

Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

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1500 LB CAPACITY 120V AC ELECTRIC WINCH with AUTOMATIC LOAD-HOLDING BRAKE



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⚠ WARNING

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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.
⚠ DANGER	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
⚠ WARNING	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
⚠ CAUTION	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.
NOTICE CAUTION	Addresses practices not related to personal injury.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

⚠ WARNING

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY AND DEATH:

Basic Safety Information

1. **To Reduce the Risk of Electric Shock or Injury, Use Indoors Only.**
2. **Do not pull more than rated load. Be aware of dynamic loading!** Sudden load movement may briefly create excess load causing product failure.
3. **Do not operate winch with twisted, kinked, or damaged wire rope.** Inspect wire rope carefully before every use.
4. **Do not operate a damaged or malfunctioning winch.** Inspect winch carefully and test operation before every use.
5. **Do not use for vertical lifting. Do not lift people or lift loads over people.** Falling loads can injure or kill people.
6. **Do not operate with rope not centered in its groove.**
7. **Do not remove or cover warning labels and/or tags.** These carry important safety information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.
8. The warnings, precautions, and instructions discussed in this instruction manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It must be understood by the operator that common sense and caution are factors which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.

Installation Specific Safety Information

1. The supporting structure the winch is mounted to must be designed to withstand the loads and forces imposed by the winch for the rated load.
2. Install in location that allows the operator to move and stay clear of the load.
3. Locate pendant controls at a convenient level above the operating floor.
4. Do not install where the load hook can be lowered beyond the rated hook travel under normal operating conditions.

Table A: RECOMMENDED MINIMUM WIRE GAUGE FOR EXTENSION CORDS (120 VOLT)

NAMEPLATE AMPERES (at full load)	EXTENSION CORD LENGTH			
	25'	50'	100'	150'
0 – 6	18	16	16	14
6.1 – 10	18	16	14	12
10.1 – 12	16	16	14	12
12.1 – 16	14	12	Do not use.	

5. USE PROPER EXTENSION CORD.
Make sure your extension cord is in good condition. When using an extension cord, be sure to use one heavy enough to carry the current your product will draw. An undersized cord will cause a drop in line voltage resulting in loss of power and overheating. Table A shows the correct size to use depending on cord length and nameplate ampere rating. If in doubt, use the next heavier gauge. The smaller the gauge number, the heavier the cord.
6. Inspect the winch as explained in Frequent Inspection on page 8 after installation but before use.

Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance Specific Safety Information

1. Perform a “Frequent Inspection” at least monthly, see page 8.
2. Perform a “Periodic (Thorough) Inspection” at least yearly, see page 9.
3. More frequent inspections are needed for winches that are used heavily.
4. Raise test loads only to the minimum extent needed and stay well clear of load at all times during testing.

Operation Specific Safety Information

1. Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles, ANSI-approved hard hat, and steel-toed work boots during setup and use.
2. This product is not a toy. Do not allow children to play with or near this item.
3. Use as intended only.
 - Do not use to handle molten material.
 - Do not use for aircraft purposes.
 - Do not use to link towed vehicles.
4. Keep hands clear of moving parts.
5. People with pacemakers should consult their physician(s) before use. Electromagnetic fields in close proximity to heart pacemaker could cause pacemaker interference or pacemaker failure. In addition, people with pacemakers should:
 - Avoid operating alone.
 - Properly maintain and inspect to avoid electrical shock.
 - Properly ground power cord. Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) should also be implemented – it prevents sustained electrical shock.



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Grounding Instructions

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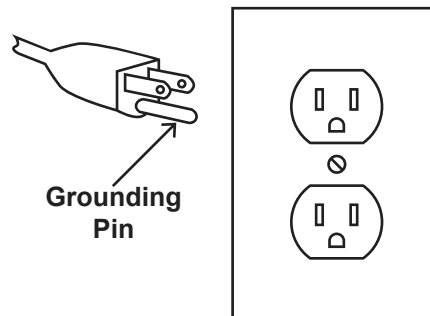
⚠️ WARNING

TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK AND DEATH FROM INCORRECT GROUNDING WIRE CONNECTION

READ AND FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In the event of a malfunction or breakdown, grounding provides a path of least resistance for electric current to reduce the risk of electric shock. This winch is equipped with an electric cord having an equipment-grounding conductor and a grounding plug. The plug must be plugged into a matching outlet that is properly installed and grounded in accordance with all local codes and ordinances.
2. Do not modify the plug provided – if it will not fit the outlet, have the proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.
3. Improper connection of the equipment-grounding conductor can result in a risk of electric shock. The conductor with insulation having an outer surface that is green with or without yellow stripes is the equipment-grounding conductor. If repair or replacement of the electric cord or plug is necessary, do not connect the equipment-grounding conductor to a live terminal.
4. Check with a qualified electrician or service personnel if the grounding instructions are not completely understood, or if in doubt as to whether the winch is properly grounded.
5. Use only 3-wire extension cords that have 3-prong grounding plugs and 3-pole receptacles that accept the winch's plug.

6. Repair or replace damaged or worn cord immediately.



**125 VAC 3-Prong Plug and Outlet
(for up to 125 VAC and up to 15 A)**

7. This winch is intended for use on a circuit that has an outlet that looks like the one illustrated above in **125 VAC 3-Prong Plug and Outlet**. The winch has a grounding plug that looks like the plug illustrated above in **125 VAC 3-Prong Plug and Outlet**.
8. The outlet must be properly installed and grounded in accordance with all codes and ordinances.
9. Do not use an adapter to connect this winch to a different outlet.

Specifications

Electrical Rating	120VAC / 60Hz (amperage listed below)
Rated Capacity	1,500 lb.
Wire Rope	Ø5/32" × 35'
Remote Control Wire Length	116"
IP Rating	IP44

Line Pull		Line Speed		Amp Draw
lb.	kg.	fpm	mpm	
0	0	10.7	3.3	1.6
500	227	9.4	2.9	4.4
1000	454	7.4	2.3	7.2
1500	680	6.3	1.9	10.6

Layer	Rated Line Pull		Cable Capacity	
	lb.	kg.	feet	meters
1	1500	680	11	3.4
2	1300	590	24	7.3
3	1150	522	39	11.9
4	1040	472	50	15.2

Installation Instructions



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

Note: For additional information regarding the parts listed in the following pages, refer to *Parts List and Diagram* on page 11.

1. The supporting structure the winch is mounted to (including trolley, monorail, or crane) must be designed to withstand the loads and forces imposed by the winch for the rated load.
2. Secure the Mounting Frame (28) of the Winch to the Mounting Channel (35). Use hardware of SAE Grade 5 or higher. Torque to 12 ft. lb. Insert Bolts, Nuts and Washers through the base of the Mounting Frame and through the corresponding holes in the Mounting Channel (35) - see Figure A.
3. Secure the Fairlead (33) to the side of the Mounting Channel (35). Use hardware of SAE Grade 5 or higher. Torque to 12 ft. lb.
4. Bolt the Mounting Channel (35) to a surface capable of withstanding 1500 lb. of pulling force. Use galvanized/zinc plated hardware of SAE Grade 5 or higher. Torque to 12 ft. lb.

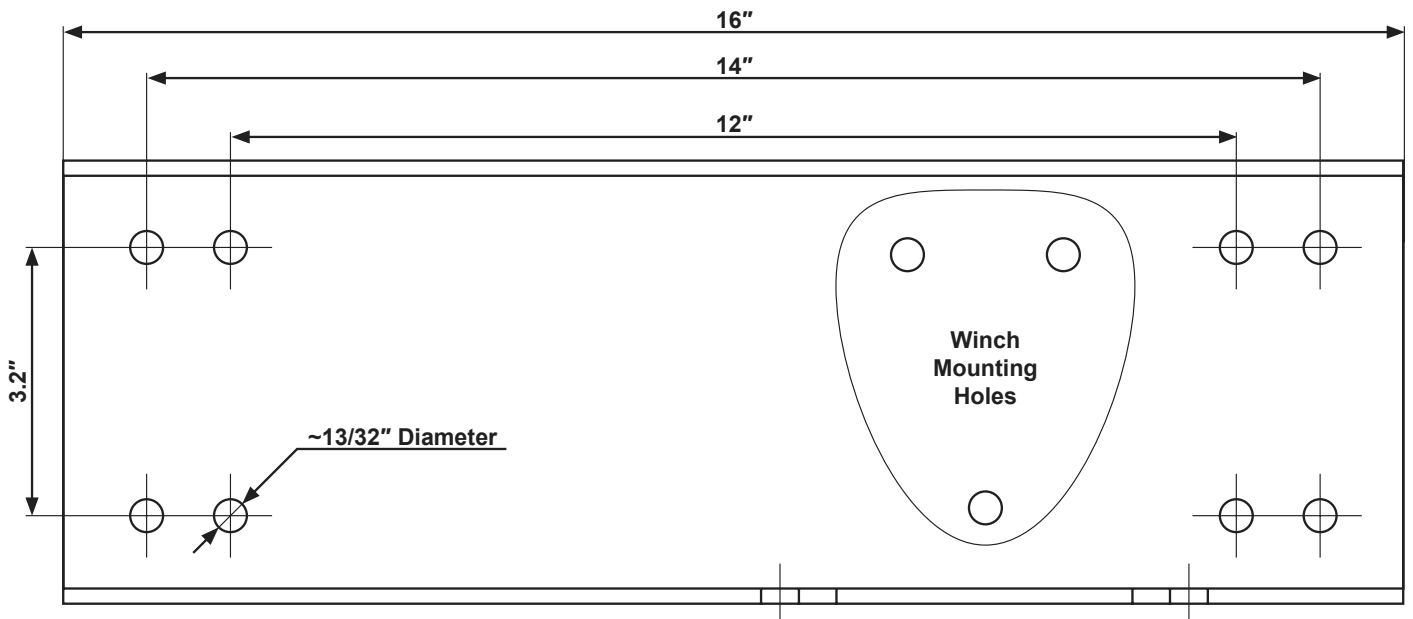


Figure A: Mounting Hole Diagram

Operation Instructions



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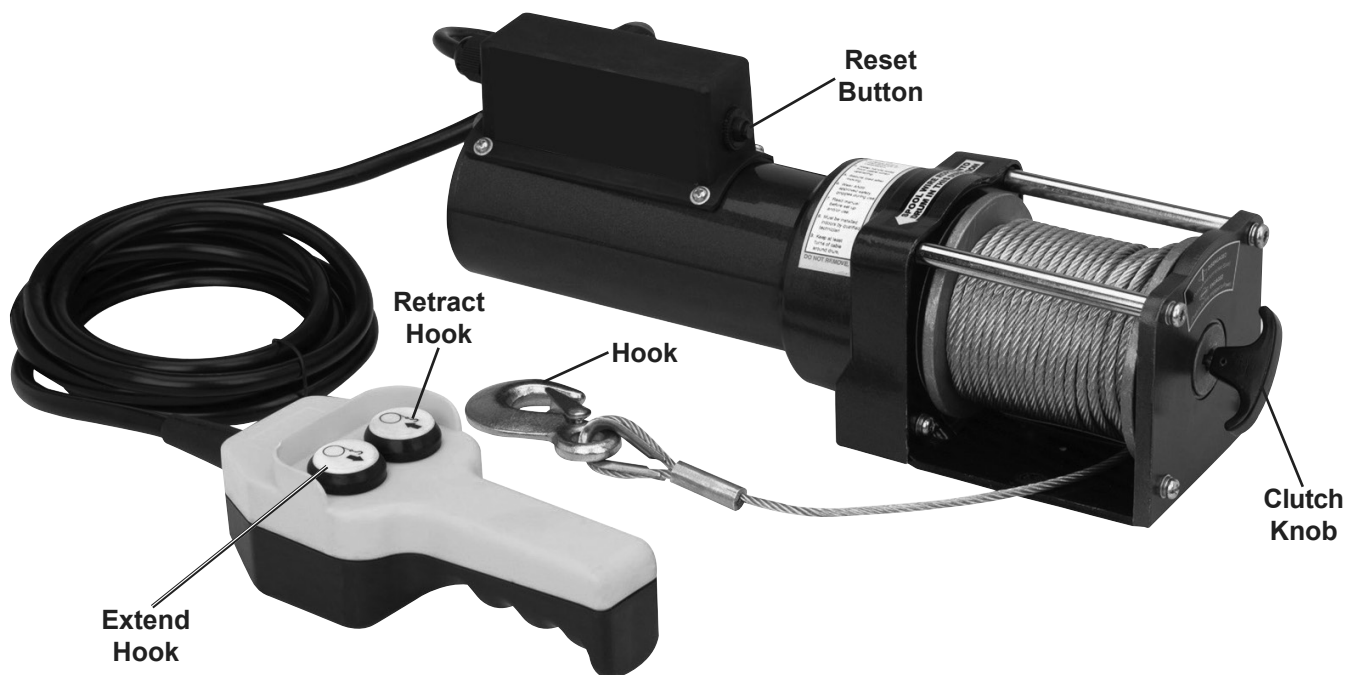
TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Operation of a winch involves more than depressing the UP or DOWN control. The use of winches is subject to certain hazards that cannot be met by mechanical means, but only by the exercise of intelligence, care, common sense, and experience in anticipating the motions that will occur as a result of operating the controls.

Do not use this tool for vertical lifting.

Before Operating Winch

1. Familiarize yourself with all operating controls of the winch and with the operation(s) to be performed. Instructions include, the warnings on the winch, and the safety and operating instructions portion of this manual.
2. **WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM WINCH FAILURE:**
Do not use damaged equipment. If adjustments or repairs are necessary, or any defects are known, have the problem corrected before further use.
3. Do not operate a winch with an out-of-order sign.
4. Only a qualified technician should perform maintenance to the winch.
5. Do not use the wire rope as a ground for welding. Do not touch a welding electrode to the wire rope.
6. Designate a work area that is clean and well-lit. The work area must not allow access by children or pets to prevent distraction and injury.
7. Route the power cord along a safe route to reach the work area without creating a tripping hazard or exposing the power cord to possible damage. The power cord must reach the work area with enough extra length to allow free movement while working.
8. There must not be objects, such as utility lines, nearby that will present a hazard while working.
9. Inspect the winch as explained in Frequent Inspection on page 8 after installation but before use.

Operating Controls



Reset Button: If the winch suddenly stops operating, wait for it to cool completely, then press the **Reset Button** to continue use.

Applying the Load

1. Connect the power cord to a properly grounded, 3-prong 120V outlet.
2. Disengage the clutch by pulling out, then turning the Clutch Knob to lock it in the **OUT** position.
3. Grasp the Hook and pull it out to the desired length. Attach the Hook to the item being pulled. Make certain that the spring-loaded latch of the Hook is set.

WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Leave at least four turns of the wire rope on the drum.

4. Do not wrap the winch wire rope around the load.
5. Attach the load to the load 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 the sling or other device in the base (bowl or saddle) of the hook (see the left side diagram on Figure B). Do not allow the hook hitch to support any part of the load.
7. Do not apply the load to the point of the hook (shown in Figure B on the right side diagram).

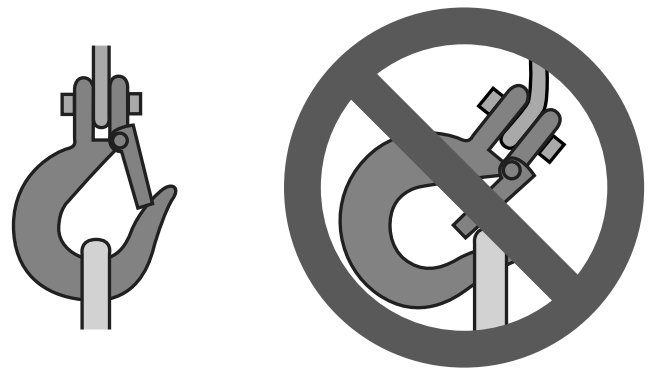


Figure B: Correct and incorrect load hook attachment

Moving the Load

1. Do not engage in any activity which will divert the operator's attention while operating the winch.
2. Respond to signals from a designated person only. However, always obey a stop signal, no matter who gives it.
3. Do not move a load with the winch until the operator and all other personnel are clear of the load.
4. Make sure the load and winch will clear all obstacles before moving or rotating the load.
6. Re-engage the clutch by turning the Clutch Knob (24) until it locks in the **IN** position.
7. Inch winches slowly into engagement with a load, but avoid unnecessarily inching and quick reversals of direction.
8. Do not pull a load more than a few inches until it is well balanced in the sling or pulling device.
9. Each time a load approaching rated capacity is handled, check winch brake action by pulling the load just clear of supports and continuing only after verifying that the brake system is operating properly.
10. Do not lower the load below the point where less than two wraps of rope remain on each anchorage of the winch drum, unless a lower limit device is provided, in which case no less than one wrap may remain on each anchorage of the winch drum.
11. **WARNING! Do not carry any load over any person.**
12. **WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Do not carry personnel on the hook or the load.**
13. Do not use the upper (or lower, if provided) limit devices as a normal means of stopping the winch. These are emergency devices only.

Parking the Load

1. Do not leave a supported load unattended unless specific precautions have been instituted and are in place.
2. Press (and hold) the OUT button to release tension in the wire rope.
3. Exercise care when removing a sling from under a landed and blocked load.



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

WARNING

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION:

Remove any load, release the operating controls, detach the power cord before performing any inspection, maintenance, or cleaning procedures.

TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM TOOL FAILURE:

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

Frequent Inspection

Perform the procedures in this section **BEFORE INITIAL USE** and **AT LEAST MONTHLY**. Inspection is needed more often for heavily used winches.

1. Check operating mechanisms for proper operation, proper adjustment, and unusual sounds such as, but not limited to, binding noise of the wire rope and bearing squeal.
2. Check winch upper limit device without a load on the hook at the beginning of each shift. Exercise care. Run the load block into its limit device at slow speed.
3. Frequent Braking System Inspection
 - a. The braking system must automatically stop and hold up to the rated load if the operating controls are released and in the event of complete power failure.
 - b. Braking systems must limit the speed of load during lowering, with or without power, to prevent uncontrolled or rapid lowering.
4. Frequent Hook Inspection

Check hooks for the following problems:

 - a. distortion, such as bending, twisting, or increased throat opening;
 - b. wear;
 - c. cracks, nicks, or gouges;
 - d. latch engagement (if equipped);
 - e. damaged or malfunctioning latch (if equipped);
5. Frequent Winch Rope Inspection

All ropes should be visually inspected by the operator or other designated person at the start of each shift. These visual observations should be concerned with discovering gross damage, such as listed below, which may be an immediate hazard:

 - a. distortion of the rope such as kinking, crushing, unstranding, birdcaging, main strand displacement, or core protrusion;
 - b. general corrosion;
 - c. broken or cut strands;
 - d. number, distribution, and type of visible broken wires:
 - 1) in running ropes, 12 randomly distributed broken wires in one lay or four broken wires in one strand in one lay;
 - 2) one outer wire broken at the contact point with the core of the rope which has worked its way out of the rope structure and protrudes or loops out from the rope structure.

If such damage is discovered, either remove the rope from service or arrange for a qualified technician to give it a periodic (thorough) inspection.
6. Check wire rope reeving.

WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM WINCH FAILURE: Do not use damaged equipment. If any defect or damage is noted, have the problem corrected before further use.

Periodic (Thorough) Inspection

A qualified technician should perform the procedures in this section AT LEAST YEARLY. Inspection is needed more often for heavily used winches.

Remove or open access covers to allow inspection of components.

1. First, follow all Frequent Inspection procedures. Additionally:
2. Check fasteners for evidence of loosening.
3. Check load blocks, suspension housings, clevises, yokes, suspension bolts, shafts, gears, bearings, pins, rollers, and locking and clamping devices for evidence of wear, corrosion, cracks, and distortion.
4. Check hook retaining nuts or collars, and pins, welds, or rivets used to secure the retaining members for evidence of damage.
5. Check load sprockets, idler sprockets, drums, and pulleys for evidence of damage and wear.
6. Check the motor brake and load brake for evidence of wear.
7. Check electrical apparatus for evidence of pitting or deterioration of controller contacts.
8. Check supporting structure or trolley, if used, for evidence of damage.
9. Check warning label for legibility and replacement.
10. Check end connections of wire ropes for evidence of wear, corrosion, cracks, damage, and distortion.

11. Periodic (Thorough) Winch Rope Inspection.

Check entire length of rope winch rope as follows:

Inspect the individual outer wires in the strands of the rope. Keep a record of any deterioration resulting in appreciable loss of original strength, such as described below, and have a qualified technician determine whether further use of the rope would constitute a hazard:

- a. Check points listed in Frequent Winch Rope Inspection on page 8.
 - b. Check for reduction of rope diameter below nominal diameter due to loss of core support, internal or external corrosion, or wear of outside wires.
 - c. Check for severely corroded or broken wires at end connections.
 - d. Check for severely corroded, cracked, bent, worn, or improperly applied end connections.
 - e. Inspect with special care the following sections of rapid deterioration:
 - 1) sections in contact with saddles, equalizer pulleys, or other pulleys where rope travel is limited;
 - 2) sections of the rope at or near terminal ends where corroded or broken wires may protrude;
 - 3) sections subject to reverse bends;
 - 4) sections of rope which are normally hidden during visual inspection, such as parts passing over pulleys.
12. Check function labels on pendant control(s) for legibility.
 13. Check the winch and winch mounting for evidence of missing parts.

⚠️WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM WINCH FAILURE: Do not use damaged equipment. If any defect or damage is noted, have the problem corrected before further use.

Storage Inspection

1. A winch that has been idle for a period of a month or more, but less than a year, must be inspected before being used according to the Frequent Inspection requirements.
2. A winch that has been idle for a period of a year or more, must be inspected according to the Periodic Inspection requirements and then tested according to the procedure in the Testing section below before being used.

Maintenance

1. Repair or replacement of winch components must be performed only by a qualified technician using only identical replacement parts with the same rating.
2. Operating mechanisms, limit switches, control systems, and brakes may require adjustment.
3. Note the following regarding specific components:
 - a. Replace damaged or worn hooks. Do not repair them by welding or reshaping.
 - b. Replace or repair all critical parts that are cracked, broken, bent, excessively worn, or missing.
 - c. Replace missing or illegible warning labels.
 - d. Replace pitted or burned electrical contacts as complete sets.
- e. Keep controller function labels on pendant control stations and master switches legible.
4. Do not repair load-sustaining members by welding. Replace them as needed.
5. All moving parts within the Winch have been lubricated using high temperature lithium grease at the factory. No internal lubrication is required. Lubricate the wire rope periodically using a light penetrating oil.
6. After maintenance work is completed and before restoring the winch to normal operation:
 - a. reinstall guards;
 - b. reactivate safety devices;
 - c. remove replaced parts and loose material;
 - d. remove maintenance equipment.

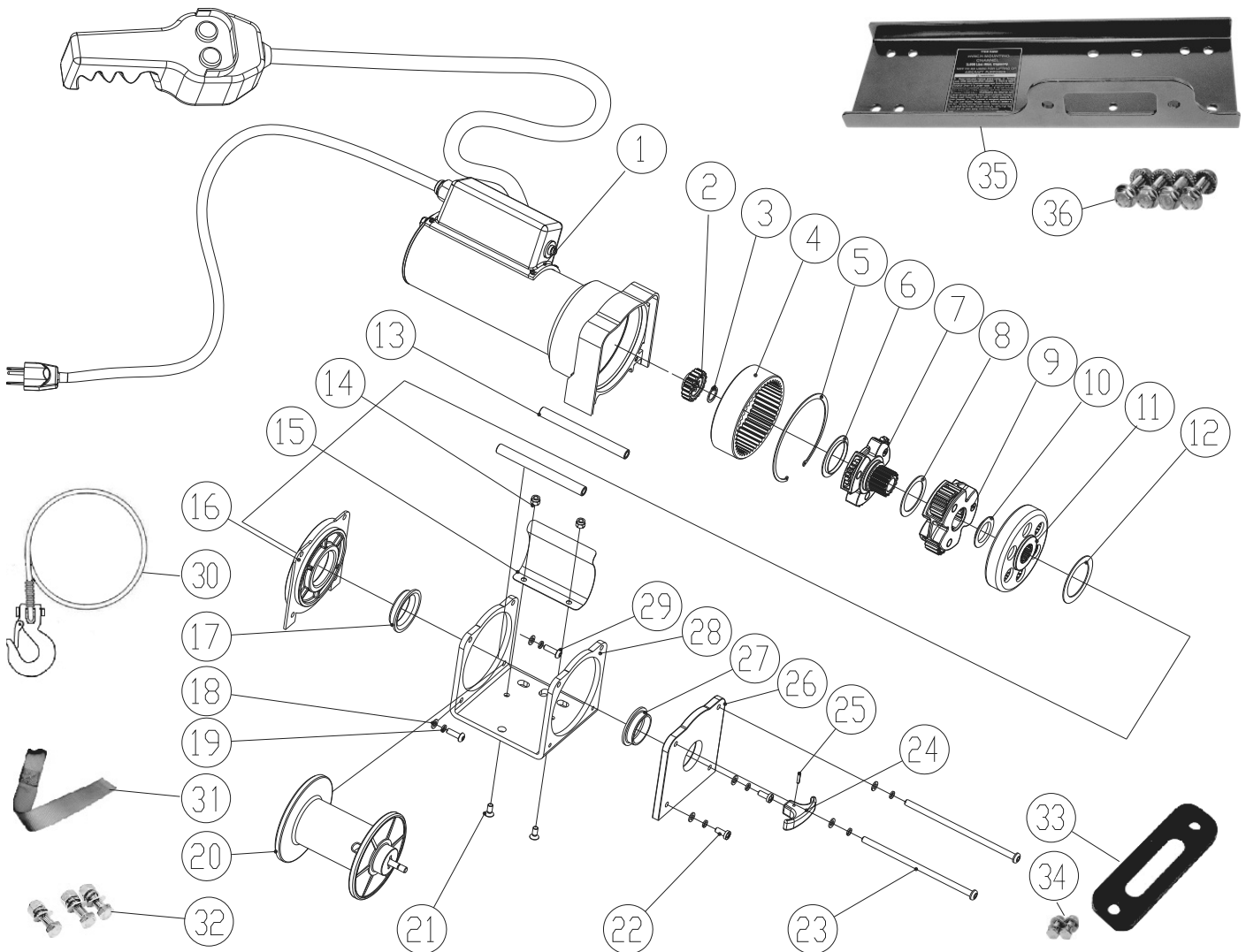
Testing

1. Before use, test repaired winches and winches that have not been used for a year or more.
2. Check all functions of the winch, including retracting and extending, with the winch unloaded first.
3. After testing in the unloaded state, attach a 100 lb. load and retest to check proper load control and to check brake operation.
4. Test the trip-setting of limit devices under no-load conditions. Test first by hand, if practical, and then under slowest speed. Test with increasing speeds up to maximum speed. Check that actuating mechanisms are located so that they will trip the switches or limiting devices in sufficient time to stop motion without causing damage to any part of the winch. On winches having adjustable trip-setting limit devices, take care to adjust to prevent the load block striking the hoist frame and to prevent less than one wrap of wire rope remaining on the drum.

Parts List and Diagram

Part	Description	Qty
1	Motor Assembly	1
2	Gear Input	1
3	C-clip	1
4	Gear Ring	1
5	Clip	1
6	Bushing-Gear Carrier	1
7	Input Gear Carrier Assembly	1
8	Washer	1
9	Output Gear Carrier Assembly	1
10	Spacer	1
11	Dish Gear	1
12	Washer	1
13	Tie Bar	2
14	Nut M5	2
15	Tension Plate	1
16	Gear Box Cover	1
17	Bushing	1
18	Flat Washer	6

Part	Description	Qty
19	Spring Washer	6
20	Drum Assembly	1
21	Inner Hex Head Bolt M5 x 12	2
22	Cross Head Bolt M5 x 12	2
23	Inner Flat Head Bolt M5 x 132	2
24	Clutch Knob	1
25	Spring Pin	1
26	Side Plate	1
27	Bushing	1
28	Mounting Frame	1
29	Inner Hex Head Bolt M5 x 16	2
30	Wire Rope & Hook	1
31	Strap	1
32	Bolt M8 x 25, Washer, Spring Washer, Nut	3 sets
33	Hawse Fairlead	1
34	Hardware (Bolt M10x25 & Washer)	2 sets
35	Mounting Channel	1
36	Bolt M10 x 34, Nut	4 sets



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 193175201126 when ordering parts.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

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



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