



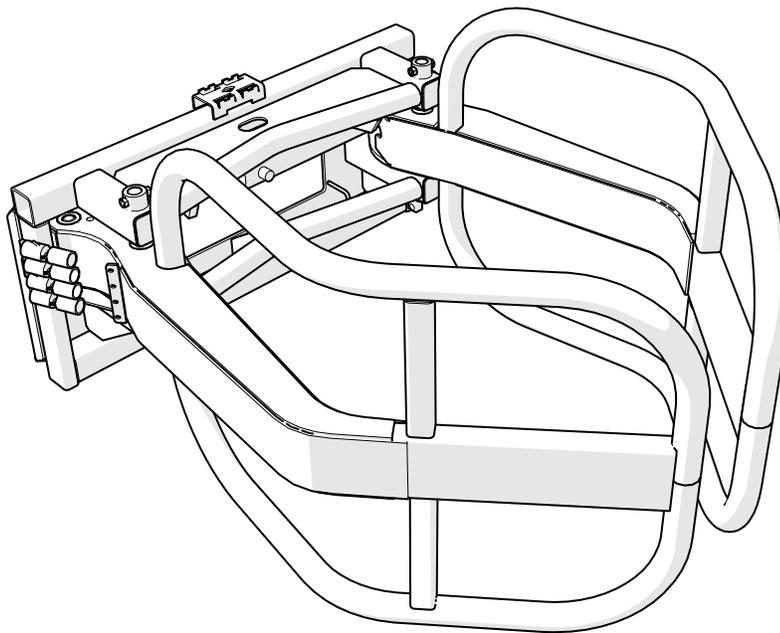
OPERATOR'S MANUAL

BALE SQUEEZER

Model BS96

Serial Number 12074-

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Introduction

Using This Manual

The term loader is used in this manual to refer to a skid steer loader.

Your loader operator's manual contains instructions to safely operate the loader. Anyone who operates a loader with this attachment installed must first read, understand and follow the instructions in the loader operator's manual.

This manual contains instructions to safely operate and service the attachment. Anyone who operates or services the attachment must first read, understand and follow the instructions in this manual.

Additional operating or servicing information for the attachment may be provided online, in video, or in other publications. This additional information does not replace, and is not a substitute for reading and following, the instructions in this manual.

The safety alert symbol is shown in WARNING statements to alert users to hazards which could cause death or injury. Carefully read and follow the messages.

IMPORTANT notices alert users to instructions which, if not followed, could result in damage. Carefully read and follow the messages.

There may be times when the attachment and loader shown in this manual may not be your exact model. The model shown will be close enough to your attachment or loader to accurately convey the information.

The most current information available is included in this manual. The publisher may revise this manual at any time and is not required to notify users of revisions.

Replacement Manuals

Be sure to include this operator's manual if you sell or transfer ownership of the attachment.

Contact Messer Repair and Fabricating, LLC for a printed manual, or find a downloadable manual on our website.

Using This Attachment

The attachment is designed to transport square bales up to 7 ft. in length or round bales up to 6 ft. in diameter

The attachment is designed for installation on a full-size loader, connected to the loader's front auxiliary hydraulic couplers.

The manufacturer reserves the right to make improvements, discontinue or change specifications, models or design without notice and without incurring obligation.

Loader Compatibility

Confirm your loader's Rated Operating Capacity in the loader operator's manual. Do not install the attachment on the loader if it will exceed the Rated Operating Capacity during operation because this may cause difficulty in controlling the loader or may cause loader damage.

Product Misuse

Product misuse can cause accidents, injury and death.

The manufacturer of the attachment is not responsible for any harm or injury resulting from product misuse.

Product misuse includes operating or servicing the attachment without following the instructions in this manual, using the attachment in any way for which it was not designed, and modifying the attachment.

Modifications

Do not modify the attachment in any way.

Manufacturer Contact

Call Messer Repair and Fabricating, LLC at (833) 352-3477, or visit www.messerrepair.com.

Product Identification and Specifications

Identification Numbers

Record your product information to provide when you contact the dealer or manufacturer.

Bale Squeezer

Model BS96

Serial Number 12074-

Serial Number Location



Specifications

Model	BS96
Overall Width Closed	1.2 m (48 in.)
Overall Height x Length	0.9 x 1.3 m (35 x 51 in.)
Minimum Jaw Opening	25.4 cm (10 in.)
Maximum Jaw Opening	2.4 m (95 in.)
Weight	268 kg (590 lb.)

Purchase Date	
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Safety Decals

Decal Locations



Location	Description	Part Number
A	Stand Clear Decal (2)	96028
B	Warning Decal	96117
C	Caution Decal (2)	96109

STAND CLEAR DECAL 96028



STAND CLEAR WHILE IN OPERATION

WARNING DECAL 96117



HIGH PRESSURE FLUID HAZARD
To prevent serious injury or death:

- Relieve pressure on system before repairing, adjusting or disconnecting.
- Wear proper hand and eye protection when searching for leaks. Use wood or cardboard instead of hands.
- Keep all components in good repair.

CAUTION DECAL 96109



PINCH POINT

Safety

Wear Protective Equipment

- Wear gloves to protect hands from burns if hydraulic couplers become hot during operation.
- Never wear sandals or other light footwear when operating or servicing the attachment. Wear protective footwear when handling blades.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing which may become entangled when operating or servicing the attachment.

Parking Safely

1. Follow the instructions in the loader operator's manual to park the loader safely.
2. Fully lower the attachment to level ground.
3. Stop the loader engine and remove the key from the switch.
4. Do not leave the loader operator seat until the engine and all other moving loader and attachment parts have stopped.
5. Follow the instructions in the loader operator's manual to exit the loader safely. Use the attachment step area if one is provided.

Operating Safely

- Do not allow anyone to operate the attachment unless they have first read and understood the loader and the attachment operator's manuals.
- Do not allow anyone to operate the attachment unless they have first read and understood the safety and warning decals on the loader and on the attachment.
- The attachment owner is responsible for training others to safely operate the attachment, and is responsible for any injuries or harm which occurs while the attachment is being operated.
- If an area to step on the attachment has been provided, be sure to use it when entering and exiting the loader.
- Before operating, replace any worn or damaged safety decals.
- Before operating, thoroughly inspect the attachment to be sure all hardware (bolts, nuts, etc.) is installed and tightened.

- Before operating, thoroughly inspect the attachment to be sure it is in working order. If the attachment is damaged or otherwise not in working order, do not operate until it has been repaired by a qualified technician.
- Before raising or lowering the attachment be sure the area is clear of bystanders.
- Do not operate the loader or the attachment if you are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or medications which may cause drowsiness.
- Do not allow children to operate the loader or the attachment.
- Do not allow anyone who has not been trained to operate the loader or the attachment.
- Never allow riders on the attachment.
- Keep hands, feet or other objects away from underneath the attachment while operating.
- Fully lower the attachment to level ground when you are done operating.
- Never leave the attachment unattended while in a raised position.
- When transporting the attachment installed on the loader, travel at a slower speed to maintain control.

Servicing Safely

- Disconnect the attachment hydraulic hoses from the loader before servicing. Do not service the attachment when the hydraulic hoses are installed on the loader.
- Remove the attachment from the loader before servicing when instructed to do so in this manual.
- Do not allow anyone to service the attachment unless they have first read and understood the loader and the attachment operator's or service manuals.
- Do not allow anyone to service the attachment unless they have first read and understood the safety and warning decals on the loader and on the attachment.
- The attachment owner is responsible for training others to safely service the attachment, and is responsible for any injuries or harm which occurs while the attachment is being serviced.
- Before inspecting or servicing the attachment, fol-

Safety

low the Parking Safely instructions in this manual and disconnect the attachment hydraulic hoses from the loader.

- Always securely block the attachment to prevent accidental release of the lifting mechanism when inspecting or servicing the attachment.

Hydraulic Fluid Safety

- Read and understand the hydraulic safety information in the loader operator's manual before operating or servicing the attachment.
- Use cardboard or a board when you check for a leak.
- Fluid in hydraulic hoses is under extreme pressure. If fluid is injected into your skin seek medical treatment immediately.
- Do not handle any hydraulic components until pressure has been relieved from the system.
- Disconnect the attachment hydraulic hoses from the loader before inspection or service.
- Inspect attachment hydraulic hoses and hose shields for damage or wear before attaching to the loader.

Safety Decals

Safety decals may be installed on the attachment to warn users of safety hazards:

- **DANGER** decals provide warnings about hazardous situations which will result in death or serious injury if not avoided.
- **WARNING** decals provide warnings about hazardous situations which could result in death or serious injury if not avoided.
- **CAUTION** decals provide warnings about hazardous situations which could result in injury if not avoided.

Read and understand all safety decals before operating or servicing the attachment.

See the Safety Decal Location illustration in this manual to confirm where decals are installed on the attachment.

Safety decals which are missing, worn or faded must be replaced. Replacement safety decal part numbers are included in this manual. Contact the attachment manufacturer for replacement decals.

Installing and Removing

Preparing for Installation

1. Check the loader and attachment hydraulic couplers to be sure the surfaces are clean before connecting.
2. Inspect the couplers for damage or wear and replace if needed for proper connection.

Installing the Attachment

1. Follow the instructions in the loader operator's manual to install the attachment and exit the operator station safely.
2. Fully lower the loader lift arms.



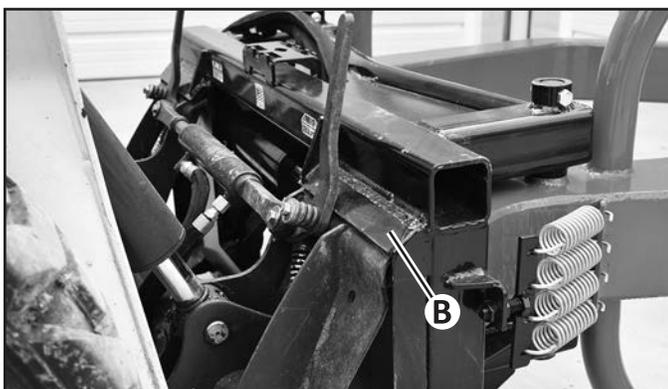
3. Move the loader attaching plate levers (A) to the unlocked (up) position either manually or by using the loader controls.



IMPORTANT

AVOID DAMAGE!

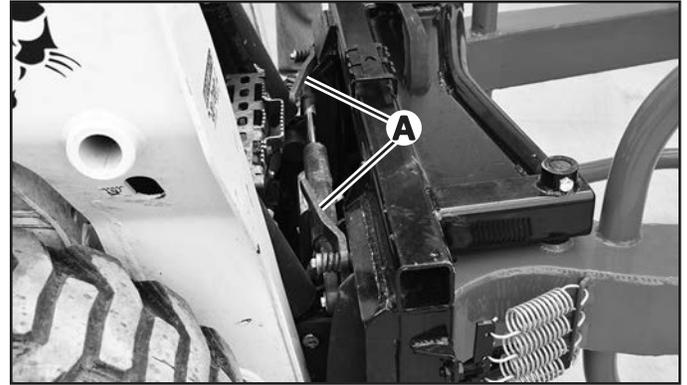
Attaching plate levers may be damaged if they strike the attachment. Be sure the attaching plate levers do not hit the attachment during installation.



4. Tilt the loader attaching plate forward, and drive

the loader forward until the top edge of the loader attaching plate is under the top flange (B) of the attachment mounting frame.

5. Raise the loader lift arms slightly until the attaching plate is fully seated under the top flange.
6. Tilt the attaching plate backward to raise the front of the attachment.



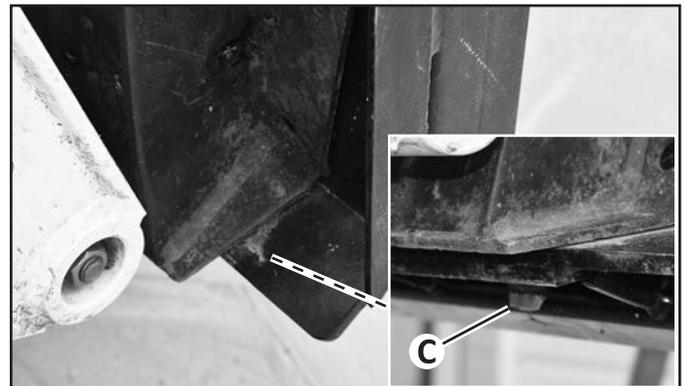
7. Move the loader attaching plate levers (A) to the locked (fully down) position either manually or by using the loader controls.
8. Park the loader. (See Parking Safely in this manual.)



WARNING

AVOID DAMAGE!

The attachment may come off the loader if it is not secured to the attaching plate. The attaching plate pins or wedges must be extended into the attachment with the levers fully down.

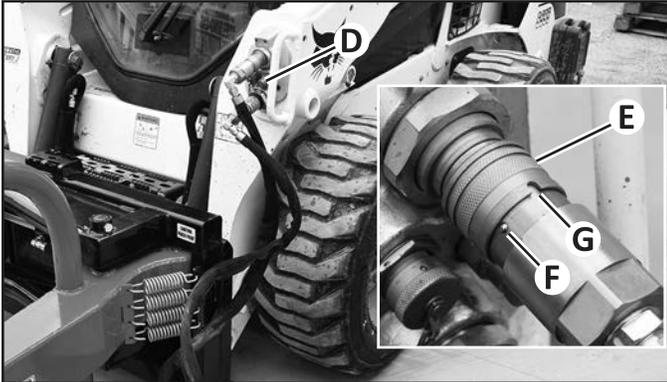


Picture Note: Wedge on right side shown. Check the wedges or pins on both sides of the attachment.

9. Check to be sure the loader attaching plate pins or wedges (C) extended into the holes in the bottom of the attachment mounting frame. If not, move the

Installing & Removing

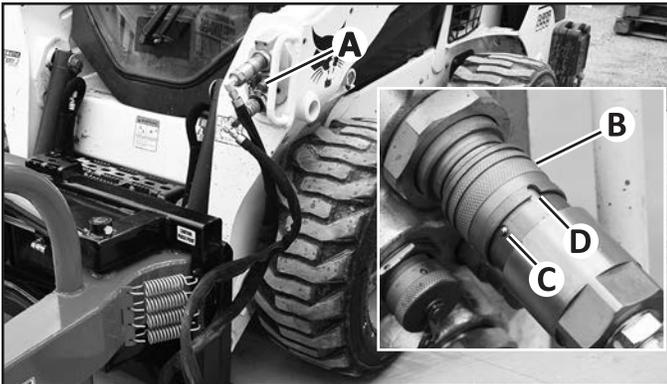
loader attaching plate levers to the unlocked (up) position and repeat installation.



10. Connect the attachment hydraulic hoses to the loader's front auxiliary couplers (D).
 - a. Install the male couplers into the female couplers and pull or push the sleeves (E) to be sure they are locked into place.
 - b. Rotate the coupler sleeves as shown so the ball (F) is outside the groove (G) to prevent the coupler disconnecting (Some sleeves may not have this locking mechanism).

Removing the Attachment

1. Follow the instructions in the loader operator's manual to remove the attachment and exit the operator station safely.
2. Fully lower the loader lift arms and the attachment to level ground.
3. Follow instructions in the loader operator's manual to relieve hydraulic pressure in the front auxiliary hydraulic coupler lines.
4. Stop the loader engine.



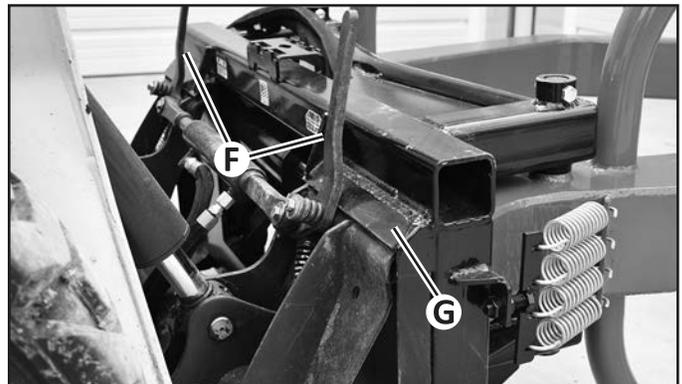
WARNING
AVOID INJURY!
Hydraulic couplers may become hot during operation. Avoid burns by wearing gloves when disconnecting hydraulic couplers.

5. Disconnect the attachment hydraulic hoses from the loader's front auxiliary couplers (A).
 - a. Rotate the coupler sleeves (B) so the ball (C) is aligned with the groove (D) to allow the coupler to disconnect (Some sleeves may not have this locking mechanism).
 - b. Grasp and push or pull the sleeves to disconnect the couplers.



6. Install protective caps on the couplers if they are provided, and store the couplers on the attachment hydraulic hoses into the hole on top of the attachment (E) as shown.

WARNING
AVOID INJURY!
Loader attaching plate levers which are operated manually may have spring tensioning. Firmly grasp the levers and move the levers slowly.



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7. Move the loader attaching plate levers (F) to the unlocked (up) position as shown either manually or by using the loader controls.
8. Tilt the loader attaching plate forward slightly and drive the loader backward until the top edge of the attaching plate clears the top flange (G) of the attachment mounting frame.

Operating

Pre-Operation Inspection

Before starting operation, inspect the area you will be clearing and inspect the attachment.

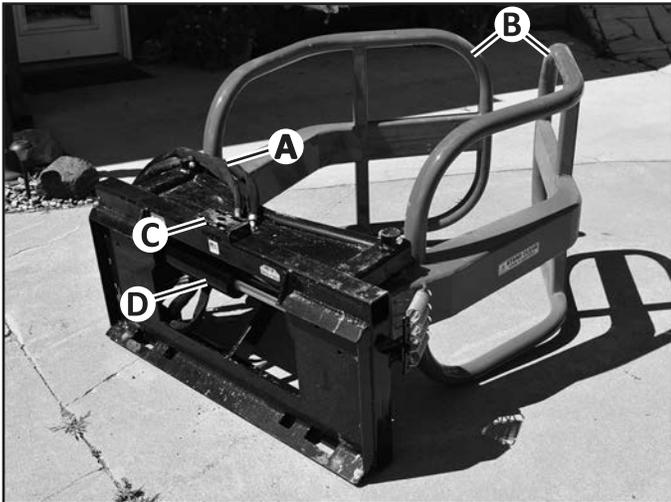
Inspect the Work Area

1. Confirm the area is clear of bystanders including animals.
2. Be aware of any wet or sloping areas and mark the areas to avoid contact if needed.

Inspect the Attachment

Inspect the attachment to be sure it is in working order. If the attachment is damaged or not in working order, do not operate until it has been repaired by a qualified technician.

Description



A - Hydraulic Hoses

C - Step Area

B - Arms

D - Hydraulic Cylinder

Theory of Operation

The Bale Squeezer hydraulic hoses are connected to the loader front auxiliary hydraulic couplers. The loader's hydraulic controls are used to extend and retract the Bale Squeezer hydraulic cylinder, which closes and opens the arms.

Operation

1. Follow the instructions in the Installing and Removing section to install the attachment.
2. Use the loader hydraulic controls to fully open the attachment arms.



3. Raise the loader lift arms to position the attachment arms around the middle of the bale.
4. Use the loader hydraulic controls to close the arms around the bale, squeezing until the arms have a firm grip.
5. Raise the loader lift arms to lift the bale off the ground.
6. Keep the attachment lowered as close to the ground during transport as possible.
7. Be aware of your travel speed when transporting loads.

Transporting the Attachment

On the Loader

When you are not carrying a bale, keep the attachment arms fully open or fully closed while traveling.

Check to be sure the attachment is correctly installed on the loader before hauling the loader on a trailer or truck. Follow all loader, truck or trailer operator's manual instructions to safely haul the loader.

Hauling the Attachment

Follow all truck or trailer operator's manual instructions to securely fasten the attachment to the truck or trailer with straps or chains.

Servicing

Service Intervals

Every 8 hours or daily:

- Grease the cylinder mount pins.
- Grease the arm mount pins.
- Check the attachment and hoses for damage and wear. Replace parts as needed.

Lubrication

Recommended Grease

Standard Lithium

Lubricating the Cylinder Mount Pins

1. Fully open the attachment arms.
2. Park the loader. (See Parking Safely in this manual.)



3. Disconnect the attachment hydraulic hoses from the loader.



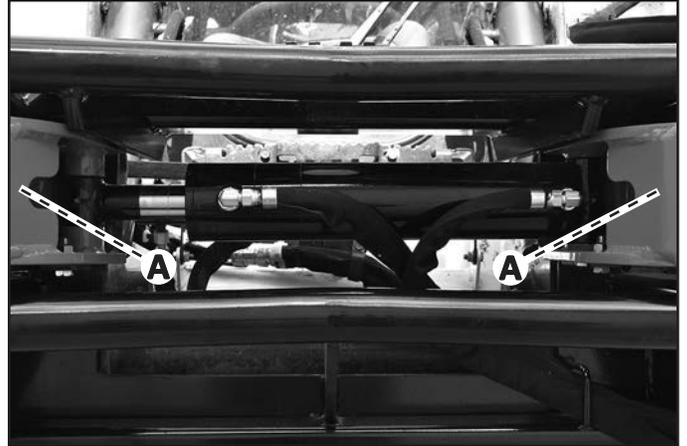
4. Lubricate the two grease fittings (A) until grease appears in the joints.

Lubricating the Arm Mount Pins

1. Fully open the attachment arms.
2. Park the loader. (See Parking Safely in this manual.)



3. Disconnect the attachment hydraulic hoses from the loader.



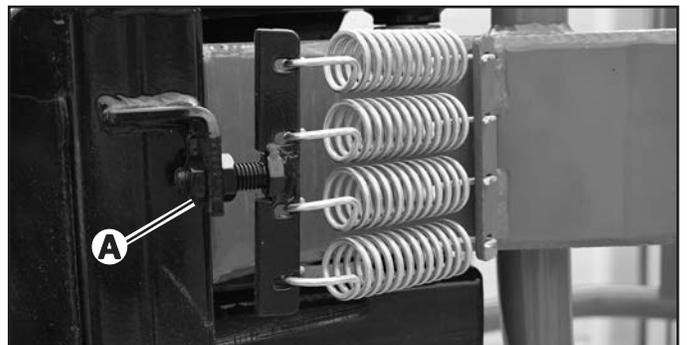
4. Lubricate the two grease fittings (A) until grease appears in the joints.

Replacing the Arm Extension Springs

1. Fully open the attachment arms.
2. Park the loader. (See Parking Safely in this manual.)



3. Disconnect the attachment hydraulic hoses from the loader.



4. Loosen the jam nut (A) on the spring mount weldment to relieve spring tension.

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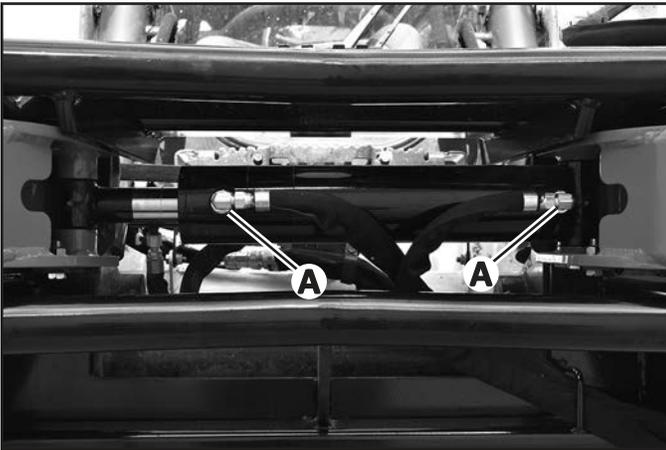
5. Remove and replace the springs.
6. Tighten the jam nut.

Replacing the Hydraulic Cylinder

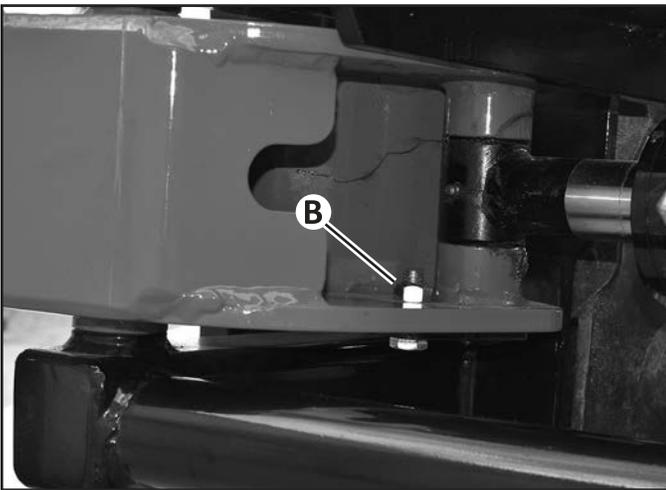
1. Fully open the attachment arms.



2. Remove the attachment from the loader.



3. Disconnect the fittings (A) and hydraulic hoses from the cylinder.



4. Remove the nut (B) and bolt attaching the cylinder mount pins to both blade arms.
5. Remove both cylinder mount pins and the cylinder.
6. Install the new cylinder with the cylinder mount

pins, bolts and nuts.

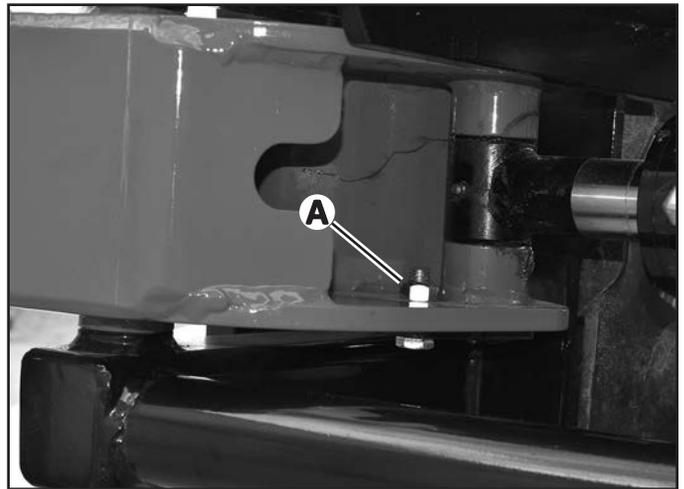
7. Connect the hydraulic hose fittings to the cylinder.

Replacing the Attachment Arms

1. Fully open the attachment arms.



2. Remove the attachment from the loader.



3. Remove the nut (A) and bolt attaching the cylinder mount pin to the arm you are replacing.



4. Remove the cylinder mount pin.
5. Rotate the cylinder to move the end without the mount pin out of the area of the arm to avoid damage when removing the arm.

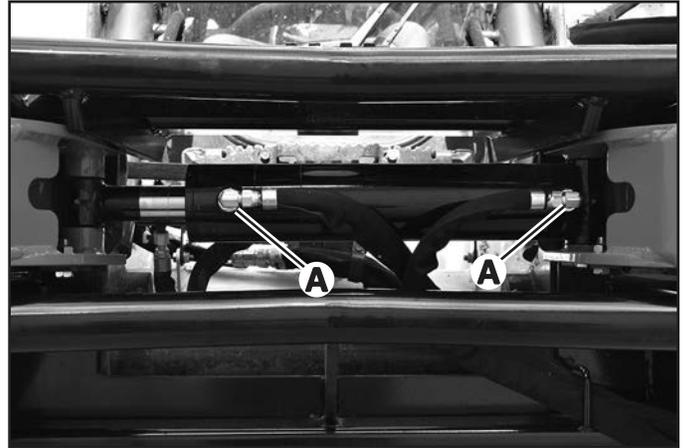
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Replacing the Hydraulic Hoses

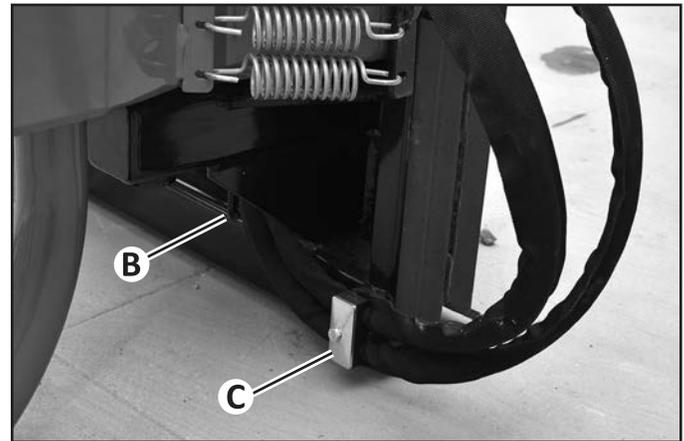
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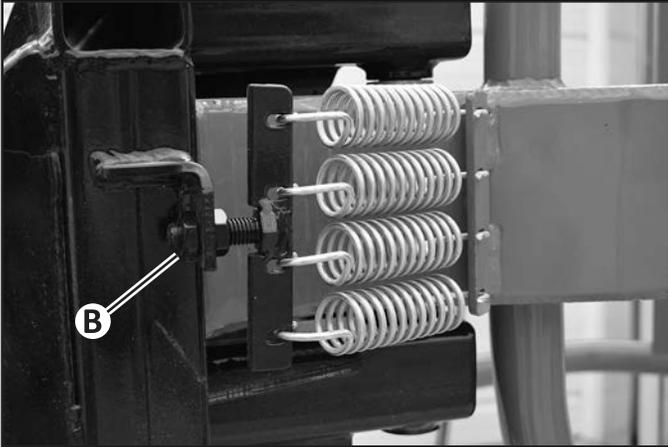
3. Disconnect the attachment hydraulic hoses from the loader.



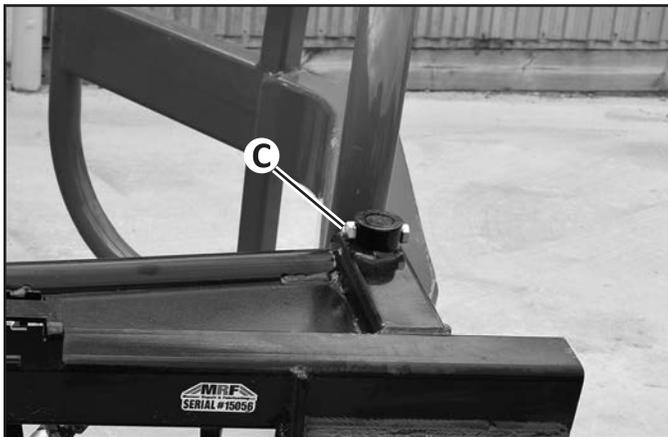
4. Disconnect the hydraulic hose from the fitting (A) on the cylinder.
5. Remove the hose.



6. Route the new hose through the guide (B) and secure the hose with the retainer (C).
7. Install the new hose on the fitting.



6. Remove the jam nut (B) on the spring mount weldment with the springs installed on the arm you are replacing.
7. Remove the spring mount weldment and the springs from the arm.



8. Remove the locknut (C) and bolt installed on the arm mount pin.
9. Remove the arm mount pin and the arm from the attachment.
10. Install the new arm with the arm mount pin, bolt and locknut.
11. Install the springs and the spring mount weldment on the arm with the jam nut.
13. Install the cylinder mount pin with the bolt and nut.

Servicing

Troubleshooting

Cause	Action
Arms don't open or close.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check to be sure the attachment hydraulic couplers are fully connected. 2. Check for foreign material in the arm pivot areas. 3. See the loader operator manual to check loader hydraulic pressure and flow.
Arms don't close tightly enough.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. See the loader operator manual to check loader hydraulic pressure.
Arms won't hold pressure.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check the attachment for hydraulic fluid leaks. 2. See the loader operator manual to check if the loader is holding pressure at the couplers. 3. Contact the attachment manufacturer about possible cylinder replacement.
Bale damage.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce pressure when closing the arms on the bale. 2. Check the arms for wear or damage, sharp edges.

Replacement Parts

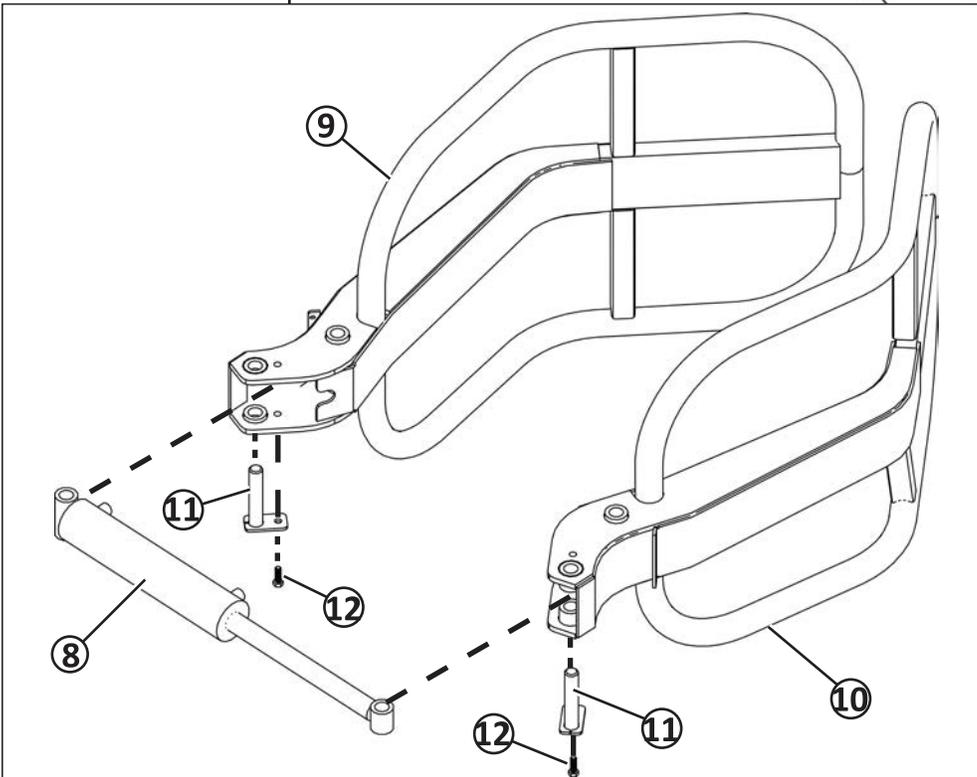
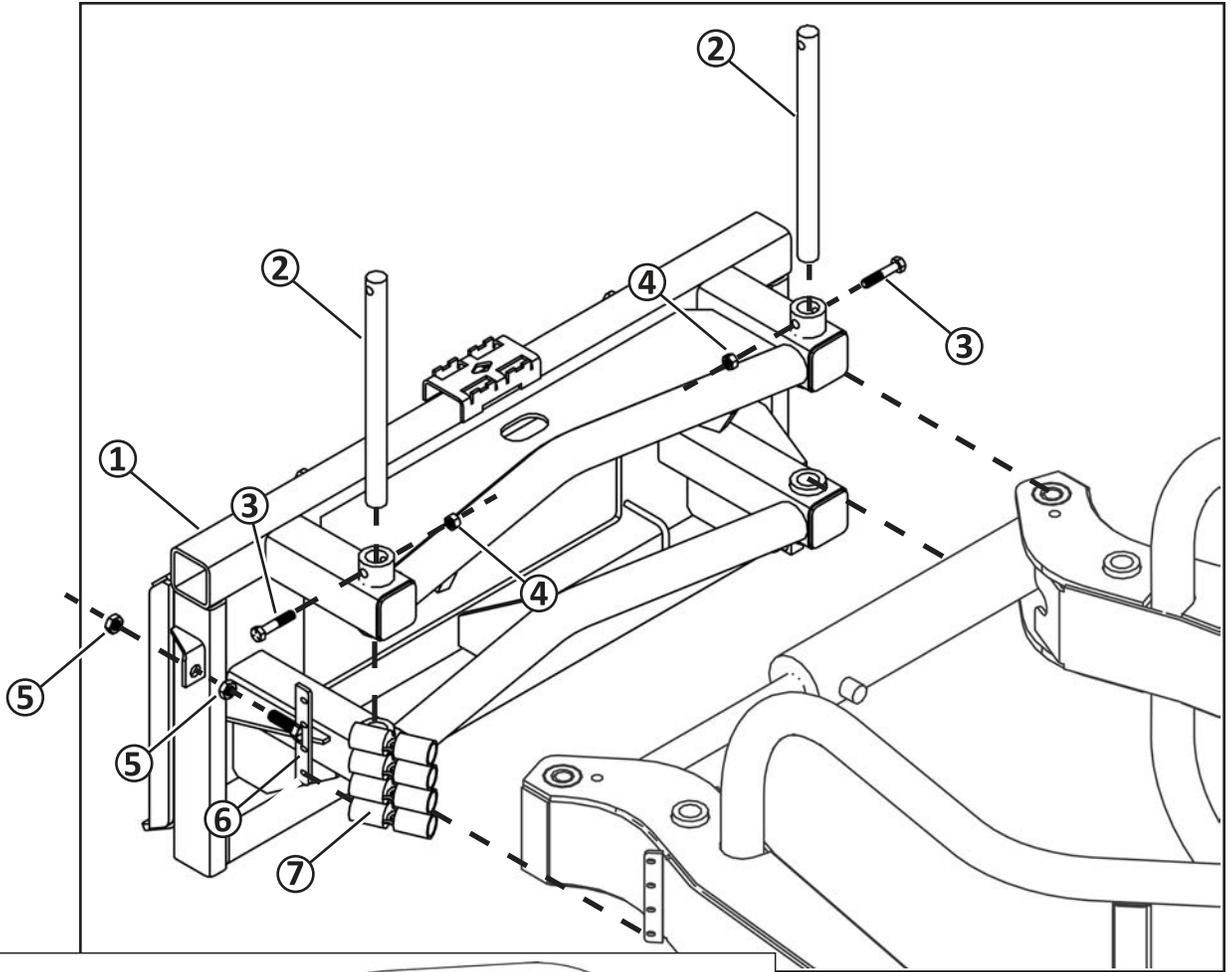
Contact Messer Repair and Fabricating, LLC for replacement parts.

Part numbers may change without notice.

Item	Qty.	Part Number	Part Description
1	1	06868	Bale Squeezer Frame
2	2	06939	Arm Mount Pin
3	2	91247A722	Bolt, 0.5 x 13 x 2.5
4	2	918378A262	Locknut, 0.5 x 13
5	4	91078A233	Jam Nut, 0.625 x 11
6	2	06966	Adjustable Spring Mount Weldment
7	8	96204	Extension Spring
8	1	WCT3.5x14	Cylinder
9	1	10609	Right Arm Weldment
10	1	10577	Left Arm Weldment
11	2	06945	Cylinder Pin
12	2	91309A716	Bolt, 0.5 x 1.5
*	2	96254	Hose Assembly, 3/8 x 92 inches
*	1	T-2006HS	Twin Hydraulic Hose Clamp
*	4	6801-06-08	Adapter, 90-deg.
*	1	96164	Flat-face Coupler Assembly, Female
*	1	96165	Flat-face Coupler Assembly, Male

*Part not shown.

Replacement Parts



Warranty

MESSER REPAIR & FABRICATING, LLC

Limited Warranty and Terms and Conditions of Sale

The following limited warranty, and terms and conditions of sale (the “Limited Warranty”) apply to all equipment, products, parts, and goods (any of the foregoing are referred to herein as “Equipment”) sold by Messer Repair & Fabricating, LLC (“Messer”):

1. Covers All Equipment. Each purchase of Equipment by a purchaser is expressly made conditional on purchaser’s assent to the terms and conditions in this Limited Warranty.
2. Limited Warranty. Messer warrants that for a period of 24 months from the date of purchase, the Equipment will remain free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and proper maintenance. Messer’s obligation under the warranty shall be limited to the repair or replacement (at Messer’s option) of the Equipment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Equipment is used for commercial purposes or is rented or leased out by the purchaser, then, the foregoing warranty shall only be for a period of 180 days and not 24 months.
3. No Warranty For Equipment Components From Third Parties. Notwithstanding the limited warranty terms set forth above, MESSER OFFERS NO WARRANTY WHATSOEVER WITH RESPECT TO ANY COMPONENTS OF THE EQUIPMENT MADE OR PROVIDED TO MESSER BY OTHER MANUFACTURERS, PRODUCERS, OR SELLERS (the “Purchased Components”). The sole and exclusive warranty for each the Purchased Components shall be limited to the express written warranty with respect to the Purchased Component as provided by the manufacturer, producer, or seller of such Purchased Component. Messer’s responsibility and liability for the Purchased Components shall be limited to the assignment of the Purchased Components’ express written warranties applicable to the Purchased Components. Purchased Components include, without limitation, the following: axles, tires and rims; trailer hitch components and jacks; hydraulic pumps, motors, cylinders and components; and bales spears, pallet tines, and bucket teeth.
4. No Other Warranties. THE FOREGOING REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OBLIGATIONS IN SECTION 2 ARE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING ALL WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR OTHERWISE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED IN FACT OR BY LAW, AND STATE MESSER’S ENTIRE AND EXCLUSIVE LIABILITY AND PURCHASER’S EXCLUSIVE REMEDY FOR ANY CLAIM IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT (AND ALL COMPONENTS THEREOF), THEIR DESIGN, SUITABILITY FOR USE, INSTALLATION OR OPERATIONS.
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6. Limited Warranty Voidable. The limited warranty herein is void and deemed waived if the purchaser fails to give written notice to Messer of any alleged defect under the limited warranty herein within 20 days of its discovery; or (a) purchaser or parties other than Messer or its authorized representatives attempts to remedy or fix the alleged Equipment defects; or (b) purchaser has used the Equipment for purposes it was not intended to be used for; or (c) purchaser has not operated the Equipment in a manner consistent with Messer’s instructions for the Equipment; or (d) the Equipment has been modified, altered, abused, or misused; or (e) the Equipment has been damaged pursuant to accident, fire, flood, or other Act of God.
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