with a pin and smoothed out using a piece of sign backing paper.

3.3 DECAL LOCATIONS



1. NOTICE — Product Warranty (#18432)

NOTICE

Product Warranty

Meridian Manufacturing Group (hereinafter "Meridian") warrants all products manufactured by it to be free of defect in material and workmanship for a period of (1) year from the date of purchase.

This Meridian warranty does not cover:

1. Accessories supplied by Meridian but manufactured by others. Meridian will facilitate the other manufacturer warranty for the benefit of the purchaser but will not be bound thereby (example: augers, trailers, agitators, etc.).
2. Products that have been altered by anyone other than a Meridian employee or are used by the purchaser for the purposes other than what was intended at time of manufacture or used in excess of the "built specifications".
3. Products that are custom manufactured by Meridian utilizing the purchaser's design which deviates from the Meridian normal production line manufacture or customized features of the products.
4. Malfunction or damages to the product from misuse, negligence, customer alteration, accidents or product abuse due to incoming material or poor material flow ability or lack of required performance or required maintenance (e.g., poor material flow ability caused by incoming wet fertilizer or hot soybean meal, etc.).
5. Loss of time, inconvenience, loss of material, down time or any other consequential damage.
6. Product used for a function that is different than designed intent (e.g., storing soybean meal in grain bin, unacceptable material in the bin such as hot bean meal when product originally designed for other application, etc.).

To activate this warranty, the purchaser must make contact in writing with Meridian within one (1) year of date of purchase. After contact, Meridian has the right to determine the cause and qualify the legitimacy of the claim. Meridian, upon acceptance of a warranty claim shall have a reasonable time to plan any repair or replacement and may effect repair or replacement out of its factory or through contract with a local repair service. If a purchaser after warranty notice is made chooses to make the repair itself, Meridian must approve any expenses before they are incurred to be responsible for customer reimbursement.

Meridian shall be liable on a warranty claim for repair or replacement of any defective products and this is the purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. Meridian will not be liable for any other or further remedy including claims for personal injury, property damage or consequential damage. The law of the State of Iowa shall govern and any such claim and any issues with regard to the same shall be resolved in the Iowa District Court for Buena Vista County, Iowa.

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2. Product Serial Number Decal (#19984)



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3. CAUTION — Read and Understand (#19934)

CAUTION

- Read and understand the Operator's Manual before using. Review safety instructions annually.
- Stop engine, remove ignition key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing, repairing, adjusting, loading, filling, or unplugging.
- Keep working area clean and free of debris to prevent slipping or tripping.
- Do not allow riders on the trailer or frame when transporting.
- Only enter seed compartment when it is empty.
- Keep hands, feet, hair, and clothing away from moving parts.
- Do not place hands, arms, or body between seed box and frame or lid to prevent pinching or crushing. Components can move unexpectedly.
- Do not place hands, fingers, or arms between unloading auger tube segments when placing in unloading configuration.
- Stay away from overhead power lines. Electrocutation can occur without direct contact.
- Install and secure all guards before starting.
- Use care when climbing on frame or ladder to prevent slipping or falling.
- Do not smoke when refuelling or working around machine.
- Fasten frame securely to trailer before transporting.
- In two compartment seed tenders, always empty Compartment 2 first to prevent an unbalanced load. An unbalanced load can cause hitch to upend.

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5. WARNING — Entanglement Hazard (#19936)

WARNING

ROTATING PART HAZARD
KEEP AWAY

To prevent serious injury or death from rotating parts:

- Stop engine, remove ignition key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing, adjusting, repairing or unplugging.
- Install and secure all guards before operating.
- Do not operate with rotating parts exposed.

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4. WARNING — Falling Hazard (#19939)

WARNING

FALLING HAZARD
Avoid serious injury or death from falling:

- Grip the ladder with both hands when climbing to prevent slipping or falling.**
- Keep rungs clean to prevent slipping.**

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6. WARNING — Pinch Point Hazard (#19935)

WARNING

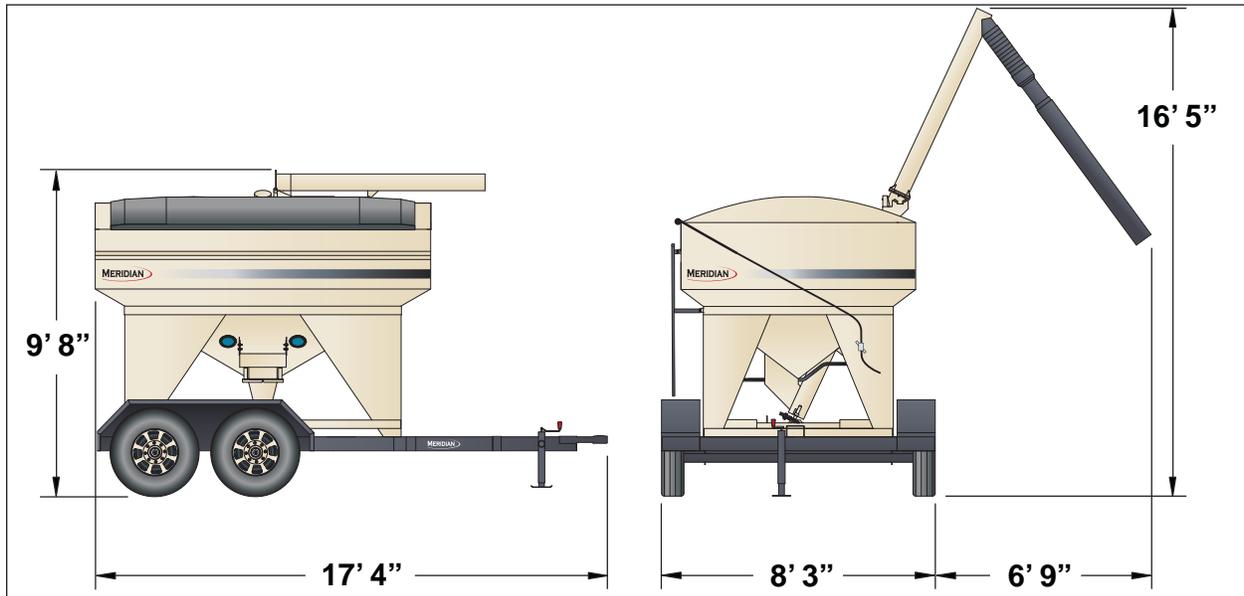
PINCH POINT HAZARD
Avoid serious injury from pinching or crushing:

- Keep hands and fingers clear of pivot joint when raising or lowering upper auger tube.**
- Always maintain secure footing when raising or lowering auger tube.**

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4. SPECIFICATIONS

4.1 OVERALL SPECIFICATIONS



4.2 BOLT SPECIFICATIONS

⚠ WARNING

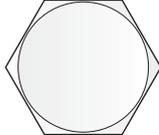
EQUIPMENT FAILURE

The torque value for bolts and capscrews are identified by their head markings. Replacing higher “Grade” bolts (Grade 8) with lower Grade bolts (Grade 5) will lead to equipment failure and can result in injury or death. Always use replacement bolts with the same Grade markings as the removed bolt.

4.2.1 Bolt Torque Values

Torque figures indicated above are valid for non-greased or non-oiled threads and heads unless otherwise specified. Therefore, do not grease or oil bolts or capscrews unless otherwise instructed in this manual. When using locking elements, increase torque values by 5%.

4.2.2 Grade Markings Chart

 No Marking	Grade 2 Low or Medium Carbon Steel
 3 Radial Lines	Grade 5 Medium Carbon Steel Quenched and Tempered
 6 Radial Lines	Grade 8 Medium Carbon Alloy Steel, Quenched and Tempered

Bolt Diameter “A”	SAE Grade 2 N·m (ft-lbs)		SAE Grade 5 N·m (ft-lbs)		SAE Grade 8 N·m (ft-lbs)	
	N·m	(ft-lbs)	N·m	(ft-lbs)	N·m	(ft-lbs)
1/4"	8	(6)	12	(9)	17	(12)
5/16"	13	(10)	25	(19)	36	(27)
3/8"	27	(20)	45	(33)	63	(45)
7/16"	41	(30)	72	(53)	100	(75)
1/2"	61	(45)	110	(80)	155	(115)
9/16"	95	(70)	155	(115)	220	(165)
5/8"	128	(95)	215	(160)	305	(220)
3/4"	225	(165)	390	(290)	540	(400)
7/8"	230	(170)	570	(420)	880	(650)
1"	345	(225)	850	(630)	1320	(970)

5. MACHINE COMPONENTS AND CONTROLS

5.1 COMPONENT NOMENCLATURE AND LOCATION

The Meridian Seed Tender is designed as a bulk seed transfer unit to transport large amounts of seed into a planter or drill.

Bulk seed can be loaded into the two seed compartments from a variety of sources including seed boxes. Roll tarp (8) opens to provide an opening for loading the seed.

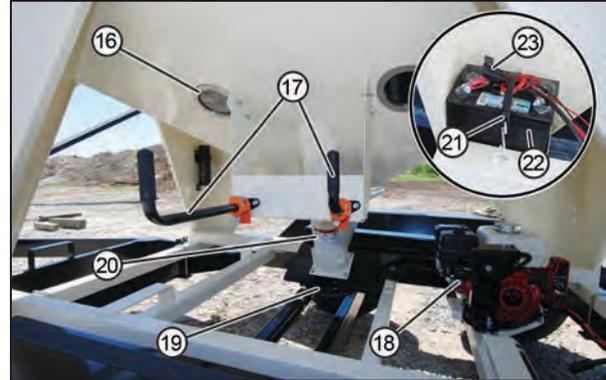


(1) Trailer Safety Chains. (2) Jack Stand. (3) Break-Away Trailer Brake System. (4) Seed Tender Frame. (5) Trailer. (6) Document Storage Tube (inside of frame). (7) Ladder. (8) Seed Bin Cover. (9) Cover Open/Close Bar.



(10) Auger Tube. (11) Auger Tube Clamp. (12) Delivery Spout Holder. (13) Auger/Engine Throttle Switch. (14) Delivery Spout. (15) Bolt-On Bumper Hitch Tongue Assembly.

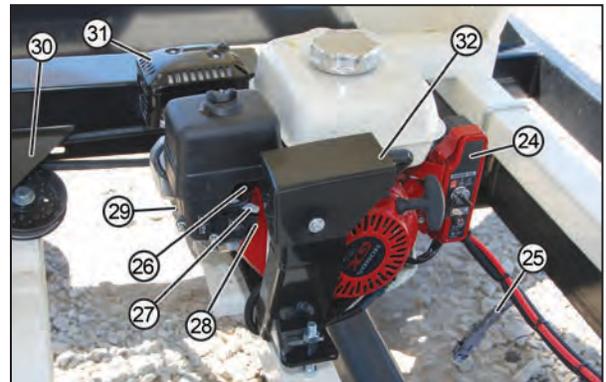
Once the unit is filled, the side mounted auger transfers the seed through auger tube (10) and delivery spout (14) into planters or drills. Slide gate levers (17) on the seed compartments control the flow of seed into the auger.



(16) Compartment View Glass. (17) Slide Gate Levers. (18) Gasoline Engine. (19) Auger Drive Pulley. (20) Auger Tube Clean Out Door. (21) Battery Hold Down Strap. (22) Battery. (23) Fuse.

Gas engine (18) mounted on the frame powers auger drive pulley (19). A reduction case centrifugal clutch (29) on the engine output shaft engages when the engine speed reaches 1400 RPM. The auger belt drive system transmits power from the engine to the auger. Use auger throttle switch (13) to increase or decrease the speed of the auger.

The auger will only unload to the left side. A telescoping spout on the end of the auger allows for convenient distribution.



(24) Gas Engine On/Off Controls. (25) Remote Throttle Switch Auxiliary Plug. (26) Throttle Lever (connected to auger speed actuator). (27) Choke Lever. (28) Fuel Shut Off Lever. (29) Centrifugal Clutch Reduction Case. (30) Auger Belt Drive and Guard. (31) Air Filter. (32) Auger-Speed Actuator.

5.2 ENGINE AND CONTROLS

A Honda® engine is used with this unit. Always read the engine Operator's Manual supplied with the seed tender for the detailed engine operating procedures.

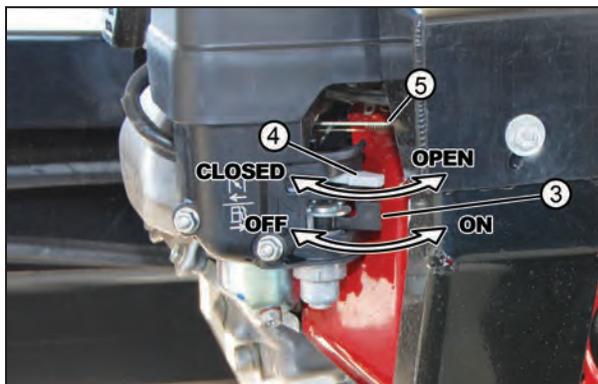


1. Engine Key Switch

Turn the key switch to the START position to start the engine. When the engine starts, then release the key and allow it to return to the ON position.

2. Starting Rope

This retracting rope and T-bar is an optional method used to start the engine. Grasp the T-bar firmly and pull the rope sharply to start the engine. The key on the master control must be ON for the engine to start.



3. Fuel Shut-Off Lever

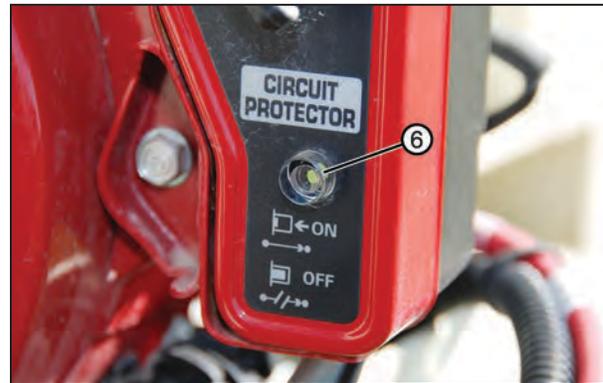
Each engine is equipped with a valve between the fuel tank and the carburetor. Slide the fuel valve toward the engine to turn ON and away for OFF. Turn the fuel OFF when not in use or before transporting.

4. Choke Lever

The choke lever controls the fuel/air mixture to the engine. Close the choke when starting if the engine is cold. Open the choke as the engine warms. Always open the choke fully during operation.

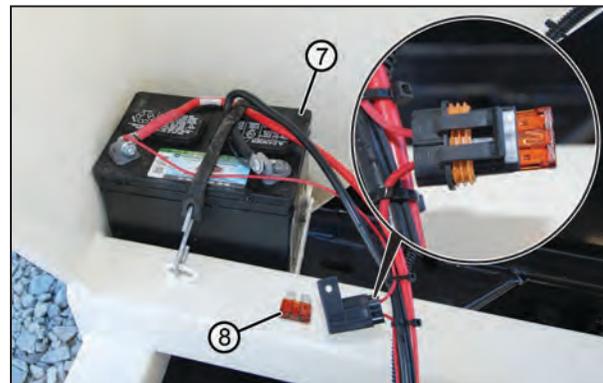
5. Throttle Lever

This lever controls the engine RPM. Move the lever to increase or decrease the RPM. Always run at maximum throttle while operating the auger.



6. Engine Circuit Protection

The circuit protector protects the battery charging circuit. A short circuit, or a battery connected with reverse polarity, will trip the circuit breaker. The green indicator inside the circuit protector will pop out to show that the circuit protector has switched off.

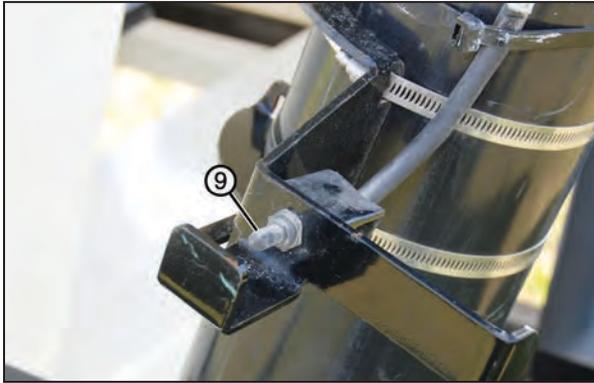


7. Battery (12 Volt)

A 12 Volt battery supplies the power to start the gasoline engine. The battery must be periodically recharged from an external source to keep it fully charged.

8. Fuse

A 7.5 amp fuse protects the electrical system.



9. Auger/Engine Throttle Switch

This two-position toggle switch controls the throttle for the engine. Move and hold the switch to the right to increase the engine speed and hold to the left to decrease the speed.

Note: The switch can be moved to any convenient location by relocating the switch and wiring harness.

5.3 ENGINE SAFETY SIGNS



1. WARNING — Read Owner's Manual (contact Honda Mfg. for replacement of this decal)

! WARNING

Gasoline is highly flammable and explosive. Turn engine off and let cool before refueling.

The engine emits toxic carbon monoxide. Do not run in an enclosed area.

Read Owner's Manual before operation.

2. CAUTION — Shut Off Fuel (contact Honda Mfg. for replacement of this decal)

! CAUTION

Shut off fuel when not in use.

3. IMPORTANT — Battery Recharging (#19991)

IMPORTANT

- **Engine does not recharge battery.**
- **Manually recharge battery periodically.**

19991

4. CAUTION — Hot Muffler (contact Honda Mfg. for replacement of this decal)

! CAUTION

HOT MUFFLER CAN BURN YOU.
Stay away if engine has been running.

6. PRE-OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 MACHINE BREAK-IN PERIOD

A special break-in procedure has been developed to ensure the integrity of the seed tender when first put into service. Follow the Before Starting instructions and then follow the Inspections for 1/2, 5, and 10 Hours instructions at the appropriate interval.

After completing these instructions, follow the normal service schedule in the Maintenance section and engine manual.

6.1.1 Before Starting

1. Read and follow the instructions in the Honda® engine and the Meridian Operator's Manuals.
2. Review and follow the Pre-operation Checklist before starting machine.
3. Initially check wheel bolt torque and then again at 10, 25, and 50 miles. Refer to the Wheel Bolt Torque Requirements section in this manual for tightening instructions.
4. Start the engine and check the controls. Be sure that they function properly.

6.1.2 Inspections for 1/2, 5, and 10 Hours

1. Recheck the engine and reduction case fluid levels. Refill, as required.
2. Recheck the tension and alignment of the auger tube drive belt.
3. Recheck hardware and fasteners; frame to trailer tie-downs, all fasteners, and wheel bolts. Tighten to their specified torque.
4. At 10 hours, change the engine oil with the specified oil.

6.2 DAILY PRE-OPERATION CHECK-LIST

Efficient and safe operation of the Meridian Bulk Seed Tender system requires that each operator reads and follows the operating procedures and all related safety precautions outlined in this section.

A pre-operational checklist is provided for the operator. It is important for both personal safety and maintaining the efficient operation of the delivery system that this checklist be followed.

Before operating the delivery system and each time thereafter, the following areas should be checked:

1. Lubricate the machine, as outlined and shown in the lubrication photos in the Maintenance section of this manual. Follow the prescribed schedule.
2. Check the engine fluid levels, fuel, and reduction case oil level. Add, as required.

IMPORTANT

The engine warranty is void if the engine is run without oil.

3. Check the oil level in the engine's centrifugal clutch reduction case.
4. Check hardware and fasteners; seed tender frame to trailer tie-downs, hitch bolts, trailer hitch to trailer bolts, and all other fasteners. Tighten to their specified torque.
5. Make sure the wheel bolt lug nuts are tight.
6. Check the tires and ensure that they are inflated to their specified pressure.
7. Remove all entangled material.
8. Visually inspect the auger, auger tube, and delivery spout for damage.
9. Test the Break-Away brake unit and the trailer brakes.
 - a. Make sure the trailer brakes are operating properly.
 - b. Make sure the trip wire to the break-away switch is connected to the tow vehicle.
 - c. Make sure the pin is correctly installed in the break-away switch.
 - d. Press the Test button. The indicator should illuminate green. If the red light illuminates, the battery charge is low. Refer to the Break-Away System in the Maintenance section for instructions on charging the battery.
10. Check the tension of the auger drive belt. Follow the instructions in the manual to correct the tension and/or alignment.

7. TOWING

7.1 TRANSPORT SAFETY

1.  Comply with local, state, and federal laws governing safety and conveyance of farm machinery on public roads.
2. Ensure all lights, reflectors, and other lighting requirements are installed and in good working condition.
3. Ensure that the trailer is equipped with brakes that are in good working order. Be familiar with their operation.
4. Do not exceed a safe travel speed. Slow down for rough terrain and when cornering.
5.  Fasten frame securely to trailer before transporting.
6. Be sure the trailer is securely hitched to the towing vehicle and a retainer is used through the hitch jaws. Always attach a safety chain between the hitch and the towing vehicle.
7.  Stay away from overhead power lines. Electrocutation can occur without direct contact.
8. Plan your route to avoid heavy traffic.
9. Install auger spout transport lock before transporting.
10. Do not drink and drive.
11. Be a safe and courteous driver. Yield to oncoming traffic in all situations, including narrow bridges, intersections, etc. Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways.
12.  Never allow riders on the tender or the trailer.

7.2 CONNECTING THE TRAILER

WARNING

 **UPENDING HAZARD**
To prevent serious injury or death from upending hazard, do not stand over the hitch when unhooking the trailer from the tow vehicle. Load or fill compartment 1 first to keep weight on the hitch. Unload or empty compartment 2 first to keep weight on the hitch.

7.2.1 Bumper Hitch

1. Complete the Pre-operation Checklist.

WARNING

 **CRUSH HAZARD**
Ensure that all bystanders, especially small children, are clear of the working area. Ensure there is enough room and clearance to safely back up to the machine.

2. Use the trailer jack to lift the hitch above the height of the receiver on the tow vehicle (standard hitch assembly shown).



3. Adjust the receiver height to make the trailer level with the tow vehicle. Tighten the bolts to 70 ft-lb (95 N·m) torque.



4. Remove the retainer pin. Release or open the receiver by pulling the locking cover back using the lever mechanism, as shown.



5. Slowly back the tow vehicle until the hitch and ball are aligned.



6. Lower the hitch onto the ball.



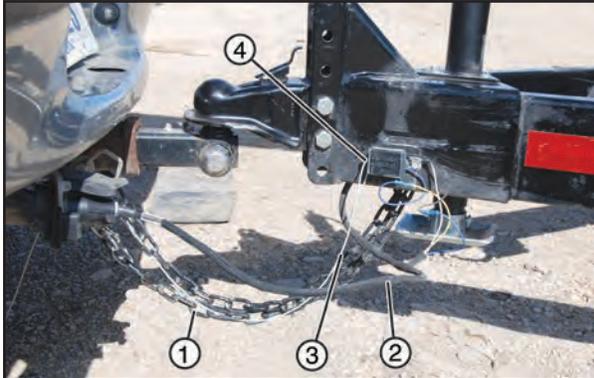
7. Raise the jack and place it in its stowed position.



8. Close the receiver locking collar using the lever. Install the retainer clip to prevent unwanted opening of the receiver.



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9. Attach safety chains (1) securely to the tow vehicle to prevent unexpected separation. Cross the chains when attaching.
 10. Connect wiring harness (2) for the lights and brakes.
 11. Connect break-away system cable (3) to the tow vehicle. Make sure key (4) on the end of the cable is properly plugged into the receiving unit.



12. Route all the cables in a manner that will prevent snagging. Be sure to provide slack for turning.

⚠ WARNING

The receiver must be bolted to the frame with two bolts. The use of only one bolt could cause the receiver assembly to separate from the trailer, resulting in injury or death to bystanders.

8. OPERATION

8.1 OPERATING SAFETY

1.  Make sure that anyone who will be operating the Bulk Seed Tender system or working on or around the unit reads and understands all the operating, maintenance, and safety information in the operator's manual.
2.  Keep all bystanders, especially children, away from the machine when loading or unloading, or when authorized personnel are carrying out maintenance work.
3.   Establish a lock-out or tag-out policy for the work site. Be sure all personnel are trained in and follow all procedures. Lock-out or tag-out all power sources before servicing the unit or working around loading/unloading equipment.
4.  Stop engine, remove ignition key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before servicing, repairing, adjusting, loading, filling, or unplugging.
5.   Keep working area clean and free of debris to prevent slipping or tripping.
6.  Do not allow riders on the trailer or frame when transporting.
7.  Keep hands, feet, hair, and clothing away from rotating parts.
8.  Do not place hands, fingers, or arms between moving parts.
9.  Stay away from overhead power lines. Electrocutation can occur without direct contact.
10.  Install and secure all guards before starting.
11.  Use care when climbing on frame or ladder to prevent slipping or falling.
12.  Fasten frame securely to trailer before transporting.
13. Always empty compartment 2 first to prevent an unbalanced load. An unbalanced load can cause the tender to upend.
14.  Review safety related items annually with all personnel who will be operating, using, or maintaining the seed delivery system.

8.2 OPENING AND CLOSING BIN COVER

WARNING



FALL HAZARD

- Follow the instructions and use good judgement whenever climbing the ladder. Failure to follow these instructions can result in serious injury or death from falling.

1. Do not climb ladder with muddy or slippery boots.
2. Keep rungs of ladder clean and free of debris.
3. Make sure the safety sign is attached to the seed tender and is legible. Replace the decal if it is not legible with part number 19939.



WARNING



FALLING HAZARD

Avoid serious injury or death from falling:

- Grip the ladder with both hands when climbing to prevent slipping or falling.
- Keep rungs clean to prevent slipping.

19939



1. Remove the retaining pin from the crank holder. Using both hands, carefully remove the crank from the holder.



2. Extend the crank handle assembly to a comfortable operating position.



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3. Roll the tarp to the fully opened position.



4. Place the crank back in the holder and reinsert the retaining pin.



8.3 OPERATION

This Operation section provides a step-by-step procedure for first loading seed into the seed tender at the farm and then unloading it in the field.

8.3.1 Loading (Filling Seed Tender)

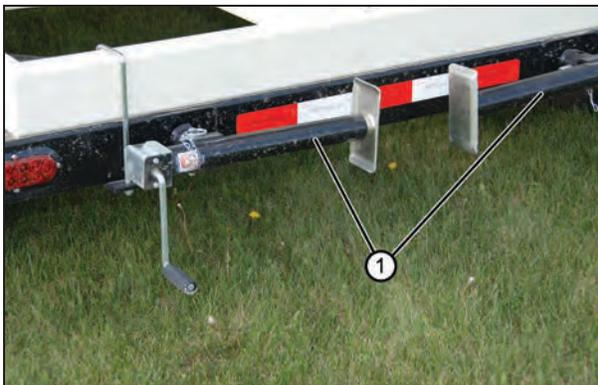
1. Connect the seed tender to a suitable towing vehicle. **Follow all related safety instructions in the Towing and the Safety sections of this manual.**

IMPORTANT

Ensure the tow vehicle has the capacity to safely tow a fully loaded seed tender.

2. Before loading, shut off the engine of the tow vehicle, set the parking brake, and remove the ignition key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the cab.

Note: The seed tender trailer is equipped with trailer jack mounts at the rear of the frame. These two mounting locations can be used with optional trailer jacks (1) to provide additional support to the rear of the trailer, depending on terrain and application.



WARNING



UPENDING HAZARD
Always load compartment 1 first to maintain a positive tongue weight. Negative tongue weight can cause the hitch to rapidly swing upward if not securely fastened to the tow vehicle, which can result in personal injury.

3. Make sure the compartment doors are closed (handles pulled outward).
4. Open the cover of the seed tender and fill it with seed from a storage box, storage bag, or other means. **Follow the safety instructions in the Opening and Closing Bin Cover section of this manual.**



NOTE: Two view windows, one in each compartment, can be used to determine the type of seed in the compartment and when the compartment is almost empty.

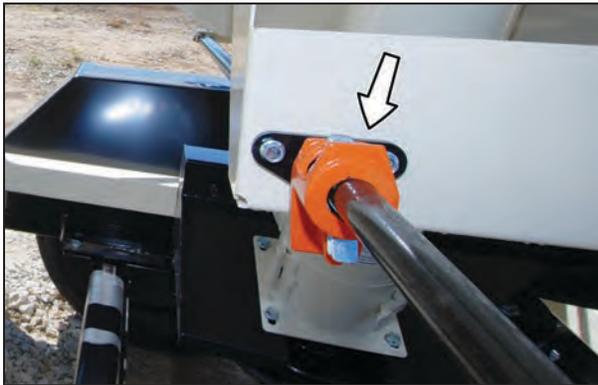


5. When the compartment is filled, close the cover.

IMPORTANT

Make sure the cover is closed and locked in place before towing the seed tender. Failure to lock the open/close handle could allow the cover to blow open, resulting in damage to the unit.

6. Make sure the lock mechanism on the slide gate handle is in the lock position.



4. Unlatch the rubber tie-down strap from the delivery spout.



7. Move the unit to the location of the planting equipment following all safe towing practices.

8.3.2 Unloading Seed Tender

The seed tender will only unload from the left side.

1. Position the seed tender near the planter.
2. Before unloading, shut off the engine of the tow vehicle, set the parking brake, and remove the ignition key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving the cab.
3. Check the surrounding area for overhead power lines that would contact the auger tube in its raised position. **Contact with electricity can result in serious personal injury or death.**

5. Lower the delivery spout to the ground.



6. Make sure the auger cable is threaded into the hole in the end of the auger. Damage to the auger can occur if the cable is not properly inserted.

⚠ WARNING



ELECTROCUTION HAZARD
Avoid contact with overhead power lines or electrically powered objects.

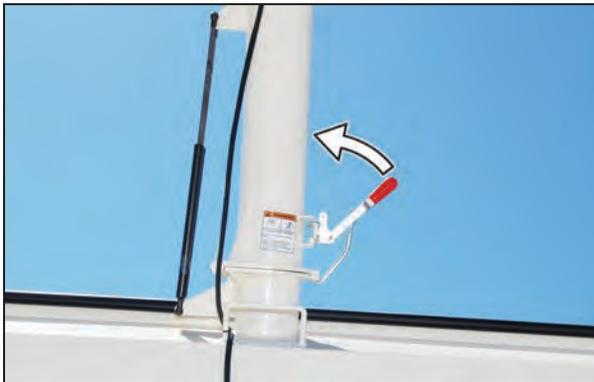
1. Be aware of your surroundings when raising or lowering any part of equipment.
2. Maintain at least 20 feet between equipment and any electrical hazard.
3. Contact with electricity can result in serious personal injury or death.



7. Raise the auger tube by pushing it upward, using the delivery spout. A small gas-filled shock will assist in raising the auger tube.



8. Lock the auger tube to the seed tender using the over-center clamp.



CAUTION

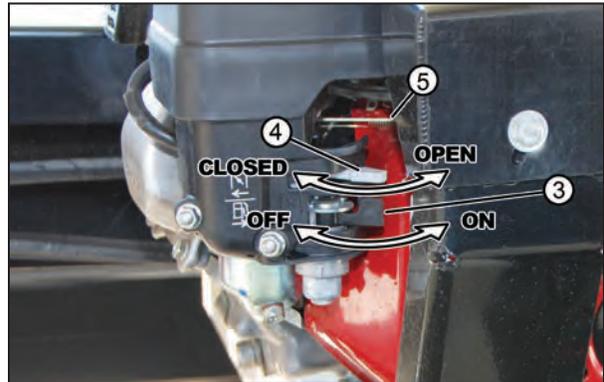


FALLING HAZARD
Locking the clamp of the auger tube requires the operator to stand on the fender. Use caution and do not slip or fall when climbing on or off of the seed tender.

9. Press and hold the remote throttle switch to the right to move the throttle lever 1/3 the distance of the full open position. An electronic actuator is connected to the throttle lever to increase and decrease the speed of the engine.



10. Start the gas engine.
 - a. Move fuel valve lever (3) to the ON position.
 - b. To start a cold engine, move choke lever (4) to the CLOSED position.



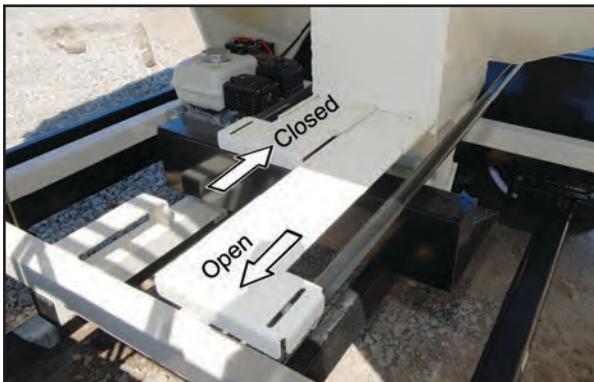
- c. Turn the key switch to the START position.



11. If necessary, decrease the engine speed below 1400 RPM using the remote throttle control switch. A centrifugal clutch on the engine will engage and rotate the auger when the engine speed exceeds 1400 RPM. Increasing the engine speed will increase the unloading rate.



12. Open the seed compartment slide gate by pushing the handle inward. Close the slide gate by pulling the handle outward.

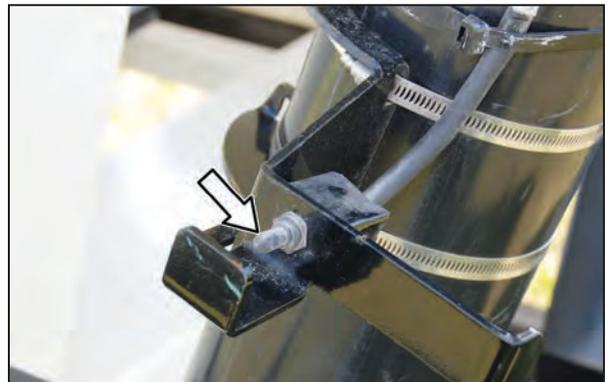


13. Fill the planting equipment.

- Move the delivery spout to the seed box or bin and increase the engine RPM to rotate the auger.
- When the seed box or bin is full, reduce the engine RPM to low idle to stop the auger.
- Move the delivery spout to the next box or bin and increase the engine RPM to fill the next one. Repeat this procedure until the remaining boxes or bins are filled.



14. When the transfer of seed is complete, press the auger speed control switch to reduce the engine RPM and stop the auger.



15. Close the seed compartment slide gate by pulling the handle outward.

IMPORTANT

If the unit will not be used again for an extended period of time, the auger tube should be cleared of all seed. This will help prevent the seed from being clogged inside the tube.

16. Turn the gas engine off.
17. Place the engine's fuel lever in the OFF position before towing the seed tender on the open road.

⚠ CAUTION

Shut off fuel when not in use.

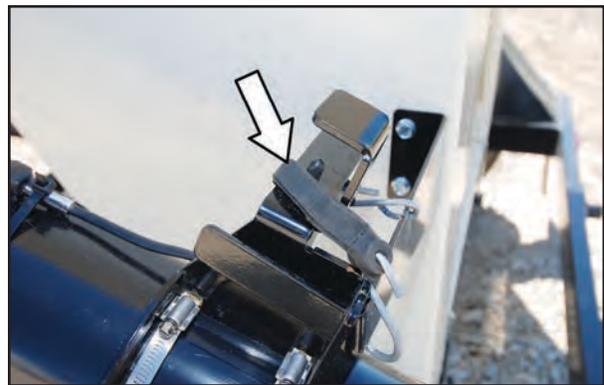


18. Before towing the unit on the road, return the auger tube and delivery spout to its stored position. Latch the rubber tie-down strap over the delivery spout.



IMPORTANT

To prevent damage, do not place retaining strap over the top of the switch, as shown.



8.3.3 Unplugging Auger Tube



If the auger tube plugs, follow this procedure.

1. Place the delivery spout on the storage bracket.
2. Stop the engine and remove the ignition key.
3. Open the access door at the bottom of the unloading auger tube.



4. Remove the obstruction.
5. Close and secure the access door.

9. STORAGE

9.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

After planting or when the machine will not be used for a period of time, completely inspect all major systems of the seed tender. Replace or repair any worn or damaged components to prevent unnecessary downtime at the beginning of the next season.

IMPORTANT

To prevent component damage, store the seed tender in a dry, level area. If the seed tender is not attached to a trailer, support the frame with planks to raise the unit off the ground.

9.2 PLACING IN STORAGE

CAUTION



PERSONAL INJURY HAZARD

Store the unit in an area away from human activity. To prevent the possibility of serious injury, do not permit children to play on or around the stored machine.

1. Remove all seed from the seed tender.
2. Place the gasoline engine fuel valve in the OFF position.
3. Thoroughly wash the machine with a pressure washer or water hose to remove all dirt, mud, or debris.
4. Inspect rotating parts for entangled material. Remove all entangled materials.
5. Check the condition of the auger and delivery spout. Replace or adjust, as required.
6. Check the condition of the centrifugal clutch reduction case, pulleys, idlers, and drive belt. Replace or adjust, as required.
7. Touch up paint nicks and scratches to prevent rusting.
8. Remove the ignition key and store in a secure place.
9. Remove the battery and store it in a cool, dry area on wooden blocks or a wooden pallet. Charge it monthly to maintain an adequate charge.
10. It is best to store the machine inside and if that is not possible, cover with a waterproof tarp and tie down securely.

11. Inspect, clean, and lubricate the auger tube hinge.



12. Cover the unit with a tarp, if desired.

9.3 REMOVING FROM STORAGE

When removing the machine from storage, follow this procedure:

1. Remove the tarp, if covered.
2. Install and connect the battery.
3. Review and follow the Pre-Operation Checklist.
4. Review and follow the Service Checks in the Maintenance section.

IMPORTANT

If the machine has been stored for more than twelve months, warm the engine by running it for two to three minutes and then drain the oil. Change the oil while the oil is warm to remove any condensation. Refer to the Change Engine and Reduction Case Oil section in the Maintenance section.

10. MAINTENANCE

10.1 SAFETY

10.1.1 General Safety

1. Good maintenance is your responsibility. Poor maintenance is an invitation for trouble.
2. Follow good shop practices. Keep service area clean and dry. Be sure electrical outlets and tools are properly grounded. Use adequate light.
3.  Ensure proper ventilation. Never operate the engine in a closed building. The exhaust fumes may cause asphyxiation.
4.  Before working on this machine, shut off the engine and remove the ignition keys.
5.  Never work under equipment unless it is securely blocked.
6. 

Always use personal protection devices, such as eye, hand, and hearing protectors, when performing any service or maintenance.
7.  Where replacement parts are necessary for periodic maintenance and servicing, genuine factory replacement parts must be used to restore your equipment to the original specifications. The manufacturer will not be responsible for injuries or damages caused by use of unapproved parts and/or accessories.
8.  A fire extinguisher and first aid kit should be readily accessible while performing maintenance on this equipment.
9.  Periodically tighten all bolts, nuts, and screws and ensure all cotter pins are properly installed to ensure the unit is in safe condition.
10.  When completing a maintenance or service function, make sure all safety shields and devices are installed before placing the unit in service.
11.  Turn OFF all electrical power and tag-out or lock-out the power source before performing any electrical test or before connecting or disconnecting valve coils or other electrical loads.

12.  Never operate or test any function of the equipment when people are in an area of a potential crush hazard.
13. Disconnect all electronic device cables from the seed tender before performing any arc welding repair. Damage from high currents may cause internal electronic device damage.

10.1.2 Lock-Out or Tag-Out Safety

1.  Establish a formal Lock-Out or Tag-Out program for your operation.
2.  Train all operators and service personnel before allowing them to work around the seed delivery system.
3.  Provide tags on the machine and a sign-up sheet to record tag-out details.

10.2 LUBRICATION

Use the Service Checks information in the Maintenance section to keep a record of all scheduled maintenance.

1. Use an SAE multi-purpose high temperature grease or a multi-purpose lithium base grease for the auger pivot hinge.
2. Use only a handheld grease gun for all greasing.
3. Wipe grease fitting with a clean cloth before greasing to avoid injecting dirt and grit.
4. Replace and repair broken zerks immediately.
5. If zerks will not take grease, remove and clean the passageway. Replace fitting, if necessary.

10.2.1 Wheel Bearings

Each axle is equipped with a grease zerk under the center dust cap of the wheel. Add grease sparingly to the wheel bearings, using only wheel bearing grease. The wheel bearings should be repacked annually. Check for excessive end play and tighten, if necessary.

IMPORTANT

Over-greasing wheel bearings can cause them to overheat, resulting in damage and/or failure.



10.2.2 Auger Tube Pivot Shaft

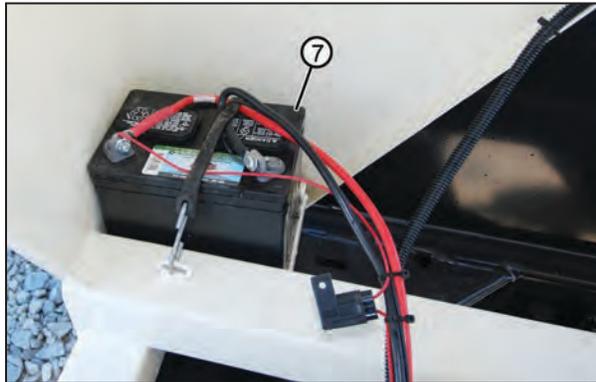
Add grease to the pivot shaft hinge until it is forced out of the joints annually or as needed.



11. SERVICE PROCEDURES

11.1 BATTERY

Inspect the battery at least once every six months and before using the seed tender at the beginning of the season. Always follow the safety instructions when servicing a battery.



11.1.2 Battery Safety

1.  Keep all sparks and flames away from batteries, as gas given off by electrolyte is explosive.
2.  Avoid contact with battery electrolyte: wash off any spilled electrolyte immediately because battery acid can cause severe chemical burns.
3.  Wear safety glasses when working near batteries.
4. Do not tip batteries more than 45 degrees, to avoid electrolyte loss.
5.  To avoid injury from spark or short circuit, disconnect the battery ground cable before servicing any part of the electrical system. Never short circuit the battery; it may explode.
6.  Protect battery terminals, battery-charger terminals, and cables against accidental contact which can cause sparks, explosions, or component damage.
7. Never attempt to jump-start a frozen battery.

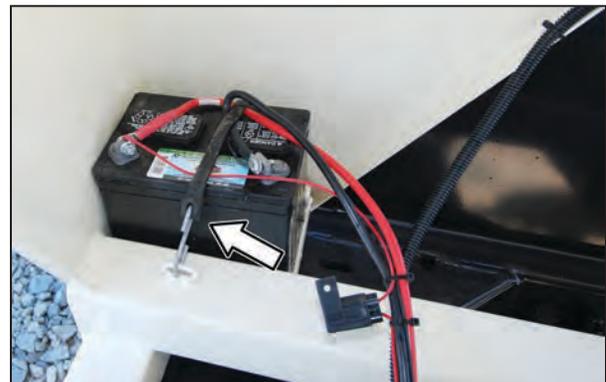
11.1.3 Battery Replacement and Maintenance Tips

- Check the batteries at least every six months for low Voltage, leakage, etc.

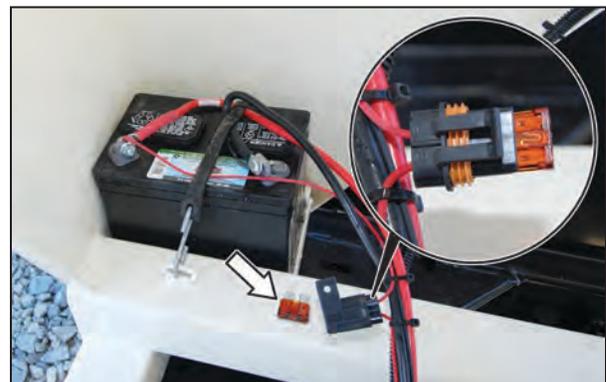
- Always use the correct size and type of battery. Replace old batteries with a new SP-30 Lawn and Garden battery with 230 CCA and 290 CA ratings.
- Do not install the battery cable to the wrong terminal. Make sure the RED cable is connected to the + (plus) terminal and the BLACK cable is connected to the – (minus) terminal.
- Remove the batteries from the seed tender if not expected to be in use for several months.
- Use recommended practices when recharging a dead battery.
- Remove any corrosion from the battery post using a wire brush terminal cleaner. Corrosion can also be removed using a baking soda paste and water to neutralize and remove the acid from the battery terminals
- Dispose of old batteries properly.

11.1.4 Battery Maintenance

1. Make sure the tie down strap is connected to the frame of the battery box and in good condition (not cracked, cut, or damaged).



2. The battery is not charged when the engine is operating. If the battery is not charging using an external charger, check the fuse. Replace the fuse if necessary.



11.2 ENGINE

For any questions concerning the Honda® engine not provided in this manual, refer to the OEM manual that was provided with the seed tender.

To contact Honda®, refer to the OEM Literature section in this manual.

11.2.1 Approved Fuel

Use a regular unleaded automotive gasoline for all operating conditions. The fuel tank capacity is 1.0 liters (2.1 US pints).

11.2.2 Engine Oil

Use a typical SAE 10W-30 or 10W-40 multi-viscosity motor oil for normal operating conditions. Consult your engine manual for the recommended oil in cold temperatures. The crankcase capacity is 1.1 liters (1.16 US qt.).

11.2.3 Change Engine and Reduction Case Oil

1. Review the Operator's Manual for the engine.
2. Allow the engine to cool before changing the oil. Draining works best when the oil is warm.

CAUTION



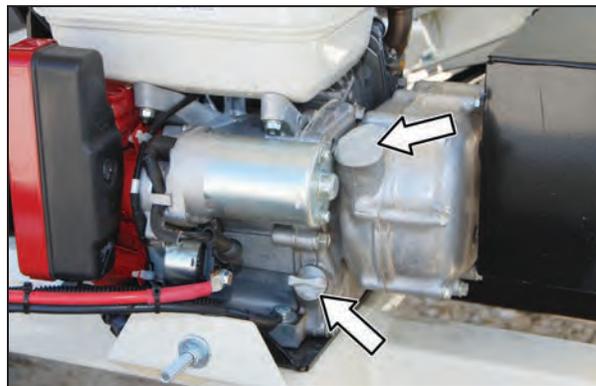
BURN HAZARD
Hot engine oil can burn skin.

3. Be sure the engine key switch is in the OFF position and the fuel valve is turned OFF.
4. Place a pan under drain plug (1) or (2). Remove the drain plug and allow the oil to drain for ten minutes.



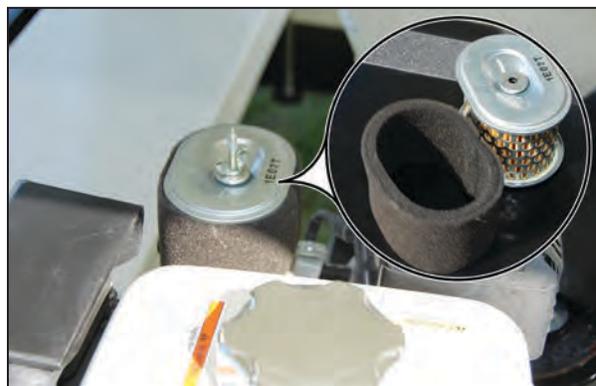
5. Reinstall the drain plug and tighten.

6. Dispose of the oil in an approved container. Follow industrial disposal regulations.
7. Fill the engine or reduction case with SAE 10W-30 oil for general usage. If the engine is operated in more extreme conditions, refer to the OEM manual for oil recommendations.
8. Run the engine for one minute and recheck both oil levels. Add oil, as needed.



11.2.4 Clean Air Cleaner

Check and remove any debris from the foam cover of the air cleaner daily before each usage. Thoroughly clean or replace the foam cover every three months or 50 hours of operation (clean it more frequently when used in dusty conditions).



11.2.5 Engine Circuit Protection

The circuit protector protects the battery charging circuit. A short circuit, or a battery connected with reverse polarity, will trip the circuit breaker.

The green indicator inside the circuit protector will pop out to show that the circuit protector has switched off. If this occurs, determine the cause of the problem, and correct it before resetting the circuit protector.

Push the circuit protector button to reset.



11.3 ENGINE SPEED SETTING

WARNING



ROTATING PART HAZARD

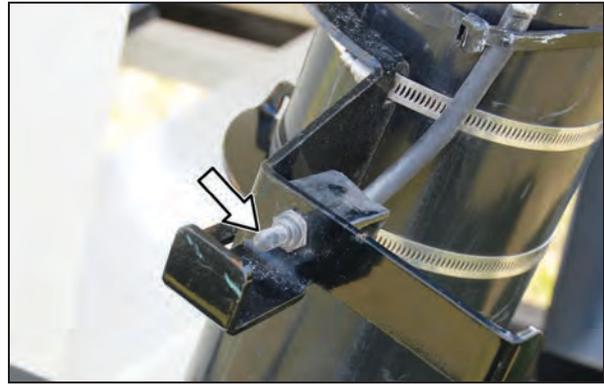
The engine speed must be adjusted with the engine running. Use extreme caution when working near rotating parts.



To prevent serious injury from rotating parts, do not operate with rotating parts exposed. Make sure the belt guard is installed before adjusting the engine speed.

Every engine is set with a high idle of 3000 RPM. Before using the seed tender, check the RPM of the auger drive pulley.

1. Start the engine. Use the throttle switch on the delivery tube to set the engine to high idle (full throttle).



2. Use a tachometer to check the large drive pulley speed. The pulley should turn 200 RPM at high engine speed.



3. Use a screwdriver to reset the high idle stop screw if required to obtain the desired speed.



11.4 ENGINE ACTUATOR REPLACEMENT

11.4.1 Actuator Removal

WARNING



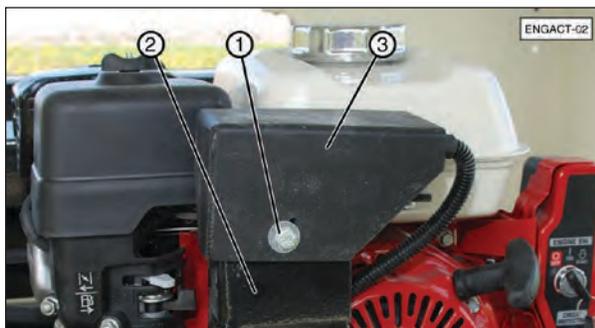
CRUSHING HAZARD

Ensure the seed tender is blocked to prevent movement.



Ensure the engine is not running and remove the key during the following procedures. Serious injury or death can result from being caught in moving parts.

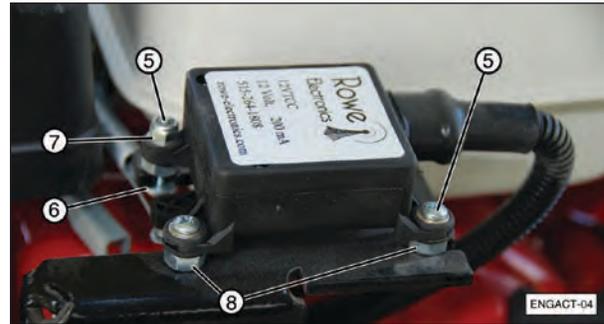
1. Remove bolt (1) that secures cover (2) to actuator mounting bracket (3). Remove the cover.



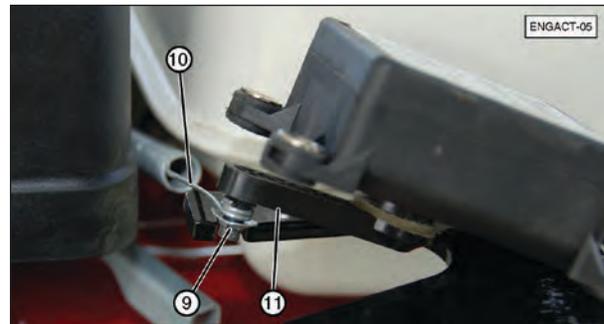
2. Disconnect the actuator cable from the engine harness at connector (4).



3. Remove four bolts (5), washers (6), lock nuts (7), and spacers (8).



4. Remove washer nut (9) and then disconnect spring (10) from actuator arm (11).

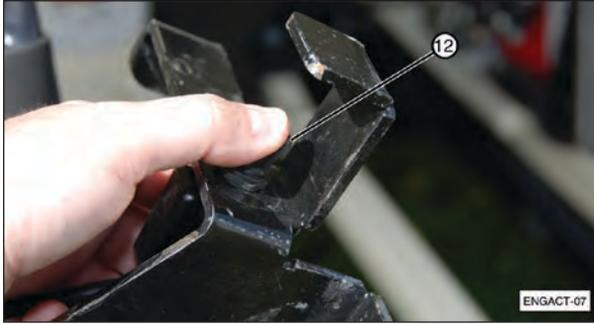


11.4.2 Actuator Installation

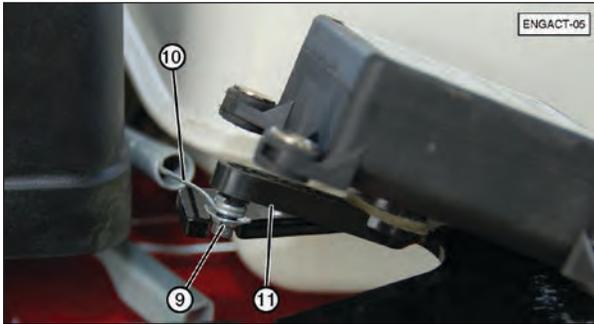
1. Connect the cable of the new actuator to engine harness connector (4).
2. Position actuator arm (11) so it is pointing away from the end where the cable is attached to the unit, as shown. Use actuator switch (12) on the delivery tube to position the arm.

Note: Do not move the arm manually or the unit will be damaged.

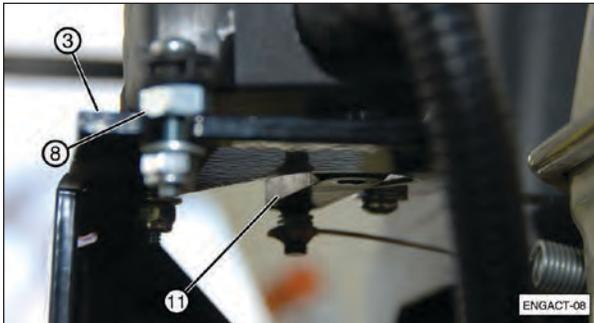




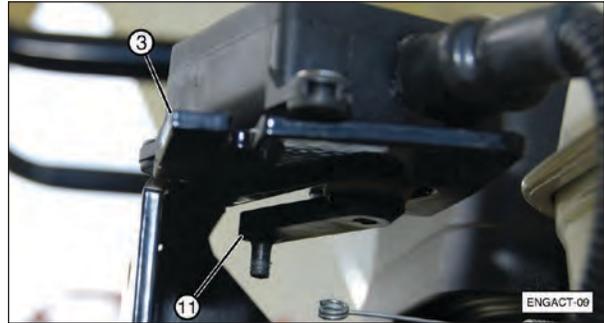
3. Place spring (10) onto the pin of actuator arm (11) and install washer nut (9) so the spring is free to rotate on the pin of actuator arm (11).



4. Position the actuator onto the mounting bracket so that the four mounting holes are aligned to bracket (3).
 - a. Place spacers (8) between the actuator and the bracket. Note that actuator arm (11) is on the same level as the bracket.

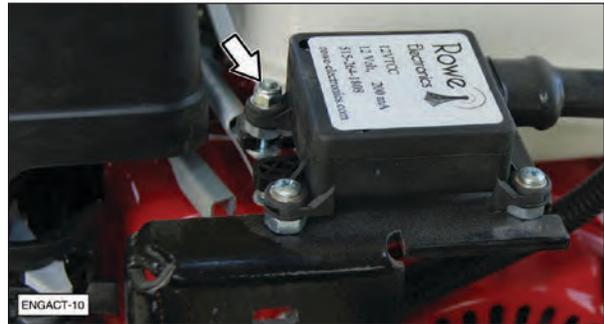


- b. If actuator arm (11) is below the bracket (as shown), the arm will continue to rotate and not function properly. The bracket serves as a stop for the arm.

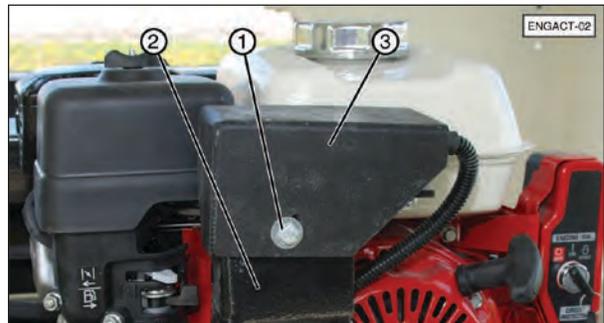


- c. Install four bolts (5), washers (6), and lock nuts (7), as shown. Note that the bolt nearest the engine is reversed for clearance with the lock nut on top.

Note: The four spacers are all positioned under the mounting plate no matter which direction the bolt is installed.



5. Reinstall the cover.



6. Ensure all personnel are clear of the unit. Start the engine and test the actuator by pressing actuator switch (12) to ensure the engine speed increases and decreases as designed.



11.5 UNPLUGGING AUGER DELIVERY TUBE

IMPORTANT

Do not operate the auger when it is plugged with excess seed or is hindered from moving by a foreign object. Continued operation can cause damage.

If the auger becomes plugged, follow this procedure:

1. Stop the engine and remove the ignition key. Place a lock-out tag on the control box to prevent accidental starting of the conveyor.
2. Open the lower access door at the bottom of the auger and remove any excess seed or obstruction.



3. Close and secure the lower access door.

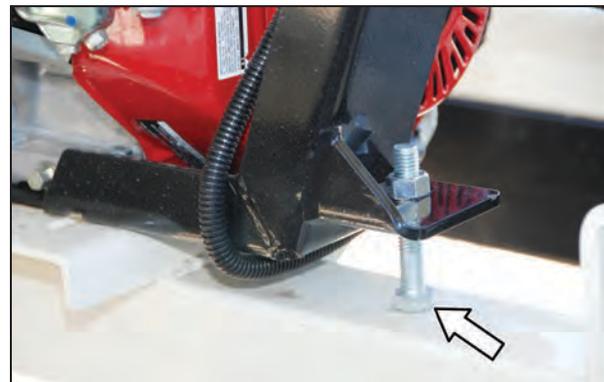
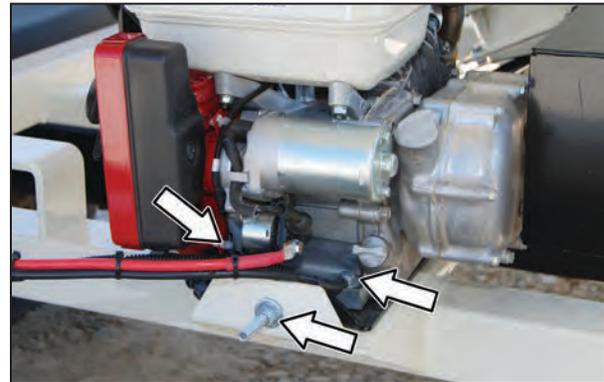
11.6 AUGER DRIVE BELT

The auger is driven by a belt from the motor. The belt is tightened by moving the engine base with the adjusting bolt.

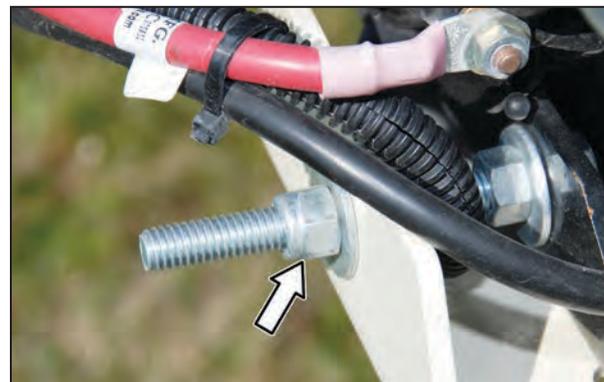
11.6.1 Drive Belt Tension

Release the base when replacing the belt. Always install and secure the guard before resuming work.

1. Loosen the four engine mounting bolts.
2. Loosen the engine base stabilizing bolt.



3. Loosen the engine base adjusting bolt jam nut and move the engine base to set the desired belt tension.



4. Tighten the jam nut.
5. Tighten the four engine mounting bolts.
6. Tighten the engine base stabilizing bolt.

11.6.2 Drive Belt Installation

Use the following photo for the correct routing of the drive belt. Always check the alignment of the pulleys when replacing the belt.



11.7 TRAILER BREAK-AWAY SYSTEM



11.7.1 Testing the Battery

1. Disconnect the trailer plug from the tow vehicle; otherwise, you are testing the tow vehicle's battery.
2. Press the green TEST button on the control box located inside the frame of the trailer. The green indicator light should illuminate if the battery is fully charged. If the yellow or red indicator lights illuminate, the unit's battery should be charged before towing the trailer.

IMPORTANT

If the battery is weak or dead (red indicator, even after charging), as indicated by the indicator light, the battery must be replaced.

3. Plug the trailer into the tow vehicle. The yellow "Charging" light should be ON.
4. Test the system by pulling the pin out of the break-away switch. The battery will activate the brakes. (**Note:** Do not use this kit as a parking brake). The battery should be charged and tested prior to each trailer outing.



11.7.2 Changing Battery

The battery in the break-away system is rechargeable. If the battery will not hold a charge, replace the battery.

11.7.3 Replacing Battery

The battery in the break-away system is replaceable. If the battery will not hold a charge, replace the battery. Contact the OEM supplier for a replacement battery.



11.8 WHEEL BOLT TORQUE REQUIREMENTS



1. Initially check the wheel bolt torque at 10, 25, and 50 miles and after each wheel removal. Refer to the Wheel Bolt Torque Requirements section in this manual for tightening instructions.

NOTE: Torque wrenches are the best method to ensure the proper amount of torque is being applied to a wheel nut.

CAUTION



EXPLOSIVE FORCE HAZARD

To prevent injury due to possible dangerous separation of wheels from the axle, the wheel nuts must be maintained at the proper torque levels. Properly maintained wheel nuts prevent loose wheels and broken studs.

2. Tighten the wheel nuts in three stages.
 - First stage: 20 to 25 foot pounds.
 - Second stage: 50 to 60 foot pounds.
 - Third stage: 90 to 120 foot pounds.
3. Tighten the wheel nuts in a clockwise, cross-axle alternating pattern.

11.9 AXLE BOLTS, TRAILER HITCH BOLTS, AND FRAME HOLD-DOWN BOLTS

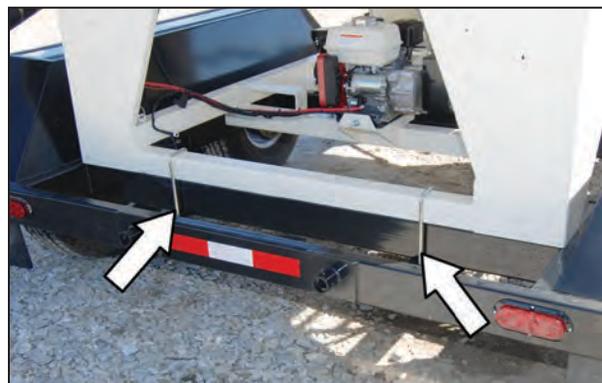
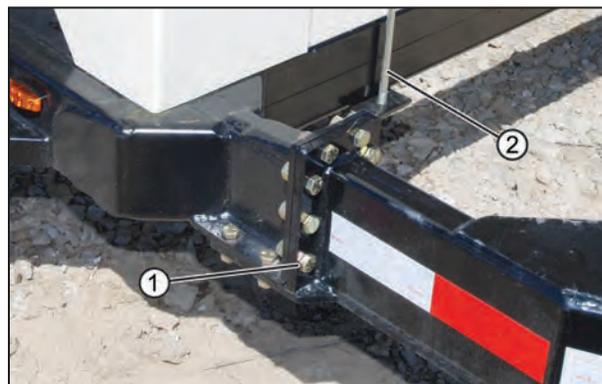
Check the torque on the axle to frame bolts at least once per year.



The front hitch section of the seed tender is bolted to the trailer frame. This design allows the same trailer to use either a standard bumper hitch assembly or a gooseneck trailer hitch if this option is available.

Check the torque on the trailer hitch bolts (1) at least once per year. Tighten the bolts to 115 ft-lbs.

Check the torque on the frame hold-down bolts at least once per year. Tighten the bolts to 40 ft-lbs.



11.11 SERVICE CHECKS

11.11.1 Daily (8 Hours)

WARNING



FIRE HAZARD

Gasoline is a highly combustible fuel. Improper use, handling, or storage of gasoline can be dangerous. Never touch or fill a hot engine. **DO NOT** fill the engine's fuel tank near an open flame while smoking or while engine is running. **DO NOT** fill tank in an enclosed area with poor ventilation. Wipe up spills immediately.

1. Check engine oil level (1) and fill, as needed.
2. Check engine fuel level and fill, as needed.
3. Check reduction case fluid level (2) and fill, as needed.



4. Test trailer break-away system.
5. Initially check wheel bolt torque at 10, 25, and 50 miles.
6. Check drive belt for proper tension and tracking.

11.11.2 Weekly (50 Hours)

1. Clean or replace the foam filter element. Replace the paper air filter, as required.



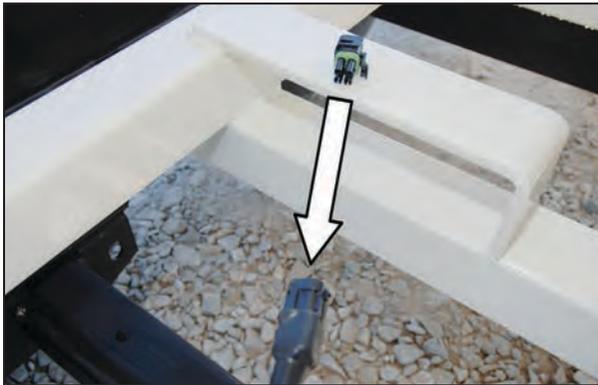
2. Check the tension on the delivery belt. Adjust tension if needed.
3. Check the tire pressure. Inflate the tires to the recommended pressure stated on the tire.

11.11.3 Annually (400 Hours)

1. Check the wheel bolt torque.
2. Repack the wheel bearings and check for excessive end play in the bearings.
3. Check the frame and trailer hold-down bolts.
4. Check the trailer tongue frame bolts.
5. Thoroughly clean the seed tender.
6. Check the tires for wear, and replace if needed.
7. Check the red tailights to make sure they are working properly.



8. Make sure the terminating plug is in place, as shown.



11.12 AXLE MAINTENANCE

11.12.1 First 200 Miles

1. Adjust brakes. Refer to OEM manual for procedure.

11.12.2 3,000 Miles or 3 Months

1. Adjust brakes. Refer to OEM manual for procedure.
2. Check torque on wheel nuts. Refer to the section in this manual.
3. Inspect tires for wear. Refer to OEM manual for procedure.

11.12.3 6,000 Miles or 6 Months

1. Inspect brake magnets for wear. Refer to OEM manual for procedure.
2. Inspect suspension parts for wear. Refer to OEM manual for procedure.

11.12.4 12,000 Miles or 12 Months

1. Inspect brake lining wear, check brake cylinder for leaks, and inspect brake wiring for damage. Refer to OEM manual for procedure.
2. Grease the wheel bearings and check the hub for wear. Refer to OEM manual for procedure.
3. Inspect grease seal for leakage. Refer to OEM manual for procedure.

11.13 TIRES

Check the tires for normal and/or abnormal tire wear. Replace tires that are damaged or worn beyond normal tread life. Refer to the axle OEM manual for a Tire Wear Diagnostic Chart.

Replace the tires with Meridian part number 18131 or an equivalent tire:
3T235/80R16
TR643
Load Range E
For Trailer Service Only

11.14 WELDING REPAIRS



Repair welding must be done with care and with procedures that may be beyond the capabilities of the ordinary welder.

Before performing any type of welding repair to the seed tender, contact Meridian for approval.

WARNING



PERSONAL INJURY HAZARD

Repairs or modifications to the trailer, trailer tongue, or trailer hitch can result in serious injury or death should these repairs fail.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Anyone performing a welding repair should be certified in accordance to the American Welding Society (AWS) standards.

12. OEM LITERATURE

OEM literature can be stored on the seed tender using the document storage tube.



12.1 HONDA® ENGINE

For any questions concerning the Honda® engine, refer to the OEM manual that was provided with the seed tender.

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing a Honda engine. We want to help you to get the best results from your new engine and to operate it safely. This manual contains information on how to do that; please read it carefully before operating the engine. If a problem should arise, or if you have any questions about your engine, consult an authorized Honda servicing dealer.

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This manual should be considered a permanent part of the engine and should remain with the engine if resold.

Review the instructions provided with the equipment powered by this engine for any additional information regarding engine startup, shutdown, operation, adjustments or any special maintenance instructions.

United States, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands:
We suggest you read the warranty policy to fully understand its coverage and your responsibilities of ownership. The warranty policy is a separate document that should have been given to you by your dealer.

SAFETY MESSAGES

Your safety and the safety of others are very important. We have provided important safety messages in this manual and on the engine. Please read these messages carefully.

A safety message alerts you to potential hazards that could hurt you or others. Each safety message is preceded by a safety alert symbol and one of three words, DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION.

These signal words mean:

- ▲ DANGER** You will be KILLED or SERIOUSLY HURT if you don't follow instructions.
- ▲ WARNING** You CAN be KILLED or SERIOUSLY HURT if you don't follow instructions.
- ▲ CAUTION** You CAN be HURT if you don't follow instructions.

Each message tells you what the hazard is, what can happen, and what you can do to avoid or reduce injury.

DAMAGE PREVENTION MESSAGES

You will also see other important messages that are preceded by the word NOTICE.

This word means:

NOTE Your engine or other property can be damaged if you don't follow instructions.

The purpose of these messages is to help prevent damage to your engine, other property, or the environment.

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WARNING:
The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

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Additional information can be obtained from:

United States Power Equipment Division
Customer Relations Office
4900 Marconi Drive
Alpharetta, GA 30005-8847
(770) 497-6400

Honda® Canada, Inc.
715 Milner Avenue
Toronto, ON M1B 2K8
(888) 946-6329

12.2 AXLE

For any questions concerning the Axis Products axle, refer to the OEM manual that was provided with the seed tender. An Owner's Manual and parts listing is provided with the seed tender.

Additional information can be obtained from:
Axis Products, Inc.
3403 Reedy Drive
Elkhart, IN 46514
Phone: (574) 266-8282

12.3 RETRACTABLE COMPARTMENT TARP

For any questions concerning the Agri-Cover, refer to the OEM manual that was provided with the seed tender.

13. TROUBLESHOOTING

13.1 TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

PROBLEM	CAUSE	SOLUTION
Engine will not start.	No fuel.	Fill the fuel tank.
	Low engine oil.	Fill the crankcase with oil.
	Cold engine.	Open choke.
	Ignition key switch off.	Turn ignition key switch on.
	Battery dead.	Recharge or replace battery.
	Engine problem.	Refer to engine manual.
Auger will not start.	Not rotating.	Start engine and increase speed above 1400 RPM.
	Drive pulley connection or auger coupling.	Repair or replace.
	Drive belt slipping.	Increase belt tension.
	No hydraulic oil in reduction case.	Check oil level.
	Failed centrifugal clutch.	Replace clutch.
Electrical functions are not working properly.	Battery cable or battery.	Check battery cable and make sure battery is fully charged.
	Improper ground.	Check for proper grounding of electrical circuit.
Remote throttle doesn't work.	No input power.	Check charge of battery. Recharge or replace, as required.
		Check connections in the remote throttle harness. Be sure connectors are clean and terminals are firmly pushed together.

14. WARRANTY

14.1 WARRANTY STATEMENT

Limited Materials and Workmanship Warranty For Bulk Seed Tenders

Meridian Manufacturing Group (hereinafter referred to as the Manufacturer) hereby warrants the Bulk Seed Tender(s) sold by it to be free from any defect in material or workmanship under normal use and service for a period of one (1) year from the date of shipment. The Manufacturer's obligation under this warranty shall be limited to the repair or replacement only, FOB the original point of shipment, of any defective parts or portions of the seed tender or accessories manufactured by Meridian. Any warranty claim must be reported to the Manufacturer within one (1) year from the date of shipment.

THIS WARRANTY IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS, PROVISIONS AND CONDITIONS:

1. This warranty does not apply:
 - a) To any product sold by the Manufacturer where it is used in areas exposed to corrosive or aggressive conditions including salt water, acids, alkaloid, ash, cement dust, animal waste or other corrosive chemicals from either inside or outside the bin.
 - b) For failures or defects arising out of damage during shipment or during storage on site.
 - c) To materials replaced or repaired under this warranty except to the extent of the remainder of the applicable warranty.
 - d) To damage resulting from misuse, negligence, accident or improper site preparation by others.
 - e) If the product has been altered or modified by others.
 - f) If in the case of coating failures the failure is the result of damage, lack of proper maintenance or failure to remove road salt or other contaminants that may have come in contact with the bin surface.
 - g) To loss of time, inconvenience, loss of material, down time or any other consequential damage.
 - h) For a function that is different than original designed intent.
2. The obligation of the Manufacturer under this warranty shall not arise unless the Manufacturer is notified and this warranty is presented together with a written statement specifying the claim or defect within thirty (30) days after the failure is first detected or made known to the owner and within one (1) year from the shipment date. The Manufacturer in its sole discretion shall determine if the claim is valid and whether correction of the defect or failure shall be made by repair or replacement of the materials.
3. The coating warranty is based on the manufacturer's performance specification for Polyester Powder finishes and does not include repair of minor blemishes or rusting that is normally part of the general maintenance of the seed tender. This warranty does not cover excessive wear on interior coatings. See attachment for full Performance Specification details on Polyester Powder Finishes.
4. The obligation of the Manufacturer hereunder extends only to the original owner and to the Meridian dealer to whom the materials may have been initially sold. This warranty shall not be subject to any assignment or transfer without the written consent of the Manufacturer.
5. The customer shall acknowledge that it has made its own independent decision to approve the use of the supplied materials and also the specific fabrication and construction procedures utilized to complete the seed tender, and has satisfied itself as to the suitability of these products for this particular application.
6. The foregoing sets forth the only warranties applicable to said materials and said warranties are given expressly and in lieu of all other warranties, expressed or implied, statutory or otherwise, of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose and all warranties which exceed or differ from said warranties herein are disclaimed by the Manufacturer.
7. The owners sole and exclusive remedy against the Manufacturer shall be limited to the applicable warranty set forth herein and the endorsements, if any, issued together with this document and no other remedy (including but not limited to the recovery of assembly or disassembly costs, shipping costs, direct, incidental, special, indirect or consequential damages for lost profits, lost sales, injury to person or property or any other loss, whether arising from breach of contract, breach of warranty, tort, including negligence, strict liability or otherwise) shall be available to the owner or Meridian Dealer or any other person or entities whether by direct action or for contribution or indemnity or otherwise.
8. The financial obligation of the Manufacturer under this warranty shall be limited to the repair or replacement of the product as originally supplied and in no event shall exceed the original cost of the product supplied.
9. The Manufacturer shall not have any obligation under any warranty herein until all accounts for materials, installation and erection of the said product thereof and for labor and other work performed by the Manufacturer or its dealers have been paid in full by the owner.

Warranty Claim Procedure

1. Registering product with Meridian Manufacturing.
2. Contact the dealer unit was purchased from upon discovery of any defects.
3. A completed warranty claim form submitted by dealer to Meridian warranty representative for review and course of action.
4. Warranty repair work will only be performed by Meridian, the dealer or an approved representative. No warranty work completed prior to approval. Failure to follow procedure may affect any or all reimbursement.
5. Claims will be adjudicated at the sole discretion of the manufacturer and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable limited warranty.
6. A complete list of warranty procedures can be procured from the Warranty Department or found in your owner's manual.

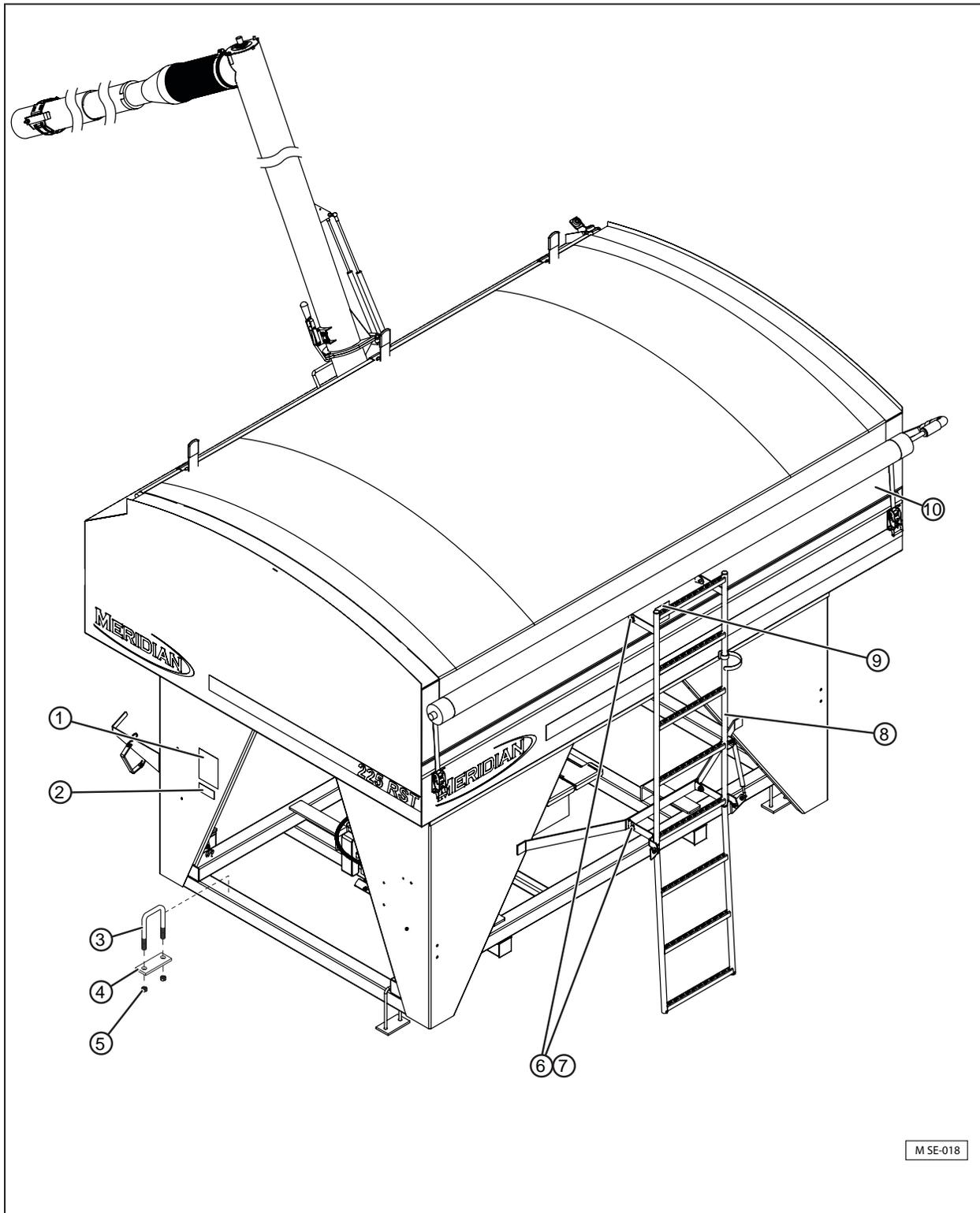
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15. PARTS

The following pages contain a list of serviceable parts for the 225RST Seed Tender unit.

Parts are available from your authorized Dealer Parts Department.

15.1 225RST SEED TENDER FRAME

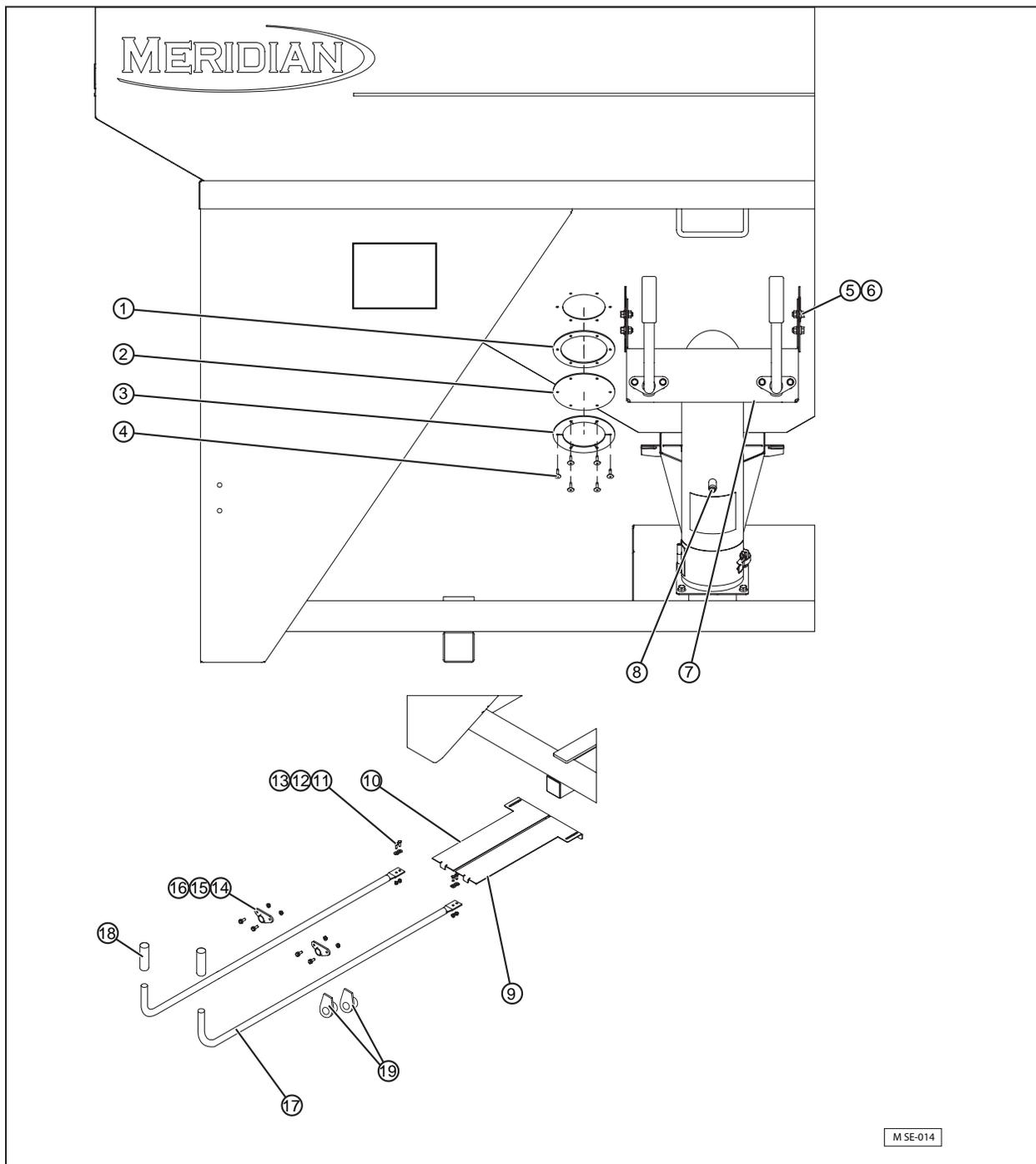


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1	1	19944	Decal, Warranty Notice
2	1	19984	Decal, Serial Number
3	4	19120	U-bolt, 1/2-13 x 3-1/8 x 9"
4	4	21278-03	Strap, Tie-Down
5	4	19127	Nut, Lock, 1/2-13

6	4	19564	Nut, Hex, Flanged, 3/8-16
7	4	19577	Bolt, Hex, Flanged, 3/8-16 x 3/4"
8	1	31476	Ladder Assembly
9	1	19939	Decal, Warning, Falling Hazard
10	1	31577	Base Frame Assembly

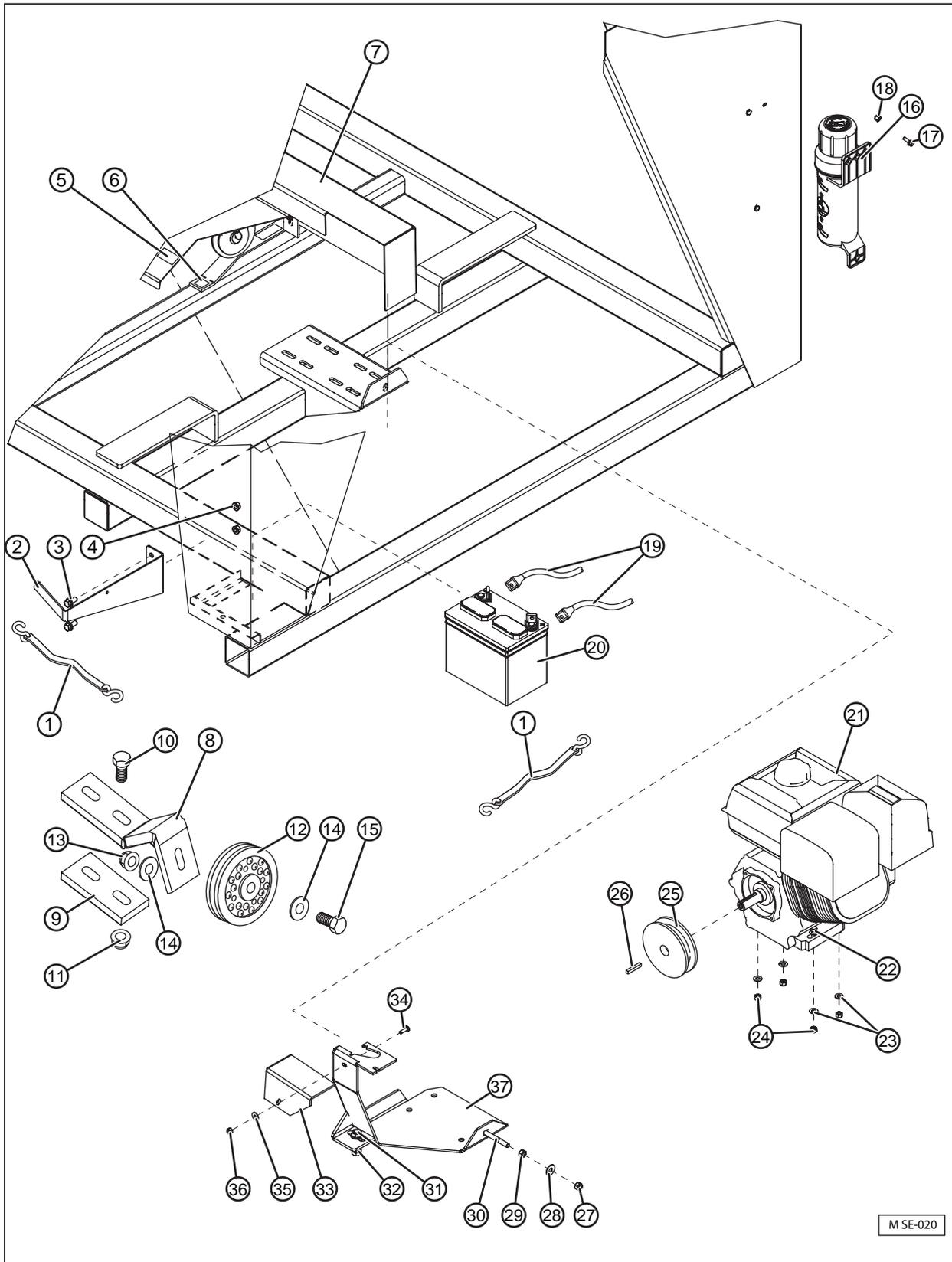
15.2 225RST SEED COMPARTMENT



1	1	19445	Gasket, View Glass
2	1	19423	Glass, Lexan View
3	1	20828	Ring, View Glass
4	6	19129	Rivet, 3/16"
5	2	19568	Bolt, Hex, Flanged, 5/16-18 x 3/4"
6	2	19318	Nut, Hex, Flanged, 5/16-18
7	1	20307	Support, Slide Gate Handle
8	1	18849	Plug, 1/4" NPT
9	1	21096-01	Gate, Slide LH
10	1	21096-00	Gate, Slide RH

11	2	19560	Bolt, Hex, 1/4-20 x 3/4"
12	2	19307	Washer, 1/4"
13	2	19128	Nut, Hex, 1/4-20 Nylon
14	2	19568	Bolt, Hex, Flanged, 5/16-18 x 3/4"
15	1	19404	Bushing, Nylon 1" diameter
16	2	19318	Nut, Hex, Flanged, 5/16-18
17	2	26343	Handle, Slide Gate
18	2	19447	Grip, Handle
19	2	17996	Lock, Slide Gate Handle

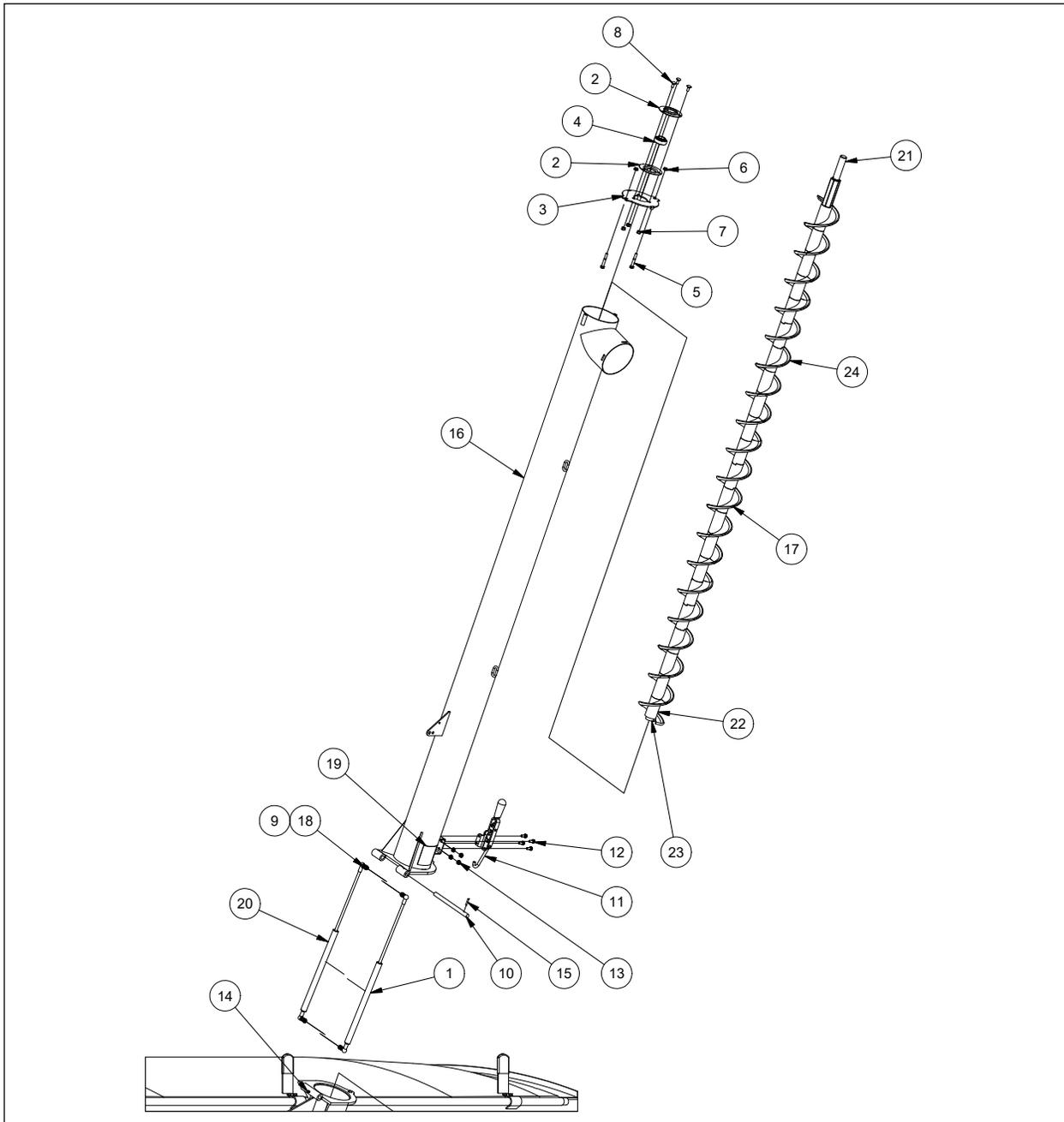
15.3 225RST SEED TENDER LOWER FRAME



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1	2	21319	Strap, Rubber
2	1	21110-01	Bracket, Flex Spout Hanger
3	2	19577	Bolt, Hex, Flanged, 3/8-16 x 3/4"
4	2	19564	Nut, Hex, Flanged, 3/8-16
5	1	19937	Decal, Warning, Rotating Part Hazard
6	1	18435	Decal, Danger, Entanglement Hazard
7	1	36035	Guard, Drive Belt
8	1	21247	Bracket, Idler Pulley Mount
9	1	28521	Spacer, Idler Pulley Bracket
10	2	19572	Bolt, Hex, Flanged, 3/8-16 x 3-1/2"
11	2	19564	Nut, Hex, Flanged, 3/8-16
12	1	21253	Pulley, Idler, 5"
13	3	19127	Nut, Hex, 1/2-13 Nylon
14	1	19372	Washer, Flat, 1/2"
15	1	19356	Bolt, Hex, 1/2-13 x 2
16	1	18128	Holder, Manual
17	3	19560	Bolt, Hex, Ø1/4-20 UNC x 3/4" HHCS
18	3	19128	Nut, Lock , Nylon, 1/4-20 UNC
19	1	18657	Cable, Battery
20	1	21286	Battery, SP30
21	1	21255	Motor, Honda 5.5 Hp Electric Start
22	4	19626	Bolt, Hex, Flanged, 3/8-16 x 1-3/4"
23	4	19348	Washer, Flat, 3/8"
24	4	19347	Nut, Lock, 3/8-16 Nylon
25	1	21251	Pulley, 3" Honda Drive
26	1	21261	Key, Square
27	1	19343	Nut, Hex, 3/8-16
28	1	19348	Washer, Flat, 3/8"
29	1	19347	Nut, Lock, 3/8-16 Nylon
30	1	19330	Bolt, Hex, 3/8-16 x 3" Full Thread
31	1	19356	Bolt, 1/2-13 x 2"
32	2	19595	Nut, Hex, Flanged, 1/2-13
33	1	21425	Guard, Actuator
34	1	19560	Bolt, Hex, 1/4-20 x 3/4"
35	1	19307	Washer, 1/4"
36	1	19128	Nut, Hex, 1/4-20 Nylon
37	1	38511	Bracket, Actuator Assembly

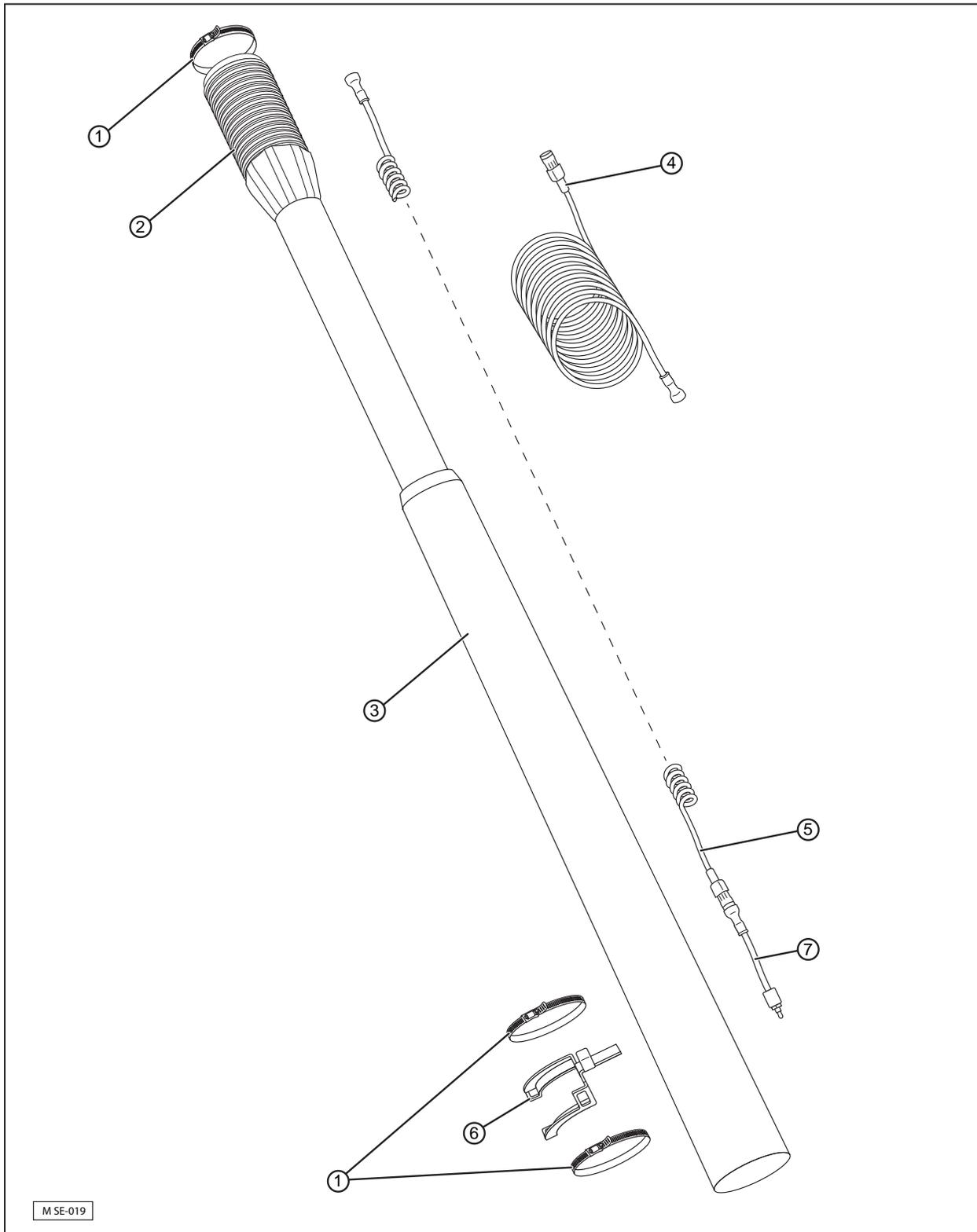
15.5 225RST UPPER AUGER



1	1	21407-00	250 LB Lift Assist Shock (1160n)
2	2	21259-00	52mm Bearing Flange
3	1	21222-03	Ø6" Top Bearing Cap
4	1	21258-00	Bearing
5	2	19593	Bolt, Hex, 5/16-18 UNC X2.25
6	2	19318	Nut, Hex, Flanged, 5/16-18 UNC
7	3	19586	Ø5/16"-18 UNC Nylon Lock Nut
8	3	19315	Bolt, Carriage 5/16-18 UNC X 0.75
9	4	19318	Nut, Hex, Flanged, 5/16-18 UNC
10	1	21223-00	Pin, Hinge, Auger, Fold Over
11	1	19123	Fold Over Auger Latch - Destaco 371-M-25
12	4	19309	Bolt, Hex, 5/16-18 UNC X0.75

13	4	19318	Nut, Hex, Flanged, 5/16-18 UNC
14	1	19283	Ø1/4" Drive Fit Grease Zerk For 0.250" Hole
15	1	19284	Ø3/16" X 1 1/8" Spring Pin
16	1	36005	Fold Over Auger Tube Assembly
17	1	18716	Auger, Upper
18	4	19322	Washer, Helical Spring Lock 5/16 Steel, Mild
19	1	19935	Pinch Point Hazard Decal
20	1	21406-00	150 LB Lift Assist Shock (700n)
21	1	21235-02	Shaft Auger Tail
22	---	19635	Ø6" Poly Cup, Drive Piece W/Gusset
23	1	10241	Female Folding Drive Connector
24	---	18621	Ø6" Poly Cup

15.6 225RST THREE TIER DELIVERY SPOUT

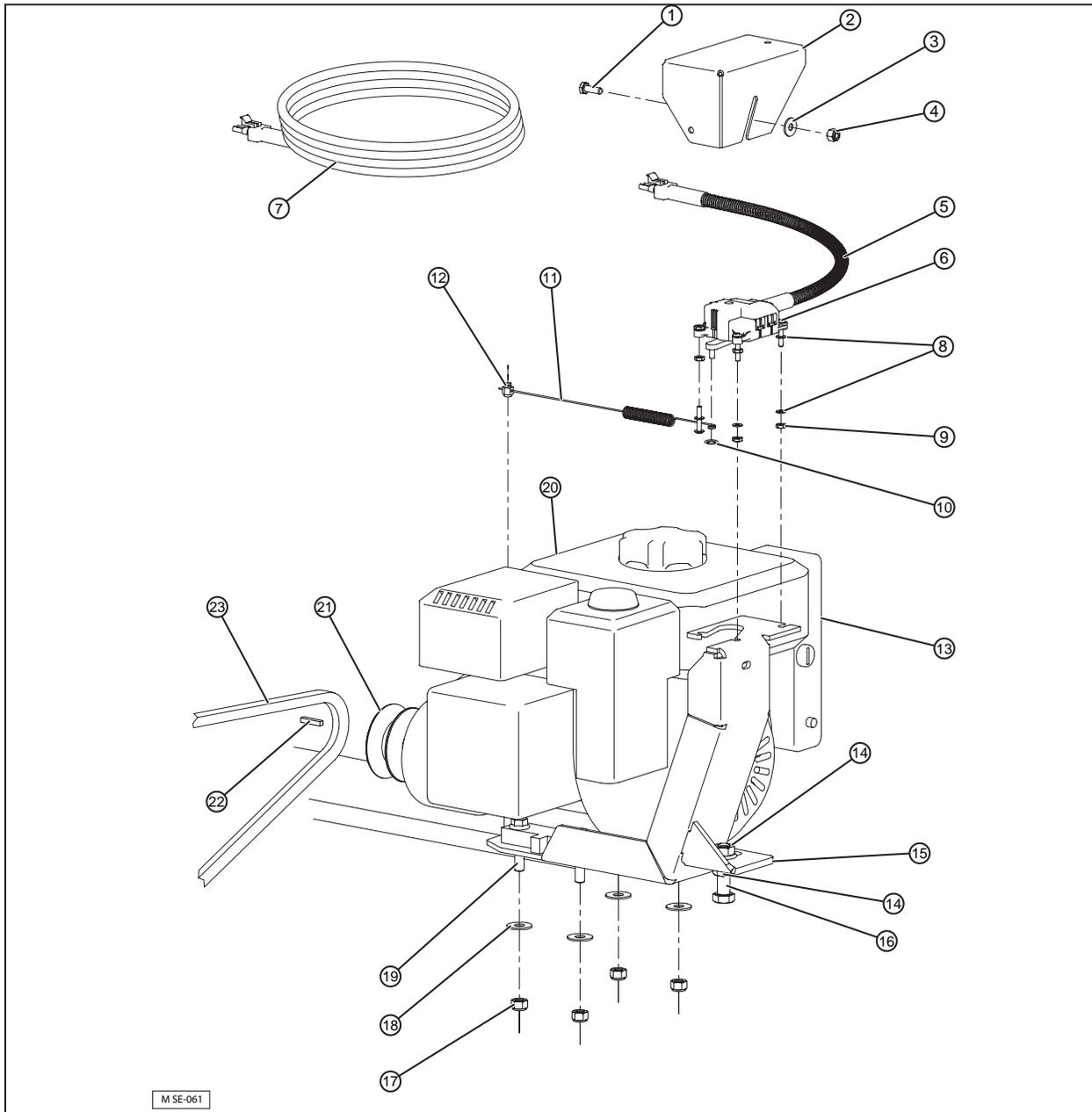


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1	3	21433	Clamp, Hose, 6"
2	1	36031	Boot Assembly
3	1	38530	Spout, Three-Tier
4	1	36106	Harness, Wire

5	1	38503-01	Cord, Coiled
6	1	21240-04	Handle, Throttle
7	1	14002	Harness, Pigtail with Switch

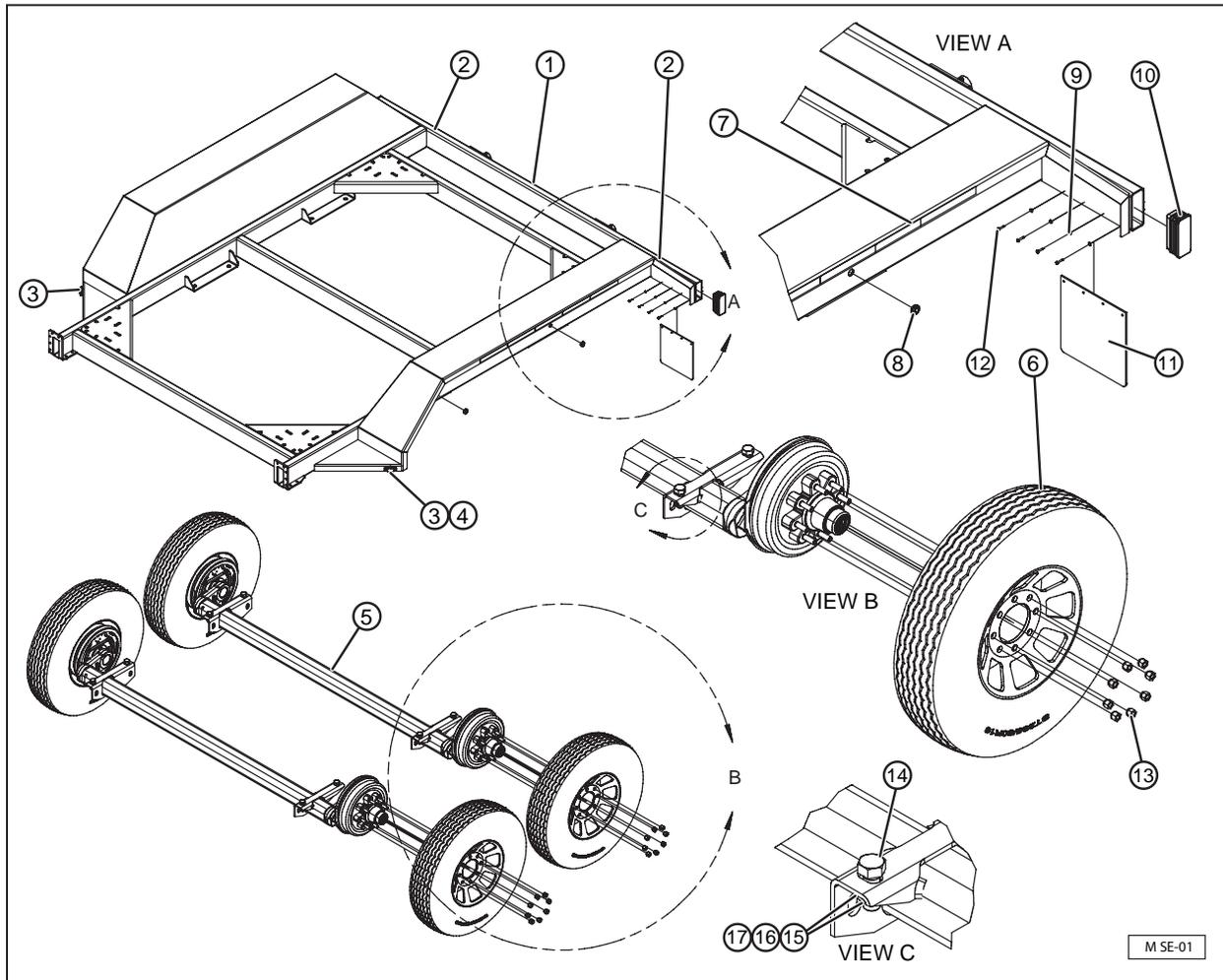
15.7 225RST ENGINE SPEED ACTUATOR



1	1	19560	Bolt, Hex, 1/4-20 x 3/4"
2	1	21425	Plate, Actuator Cover
3	1	19307	Washer, 1/4"
4	1	19128	Nut, Hex, 1/4-20 Nylon
5	1	21438	Actuator
6	4	19628	Screw, Round Head, #8-36 x 1"
7	1	36106	Harness, Lower Actuator
8	5	19629	Washer, Flat, Ø5/32"
9	3	19630	Nut, Hex Lock, #8-36
10	1	21270-01	Nut, Push, 7/32"
11	1	21437	Spring, Actuator
12	1	21270	Holder, Throttle Cable Wire

13	1	21255	Motor, Honda 5.5 Hp Electric Start
14	2	19343	Nut, Hex, 3/8-16
15	1	38511	Bracket, Actuator Assembly
16	1	19330	Bolt, Hex, 3/8-16 x 3"
17	4	19347	Nut, Lock, 3/8-16 Nylon
18	4	19348	Washer, Flat, 3/8"
19	4	19626	Bolt, Hex, Flanged, 3/8-16 x 1-3/4"
20	1	19991	Decal, Recharge Battery
21	1	21251	Pulley
22	1	21261	Key, 1/4" x 2"
23	1	21111	Belt, Drive BB71

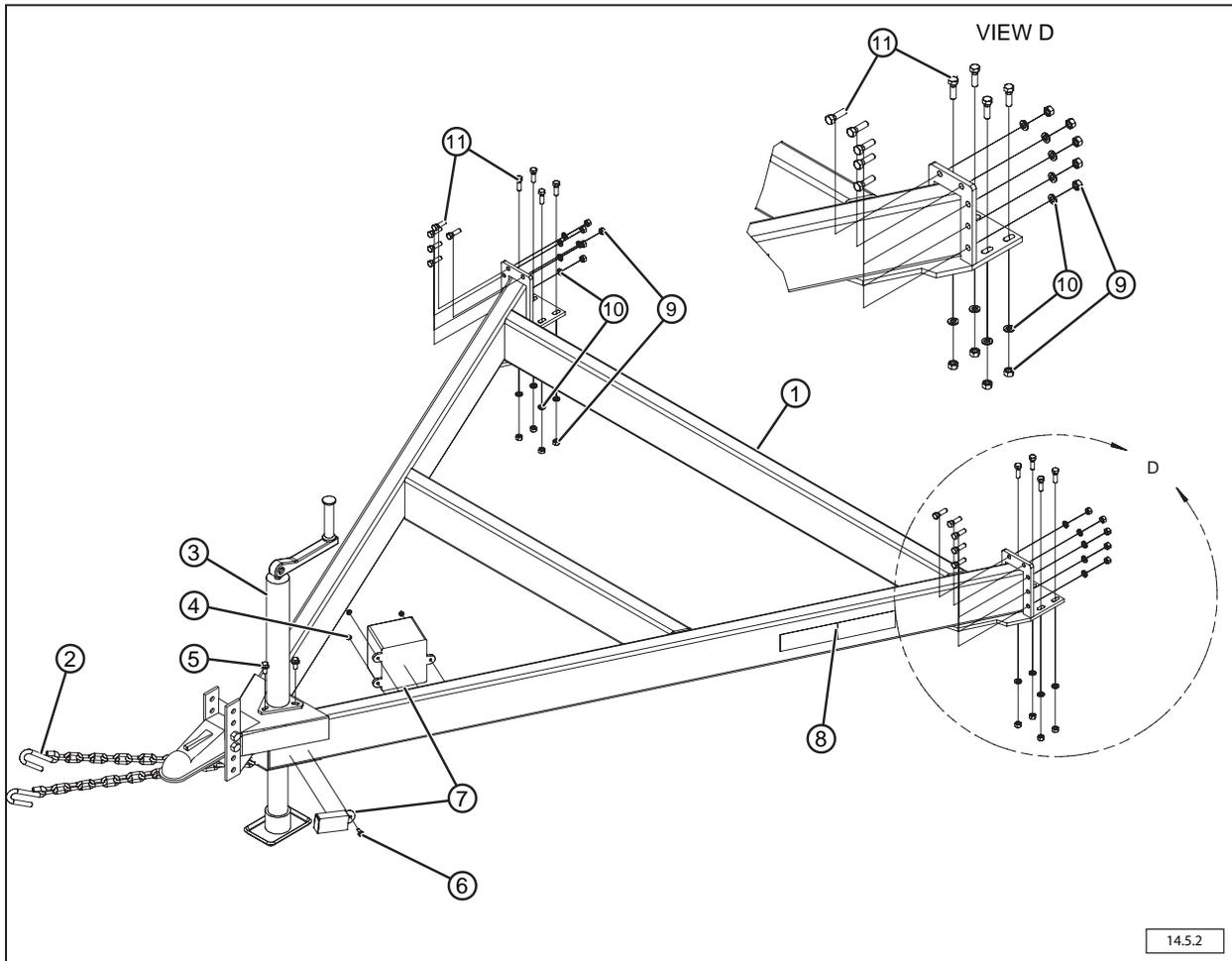
15.8 225RST TRAILER



1	1	22910	Weldment, Frame
2	2	18117	Light, Tail with 10 Diodes (LED STL-78RB)
3	2	18151	Light, Amber Clearance
4	4	19141	Screw, #8-32 x 5/8"
5	2	18193	Axle, 7,000 lbs.
6	4	18131	Tire, ST235/80R16
7	3	18153	Tape, Fender Reflective
8	5	14021	Grommet
9	8	19629	Washer, Flat, 5/32"
10	2	19619	Plug, Tube, 5" x 2"
11	2	19274	Mud Flap

12	8	19779	Screw, Self Drilling, #8-18 x 3/4"
13	32	18991	Nuts, Lug, 9/16-18 UNC
14	8	19388	Bolt, Hex, 3/4-10 x 2"
15	8	18097	Washer, Narrow, 3/4"
16	8	19396	Washers, Helical Spring Lock
17	8	19394	Nut, Hex, Mild Steel, 3/4-10
---	1	14041	Body Wire Harness (Not Shown)

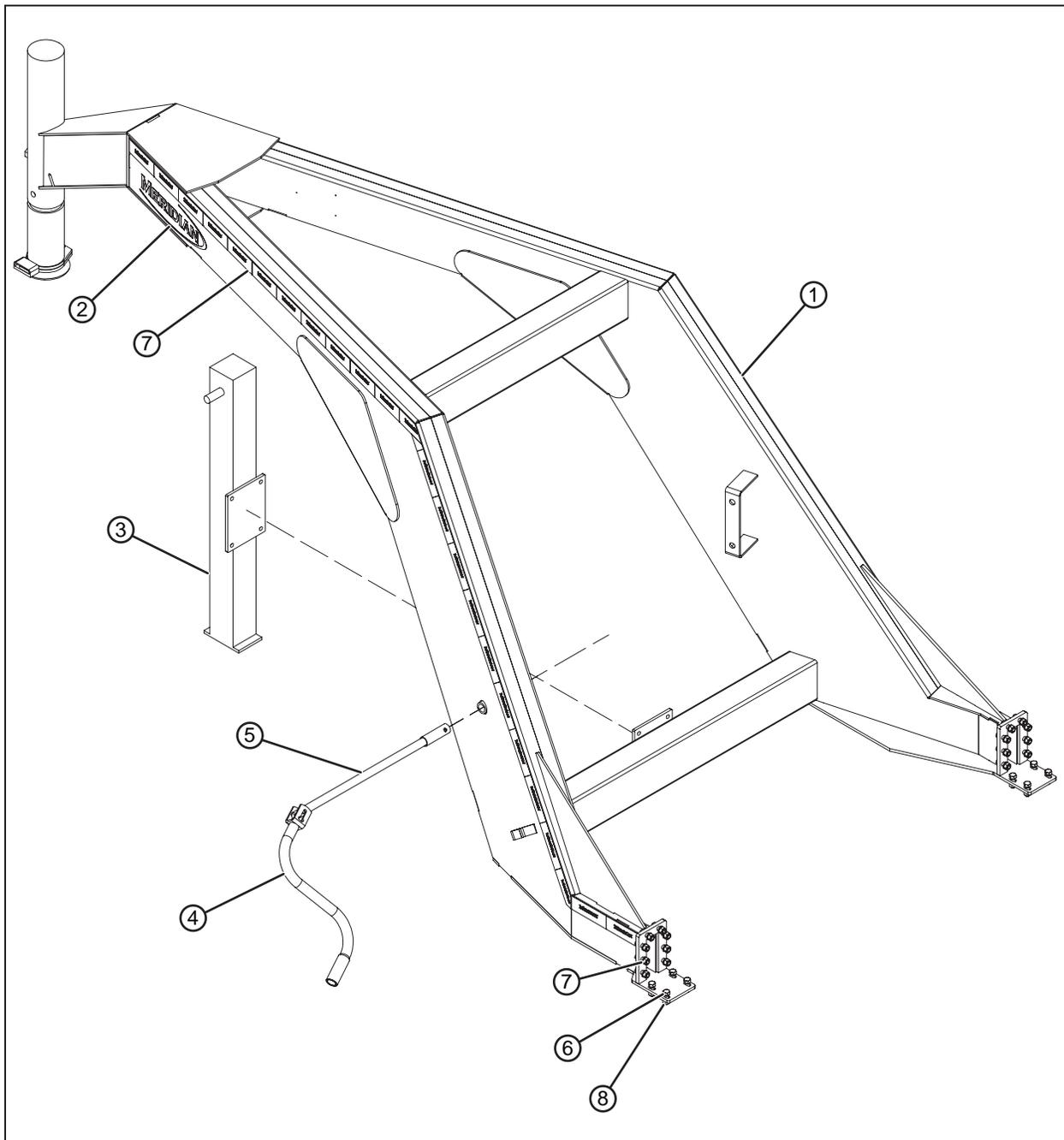
15.9 225RST BOLT-ON HITCH



1	1	22916	Weldment, Tongue
2	2	19225	Chains, Safety with Hook
3	1	18192	Jack, Top Wind A-Frame
4	15	19142	Nut, Hex Flanged, Mild Steel, #8-32
5	3	19577	Bolt, Hex, Flanged, 3/8-16 x 3/4"
6	1	19597	Screw, Self Tapping, 1/4-14 x 3/4"

7	1	19275	Breakaway System, Battery BA10-150
8	2	18096	Tape, Reflective, 2" x 6" x 6"
9	18	19191	Nut, Hex, Grade 8, 3/8-16
10	18	18091	Washers, Helical Spring Lock
11	18	19299	Bolt, Hex, Grade 8, 3/8-16 x 1-1/4"
---	1	14040	Harness, Tongue Wire (Not Shown)

15.10 225RST GOOSENECK HITCH



1	1	25261	Gooseneck Hitch
2	2	19911	Meridian Trailer White Decal
3	1	25322	Drop Leg Jack Gooseneck
4	1	18197	Crank Handle Gooseneck Jack
5	1	25325	Handle Extension Gooseneck Jack
6	24	19116	Bolt, Hex, 1/2-13 x 1-1/2" long Grade 8

7	24	19373	1/2" Lock Washer
8	24	19115	Nut, Hex 1/2-13, Grade 8
9	1	14043	375/275 GN Tongue Wire Harness (NS)
10	1	19275	Battery Breakaway BA10-150 (NS)
11	34	18096	Tape Reflective Meridian 2 x 6 x 6"

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