

Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

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HAULMASTER

1/2 TON CAPACITY PICKUP TRUCK CRANE WITH CABLE WINCH



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⚠ WARNING

Read this material before using this product.
Failure to do so can result in serious injury.
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WARNING SYMBOLS AND DEFINITIONS

	This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.
	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
	Addresses practices not related to personal injury.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING

Read all safety warnings and instructions.

Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in serious injury.

Save all warnings and instructions for future reference.

General Safety Warnings

1. Study, understand, and follow all instructions before installing or operating this device.
2. Attach to frame of truck bed according to manual instructions only. Verify that installation surface has no hidden components or brake lines before drilling or driving screws.
3. Engage parking brake before use. Do not move vehicle with load attached to Crane.
4. Do not exceed rated capacity.
5. Use only slings or chains with a rated capacity greater than the weight of the load being lifted.
6. Do not allow load to swing or drop violently while lowering or moving.
7. **Lift and lower load with hydraulic ram only. Use winch to extend or retract cable while unloaded only.**
8. No alterations shall be made to this product. Do not adjust safety valve.
9. Keep clear from underneath suspended load. Do not lift people or lift load over people.
10. Capacity decreases as boom lengthens. Follow capacities marked on boom.
11. Replacement ram must have same rating, mounting points, and maximum length.
12. Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles, heavy-duty work gloves, and steel-toed work boots during installation and use.
13. Do not use for aircraft purposes.
14. Inspect before every use; do not use if parts loose or damaged.

15. Before driving vehicle, retract Winch Cable completely, lower boom and position over truck's wheel well, then insert Large Lock Pin to prevent boom from swiveling.
16. **Stay alert. Watch what you are doing, and use common sense when operating Crane.**
17. **Do not use Crane while tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication.** A moment of inattention may result in serious personal injury.
18. **Keep children and bystanders away while operating the Crane.** Distractions can cause you to lose control.
19. **Have Crane serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts.** This will ensure that the safety of the Crane is maintained.
20. Maintain labels and nameplates. These carry important information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.
21. The warnings, precautions, and instructions discussed in this manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. The operator must understand that common sense and caution are factors, which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.

Ram Safety Warnings

1. Attach securely to Crane before use.
2. Do not exceed rated capacity.
3. Do not adjust safety valve.
4. Keep clear of load while lifting and lowering.
5. Lower load slowly.
6. **Be aware of dynamic loading! Sudden load movement may briefly create excess load causing product failure.**

Winch Safety Warnings

1. **USE TO EXTEND OR RETRACT CABLE WHILE UNLOADED ONLY.**
2. Keep clear of mechanism when operating.
3. Keep at least 4 full turns of cable on reel.
4. Before driving vehicle, retract winch cable completely, position boom over truck's wheel well, and insert Large Lock Pin to prevent boom from swiveling.
5. Attach load to Hook securely by properly rated, suitable means, such as chains, shackles, hooks, lifting slings, etc. Load must be attached to prevent accidental disconnection.
6. Properly seat sling or other device in Hook and fully close Hook's safety clasp. Do not allow Hook hitch to support any part of load. Do not apply load to the point of the Hook.
7. **Do not operate Crane with twisted, kinked, or damaged cable.**
Inspect cable carefully before every use.



SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

Specifications

Rated Capacity	1,000 lb.
Boom Length, max.	53-1/2"
Boom Length, min.	33-1/4"
Winch Cable	7/32" steel, 25' L with 5/8" locking hook

Assembly Instructions



Read **ENTIRE IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION** section at beginning of this manual including all text under subheadings therein before setup or use of this product.

Note: Remove Post (7) and Boom (18) before mounting Base.

2. Locate a mounting position so the Crane will be near end of truck bed and can be attached to frame.

WARNING! The Base must be securely bolted to the **frame of the truck bed**. Bolting the Base to the truck bed will not provide necessary support and could result in product failure and serious bodily injury.

Note: Verify that installation surface has no hidden components or brake lines before drilling or driving screws.

3. Use Base to mark drilling holes. Drill holes.
4. Mount Base to frame using Nuts (1), Spring Washers (2), Washers (3), Mounting Plates (4) and Bolts (5). (See Figure A.)

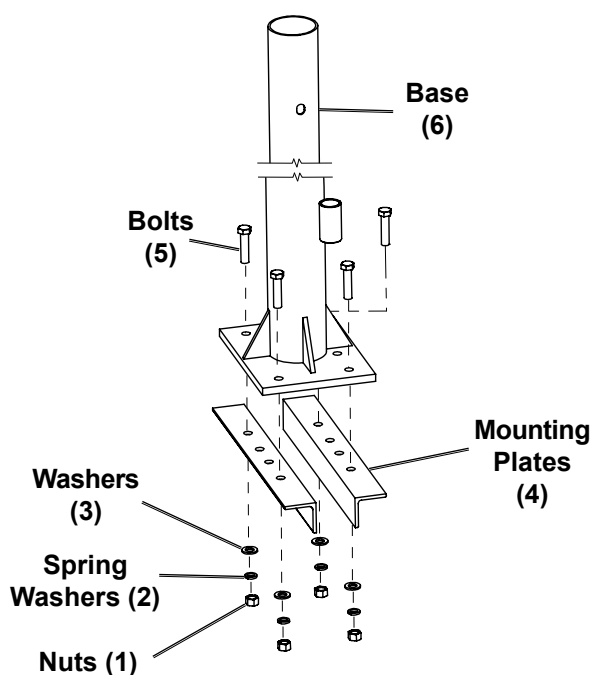


Figure A

5. Slide Post (7) onto Base (6) and secure using Large Lock Pin (9). (See Figure B.)

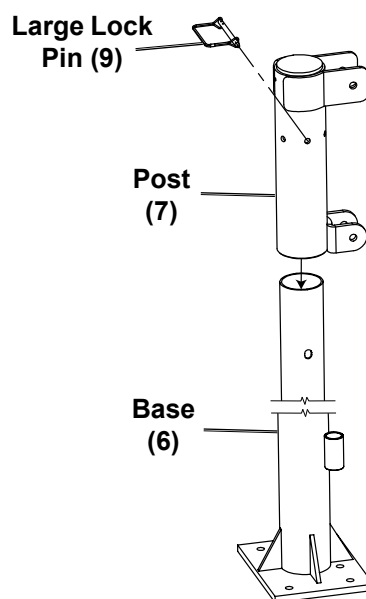


Figure B

6. Attach Ram (22) to Lower Post Bracket using Medium Pin (23) and Cotter Pin (10). (See Figure C.)

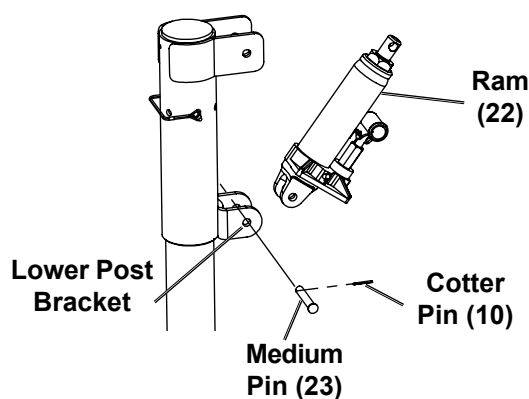


Figure C

7. Attach Boom (18), Bracket facing down, to Upper Post Bracket using Large Pin (11) and Cotter Pin (10).
8. Connect Boom Bracket to Ram using Small Pin (12) and Cotter Pin (10). (See Figure D.)

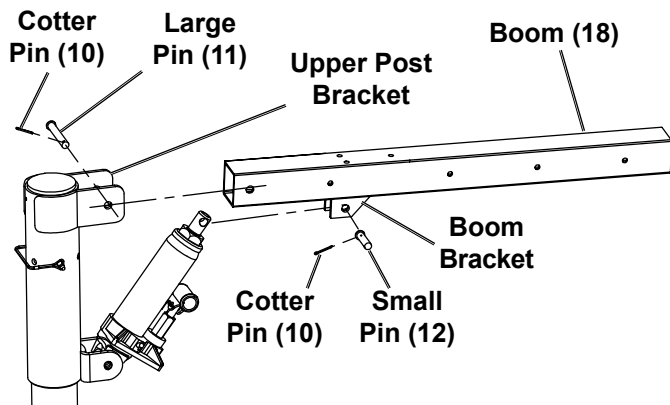


Figure D

9. Slide Boom Extension (19) into Boom. Secure with Small Lock Pin (17). (See Figure E.)

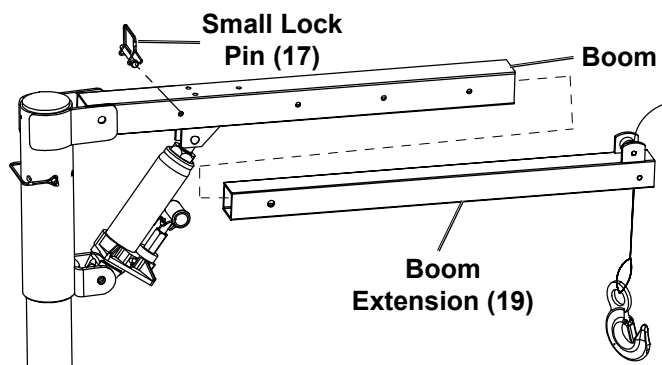


Figure E

Note: You may need to pull out cable from Winch reel to expose bolt holes on Winch base.

10. Attach Winch (16) to Boom with Bolts (15), Spring Washers (14), and Washers (13).
11. Thread Grease Fitting (8) into Post. (See Figure F.)

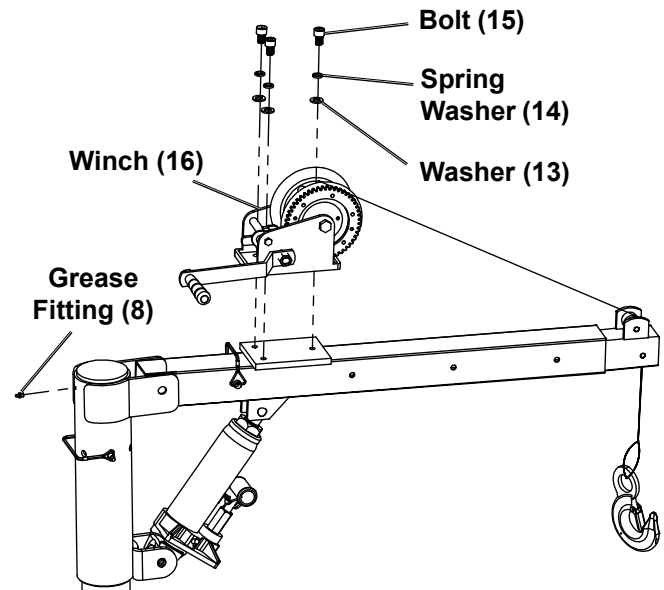


Figure F

Note: Tighten ALL Bolts before initial operation.

Operating Instructions



Read **ENTIRE IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION** section at beginning of this manual including all text under subheadings therein before setup or use of this product.

Note: Once Assembly is complete, tighten ALL Bolts before initial operation.

Bleeding Instructions

IMPORTANT! Before first use, check for proper hydraulic oil level and thoroughly test the Crane. If it does not work properly, bleed air from its hydraulic system as follows:

1. Remove Oil Fill Plug. Fill with hydraulic oil (sold separately) to full level, if necessary.
2. Open Release Valve by turning counterclockwise with Ram Handle.
3. Insert Ram Handle into Fulcrum, apply downward pressure to Boom and pump Handle quickly several times.
4. Check oil level and, if necessary, top off with hydraulic oil.
5. Close Release Valve and replace Oil Fill Plug.
6. Test Crane several times for proper operation before attempting to lift a load.
7. If, after bleeding, the Crane still does not appear to be working properly, do not use until repaired by a qualified service technician.

Operating Instructions

WARNING! The Boom Extension has four positions. Do not lift more than rated capacity. Be aware of dynamic loading! Sudden load movement may briefly create excess load causing product failure and serious bodily injury.

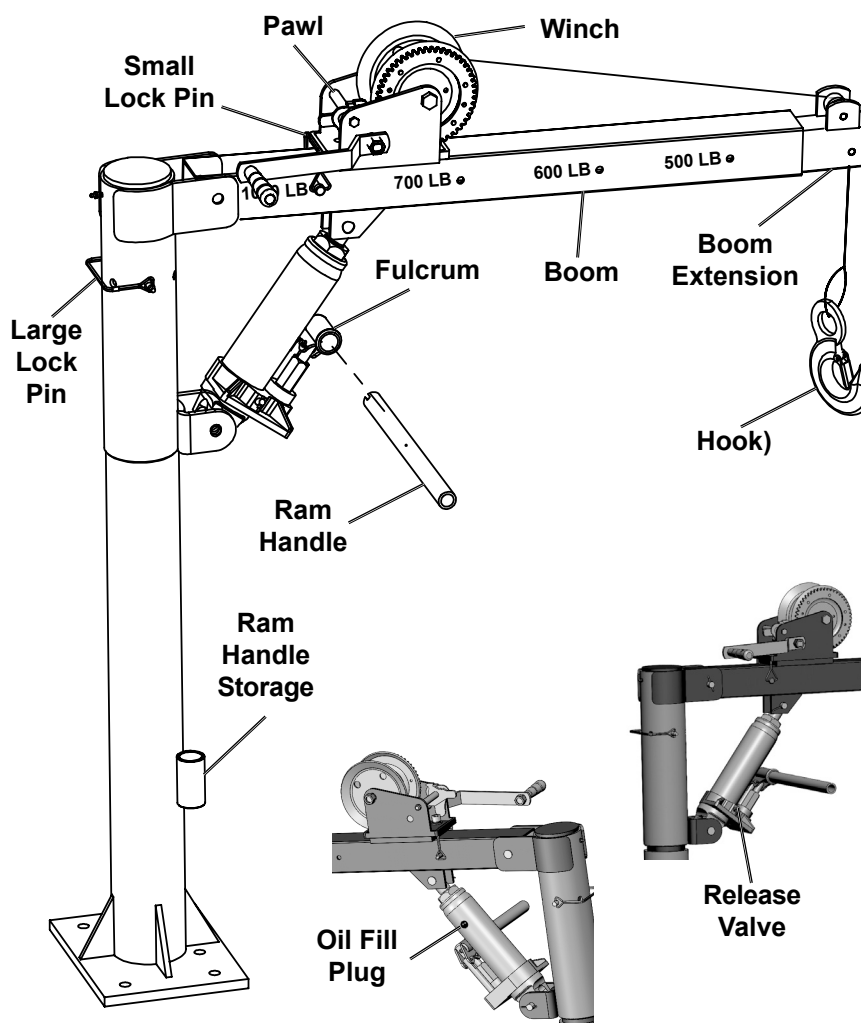


Figure G

Loading

WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY:

Engage parking brake before use. Do not move vehicle with load attached to Crane.

1. Remove Large Lock Pin and swivel Boom so Hook is over load. If necessary, remove Small Lock Pin, adjust Boom Extension, then replace Small Lock Pin.

WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Do not attempt to extend or retract Boom while load is attached.

2. Make sure Boom will handle load when it is extended. (See Figure H.)

Capacity (Lb.)	Boom Length
500	53-1/2"
600	47-1/2"
700	41-1/2"
1,000	33-1/4"

Figure H

3. Lower Boom to bottom of its movement range.
4. Attach Hook to properly secured load, giving specific attention to load balancing.
5. Adjust slack on Winch Cable until no slack remains:
 - a. To tighten, push Pawl forward and turn Handle clockwise.
 - b. To loosen, pull Pawl back and turn Handle counterclockwise.

Unloading

WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY:

Engage parking brake before use. Do not move vehicle with load attached to Crane.

1. Remove Large Lock Pin.
2. **Lift Boom to just below the top of its movement range** and swivel Boom so Hook is over load. If necessary, remove Small Lock Pin, adjust Boom Extension, then replace Small Lock Pin.

WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Do not attempt to extend or retract Boom while load is attached.

3. Make sure Boom will handle load when it is extended. (See Figure I.)

Capacity (Lb.)	Boom Length
500	53-1/2"
600	47-1/2"
700	41-1/2"
1,000	33-1/4"

Figure I

4. Attach Hook to properly secured load, giving specific attention to load balancing.
5. Adjust slack on Winch Cable until no slack remains:
 - a. To tighten, push Pawl forward and turn Handle clockwise.
 - b. To loosen, pull Pawl back and turn Handle counterclockwise.

6. Before lifting load, make sure Cable is not kinked or twisted.

WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Do not lift load with Winch. Winch is for adjusting slack only. Lift load with hydraulic Ram only.

7. **To lift load:**
 - a. Make sure Release Valve is closed by turning clockwise with Ram Handle.
 - b. Pump Ram Handle until load has been lifted high enough to clear truck bed.
8. **To move load:** Swivel Boom until the load is directly over the truck bed.

WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Do not lower load with Winch. Winch is for adjusting slack only. Lower load with hydraulic Ram only.

9. **To lower load:** Slowly open Release Valve by turning counterclockwise with Ram Handle.
10. Retract Winch Cable and remove Hook only after load has been lowered completely.
11. Before driving vehicle, retract Winch Cable completely, lower Boom and position over truck's wheel well, then insert Large Lock Pin to prevent Boom from swiveling.

6. Before lifting load, make sure Cable is not kinked or twisted.

WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Do not lift load with Winch. Winch is for adjusting slack only. Lift load with hydraulic Ram only.

7. **To lift load:**
 - a. Make sure Release Valve is closed by turning clockwise with Ram Handle.
 - b. Pump Ram Handle until load has raised high enough to just clear truck bed.
8. **To move load:** Swivel Boom until load is safely away from truck bed and over a level, flat surface.

WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Do not lower load with Winch. Winch is for adjusting slack only. Lower load with hydraulic Ram only.

9. **To lower load:** Slowly open Release Valve by turning counterclockwise with Ram Handle.
10. Release Winch Cable and remove Hook only after load has been lowered completely.
11. Before driving vehicle, retract Winch Cable completely, lower Boom and position over truck's wheel well, then insert Large Lock Pin to prevent Boom from swiveling.

Maintenance and Servicing



Procedures not specifically explained in this manual must be performed only by a qualified technician.

WARNING

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION:

Do not use damaged equipment. If abnormal noise or vibration occurs, have the problem corrected before further use.

Cleaning, Maintenance, and Lubrication

1. **BEFORE EACH USE**, inspect the general condition of the tool. Check for:
 - loose hardware,
 - misalignment or binding of moving parts,
 - cracked or broken parts,
 - proper ram and winch operation,
 - frayed, kinked or damaged winch cable, and
 - any other condition that may affect its safe operation.
 2. Lubricate the Grease Fitting with a grease gun once a month, or when the Boom becomes difficult to swivel on the Post.
 3. Clean and lubricate all moving parts of Winch, including gears, ratchets, shafts and cable to insure safe operation.
 4. Change the hydraulic oil at least once every year:
 - a. Remove Ram from Crane.
Lower ram completely.
 - b. Remove Oil Fill Plug.
 - c. Tip Ram to allow old hydraulic oil to completely drain out.
 - d. Dispose of old hydraulic oil in accordance with local regulations.
 - e. With the Ram upright, fill with hydraulic oil (sold separately) to full level.
 - f. Open Valve Release Screw and pump the Handle to bleed air from the system.
 - g. Reinstall Oil Fill Plug.
 - h. Reinstall Ram to Crane.
 5. Top assembly may be removed and stored indoors in a dry, safe place out of the reach of children.
- Note:** If Crane will be exposed to wet conditions, more frequent lubrication may be necessary to prevent buildup of rust.

Troubleshooting

⚠️WARNING

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Use caution when troubleshooting malfunctioning Crane. Stay clear of supported load. Completely resolve all problems before use.

If solutions presented in Troubleshooting guide do not solve the problem, have a qualified technician inspect and repair Crane before use. **After Crane is repaired: Test it carefully without a load by raising and lowering it fully, checking for proper operation, BEFORE RETURNING CRANE TO OPERATION.**

**DO NOT USE A DAMAGED OR
MALFUNCTIONING CRANE!**

POSSIBLE SYMPTOMS						PROBABLE SOLUTION (Make certain that the Crane is not supporting a load while attempting a solution.)
Ram will not lift at its weight capacity	Hook lowers under load	Pump stroke feels spongy	Hook will not lift all the way	Handle moves up when Ram is under load	Oil leaking from Fill Plug	
X	X					Check that Release Valve is closed fully. Bleed air from the system.
X	X			X		Valve may be blocked and may not close fully. To flush the valve: 1. Lower the Boom and securely close the Release Valve. 2. Manually lift the Boom several inches. 3. Open the Release Valve and force the Boom down as quickly as possible.
X		X	X			Ram may be low on oil. Check the oil level and refill if needed. Ram may require bleeding - see Bleeding Instructions on page 6.
					X	Unit may have too much hydraulic oil inside; check fluid level and adjust if needed.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

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Parts List

Part	Description	Qty
1	Nut	4
2	Spring Washer	4
3	Washer	4
4	Mounting Plate	2
5	Bolt	4
6	Base	1
7	Post	1
8	Grease Fitting	1
9	Large Lock Pin	1
10	Cotter Pin	3
11	Large Pin	1
12	Small Pin	1

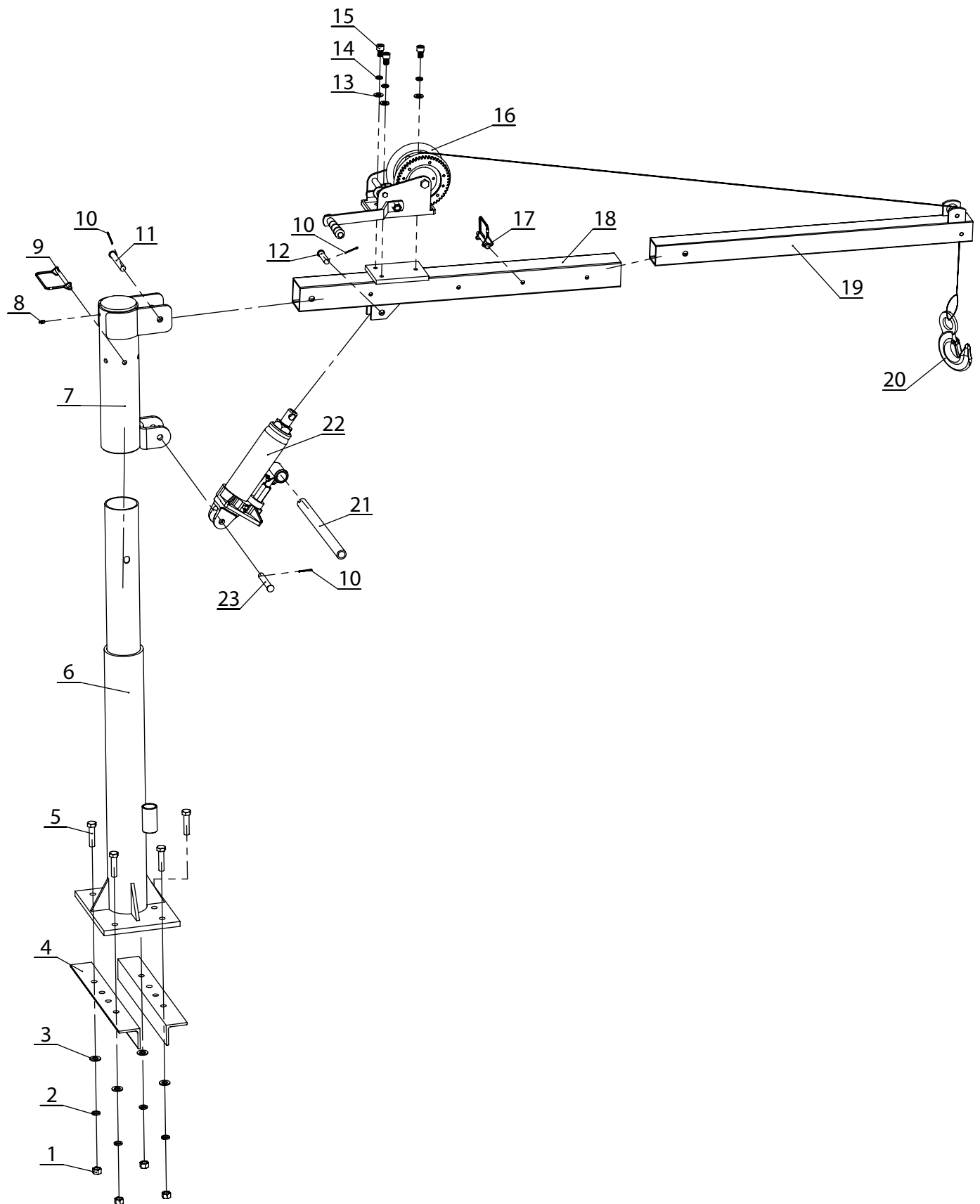
Part	Description	Qty
13	Washer	3
14	Spring Washer	3
15	Bolt	3
16	Winch	1
17	Small Lock Pin	1
18	Boom	1
19	Boom Extension	1
20	Hook	1
21	Ram Handle	1
22	Ram	1
23	Medium Pin	1

Record Product's Serial Number Here: _____

Note: If product has no serial number, record month and year of purchase instead.

Note: Some parts are listed and shown for illustration purposes only, and are not available individually as replacement parts. Specify UPC 193175321787 when ordering parts.

Assembly Diagram



SAFETY

SETUP

OPERATION

MAINTENANCE

Limited 90 Day Warranty

Harbor Freight Tools Co. makes every effort to assure that its products meet high quality and durability standards, and warrants to the original purchaser that this product is free from defects in materials and workmanship for the period of 90 days from the date of purchase. This warranty does not apply to damage due directly or indirectly, to misuse, abuse, negligence or accidents, repairs or alterations outside our facilities, criminal activity, improper installation, normal wear and tear, or to lack of maintenance. We shall in no event be liable for death, injuries to persons or property, or for incidental, contingent, special or consequential damages arising from the use of our product. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation of exclusion may not apply to you. THIS WARRANTY IS EXPRESSLY IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING THE WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS.

To take advantage of this warranty, the product or part must be returned to us with transportation charges prepaid. Proof of purchase date and an explanation of the complaint must accompany the merchandise. If our inspection verifies the defect, we will either repair or replace the product at our election or we may elect to refund the purchase price if we cannot readily and quickly provide you with a replacement. We will return repaired products at our expense, but if we determine there is no defect, or that the defect resulted from causes not within the scope of our warranty, then you must bear the cost of returning the product.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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