



Operator's Manual MechFiber380



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PART I

(Service and Maintenance)

1 Introduction

KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder and KEENAN MechFiber bale handler

Thank you for purchasing a KEENAN product. The KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder is a TMR feeder with a difference. The original KEENAN diet feeder became a market leader due to its reliability and durability, founded on simplicity, fast and efficient mixing and feed-out, and low horsepower requirements. The KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder has built on these capabilities by adding the ability to chop and present in a consistent fashion, time and time again. This ability is the cornerstone of the KEENAN MechFiber system, delivering improved efficiency and profitability on the farm. More recently, bale handler models have introduced the ability to handle bales of all sizes and types.

The minimum moving parts ensure a robust machine with high mechanical efficiency. Performing simple routine maintenance and correctly operating the machine will help ensure that it stays in service for many years. However, in the event of unforeseen problems, KEENAN's world-class support means you can be assured of a prompt solution.

This supplement has been designed to present the additional parts lists and operational and maintenance information for a rear feed-out machine with the standard KEENAN Operator's Manual for the corresponding model of the machine. It is to be used in conjunction with the main Operator's Manual regarding overall aspects of safety, operation, maintenance, the parts lists and the warranty. Recent revision updates are indicated by a line in the right-hand column.

If you require further assistance or information, please contact your physical nutritionist. Telephone numbers are listed on the back cover of this manual.

The KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder is the cornerstone of the KEENAN MechFiber System, delivering improved efficiency and profitability on the farm.



2 Warning notes

Please read this manual carefully before operating your new machine, paying particular attention to the warning notes, which are explained here.

There are three different types of notes, as follows:

WARNING:



Texts with this symbol contain safety information. They warn you of serious dangers, possibly involving accident or injury.

CAUTION:



Texts with this symbol draw your attention to a possible risk of damage to your KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder. Failure to observe the information contained in a caution may invalidate your warranty.

Note:

Texts with this heading give general information that can improve the operational efficiency of your KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder.

The KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder and KEENAN MechFiber bale handler machines are subject to international patents, including the following:

Europe:	E0, 833,558	USA:	5,967,433
Japan:	Pending	Canada:	Pending
Australia:	691418	New Zealand:	305943
South Africa:	96/3148		

WARNING:



Read the safety section (Section 5) before attempting to operate the machine.

3 Warning signs



Read the Operator's Manual before using the machine.



Danger of flying objects. Keep a safe distance from the machine.



Stay clear of sharp blades.



Do not open or remove safety guards while the machine is connected to the tractor.



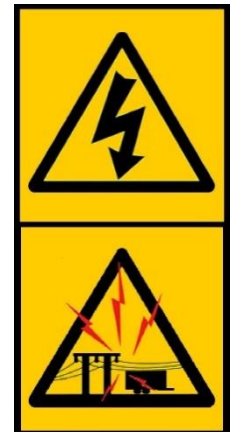
Shut off the engine and remove the key before performing maintenance or repair work on the machine.



Never reach into the rotating auger. Danger of entrapment.



Do not ride on the platform or ladder.



Look out for overhead power lines.



Apply the handbrake when parked.



Do not stand between the tractor and diet feeder while in operation.

4 Operating principles

The KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder's main operating functions are weighing, chopping/mixing and feeding out.

4.1 Weighing

The KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder's electronic weighing system allows an exact quantity of individual materials to be loaded into the mixing chamber for accurate rationing. Individual loads can be weighed, or successive loads can be accumulated to give the total weight of the feed. See Section 6 (on the weighing system) and the Readout Manual for more detailed information.

4.2 Chopping/mixing

Load ingredients in the sequence recommended by your KEENAN physical nutritionist, or as suggested in Section 7 (on operation). For non-bale handler models, ensure bales are broken up prior to loading. For bale handlers, wait until the bale has been taken in completely before adding further bales. As a general rule, material should be tumbling freely when mixing; if it is not, the machine is overloaded and will not achieve the desired mix quality. Mixing is carried out by a centrally mounted rotor fitted with six angled paddles revolving at 6-8 rpm. Each paddle imparts a shearing action, sweeping the feed ingredients onto the strategically placed knives to produce a consistent and thorough mix with all types of materials, including baled silage, hay or straw, roots and liquids.

The angled paddles help optimize mixing by sweeping the material from end to end. The placement of the blades ensures that the materials reach optimum size/length without grinding down and destroying the all-important "scratch factor" of the forages, producing a MechFiber mix.

Mixing time will be determined by the required chop length. Follow the procedures outlined in this manual or consult your KEENAN physical nutritionist for further information.

- CAUTION:**

 - For bale handler models, do not load a complete 6x4 round bale, or more than one 5x4 or 4x4 round bale, onto the machine at any one time. Overloading the machine may seriously affect the safe operation and life of the machine and will invalidate the warranty.

For bale handler models, do not load a complete 6x4 round bale onto the machine, as it has the potential to become unstable, possibly falling off and causing injury. Instead, 6x4 round bales should first be broken up and then loaded onto the machine in sections; alternatively, the bale may be held in place by the loader until it is sufficiently chopped down (to a third or half of its size) so that complete chopping can be done safely on the top of the machine. If in doubt, consult your local KEENAN representative for the recommended safe operation of the machine to suit your particular application.

4.3 Feeding out

During mixing, the mixing chamber is separated from the feed-out chamber by a variable feed control (VFC) door, thus ensuring complete mixing. The feed-out chamber contains an auger, which runs the entire length of the machine.

When chopping/mixing is complete, the feed-out tray should be set to the required position and the VFC-door dropped, allowing the material to be swept up by the paddles and pushed onto the auger (see Figure 2). At first, the VFC-door should only be partially opened (not more than halfway). When feed is seen discharging, allow 15–20 seconds to pass before fully opening the VFC-door. Door position and ground speed should be set and used to allow for an even feed-out rate.

- CAUTION:**
- The VFC-door should only be opened or closed when the PTO is engaged (with paddles turning) when material is in the machine.

4.4 Maintenance

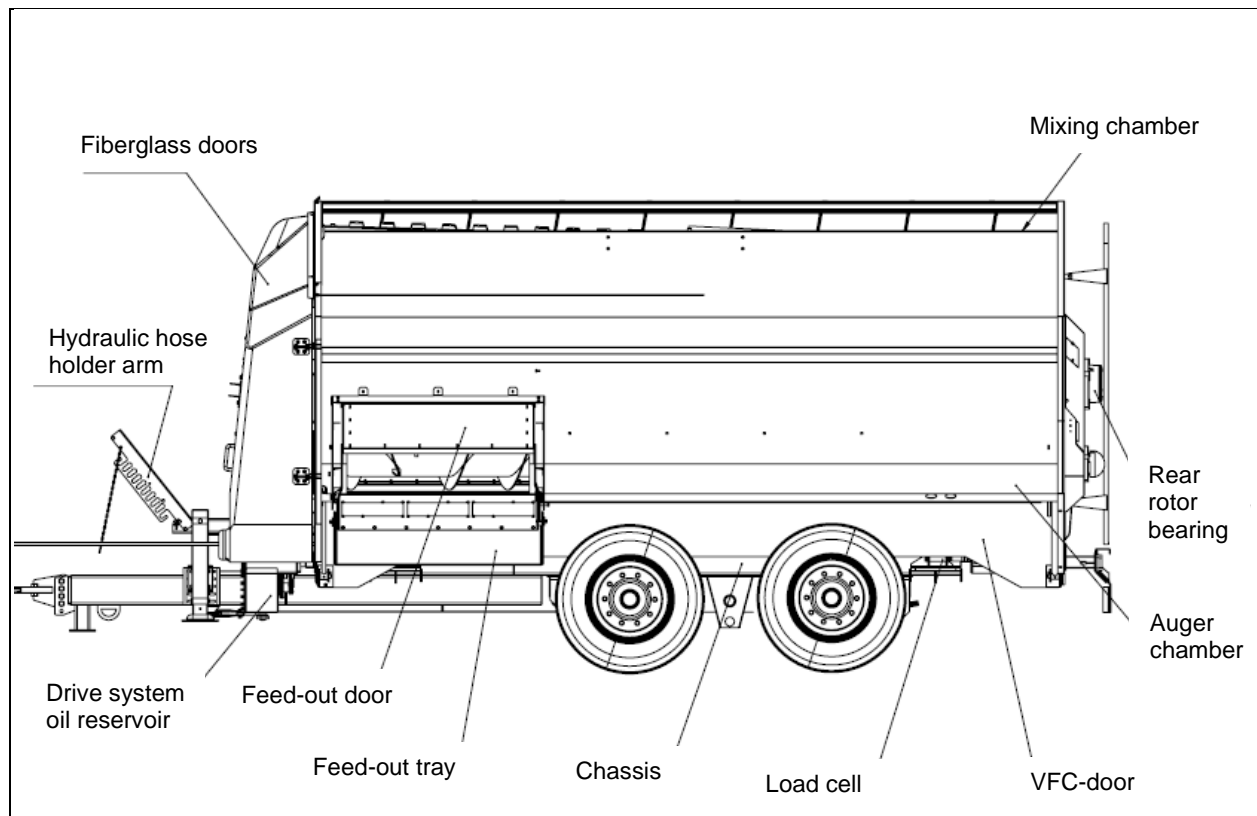


Figure 1: KEENAN MechFiber380

A properly operated and maintained KEENAN diet feeder promises to operate trouble-free for years. **Regular maintenance of the machine is essential both for long machine life and also to meet the warranty requirements.** Refer to instructions in the maintenance section of this manual. Weekly cleaning of the machine is recommended to prevent corrosion to the mixer body from old feed. **The level of cleaning required will depend on the material being mixed, but any material that sits or lodges on the machine may adversely affect both the operation of the machine and the quality of the mix, if it subsequently falls into the feeder during mixing. It is therefore essential to routinely clean and wash down the feeder.**

4.5 Safety precautions

KEENAN diet feeders have been designed to reduce risk to a minimum. However, as with any machine, careful observation of safety procedures is necessary to prevent accidents. See inside for further details on each section. If you have any further questions, please contact your local KEENAN centre for advice.

WARNING:
⚠ Read the following safety section (Section 5) before attempting to operate your machine.

WARNING:
⚠ The operator is responsible for the safe operation of the machine at all times. This machine should only be operated by one person at a time. The machine should never be left unattended during operation.

WARNING:
⚠ The breakaway safety brake device should be attached to the tractor at all times.

5 Safety

The KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder has many safety features built into its design, but, ultimately, safe operation requires the vigilance of the operator and an understanding of the potential safety hazards.

The machine is designed to be used as a mixer/chopper wagon for mixing animal feeds. It should not be used for any other purpose that could affect its performance or safety.

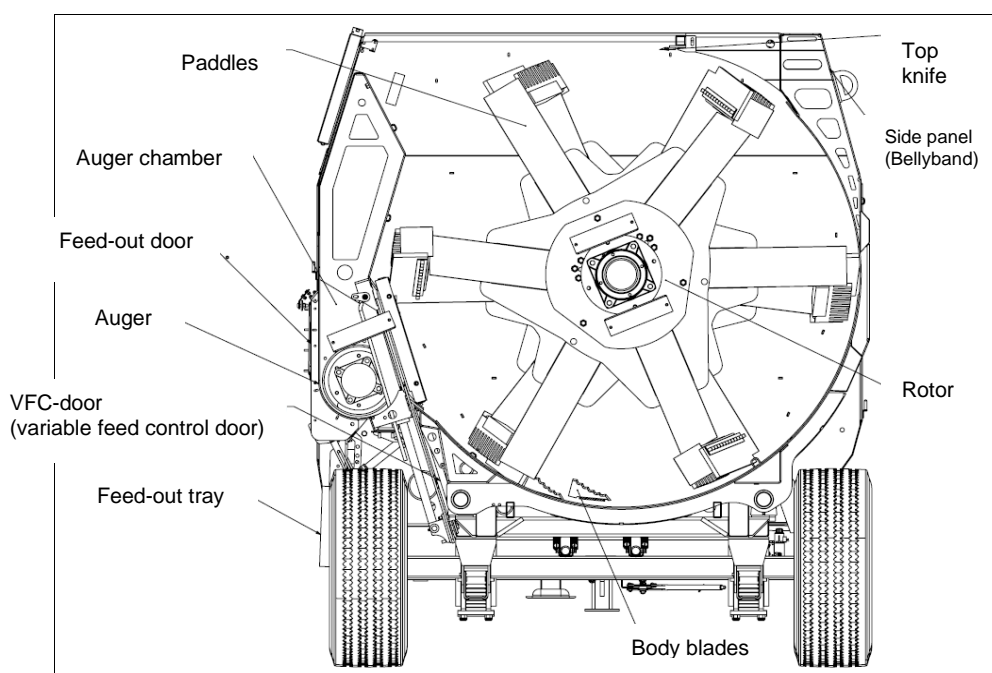


Figure 2: KEENAN MechFiber380 rear profile view

The following safety points are general guidelines. Given the wide variety of possible operating conditions, other safety risks that are not listed here may exist.

- a) Always park the diet feeder on level ground and apply the handbrake when not in use.
- b) Do not exceed 15 km/h (10 mph) when in use/transit. Local road traffic laws will apply when machine is in transit on public roads, on which the maximum permissible speed is 25 km/h. Exceeding this will compromise the life and safety of major components, such as the hitch, axle, wheels and chassis.
- c) Ensure the VFC-door is closed and all feed-out trays/elevators are in the closed/transport position prior to using on a public road.
- d) When turning, exercise extreme caution for any potentially overtaking traffic on either side.
- e) Do not stand on the ladder whilst the feeder is in transit. The diet feeder should never be used for the transport of people, animals or objects.
- f) Do not stand between the tractor and diet feeder while it is in use.
- g) Only use a PTO shaft with a properly fitted safety guard and the correct shear bolt.
- h) Always connect the PTO shaft with the shear bolt end to the machine. The standard operating range of the PTO is 540 RPM. However, an optional operating range of 1000 RPM may be available if the machine has been built to that specification. This will be clearly marked on the front of the machine and on the operation procedure decal. The direction of rotation is marked on the front cover (clockwise when viewing from rear of machine). Always use a well-maintained PTO shaft and keep the safety covers in good condition.
- i) Ensure all trailing leads, hoses, etc., are well clear of the PTO.
- j) Never operate the PTO in “ground speed mode” or drive the PTO in reverse.**
- k) Make sure all covers/guards are fitted and closed correctly. Never remove guards when the diet feeder is connected to the tractor.
- l) Ensure that the diet feeder and the immediate area surrounding it are clear of people, especially children, before commencing operation. Ensure that there is sufficient visibility for the operator to observe all danger zones and that the tractor is equipped with mirrors to enable the operator to see both sides of the machine while it is in operation.
- m) When connecting the tractor to the diet feeder, only connect using the ring hitch/hitch on the diet feeder to ensure safe coupling. Ensure that the hitch is connected properly to the tractor and that all pins and clips are properly installed. Then, connect the PTO shaft in the correct fashion. Connect the hydraulic hoses, ensuring that the functions match the indicated valve on the tractor.
- n) When disconnecting, always ensure that a stand or jack is used to secure the diet feeder in the park position and that the handbrake is properly applied. Before driving

the tractor away from the diet feeder, ensure that all hoses and cables are disconnected.

- o) Load only from the side indicated (see Figure 7; auger chamber side), using suitable equipment.
- p) **Standing level with or above the machine to load manually is not permitted.** Loading should only be carried out with the suitable equipment.
- q) Regularly inspect all chains (at least weekly), sprockets and moving parts for wear, and check all nuts and bolts for tightness.
- r) The ladder on the rear of the diet feeder is to be used as a viewing point for the mixing chamber. It should not be used as a means of access to the mixing chamber, nor to the body of the machine. It is strictly forbidden to climb on the upper brim of the machine body. The height of the machine presents the hazard of potentially falling during entry and exit.
- s) The noise emission level of the MechFiber380 has been recorded at 89.4 dB. Noise emission levels above 90 dB would require the wearing of suitable ear protection.
- t) The breakaway safety brake device should be attached to the tractor at all times. Cable ties fix the wire rope in place along the handbrake handle. Cable-tie the wire rope to the drawbar (see Figure 4). Fix the other end of the wire rope to a solid location on the back of the tractor (e.g., using the top link pin). In the event that the breakaway safety brake device has been activated or damaged, contact KEENAN service for directions for resetting.
- u) Routine cleaning may be carried out using a power washer. Isolate any power sources before beginning. When washing the inside of the mixing chamber, open the drain bung underneath the body to allow water to escape. Always disconnect the PTO shaft from the tractor and stand on a suitably safe ladder or platform. Do not climb on top of the machine or into the mixing chamber.
- v) **It is recommended that only qualified, KEENAN-trained maintenance personnel enter the mixing chamber.**

In the case that an untrained person should enter the mixing chamber, at the very minimum, the following precautionary safety guidelines should be strictly adhered to at all times:

1. Ensure the PTO and hydraulic hoses are disconnected.
2. Apply the diet feeder handbrake and disconnect the tractor from the machine on level ground.
3. Use suitable PPE, such as protective footwear, eyewear and gloves.
4. Personnel should make themselves familiar with the location of all potential hazards before entering the machine, particularly the location of the top knife and body blades.
5. Be aware that sharp components may be hidden in or under material within the mixing chamber.
6. The top knife should always be fitted with the supplied guard (Figure 3b) before entering the machine. Begin by fitting the first 500 mm of the guard from the rear of the machine. Then, as you enter, continue to fit the guard along the full length of the top knife.

Note: the machine is supplied with a top knife guard, which can be found inside the driveline covers of the diet feeder.

7. Use a suitable and secure ladder for access to and from the diet feeder.
Note: The ladder at the rear of the machine is provided only as a means of viewing the ration and should not be used to enter the mixing chamber.
8. Always maintain three points of contact while entering, exiting and moving within the mixing chamber of the machine.
9. When entering the base of the body, it is recommended that you cover the body blades in the vicinity of where the work will be carried out.
10. When removing trapped objects, be aware that some machine components may move unexpectedly when cleared.
11. Take extreme care when moving around inside the body, as surfaces may be slippery.

SODA GRAIN: Additional safety instructions and warnings are covered and available in the soda grain leaflet, which should be read carefully before soda-treating grain. When finished treating grain, clean out any remaining material in the mixing and/or auger chamber by loading in 200–300 kg of silage or 50 kg of straw, and allow the machine to mix before unloading in the normal manner. *Note: When mixing soda grain, the maximum gross load that can be mixed in the KEENAN MechFiber380 is 7,500 kg.*

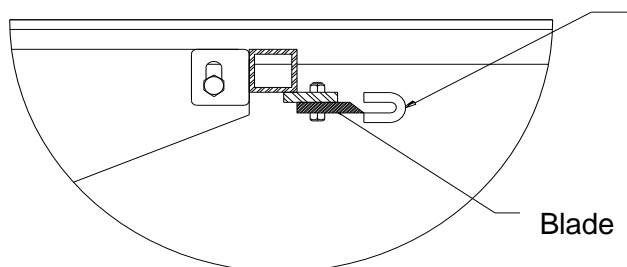
The soda grain process can be completed using a KEENAN mixer, but before treatment on your farm, make sure you are adhering to local animal feed legislation and health and safety guidelines involving the treatment of grain.



Figure 3a: Body blade and blade cover



Figure 3c: Breakaway safety brake



When entering the mixing chamber, always fit the safety beading that is provided for the top knife.

Figure 3b: Top knife protection



WARNING:

Failure to follow the safety guidelines above may lead to accident or injury.

6 Weighing system

The weighing system is designed to be simple to operate, accurate and robust. It consists of four load cells connected to a weigh box unit (a readout box) at the front of the machine. The system uses 12-volt DC power from the tractor, or a battery, if fitted. The weigh box unit can be rotated for visibility during loading and from the tractor cab, but it should be folded out of the line of the tractor wheel for road work. Loads are displayed in kilograms or pounds, with scale increments of 5 kg/10 lbs. The unit is capable of measuring up to 18,140 kg (39,999 lbs) with the appropriate weight bars. The system is maintenance-free, as it is fully electronic, with no moving parts. All components are sealed against moisture and dust and are resistant to frost and corrosion. The unit should not, however, be directly exposed to a high-pressure water jet. The weigh box unit may vary from model to model and region to region. A separate manual is supplied for your weigh box unit, which you should refer to for specific operating instructions.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC READOUT BOX ARE CONTAINED IN A SEPARATE MANUAL.

7 Operation

The simplicity of the KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder's design is reflected in its low power requirement. The power required does vary, depending on the mix used, the dry matter and the amount of chopping required.

If a tractor is at its limit during mixing, this will put extra strain on moving parts, as there will be surges in power as the engine recovers during certain periods of the mix.

A tractor that has sufficient power will provide a much smoother drive to the diet feeder during all stages of operation.

7.1 Set-up

1. Ensure the machine is level when hitched up. If the machine is not level, this can be corrected by adjusting the hitch height. The hitch height on the KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder provides a certain level of adjustment from the manufactured height.
2. The PTO shaft should be attached with the shear bolt end coupled to the machine. Make sure that the PTO guard is in good condition and well-secured. As per Figure 3b, make sure the shear bolt and safety cover are all with the PTO assembly. Before operation, depending on the model of tractor being used, KEENAN will supply nominal-length PTO shaft, where alterations to the length of the PTO may be required to suit different models of the machine. A comparison of the length of the PTO and also the length required should be noted, and the PTO should subsequently be shortened to suit.

CAUTION:

- Do not operate the PTO in "ground speed" mode. Reversing the drive on your machine will cause serious damage.

3. As appropriate, connect the hydraulic hoses (see Table 1) from the machine to double- and single-acting spool valves on the tractor.

Hydraulic and brake hoses	
Operation	Colour
VFC-door	Red and yellow
Feed-out tray	Blue
Bale handler creel	Green
Brakes	White

Table 1: Hydraulic and brake hoses

4. Examine the mixing chamber to ensure that:
 - All blade covers have been removed.
 - All spare parts and foreign objects have been removed.
 - No damage has occurred during transport.
5. Check the weigh box and ensure that the power lead from the weighing system is connected to the tractor battery via either a direct fused line, a 7-pin plug or to a 12-volt battery located in the side box of the feeder. To zero the weigh box, press and hold the "zero" and "minus" keys together until "end" appears on the screen, then release the buttons. If the power is supplied through a 7-pin lights connection, the tractor lights will need to be switched on to provide power to the weigh box. If you

stand on the ladder at the rear of the machine, you can check the reading on the weigh box against your known weight; this may require assistance.

6. With the tractor running, check that the VFC-door opens fully and closes completely. Similarly, check the movement of the feed-out tray. Engage the PTO and check the turning of the paddles. The initial turning of the paddle rubbers against the side of the KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder will generate noise, but this will decrease as the paddle rubbers become more pliable.

As a general rule, the engine speed during loading should be as low as possible without the risk of stalling the tractor. See the loading and mixing procedure guidelines.

Note:

A: The design life of hydraulic hoses is subject to the level of wear and tear/usage, as well as to factors like harsh climate. It is recommended that they be reviewed periodically (i.e., yearly) and should typically be replaced after ten years of operation, as is necessary.

B: The maximum oil pressure of the hydraulic system is 3,000 psi.

C: If there is a **valve chest** fit to the MechFiber machine, it is very important to connect the valve chest hydraulic feed and return pipes correctly. The return pipe is not designed to handle the hydraulic pressure normally experienced in the valve chest feed pipe, so seals and/or the valve chest itself may be damaged if oil flows in the wrong direction through the chest. Typically, the hydraulic return pipe on the valve chest is fit with a one-way flow valve to prevent oil from being fed to the valve chest in the wrong direction. This is identifiable as a steel connection on the end of the pipe with an arrow stamped on its side to indicate the direction of the oil flow through it. Oil flows into the valve chest through holes marked P (pressure) and out through holes marked T (tank). See Figure 5 below.

(The valve chest is set up for open-centre hydraulics. If the tractor has an alternative hydraulic system [other than open-centre], contact the tractor agent. To alter closed-centre hydraulics, there is a plug available on request from KEENAN Service that can be fitted to the spool valve block.)



Figure 4: Valve chest

7.2 Hitch height adjustment

The KEENAN MechFiber380 hitch was designed to allow for various hitch height options with the same components used. Hitch height is normally selected for the application and set at the factory. However, if required, the hitch can be adjusted on-farm to level the machine. Several options are shown below in Figures 5.1 and 5.2.

The main standard hitch assembly is a bolt-on assembly, and once the main setting is completed at the factory, it may also be adjusted on-farm by moving the assembly up or down within the bolt holes, or by turning the complete hitch over, as it is suitable to operate facing either way.

Note:

1: A minimum of four M20 x 100 mm **Grade 8.8** bolts must be used to secure the straight hitch eye and the clevis hitch to the drawbar.

2: Care must be taken when adjusting the hitch height to ensure that there is adequate PTO clearance and ground clearance below the stand.

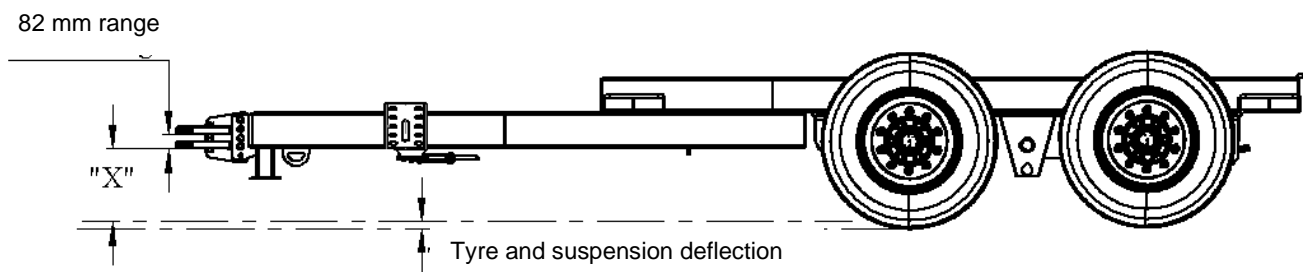


Figure 5.1: Standard hitch adjustment

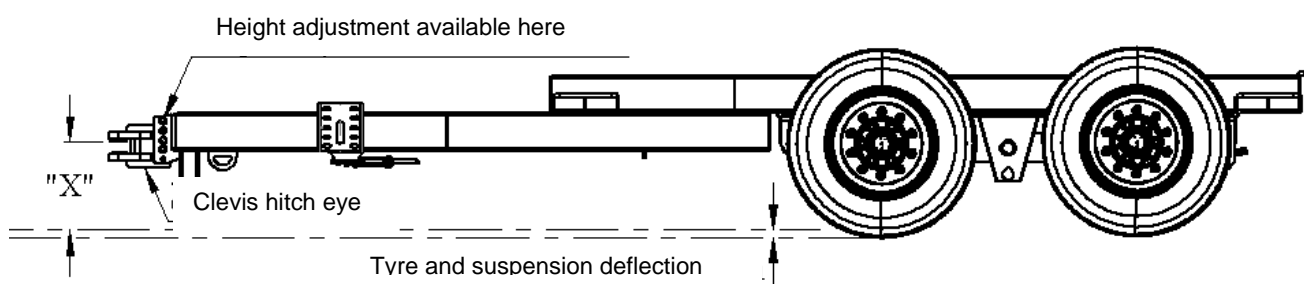


Figure 5.2: Clevis hitch adjustment

7.3 Diet feeder capacity

Due to the diversity of the materials available for feeding, as well as to the KEENAN MechFiber's ability to incorporate a wide range of feed types into the ration, the capacity of the machine will vary. Ensure that overloading is avoided at all times, as mix quality could be seriously affected as a result and the machine could potentially be damaged.

Overloading must be avoided because:

- The mix will not be homogenous (evenly mixed), preventing the machine from providing the maximum benefits.
- Mechanical failure will result. Due to the nature of the loading, this may occur at load levels below those that would break the shear bolt.

CAUTION:

- The machine can be overloaded before the shear bolt breaks. Therefore, not breaking a shear bolt is not necessarily an indication that the machine is not being overloaded.

The overall amount of material that can be chopped/mixed in one load depends on the following:

- Machine size.
- Overall dry matter of the TMR.
- The chop length and quality of the material added.
- The loading procedure and loading order of the materials used (e.g., the addition of straw first or last), which has a major effect on machine capacity.
- Tractor H.P. rating.



Figure 6: Photograph illustrates a well-mixed ration, showing consistent fibre length and the integration of forages and grains.

7.4 Loading and mixing

Note: The unique tumbling action of the machine is what carries out the mixing. If the machine is overloaded or loaded in the incorrect order, or if insufficient time is allowed for proper chopping, this tumbling action will not happen correctly. Beyond reducing mix quality, this also increases the horsepower requirements and reduces the life of the machine.

CAUTION:

- Overloading will seriously affect the machine's performance and life and will invalidate your warranty.

The effectiveness and speed of the chop is determined by:

- The number of effective (sharp and intact) blades.
- The dry matter of the material to be added.
- The amount of pre-chopping of the material.
- The loading sequence.
- The total amount of material to be chopped.
- The density of the bale.

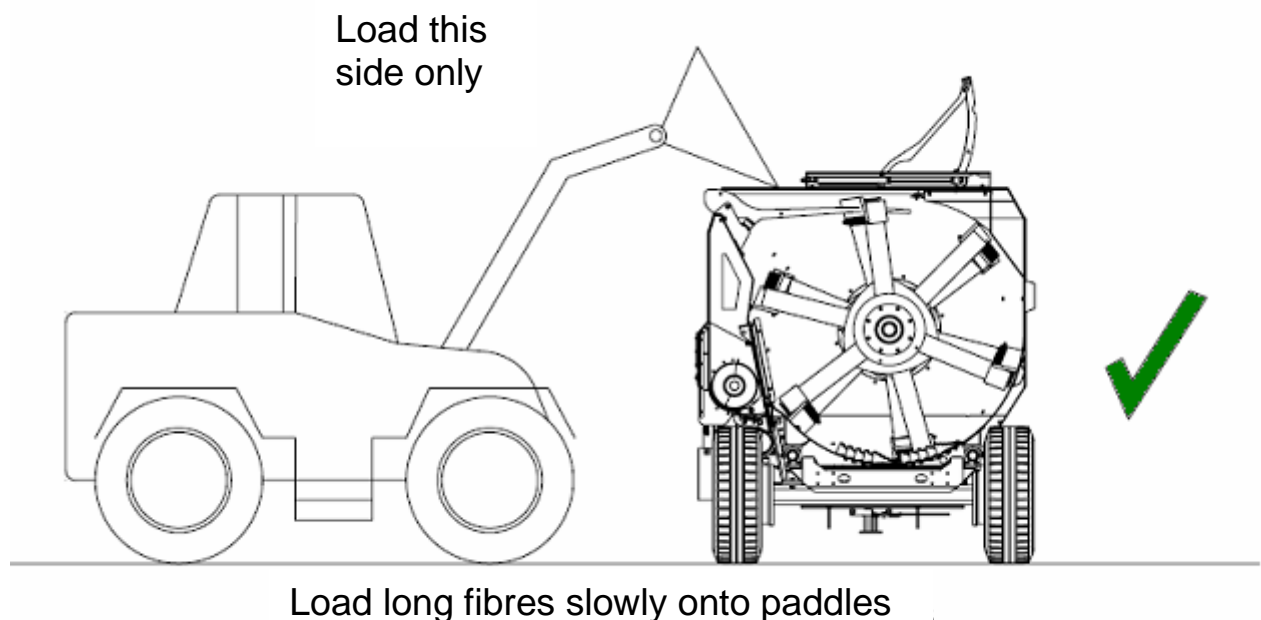


Figure 7: Loading the KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder

7.5 Operating the KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder

LOADING THE KEENAN MECHFIBER DIET FEEDER

GENERAL

- Park on level ground.
- Ensure variable feed control (VFC) door is closed.
- **Do not start PTO when VFC-door is open.**

LOADING AND MIXING SEQUENCE

- Load feed as close to the loading side of the unit as possible.
- Load concentrate feeds along the length of the machine.
- Load forages to the front, back and centre of the unit in alternate grabs during mixing.
- Remove all twine, wrap or polythene from bales.
- Round or square bales should be split or broken into a **minimum** of 4 pieces.
Use front grab or forks as required.
- Stop PTO before moving to feed-out area.
- Mixing time will depend on the required chop length.

Below is a guide to the correct loading order. Consult your local InTouch office/nutritionist for more guidance on the best loading order for your ingredients.

Order	Feed ingredients	Paddle RPM	Tractor engine speed
1st	Straw, hay	All at 6–8 RPM	1,400–1,600 RPM
2nd	Water, liquid feeds		
3rd	Minerals, concentrates, protein meals, pulps, cereal grains		
4th	Grass silage		
5th	Maize silage		

Table 2: Loading the KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder

7.6 Operating the KEENAN MechFiber bale handler

LOADING THE KEENAN BALE HANDLER

GENERAL

- Park on level ground.
- Ensure variable feed control (VFC) door is closed.
- **Do not start PTO when VFC-door is open.**

LOADING AND MIXING SEQUENCE

- Set paddles running at **6–8 RPM** for **all** bale types. **Note:** When chopping straw, higher revs can be used.
- Load round bales to the centre of the unit with the flat end toward the top knife.
- Allow a minimum of 2 minutes for the bale to chop down before adding another.



CAUTION: Do not load more than one bale at a time.

- Stop PTO before moving to feed-out area.
- Mixing time will depend on the required chop length.

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Table 3: Loading the KEENAN MechFiber bale handler

7.7 Specific instructions for bale handler models

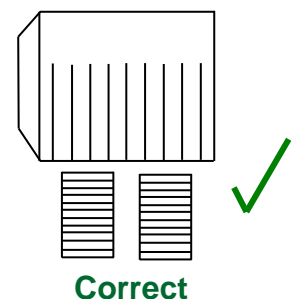
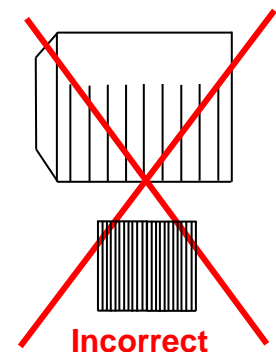
1. The creel should be raised before loading bales.
2. Round bales should always be loaded in the centre of the machine to allow for the maximum agitation of the paddles.
2. The bale should be gently lowered in the centre of the machine onto the tines. The bale handler will then begin its cutting action, with the tines/rings working in conjunction with the top knife, body blades and six paddles to evenly chop the bale material in a timely manner. The bale should be chopped evenly throughout this process, which will keep large lumps of the bale from entering the mixer at any time. This will result in a better mix quality and more even chopping action.
3. After the bale has been fully chopped and enters the machine, the next bale can be added to the mix in the same manner.
5. The standard chopping times for different materials of round 4' x 4' (120 cm) bales are as follows:

Bale:	Time:
Straw	6–8 minutes (140 kg)
Hay	4–6 minutes (300 kg)
Wet silage (up to 20% DM)	2–4 minutes (700 kg)
Dry silage (20–30% DM)	4–5 minutes (500 kg)
Very dry silage (over 35%)	4–6 minutes (400 kg)

Note: Heavy bales must be loaded gently onto the bale handler, not dropped from a height, as doing so can result in damage.

5. These times are dependent on the bale being loaded in the correct position and on using the correct loading method, as described above. These times may vary slightly depending on the tightness of the bale and the behaviour of the bale as it is chopped.

6. When loading large square bales, load the bales so the sections lie across the tines, as this will prevent the sections from falling through the gap in the tines (see diagram to the right: sections of large square bale loaded perpendicular to the tines). The easiest way to do this is to load the bale in two halves on the loader (one half on each side of the bucket, if wide enough) and flick the sections out onto the tines. By doing so, the sections will remain on the tines and rings longer and get a better chop against the top knife. If loaded incorrectly, the sections will fall through the tines and will not get chopped, putting additional stress on the chopping mechanism.



8. To successfully operate the bale handler, the bale should remain on top of the tines long enough to allow the pre-chopping to take place against the serrated top knife. This will ensure that further chopping within the mixing chamber is reduced, and though it may take longer for the bale to be taken in, during this time, the material that has already been cut from the bale will be processed within the chamber.

7.8 Washing and chopping root crops

With the machine stopped, add the root material to be washed and chopped. Ensure that there are no stones or foreign objects hidden in the roots.

1. Add water at approximately 300 kg (660 pounds) per ton of material to be chopped. Rotate the machine for 1–2 minutes at 6 rpm.
2. Park the machine on an incline. Open the wash gate and allow the water to drain off.
3. Repeating this process may be necessary if the materials being chopped are particularly dirty.
4. Chop the materials by running the machine at 8+ revs.

7.9 Feeding out

1. Ensure that the VFC-door is still closed.
2. Re-engage the tractor PTO at idle, increasing engine revs to between 1,400 and 1,600 rpm to achieve a paddle running speed of 6–8 rpm. Allow the TMR to loosen and tumble for 15–20 seconds.
3. Slowly open the VFC-door, no more than halfway. Allow at least 1 minute to pass before fully opening the door.
4. Select a ground speed to feed out at an even rate along the feed area.
5. When feed-out is complete, close the VFC-door and run the machine for 10–20 seconds to empty the auger chamber, then disengage the PTO before turning out of the shed.

CAUTION:

- Never open the VFC-door before engaging the PTO. Serious damage can occur when a sudden load is put on the auger. Disengage the PTO before turning corners.

8 Maintenance

The KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder has been designed for optimum performance with minimal maintenance. Chains, bearings and grease points have been kept to a minimum without compromising function. All components are high-quality and provide excellent durability. Regular, routine maintenance will ensure your KEENAN MechFiber diet feeder gives you the best results with minimal problems.



WARNING:

Prior to carrying out any maintenance on the machine, always ensure that the tractor engine is stopped, and disconnect the P.T.O. and hydraulic hoses from the tractor. Observe safety precautions at all times when working on machine. Read the safety section (Section 5) before attempting to work on the machine.

The recommended operating pressure in the hydraulic circuit is 170 bar and a flow rate of 40 litres per minute. Replacement hoses should comply with DIN EN 853. When replacing hydraulic hoses, always wear suitable protective equipment.

8.1 Chains

Primary drive chain	ASA100 Duplex	ASA100 Duplex
	540 RPM Driveline	1,000 RPM Driveline
Links	110 including joiner	140 including joiner
Pitch (mm)	31.75	31.75
Pitch (inches)	1.25	1.25
Chain length (mm)	3,492.5	4,445.0
Chain length (inches)	137.5	175
Rotor drive chain	ASA200	Same as 540 RPM
Links	108 including joiner	
Pitch (mm)	63.50	
Pitch (inches)	2.5	
Chain length (mm)	6858	
Chain length (inches)	270	
Auger drive chain	ASA120	Same as 540 RPM
Links	62 including joiner	
Pitch (mm)	38.1	
Pitch (inches)	1.5	
Chain length (mm)	2362.5	
Chain length (inches)	93	

Table 4: MechFiber380 drive chains

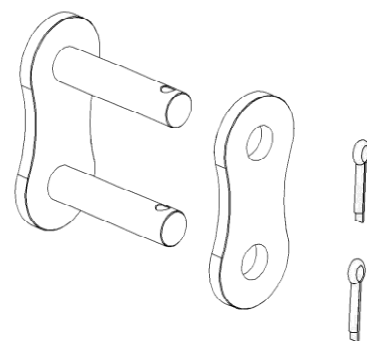


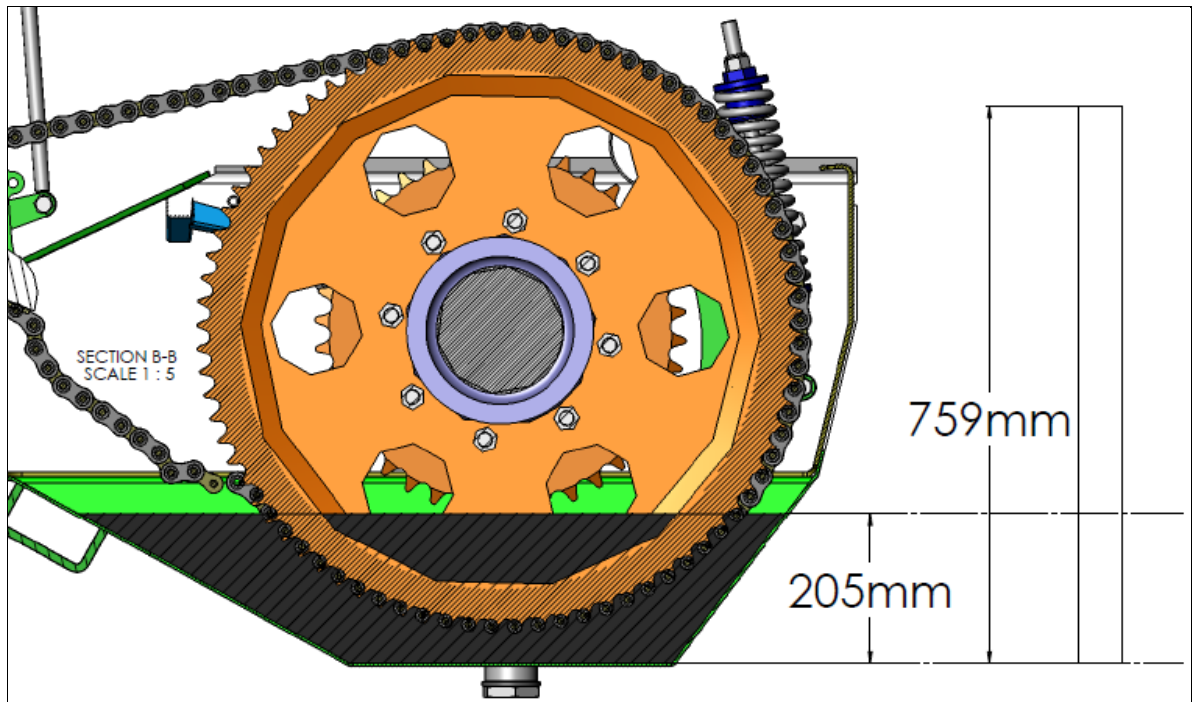
Figure 7:
Chain joiner link



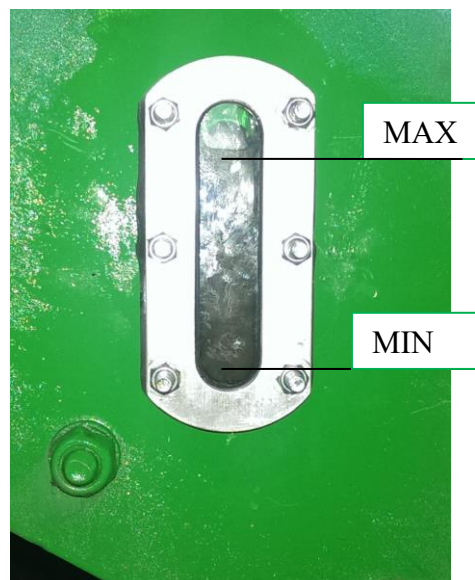
CAUTION:

Failure to maintain oil on the chains may reduce the working life by up to 90%. Chain damage is not covered by factory warranty. See warranty section for more details.

During commissioning of the MechFiber380, it is recommended that the driveline oil bath is filled to a **maximum of 30 litres** of oil only.



To check the oil level where an oil window is not available, a measurement of 205 mm can be taken by dipping a rod, approximately 760 mm long, down the front, marking 205 mm on the piece (since 205 mm is the desired height to keep the oil level filled to for the maximum 30 litres). Where a sight glass is available, the level of oil can be seen through the sight glass. The image below shows the maximum (30 litres) and minimum (20 litres). Exceeding the limit of 30 litres may cause oil leakage when in operation.



If the oil level is low, top it up with chainbar oil (the properties of which allow it to cling to the chains longer). Use Total/Finol Chainac MP, if available, or a suitable equivalent, with a volumetric mass of 879 kg/m³ at 15° C and a viscosity rating of 150 mm²/s at 40° C. Do not use grease on the chains, as it is unsuitable for the application and will not allow for the lubrication of the vital internal parts of the chain.

8.2 Chain tensioning (540 RPM):

- CAUTION:**
For the first month of ownership (i.e., during the chain bedding-in period), it is recommended to check chain tension daily (see next section).

Over the lifetime of the machine, the drive chains will extend slightly over time. To combat this issue as per the image above, all KEENAN machines are fitted with chain tensioners on the slack side of the chain.

Primary chain: This preload tension can be set by loosening the locknut and adjusting the upper spring seat. The correct tension will be applied to the chain when the compression spring is compressed to 165 mm, as shown below.

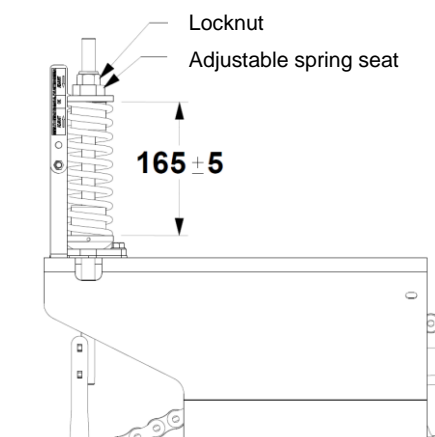


Figure 10: KEENAN MechFiber380 primary chain tensioner — 540 RPM

Rotor and auger chain: This preload tension can be set by loosening the locknut and adjusting the spring seat. The correct tension will be applied to the chain when the compression springs are compressed to 250 mm, as shown below.

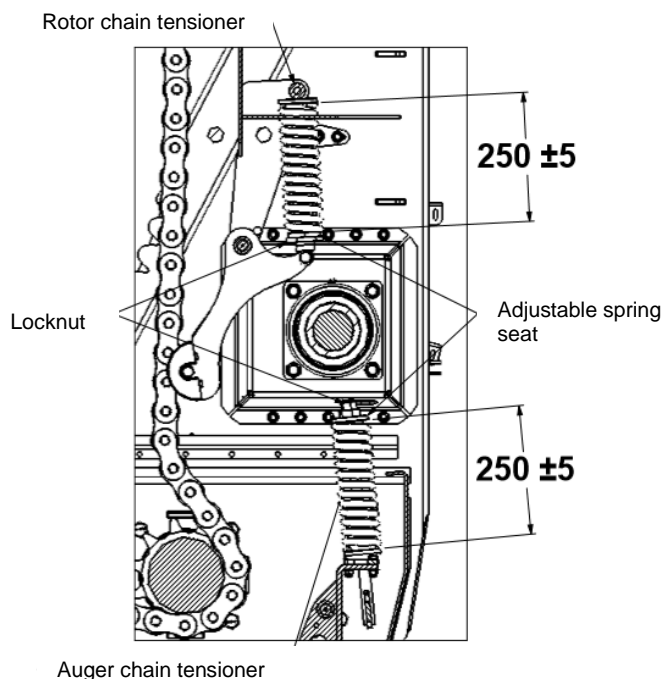


Figure 10.1: MechFiber380 rotor and auger chain tensioners — 540 RPM

8.3 Chain tensioning (1000 RPM):

Primary chain: This preload tension can be set by loosening the locknut and adjusting the upper spring seat. The correct tension will be applied to the chain when the compression spring is compressed to 165 mm, as shown below on the right.

Secondary chain: This preload tension can be set by loosening the locknut and adjusting the upper spring seat. The correct tension will be applied to the chain when the compression spring is compressed to 165 mm, as shown below on the left.

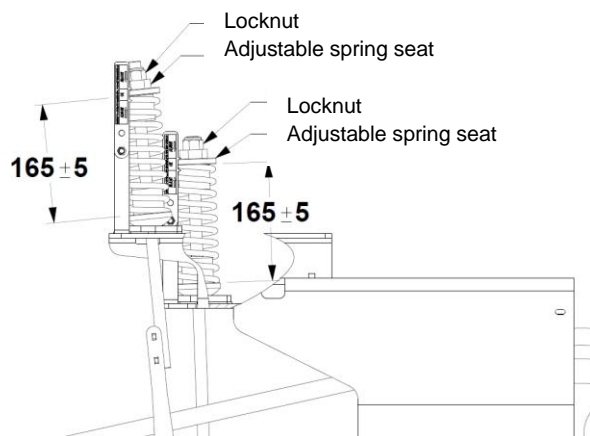


Figure 11: KEENAN MechFiber380 primary chain tensioner — 1000 RPM

Rotor and auger chain: This preload tension can be set by loosening the locknut and adjusting the spring seat. The correct tension will be applied to the chain when the compression springs are compressed to 250 mm, as shown below.

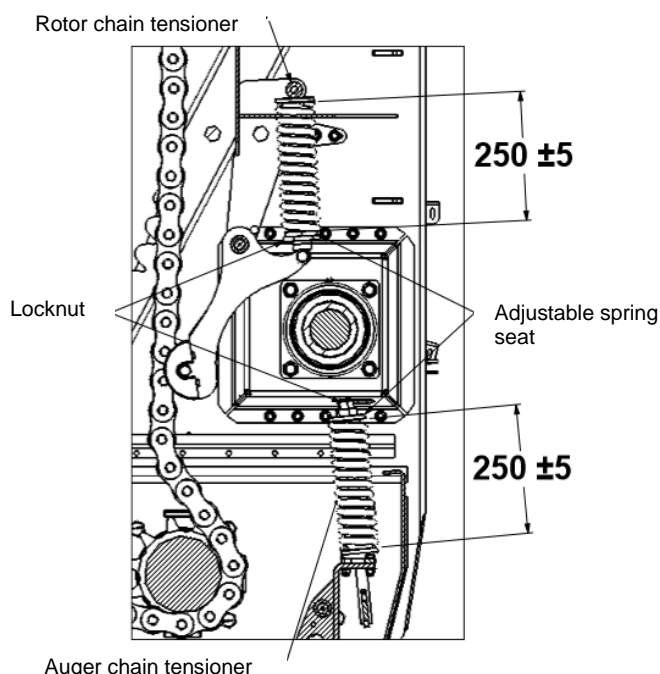


Figure 11.1: MechFiber380 rotor and auger chain tensioners — 1000 RPM



CAUTION:

Failure to maintain oil on the chains may reduce the machine's working life by 90%. Chain damage is not covered by factory warranty. See warranty section for more details.

8.4 Greasing

The table below outlines the points where greasing should be practiced at regular intervals and where particular grease points are located.

1. Bearings

Grease point	2
Grease point	3
Grease point	5
Grease point	4
Grease point	6
Grease point	7
Grease point	8
Grease point	12

2. Pivot pins

Pivot point	11
Pivot point	10
Pivot point	9
Pivot point	1

3. VFC-door: Check that the VFC-door is able to move freely each day and grease external slides as appropriate.

Pivot point	16
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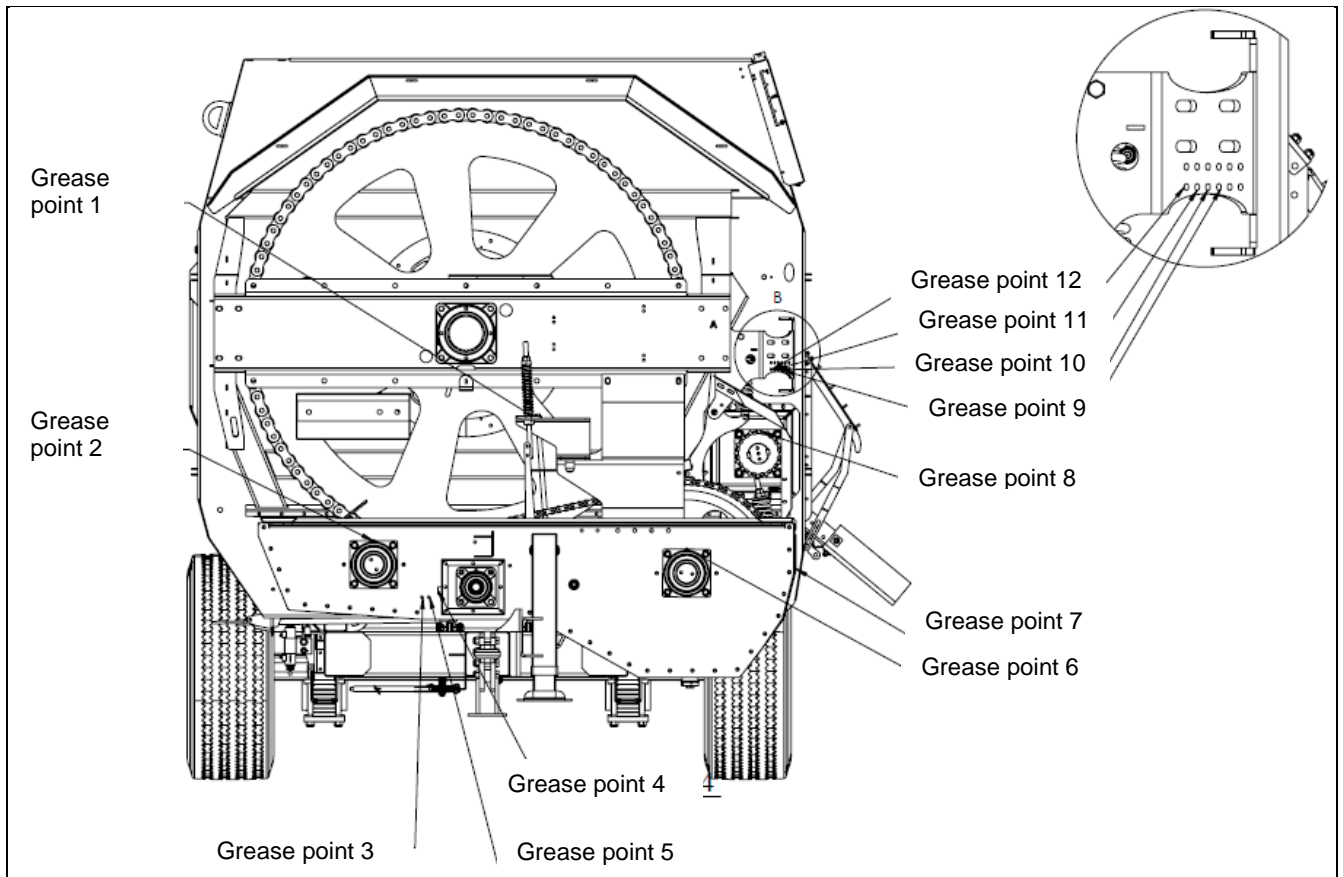


Figure 12: Front greasing points 1000 RPM

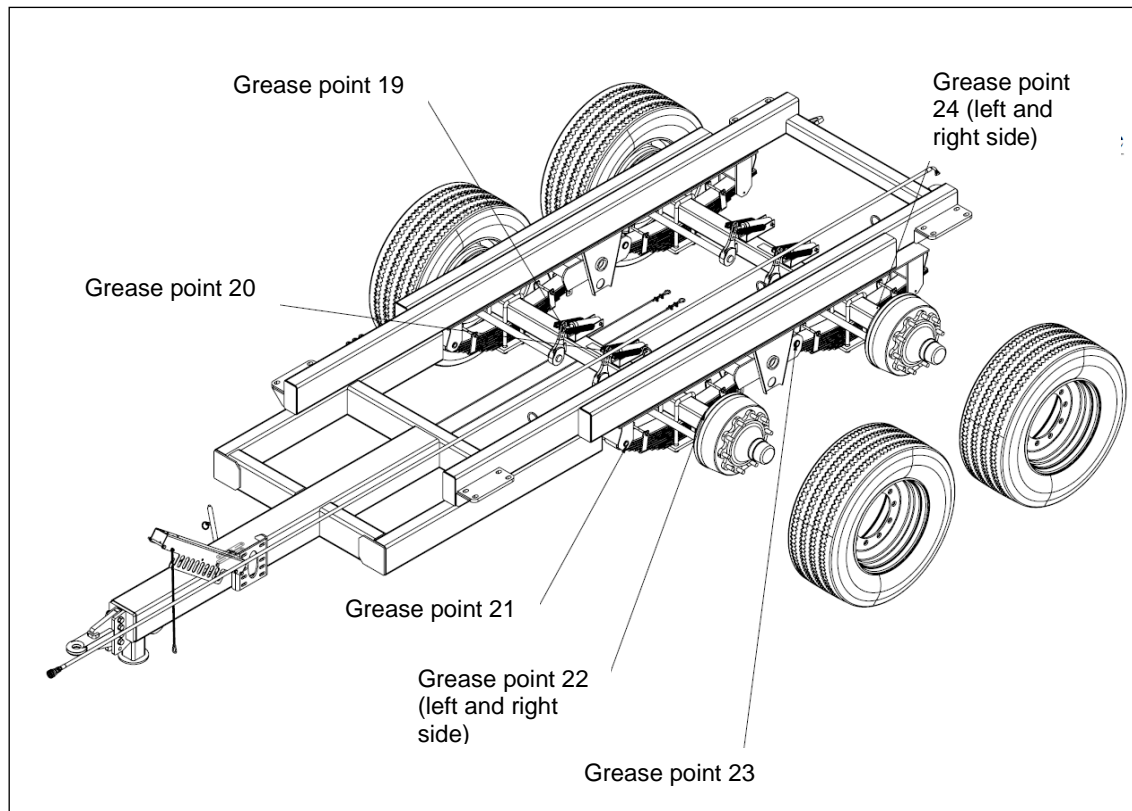


Figure 13: MechFiber380 chassis

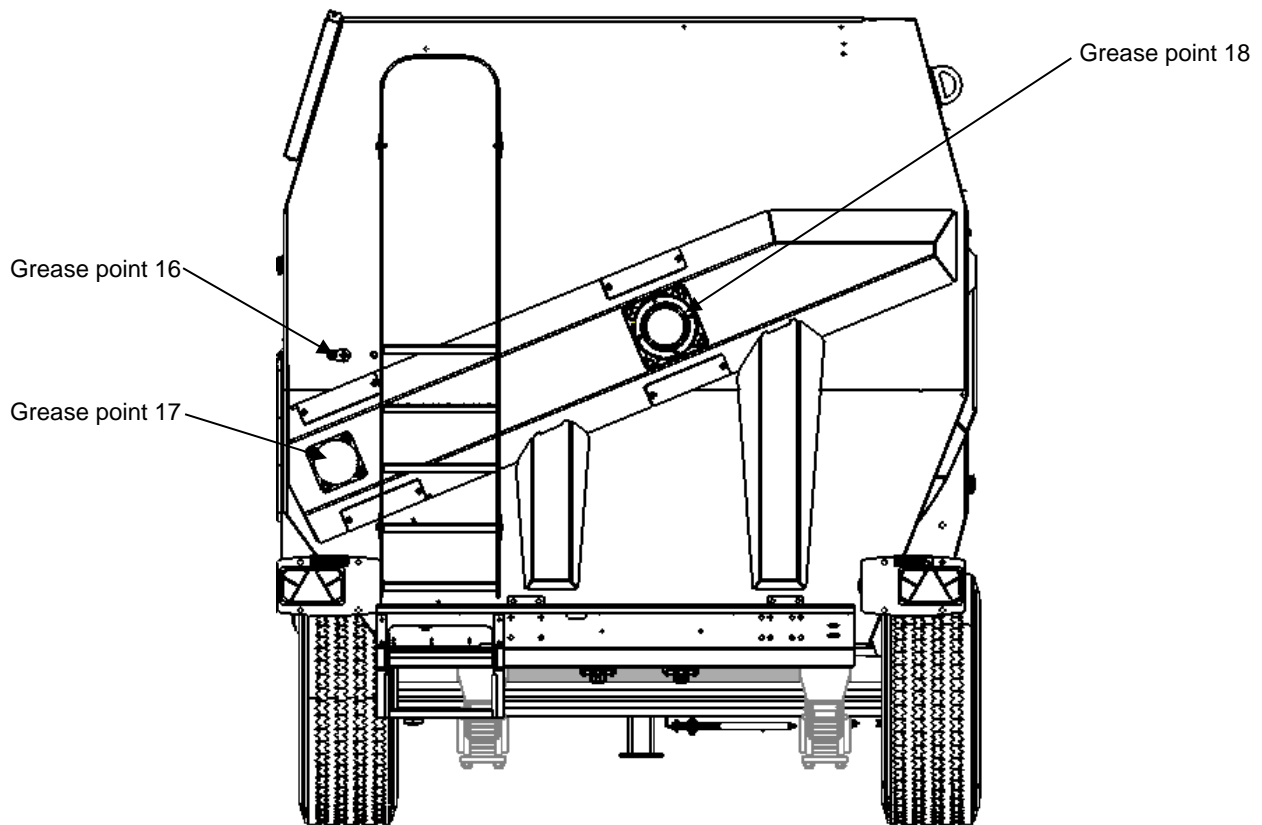


Figure 14: MechFiber380 rear

8.5 Maintenance of blades

Blade sharpening and/or replacement: It is recommended that only KEENAN-trained and/or qualified maintenance personnel should perform this task.

Blades must be kept sharp, as blunt blades will increase power requirements. Sharpening must be done without taking the temper from the blades (without overheating). Blades can be sharpened many times, but when this is no longer practical, they must be replaced.

8.6 Maintenance for bale handler models

There is a grease nipple fitted at the pivot point of each bale handler tine on the auger chamber side of the machine. The grease nipple is fitted to the head of each M24 tine bolt. The following maintenance should be completed on a monthly basis:

- 1: Apply grease to each of the tine bolt grease points individually.
- 2: The M24 tine bolt lock nuts should be checked for tightness. They should be tight enough to prevent the tine from having any side movement but still allow it to fall under its own weight when let drop.
- 3: The rubber buffer should also be checked for wear or signs of damage, which may affect its shock absorption. The optimum tine-to-top-knife gap is **235 mm ± 10 mm**, but this may vary depending on application and the design of the tine fitted. Please consult your local service centre for settings.

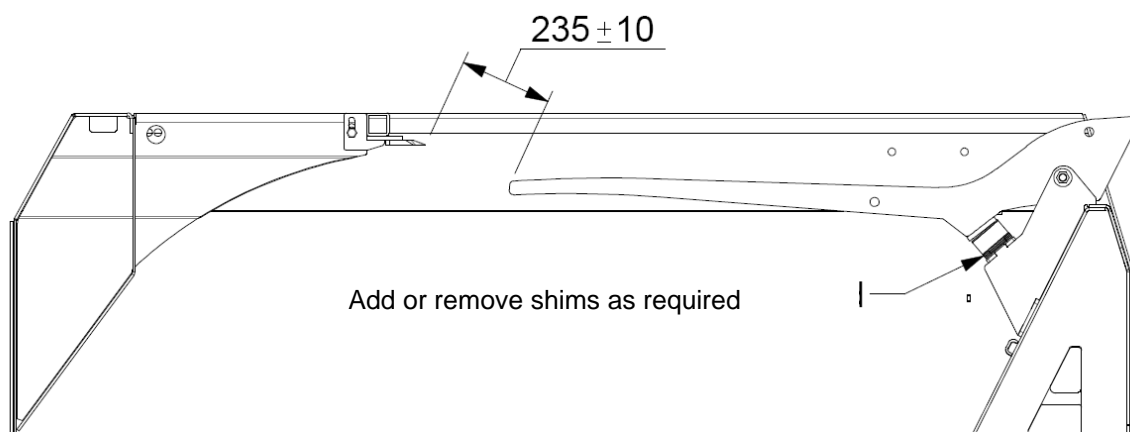


Figure 15: Bale handler tine to top knife setting

4: Check that the operation of the creel, both up and down, is smooth and unobstructed.

5: Check that the creel rubber is in place, is undamaged and is lowering and raising with the creel.

Note: The creel rubber is fitted to prevent material from sitting on the top knife of the machine, additionally preventing a build-up of material from getting under the creel and damaging it as it is lowered. To prevent damage to this rubber, do not drop material on it from a height when loading material onto bale handler arms.

8.7 Shear bolt

The following are the recommended shear bolts to be used with the KEENAN MechFiber380:

PTO speed range	Shaft	Shear bolt	Part no.
540 rpm	T80 and V80	M12 x 70 x 5.6	705410
1000 rpm	T60 and V60	M10 x 60 x 4.6	700235

Table 5: Shear bolt specification



CAUTION:

Failure to use the correct grade of shear bolt can result in overload failure of the machine and will invalidate your warranty.

8.8 Nuts and bolts

1. After the first day, and regularly thereafter, inspect wheel nuts and tandem axle U-bolts (where fitted).
2. After the first week, and each week thereafter, check all nuts and bolts, including bearing nuts, for tightness.

Stud/bolt type	FT/LB	Nm
M22	335	450
M20	260	350
M18	200	270

Table 6.1: General torque for wheel studs

U-bolt diameter (mm)	Tightening torque (Nm)
18	230
22	450
24	500
27	600

Table 6.2: Recommended torque for U-bolts for tandem axles

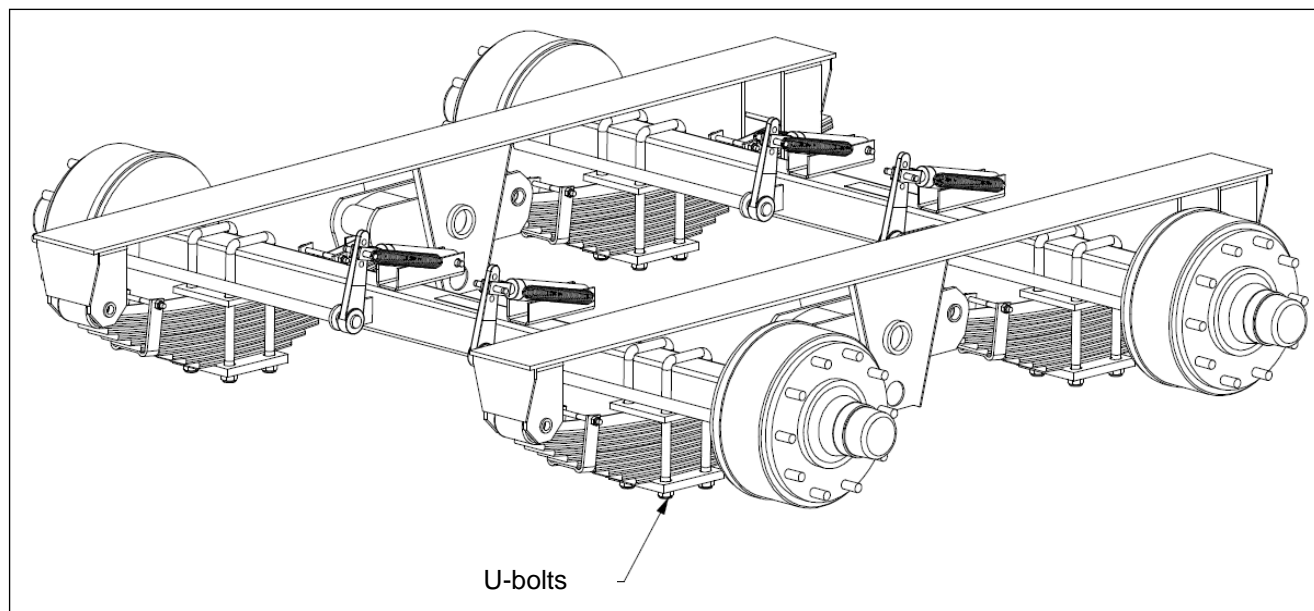


Figure 16: U-bolt position on tandem

8.9 Tyres

1. Each week, check the tyres for wear and damage.
2. Each week, check the tyre pressure. Optimum tyre pressures are shown in Table 7.

This information is given as a guide. If in doubt, please contact a KEENAN service representative.

Type	Bar	PSI
385/65 R22.5 (15 R22.5)	9	130
445/45 R19.5	9	130
385/55 R22.5	9	130

Table 7: Tyre pressure



WARNING:

When refitting and re-inflating tyre/wheel assemblies, a safety cage should be used to prevent possible injury. Incorrectly fitted tyres are dangerous. Please make sure tyre repairs are carried out by experienced tyre fitters.

8.10 Wheels

1. Each year, lever off the hub cap, remove the split pin and castle nut and remove the hub.
2. Check seals, bearings, brake shoes, springs, studs and all other internal parts.
3. Replace worn parts, re-grease and refit.

Note: When re-fitting the wheels, tighten the castle nut until resistance is felt (do not over-tighten). Release the castle nut 1/6 of a revolution and check for movement in the hub; if none, re-fit the split pin.

Note: At the end of the feeding season, wash the machine down thoroughly, preferably using a power washer. Grease or oil all lubrication points and open the drain bung on the bottom of the machine.

Changing a wheel

- Park the diet feeder on level ground and apply the handbrake.
- Fit chocks to opposite wheels to prevent machine movement during the operation. Loosen the wheel nuts with a wrench, but do not remove the nuts at this stage.
- Jack up the diet feeder underneath the axle until the bottom of the wheel is off the ground. Remove the nuts completely and slide off the wheel.
- Refit the wheel, ensuring that the centre of the wheel is properly located on the hub, and hand-tighten the wheel nuts.
- Lower the machine and tighten the nuts to the recommended torque using suitable equipment.
- Check the wheel nuts for tightness after 1 hour of use, and repeat on a weekly basis.

8.11 Rear feed-out elevator (where fitted)

An elevator system requires regular maintenance in order to achieve optimal performance. Every week, the elevator needs to be checked to make sure that the belt is running straight and not wearing unevenly on one side. If the belt is not running straight, adjust the tensioner nut on the side, and run it again to check.

The elevator surface should be kept clean at all times to keep feed from building up and falling into the rollers during operation. Do not allow old feed to build up on the sides of the belt.

Each week, ensure that the bearings are greased (as per Figure 17 below). Ensure that the elevator is free-moving in each direction and that there is no feed caught in the slideways. Replace belts and side rubbers when they become worn; otherwise, the elevator will not function properly. Refer to the Rear Feed-Out Operator Manual Supplement for spare parts, maintenance and operation

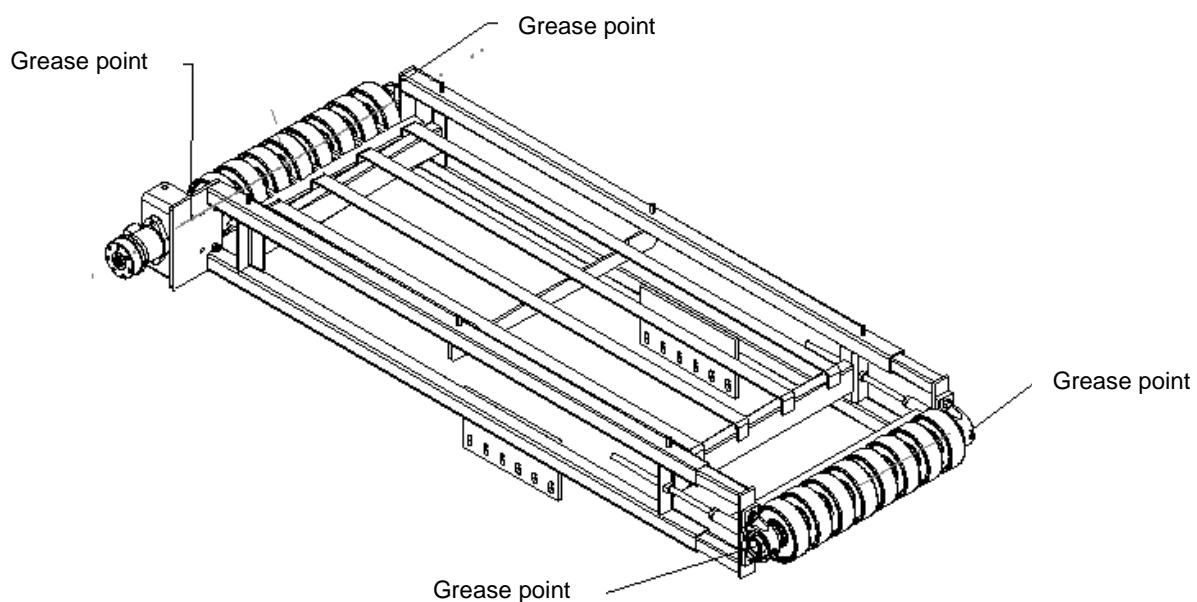


Figure 17: Rear feed-out elevator greasing points

8.12 Side and stub feed-out elevator (where fitted)

An elevator system requires regular maintenance in order to achieve optimum performance. Every week, the elevator should be checked to make sure that the belt is running straight and not wearing unevenly on one side. If the belt is not running straight, then adjust the tension by adjusting the tensioner nut on the side, and run it again to check.

The elevator surface needs to be kept clean at all times in order to keep feed from building up and falling into the rollers during operation. Do not allow old feed to build up on the sides of the belt.

Each week, ensure that the bearings are greased, as per Figure 18 and 18a below. Ensure that the elevator is free-moving in each direction and there is no feed caught in the slideways.

Replace belts and side rubbers when they become worn; otherwise, elevator will not function properly.

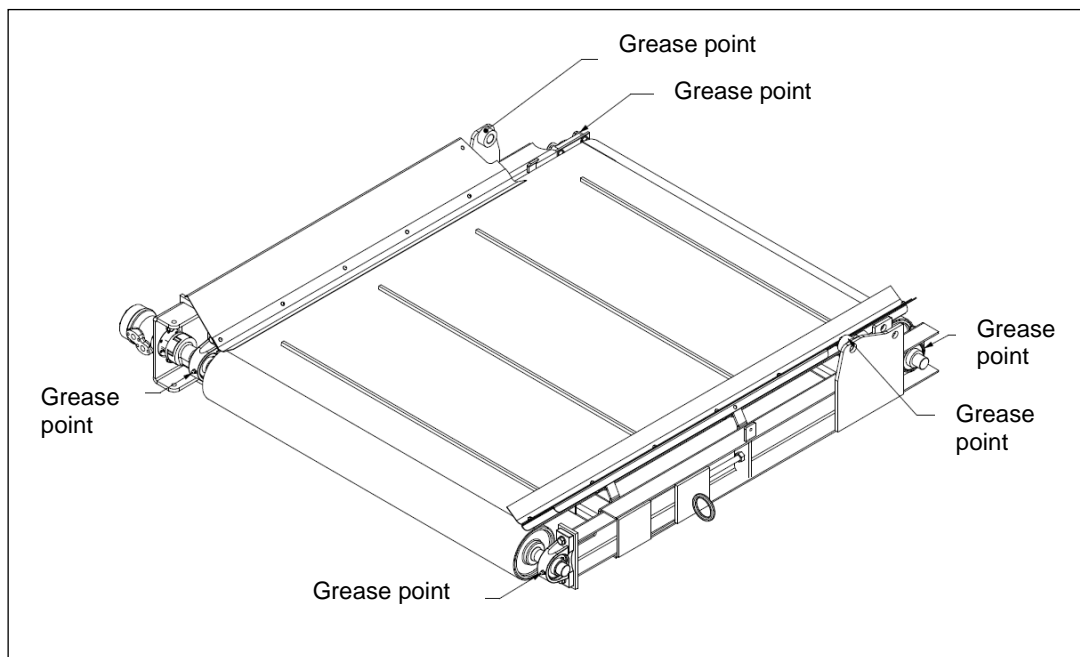


Figure 18: Side elevator greasing points

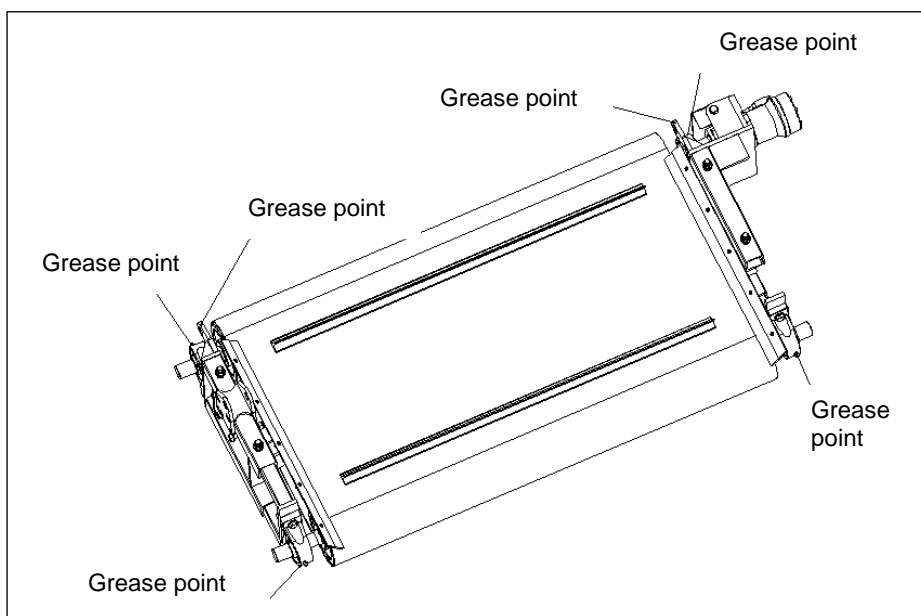


Figure 18a: Stub elevator greasing points

9 Maintenance checklist

Daily

- Cleaning:** Clean all old feed from around the body to prevent corrosion and damage to paint.
- VFC-door:** Before using the machine, check that the door opens and shuts fully and operates smoothly.

Weekly (40 hours)

- PTO input shaft:** Grease the universal joints (2 nipples) and the sliding half shafts (smear grease on surfaces). For further information, please refer to the PTO Maintenance Booklet supplied with the PTO.
- Input shaft bearings:** Grease the drive input-shaft bearings (2 nipples).
- Primary idler shaft:** Grease the front and rear idler shaft bearings (2 nipples).
- Secondary idler shaft:** Grease the front and rear idler shaft bearings (2 nipples) — 1000 RPM driveline.
- Rotor bearings:** Grease the front and rear rotor bearings (2 nipples).
- Feed discharge auger:** Grease the front and rear auger bearings (2 nipples).
- Chain tensioner arms:** Grease the pivot points on each of all 4 tensioner arms.
- Rotor chain tensioner spring seat:** Grease the pivot points of the spring seats and the centre shaft (x 6).
- Chain tensioner sprockets:** Grease the primary and secondary chain tensioner sprocket bearings (2 nipples).
- Tandem suspension:** Each brake rod (8 nipples).
Each brake arm (4 nipples).
Each spring front pin (4 nipples).
Each spring centre pivot assembly (2 nipples).
- VFC-door (guillotine):** Grease the door's hydraulic cylinders (4 nipples) and the slide plates (smear grease on surfaces).
- Drive chains:** Check condition of all 3 drive chains and their tensioners. Keep oil bath reservoir at recommended level with Total/Finol Chainac MP.
- Tyres:** Check that tyres are inflated to the recommended pressures and make sure the wheel nuts are tight.

Monthly (160 hours)

- Bale handler:** Grease each tine pivot and check the tines for looseness.
- Tine buffer:** Check for cracks, splits or degradation. Replace, if necessary.

Yearly (or 450 hours)

- Drive chains:** Open oil bath drain bung and drain off existing oil. Wash off all dirt and old oil, using paraffin, then dry. Refill bath with new oil to required level (see Section 8.1) and run machine for 5-10 minutes to ensure all chains have been lubricated.

Machine:

Before storage, wash the complete machine, then grease or oil all weekly lubrication points as above. Open the drain bung in the mixing chamber. Check tyre pressures. Store the machine under cover or under a tarpaulin, if possible.

Electronic weigh box:

If the machine is to be stored, remove the weigh box unit from the machine and keep in a dry place. Lightly grease the load cell cable connector end and place into a plastic bag.

Wheels:

Remove and inspect wheel hub. Replace worn parts, redress and re-fit.

Blades:

Blades need to be kept sharpened. This will have to be done without taking the temper from (overheating) the blades. If the machine is operated with blunt blades, it will place major stress on the drive system. Blades may have to be replaced when it is no longer practical to sharpen them.

**WARNING:**

Due to the hazards of entering the mixing chamber, it is recommended that all blade replacement is carried out by a KEENAN-authorized service agent who is specially trained to do this. Contact your local agent (see back cover for details).

10 Specification

10.1 Weight

Model weight		MechFiber380	MechFiber380 bale handler
Unladen	kgs	12,750	13,750
	lbs	28,110	30,314
Payload	kgs	9,000	9,000
	lbs	19,840	19,840
Gross	kgs	21,750	22,750
	lbs	47,950	50,154

Table 8: Machine weights

Note:

Weights may vary depending on exact specifications.

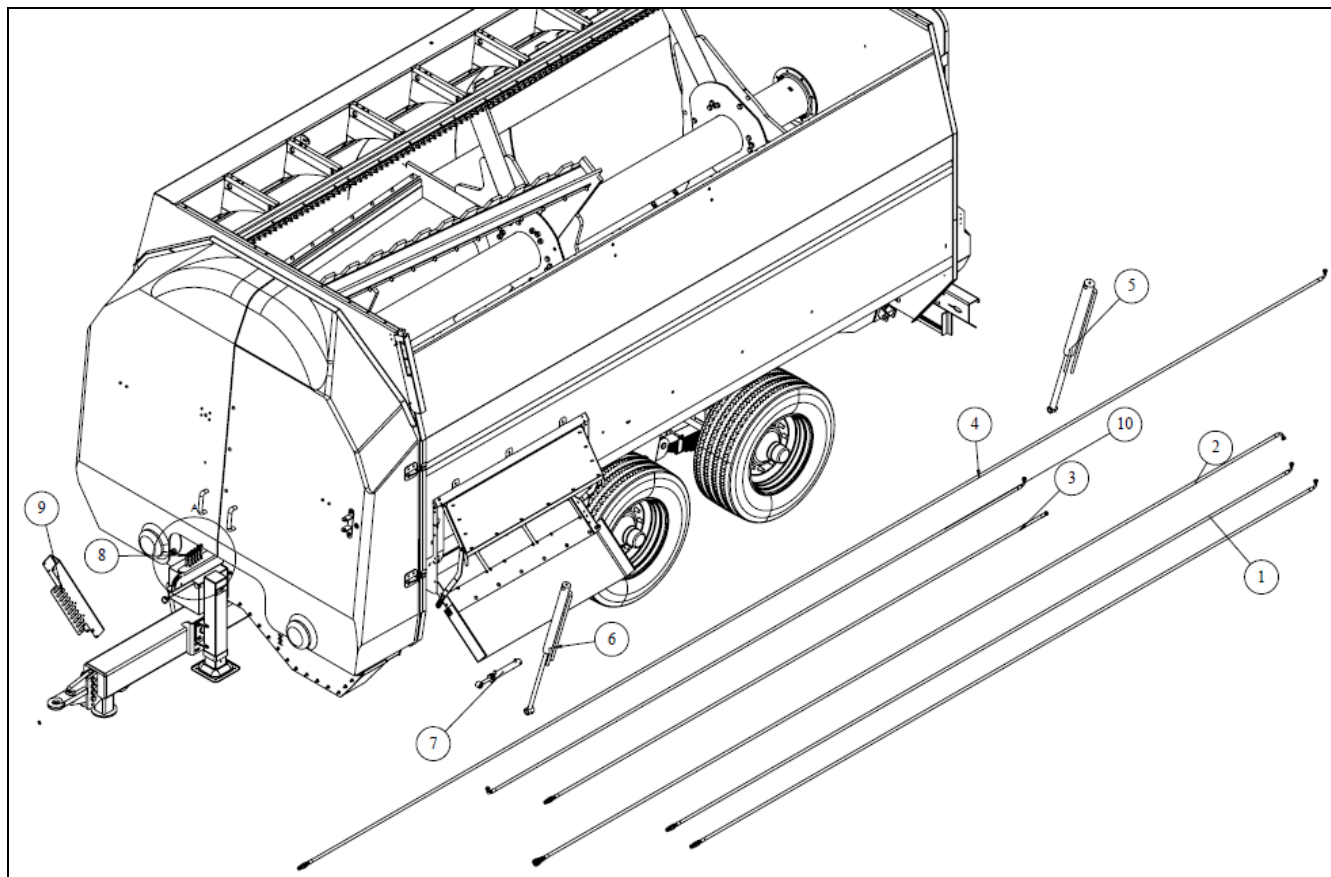
* The pre-mix or caustic soda capacity is 7,500 kgs/17,600 lbs., due to its nature in weight and density. Further advisements can be found in Sections 7.3 (on diet feeder capacity) and 7.4 (on loading and mixing).

PART II

(Spare Parts)

11. Parts list

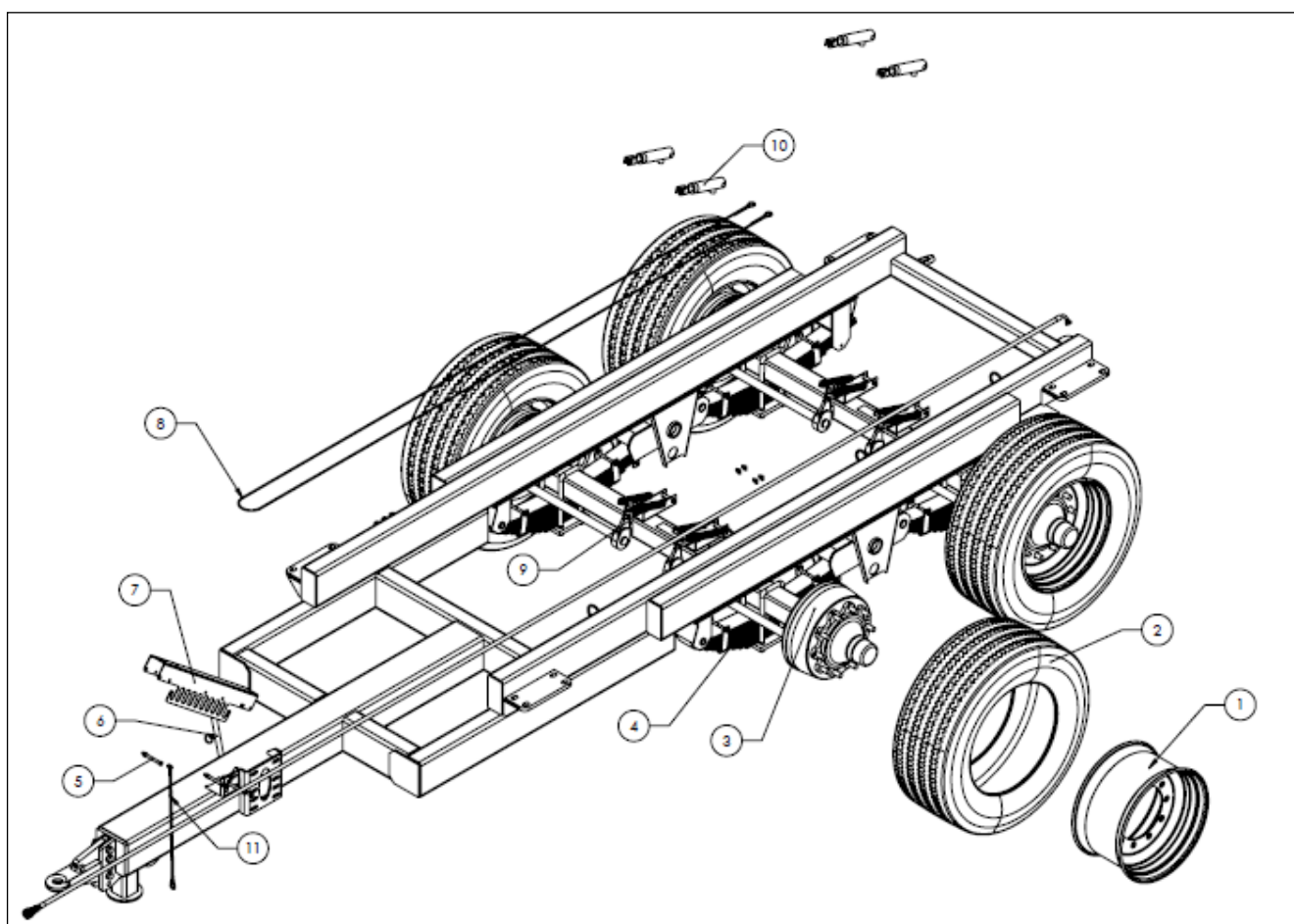
11.1 Hydraulic system parts



Item	P/N	Qty	Description
1	703145	2	1/2" male–3/8" female 90-degree X 5,700 mm hydraulic hose
2	704622	1	Hydraulic hose assembly, 6,850 mm long
3	701514	1	VFC-door hose assembly – 4,560 mm – tractor to front ram
4	701515	1	VFC-door hose assembly – 9,450 mm – tractor to rear ram
5	704954	1	Rear VFC-door ram (Keen 51)
6	704955	1	Front VFC-door ram (Keen 52)
7	703591	1	6" stroke feed-out tray ram assembly
8	702869	10	M12 x 70 (4.6 grade) shear bolt
9	FP160-001-0094	1	Hydraulic hose arm
10	701513	1	VFC-door – 4,930 mm – front ram to rear ram

Table 9: Hydraulic system

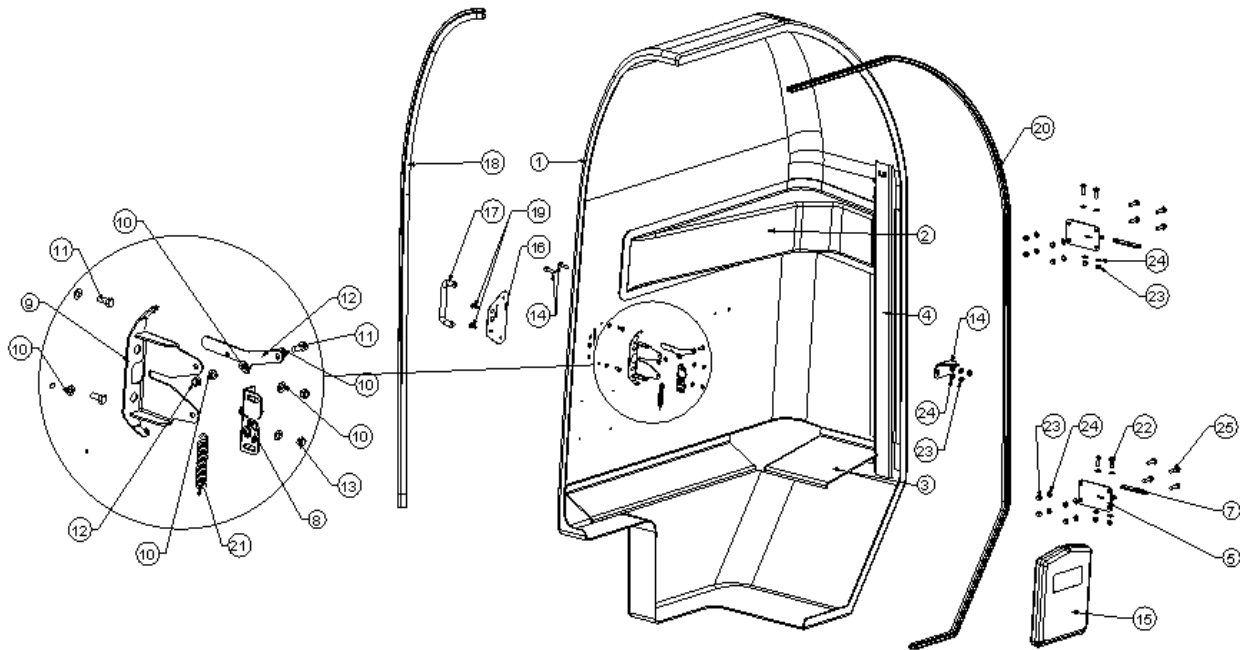
11.2 Chassis parts



Item No.	Qty.	P/N	Description
1	4	702309	Wheel rim 11.75" x 22.5", 10 stud
2	4	702774	385/55R 22.5 remould tyre
3	2	704719	110 mm section x 2,300 mm wide 10 stud straight axle
	1	703682	Steering option – 110 mm section x 2,400 mm wide 10 stud straight axle
	1	704777	Steering option – 110 mm section x 2,400 mm wide 10 stud steering axle
4	4	703681	Suspension assembly
5, 7, 11	1	FP160-001-0095	Hose holder assembly arm
6	1	FP300-001-0089	Handbrake assembly
8	1	702038	Handbrake cable
9	4	N/A	Brake arm, part of axle
10	4	700832	Brake ram
12	1	FP380-001-0024	Hitch assembly
13	4	700290	Bolt M20 x 100 mm (grade 8.8)
14	8	700733	M20 flat washer
15	4	700305	M20 nylock nut

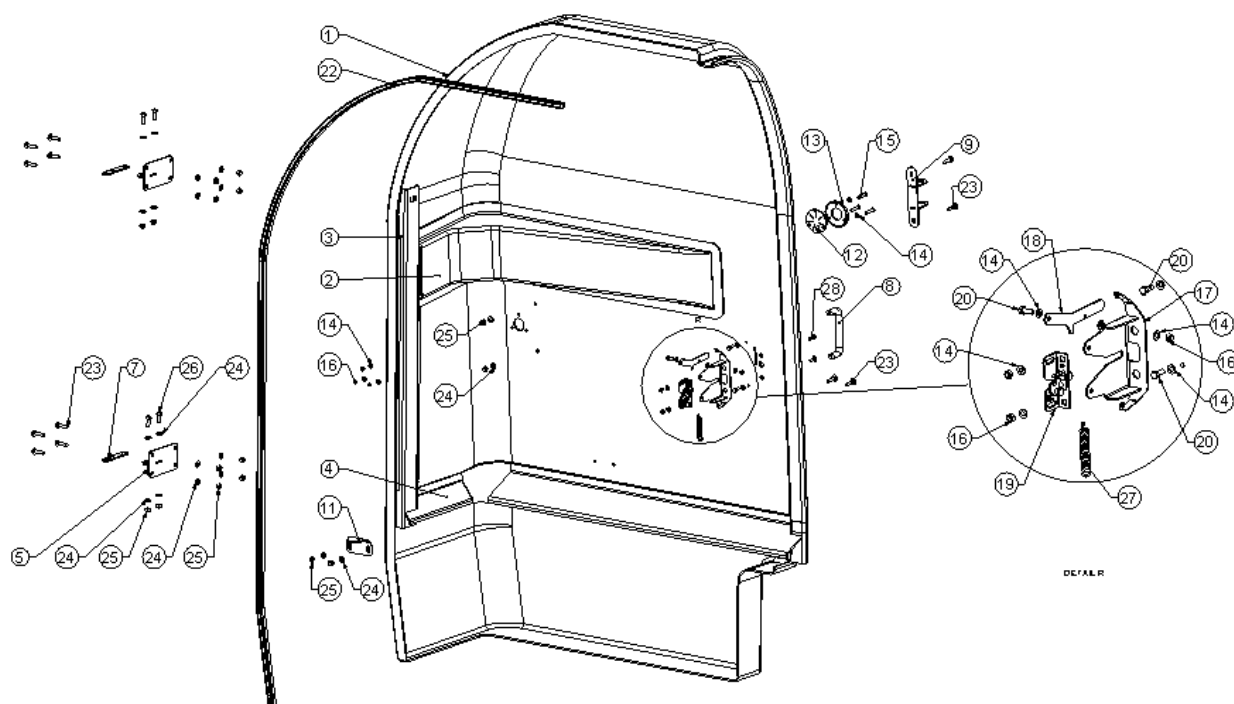
Table 10: Chassis assembly

11.3 Front covers



Item:	P/N:	Qty:	Description:
1	FP380-038-0017	1	MF380 fiberglass front guard (right side)
2	FP380-038-0024	1	MF380 front guard top rib (right side)
3	FP380-038-0023	1	MF380 front guard oil deflector panel (right side)
4	FP200-037-0079	1	MF345/365 front guard vertical rib (left side)
5	FP200-037-0065	2	Front cover hinge mount base plate
6	FP380-037-0052	2	Fiber glass door adjustable door hinge bracket
7	FP380-037-0057	2	Fiber glass hinge adjustment bracket
8	706015	1	Fibreglass door camlock unit
9	FP200-037-0093	1	Camlock mounting bracket
10	700736	7	Washer m8 flat
11	700208	3	Screws m8 x 20 setscrews
12	FP200-037-0094	1	Secondary fail safe latch
13	700223	3	M8 nyloc nut
14	FP200-037-0113	1	Front cover gas strut outer mounting bracket
15	706086	1	A4 flat document box
16	FP200-037-0095	1	Camlock outer plate
17	701363	1	Handles, u-shape, 160mm hole centres, for front guards
18	FP380-038-0025	1	Mf380 front cover inner seal
19	702256	2	M8 x 25mm cuphead bolt
20	FP380-038-0026	1	MF380 front cover outer seal - rhs
21	701277	1	3" spring
22	702111	4	M10 x 30 setscrew
23	700241	14	M10 locknut
24	700729	18	Washers m10 flat
25	700251	10	M10 x 40 cup head bolt, bzp, gr: 8.8

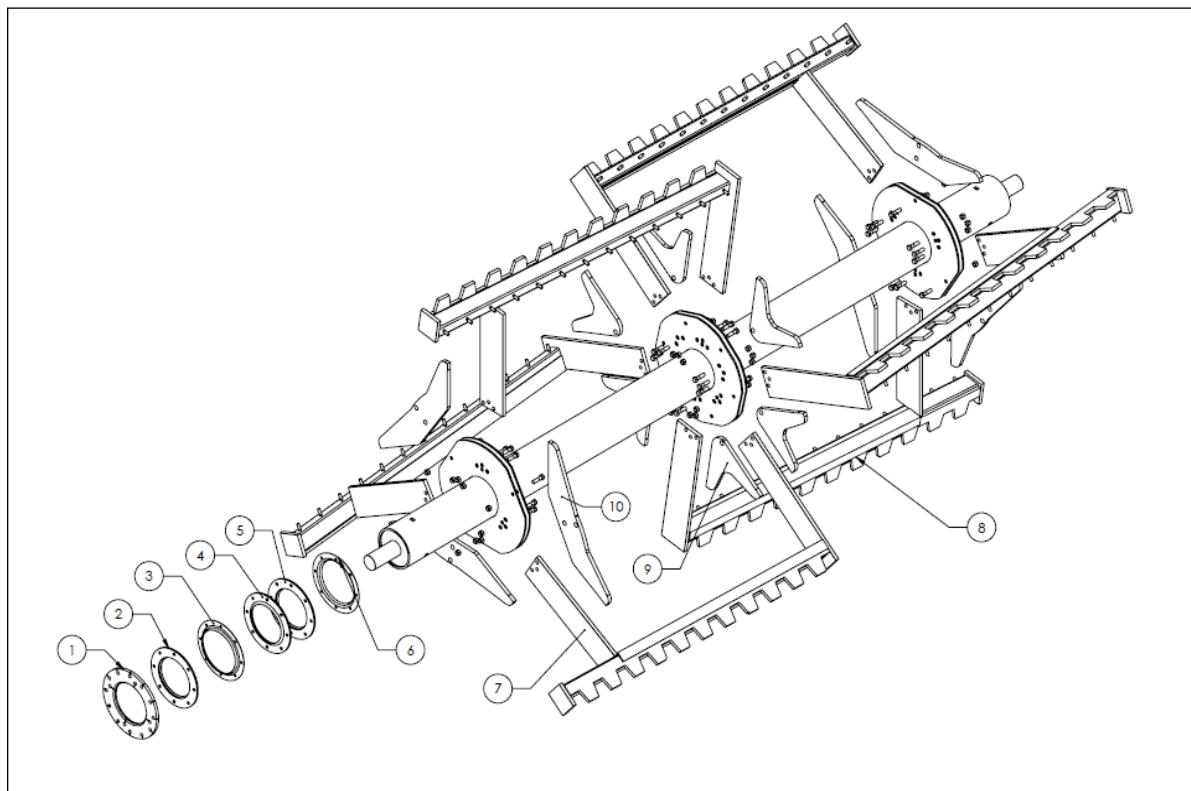
Table 11: Fiberglass front covers



Item:	P/N:	Qty:	Description:
1	FP380-037-0084	1	MF380 fibreglass front guard (left side)
2	FP380-037-0088	1	MF380 front guard horizontal rib (left side)
3	FP200-037-0079	1	MF345/365 front guard vertical rib (left side)
4	FP380-037-0087	1	MF380 front guard upper oil deflector panel (left side)
5	FP200-037-0065	2	Front cover hinge mount base plate
6	FP380-037-0052	2	Fiber glass door adjustable door hinge bracket
7	FP380-037-0057	2	Fiber glass hinge adjustment bracket
8	701363	1	Handles, u-shape, 160mm hole centres, for front guards
9	FP380-037-0081	1	Weighbox arm mounting bracket base plate
10	FP300-037-0036	2	Weighbox arm mounting bracket pivot plate
11	FP200-037-0113	1	Front cover gas strut outer mounting bracket
12	FP200-037-0114	1	Weighing cable gland seal (7 hole)
13	FP200-037-0115	1	Weighing cable gland seal outer retainer
14	700736	13	Washer m8 flat
15	700214	3	M8 x 40mm setscrew - 8.8 grade
16	700223	6	M8 nyloc nut
17	FP200-037-0093	1	Camlock mounting bracket
18	FP200-037-0094	1	Secondary fail safe latch
19	706015	1	Fibreglass door camlock unit
20	700208	3	M8 x 20 setscrews
21	FP200-037-0095	1	Camlock outer plate
22	FP380-037-0089	1	MF380 front cover outer seal - lhs
23	700251	12	M10 x 40 cup head bolt, bzp, gr: 8.8
24	700729	21	Washers m10 flat
25	700241	16	M10 locknut
26	702111	4	M10 x 30 setscrew
27	701277	1	3" spring
28	702256	2	M8 x 25mm cuphead bolt

Table 11a: Fiberglass front covers

11.3 Rotor parts



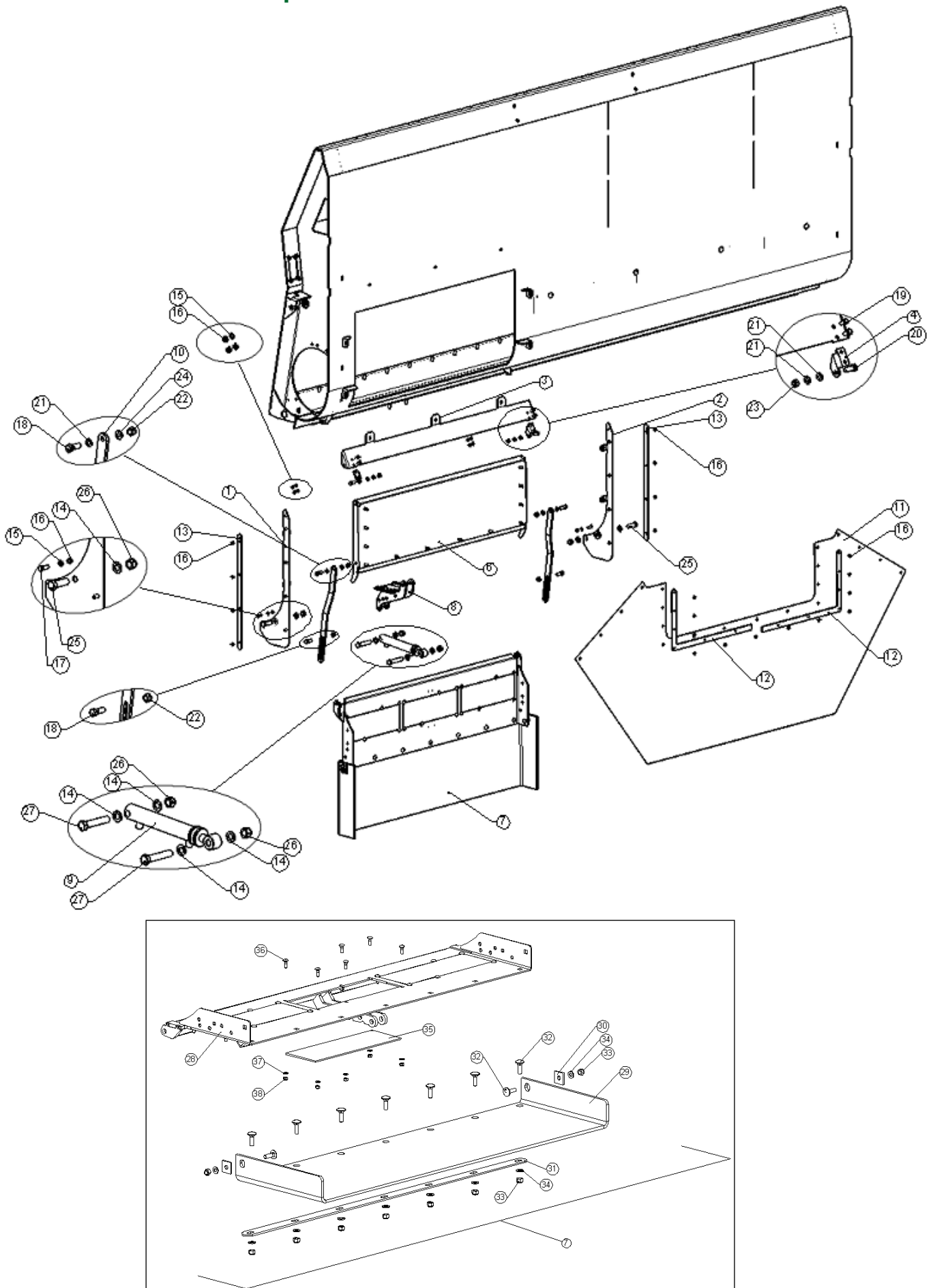
Item No.	Qty.	P/N	Description
1	1	703653	Rotor flange
2	1	703655	Rubber seal, for rotor, 400 mm OD x 10 mm
3	1	FP280-007-063	Seal retainer
4	1	703655	Rubber seal, for rotor, 400 mm OD x 10 mm
5	1	703655	Rubber seal, for rotor, 400 mm OD x 10 mm
6	1	FP280-007-063	Seal retainer plate
7	1	FP380-008-0001	Paddle assembly, front
8	1	FP380-008-0004	Paddle assembly, rear
9	1	FP280-007-0090	Paddle block
10	1	FP280-007-0091	Paddle block

Paddle rubbers and retainer (not shown in diagram)

11	3	702289	Paddle rubber 20 mm, 2,500 X 200 (front)
12	3	702290	Paddle rubber 20 mm, 2,500 X 200 (rear)
13	2	FP200-008-0006	Paddle rubber retainer

Table 12: Rotor assembly

11.5 Standard feed-out parts



Item:	P/N:	Qty:	Description:
1	FP160-006-0429	1	Feed-out shroud front side plate assembly
2	FP160-006-0430	1	Feed-out shroud rear side plate assembly
3	FP160-006-0432	1	Feed-out shroud top plate
4	FP160-006-0088	1	Hinge bracket, feed-out door, right-hand side
5	FP160-006-0087	1	Hinge bracket, feed-out door, left-hand side
6	FP160-006-0090	1	Feed-out door assembly
7	FP160-006-0123	1	Standard tray assembly with rubber extension (P/N: 701403)
8	FP160-006-0044	1	Feed-out tray ram mounting plate assembly
9	703591	1	6" stroke hydraulic ram (KEEN-63)
10	FP080-006-0012	2	Feed-out door link arm
11	FP160-006-0072	1	Feed-out rubber shroud, rubber curtain
12	FP300-006-0095	2	Feed-out door shroud retainer
13	FP300-006-0096	2	Feed-out door shroud side retainer
14	700732	7	M16 flat washer
15	700736	6	M8 flat washer
16	700223	26	M8 nylock nut
17	700210	2	M8 x 25 set screw (HT)
18	700249	4	M12 x 35 set screw
19	700208	4	M8 x 20 set screw
20	702111	2	M10 x 30 set screw
21	700729	6	M10 flat washer
22	700266	4	M12 locknut
23	700241	2	M10 locknut
24	700730	2	M12 flat washer
25	700275	2	M16 x 50 bolt
26	700283	4	M16 locknut
27	700281	2	M16 x 90 bolt
28	FP160-006-0124	1	Standard feed-out tray assembly
29	701403	1	Feed-out rubber extension (standard)
30	EF106-79	2	Feed-out tray side rubber retainer
31	FP160-006-0224	1	Rubber retainer
32	705405	9	M12 x 40 cuphead bolt
33	700266	9	M12 locknut
34	700730	9	M12 flat washer
35	FP160-006-0270	3	Tray magnet hole blanking plate (standard)
35a	701366	3	Magnet plate (OE)
36	702256	18	M8 x 25 cuphead bolt
37	700736	18	M8 flat washer
38	700223	18	M8 nylock nut

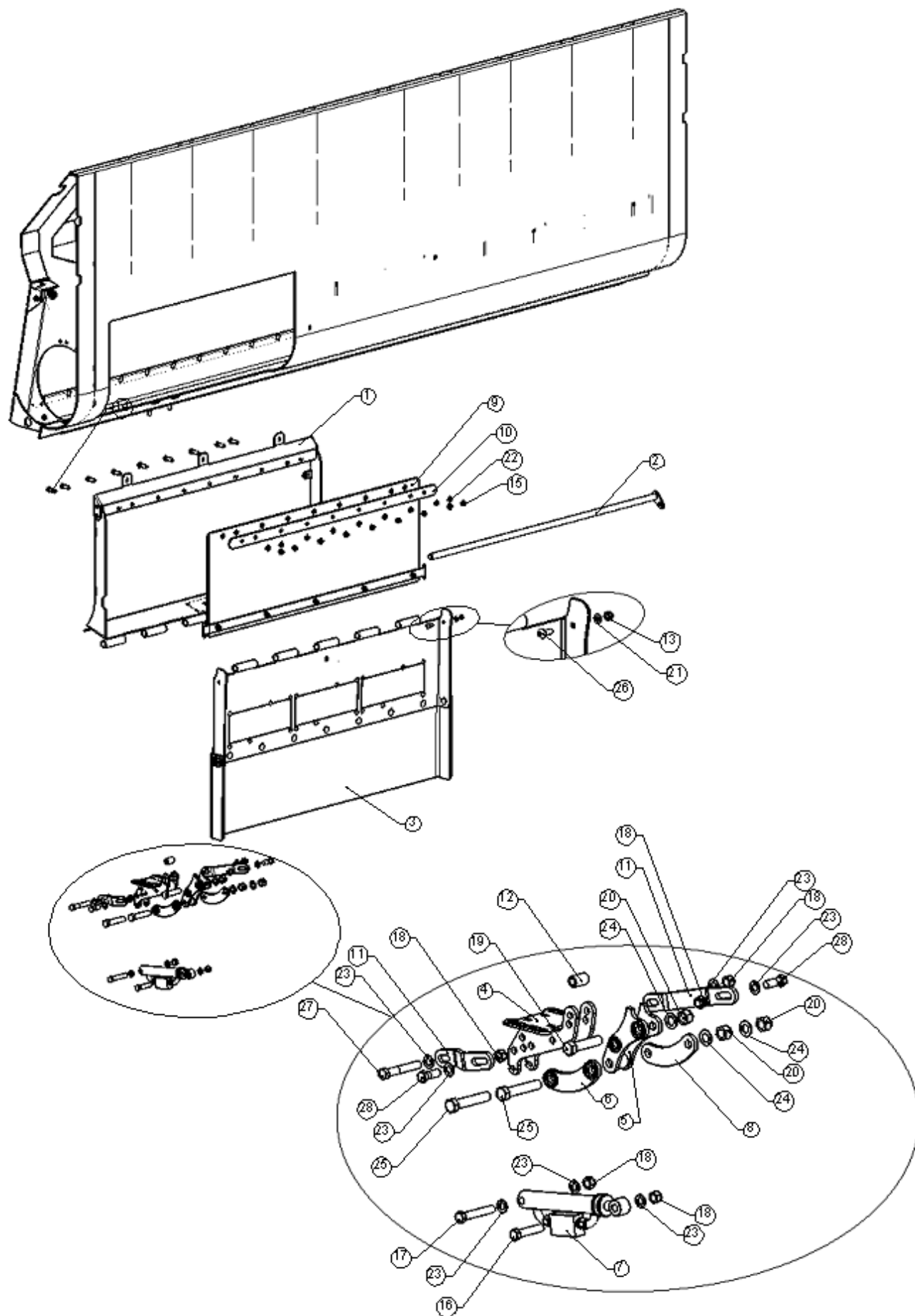
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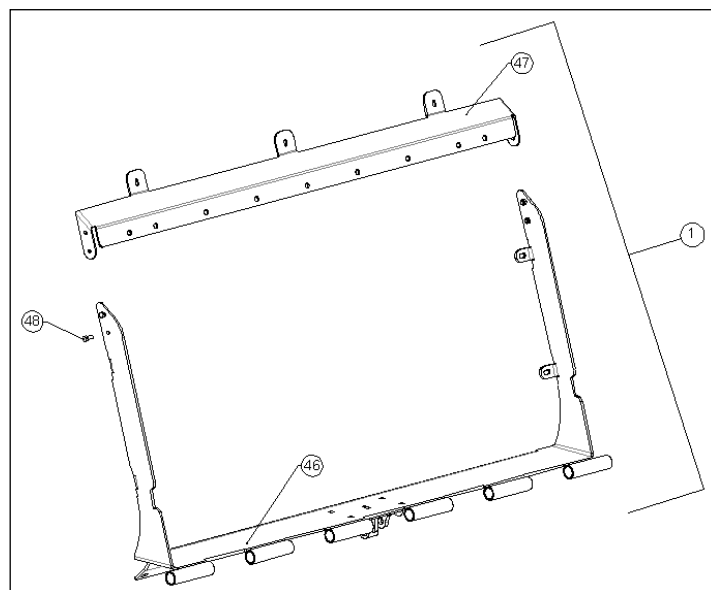
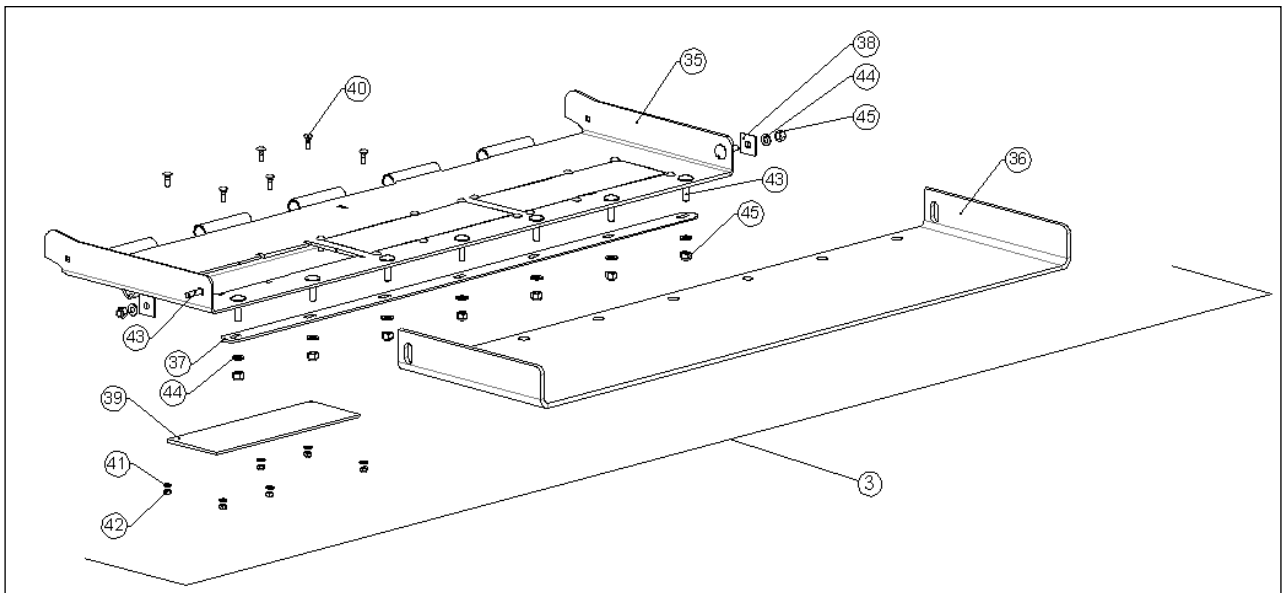
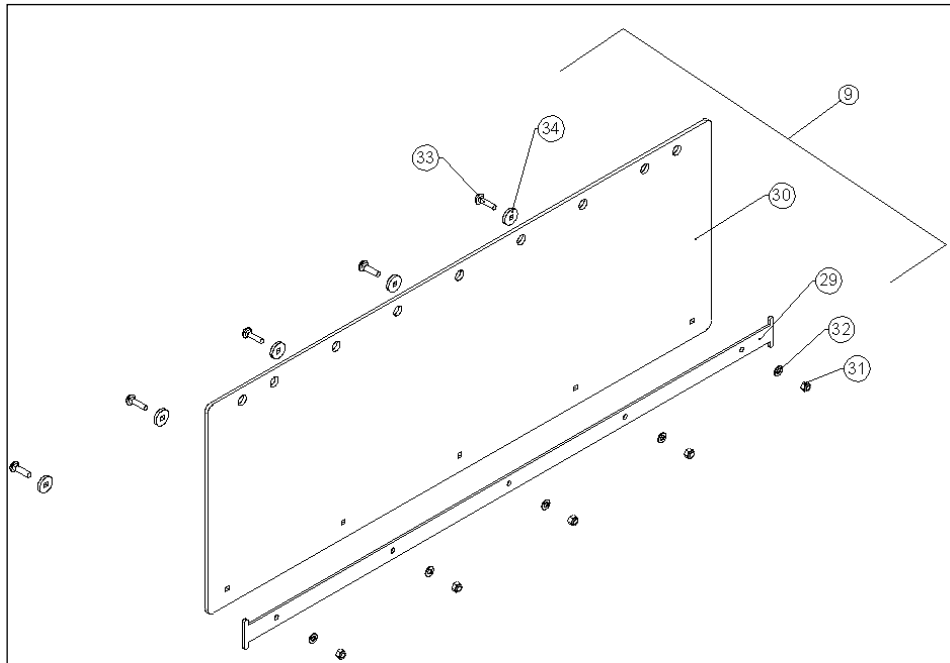
Note:

Complete standard feed-out kit P/N: FP160-006-0428

Feed-out tray can be supplied with the magnet assembly P/N: FP160-006-0071

11.6 Fold-down tray parts (optional extra option)





Item:	P/N:	Qty:	Description:
1	FP160-006-0417	1	Fold-down tray shelf assembly
2	FP170-006-0182	1	Fold-down tray hinge bar assembly
3	FP170-006-0191	1	Fold-down tray assembly and rubber
4	FP160-006-0044	1	Fold-down tray mounting plate assembly
5	FP170-006-0162	1	Fold-down tray inner link arm assembly
6	FP200-006-0340	1	Fold-down tray outer link arm assembly
7	705268	1	6" ram assembly with check valve (KEEN-63SP)
8	FP200-006-0332	1	Fold-down tray outer link arm — 127 mm centres
9	FP160-006-0427	1	Feed-out shroud rubber assembly
10	FP160-006-0061	1	Rubber retainer 1,400 mm wide
11	FP160-006-0420	2	Fold-down tray shelf to auger chamber tie plate
12	FP170-006-0156	1	Feed-out tray ram bracket spacer bush
13	700241	1	M10 locknut
14	700250	9	M12 x 40 set screw
15	700266	9	M12 locknut
16	700280	1	M16 x 80 bolt
17	700268	1	M16 x 100 bolt
18	700283	5	M16 locknut
19	700302	1	M20 x 90 bolt HT
20	700305	3	M20 nylock nut
21	700729	1	M12 locknut
22	700730	18	M12 flat washer
23	700732	7	M16 flat washer
24	700733	3	M20 flat washer
25	701488	2	M20 x 110 bolt HT
26	700226	1	M10 x 30 cuphead bolt
27	700269	1	M16 x 110 bolt
28	700274	2	M16 x 45 bolt
29	FP170-006-0187	1	Feed-out shroud rubber lower retainer plate
30	FP160-006-0422	1	Feed-out shroud rubber
31	700241	5	M10 locknut
32	700729	5	M10 flat washer
33	700251	5	M10 x 40 cuphead bolt
34	FP170-006-0188	5	Retainer plate washer
35	FP170-006-0178	1	Fold-down tray assembly
36	FP170-006-0186	1	Fold-down tray rubber extension
37	FP160-006-0224	1	Rubber retainer
38	EF106-79	2	Side rubber retainer plate
39	FP160-006-0272	3	Tray magnet hole blanking plate (standard)
39a	701366	3	Magnet plate (oe)
40	700212	18	M8 x 30 bolt
41	700736	18	M8 flat washer
42	700223	18	M8 nylock nut
43	702500	9	M12 x 45 cuphead bolt
44	700730	9	M12 flat washer
45	700266	9	M12 locknut
46	FP160-006-0418	1	Fold-down tray shelf assembly
47	FP160-006-0421	1	Fold-down tray shelf top plate
48	700208	4	M8 x 20 set screw
49	700223	4	M8 nylock nut

Table 14: Fold-down tray parts

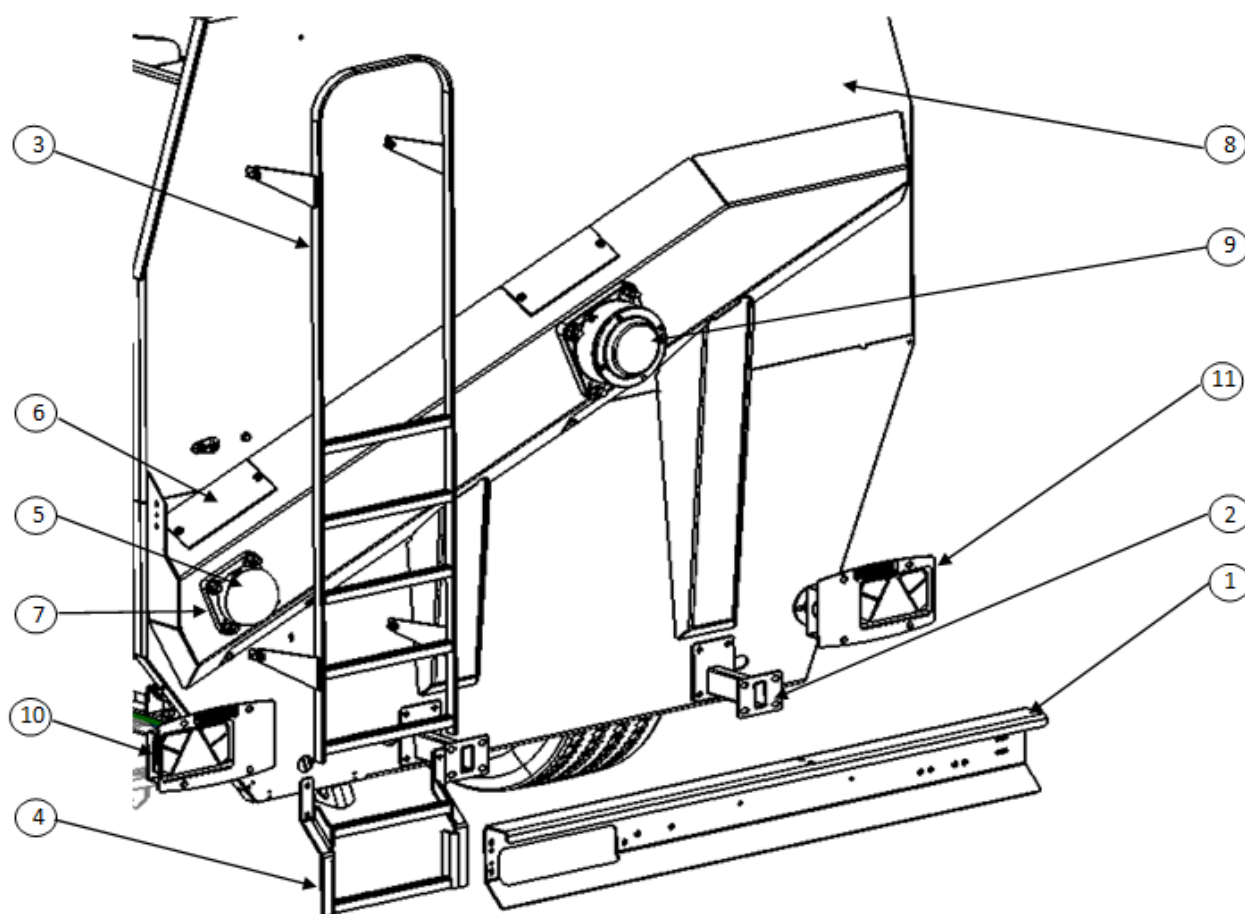
Note:

Complete fold-down tray kit (standard) P/N: FP160-006-0416

Complete fold-down tray kit (OE-100) P/N: FP160-006-0423

Fold-down tray can be supplied with the magnet assembly P/N: FP170-006-0177

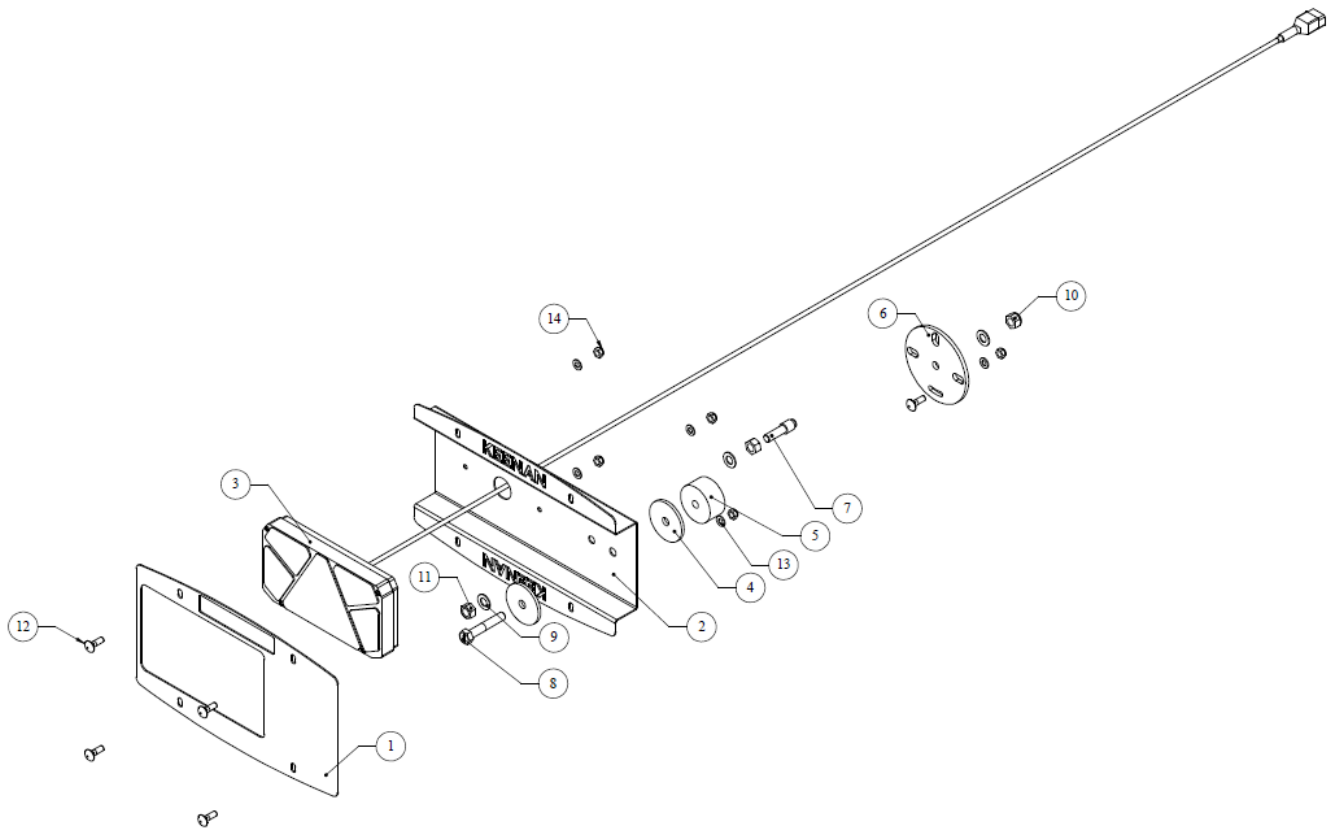
11.7 Rear panel parts



Item No.	Qty.	P/N	Description
1	1	FP280-001-101	MF400/380 bumper bar
2	2	FP380-003-0015	Bracket, for mounting bumper bar
3	1	FP280-013-100	Rear inspection ladder (top section)
4	1	FP280-013-007	Rear inspection ladder (lower section)
5	1	701273	Bearing cover
6	4	FP160-003-0015	Access panel
7	1	700842	UCF X14, 70 mm bearing, cast housing
8	1	-	Machine body
9	1	FP280-007-0085	Rotor bearing assembly
10	1	FP280-003-0276	Moveable rear light assembly, left-hand side
11	1	FP280-003-0277	Moveable rear light assembly, right-hand side

Table 15: Rear panel

Moveable rear light assembly

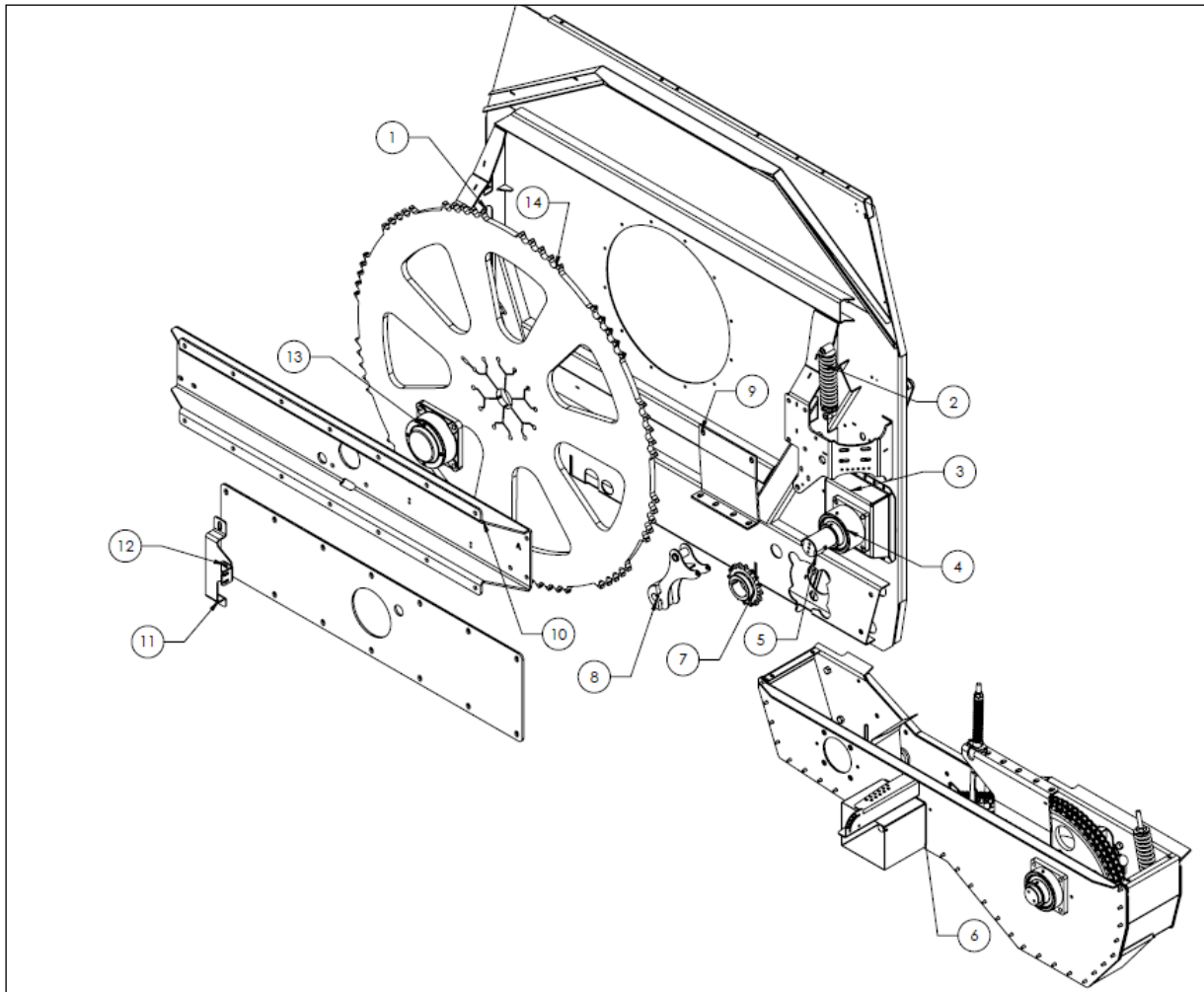


Item:	P/N:	Qty:	Description:
1	FP280-003-0274	1	Light pod cover
2	FP280-003-0273	1	LED light pod holder
3	706005	1	Rear LED light (left-hand)
	706006	1	Rear LED light (right-hand)
4	706412	2	LED light flat washer
5	706413	1	LED light rubber buffer
6	FP280-003-0272	1	Stainless steel wear plate
7	FP280-003-0275	1	Light pod locator pin
8	702869	1	M12 x 70 bolt
9	700731	3	M12 flat washer
10	700266	1	M12 locknut
11	700265	2	M12 hex nut
12	702256	5	M8 x 25 mm cuphead bolt
13	700736	5	M8 flat washer
14	700223	5	M8 locknut

Table 16: Adjustable light assembly

Note: All parts are interchangeable between left and right sides, *except* for the light unit

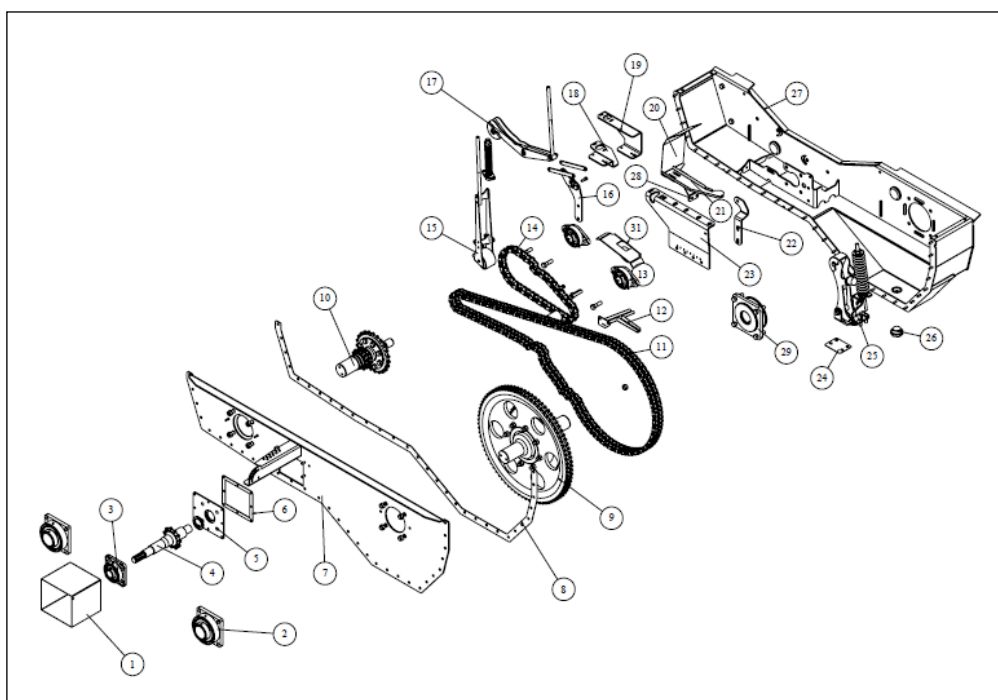
11.8 Front panel parts



Item No.	Qty.	P/N.	Description
1	1	-	Machine body
2	1	FP200-048-0070	Tensioner assembly
3	1	FP200-002-0055	Auger support plate, folded, 6 mm plate
4	1	FP380-002-0043	Front auger bearing
5	2	FP200-009-0020	Key, for auger shaft
6	1	FP380-048-0008	Drive line assembly, MF380
7	1	FP200-048-0046	Sprocket, 16 tooth, ASA120, 90 mm double keyed bore
8	1	FP380-048-0046	Tensioner assembly
9	1	FP380-048-0037	Support plate, for drive line
10	1	FP380-017-0001	Front channel, front bearing support
11	1	FP280-017-0003	Bracket, for Latching Steel Front Doors
12	1	FP380-017-0002	Plate, for front channel support, 10 mm
13	1	FP280-007-0085	Bearing assembly, rotor
14	1	FP280-007-0126	96-Tooth ASA200 sprocket (rotor driven)
15	1	705038	Sapphire ASA200 HS series chain, 107 pitches + joiner (not shown)
16	1	704773	Sapphire ASA120, 62 pitches (61 + slip fit joiner) (not shown)

Table 17: Front panel

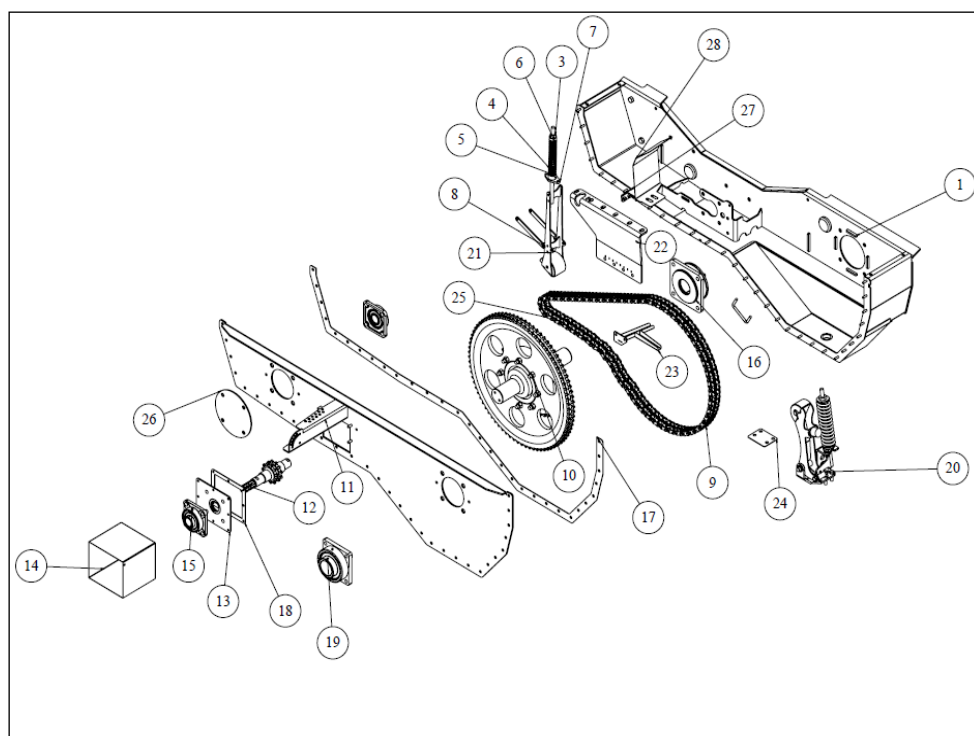
11.8 1000 RPM driveline



Item No.	Qty.	Part No.	Description
1	1	FP280-037-0135	PTO shroud
2	2	702294	UCF X 18, 90 mm bearing assembly, 4 bolt flange mount
3	1	704410	UCF310, 50 mm 4 bolt flange mount bearing
4	1	FP380-048-0080	Spline shaft, 11 tooth ASA120, 1-3/4" Z6 spline
5	1	FP280-048-0604	Bearing mounting plate and seal assembly
6	1	FP280-037-0156	Gasket, for mounting plate
7	1	FP380-048-0005	Drive line, front plate weld assembly
8	1	FP380-048-0030	Gasket, rubber, for drive line
9	1	FP380-048-0007	Idler shaft assembly, MF380
10	1	FP380-048-0083	Lay shaft weld assembly, 13 tooth ASA100D sprocket
11	1	704787	Chain assembly, ASA100 duplex, 140 pitches (139 + joiner)
12	1	FP380-048-0051	Oil channel weld assembly
13	2	704786	UCFL 310, 50 mm 2 bolt flange mount bearing
14	1	704788	Chain assembly, ASA120, 42 pitches (41 + joiner)
15	1	FP380-048-0175	Secondary drive chain tensioner arm assembly 2 (1000 RPM)
16	1	FP380-048-0148	Primary drive chain tensioner front mounting plate assembly
17	1	FP380-048-0133	Primary drive chain tensioner arm assembly 2
18/19	1	FP380-048-0177	Secondary drive chain tensioner shoulder plate assembly
20	1	FP380-048-0160	Drive chain oil tray assembly — right side
21	1	FP380-048-0098	Oil drain channel, 2 mm plate
22	1	FP380-048-0093	Tensioner bracket
23	1	FP380-048-0038	Support plate, for drive line
24	1	FP380-048-0052	Gasket, rubber, for MF380 drive line
25	1	FP380-048-0060	Tensioner assembly, for auger chain
26	1	FP280-037-0200	Drain plug, for oil bath
27	1	FP380-048-0078	Base assembly, MF380 drive line
28	1	FP380-048-0157	Drive chain right side oil tray mounting plate assembly
29	1	FP280-048-0723	90 mm taper lock bearing assembly
30	1	FP380-048-0102	Bearing cover plate
31	1	FP380-048-0102	Rear spline shaft bearing cover plate
32	1	FP380-048-0121	Oil level window

Table 18: Driveline 1000 RPM

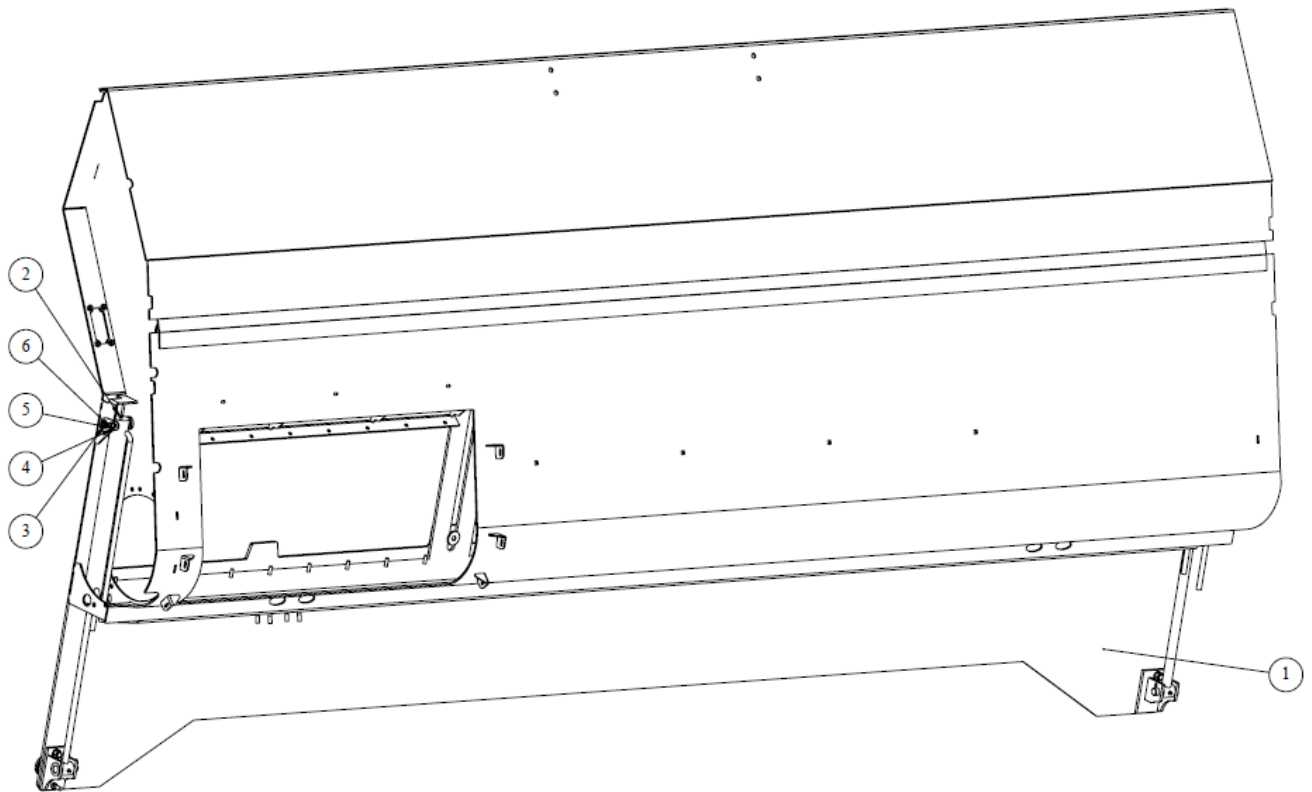
11.10 540 RPM driveline



Item No.	Qty.	P/N	Description
1	1	FP380-048-0078	Base assembly, MF380 drive line
2	4	700298	M20 x 70 mm bolt
3	2	700305	M20 locknut
4	1	FP200-048-0024	Primary chain tensioner inner spring seat
5	1	704882	Compression spring – 9.53 mm wire, 54 mm ID, 200 mm long, 11 coils
6	1	FP280-048-0101	Chain tensioner spring top seat
7	1	FP200-048-0082	Spring seat plate
8	2	FP380-048-0025	Link arm, 225 mm between centres
9	1	704780	Chain, ASA100 duplex, 110 pitches (109 + joiner)
10	1	FP380-048-0007	Idler shaft assembly, MF380
11	1	FP380-048-0005	Front body plane weld assembly
12	1	FP280-048-0411	Spline shaft, 1-3/4" Z6 spline with 11 tooth ASA100 duplex sprocket
13	1	FP280-048-0604	Bearing mounting plate and seal assembly
14	1	FP280-037-0135	PTO shroud
15	2	704410	UCF310, 50 mm 4 bolt flange mount bearing
16	1	FP280-048-0723	90 mm taper lock bearing assembly
17	1	FP380-048-0030	Gasket, rubber, for drive line
18	1	FP280-037-0156	Gasket, for mounting plate
19	1	702294	UCF X18, 90 mm bearing assembly, 4 bolt flange mount
20	1	FP380-048-0060	Tensioner assembly, for auger chain
21	1	FP380-048-0039	Tensioner assembly, for primary chain
22	1	FP380-048-0038	Support plate, for drive line
23	1	FP380-048-0051	Oil channel
24	1	FP380-048-0052	Gasket, rubber, for drive line
25	1	700265	M12 locknut
26	1	FP380-048-0100	Cover plate
27	1	FP380-048-0107	Bracket, for oil channel
28	1	FP380-048-0103	Splash plate, for chain drive
29	1	FP380-048-0121	Oil level window

Table 19: Driveline 540 RPM

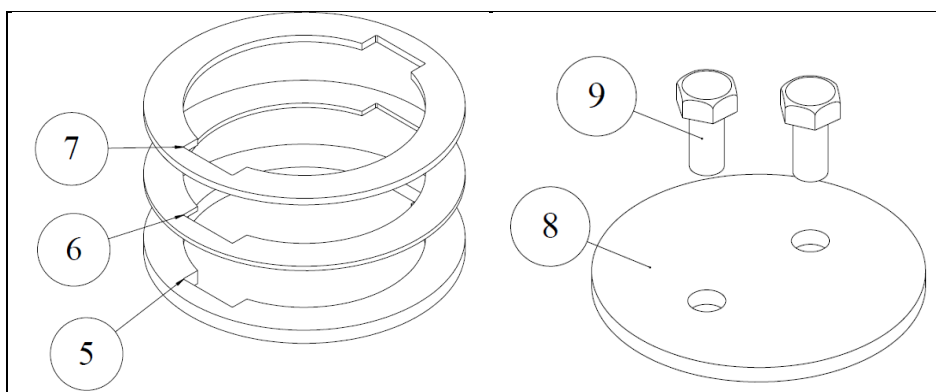
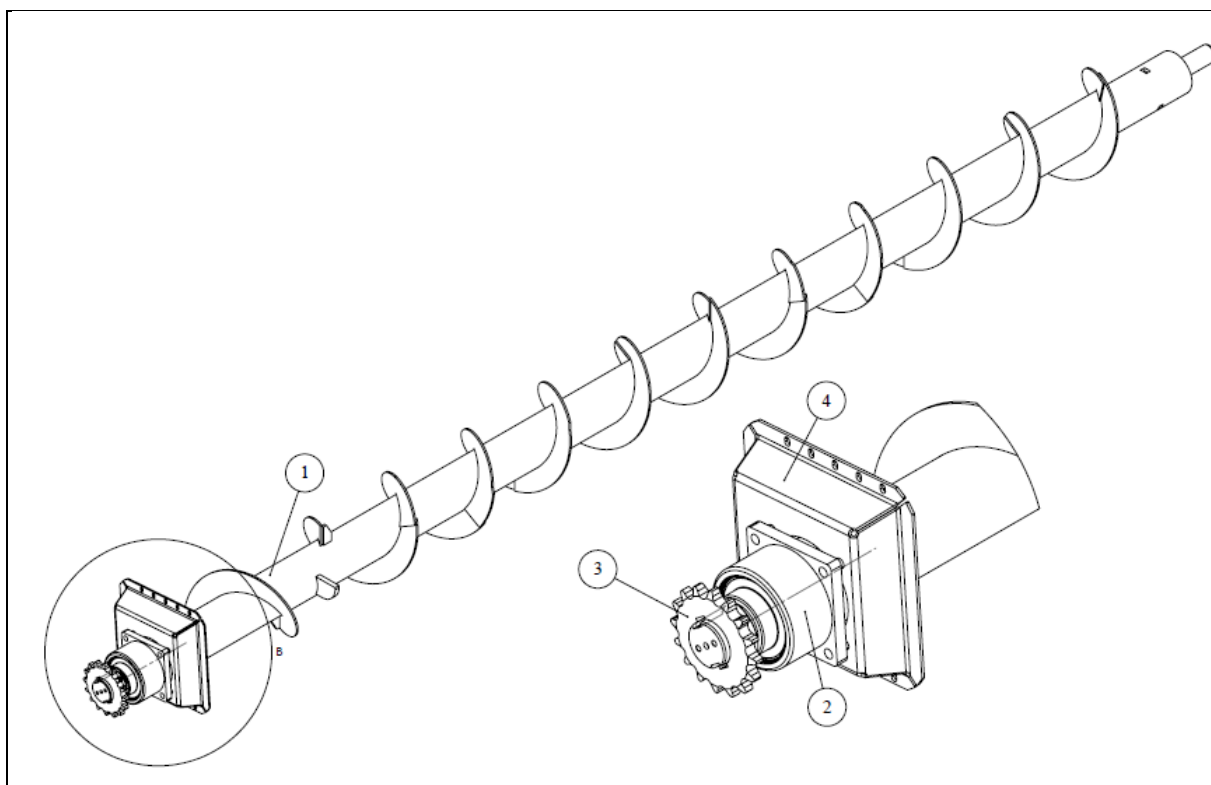
11.11 VFC-door



Item No.	Qty.	P/N	Description
1	1	FP200-010-0101	VFC-door door assembly
3	1	704954	Rear VFC-door hydraulic ram, 60 mm bore, 32 mm rod
4	1	704955	Front VFC-door hydraulic ram, 50.8 mm bore, 20 mm rod
5	2	701905	VFC-door ram top pivot pin
6	2	700730	M12 flat washer
7	2	700266	M12 locknut

Table 20: VFC-door

11.12 Auger



Item No.	Qty.	P/N.	Description
1	1	FP380-009-0001	Auger weld assembly, MF380
2	1	FP380-002-0043	90 mm bearing assembly, flange mount, UCF X18
3	1	FP200-048-0046	Sprocket, 16 tooth, ASA120, 90 mm double keyed bore
4	1	FP200-002-0055	Auger support plate, folded, 6 mm plate

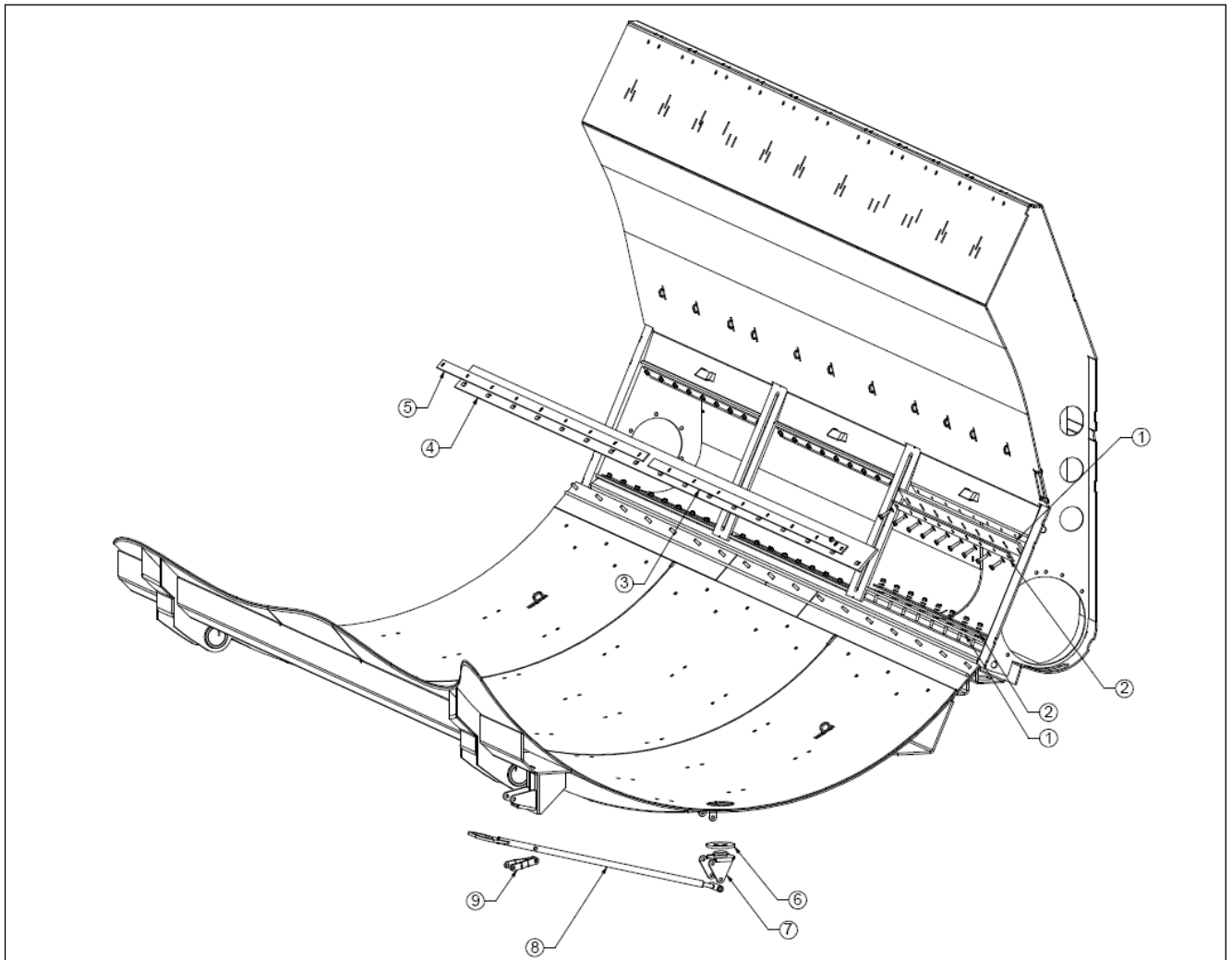
5	UAR*	FP380-048-0075	Auger drive sprocket thrust shim (6 mm)
6	UAR	FP380-048-0074	Auger drive sprocket thrust shim (3 mm)
7	UAR	FP380-048-0073	Auger drive sprocket thrust shim (2 mm)

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8	1	FP380-009-0001	Auger weld assembly, MF380
9	1	FP380-002-0043	90 mm bearing assembly, flange mount, UCF X 18
10	1	FP280-009-0070	Auger seal

Table 21: Auger shaft

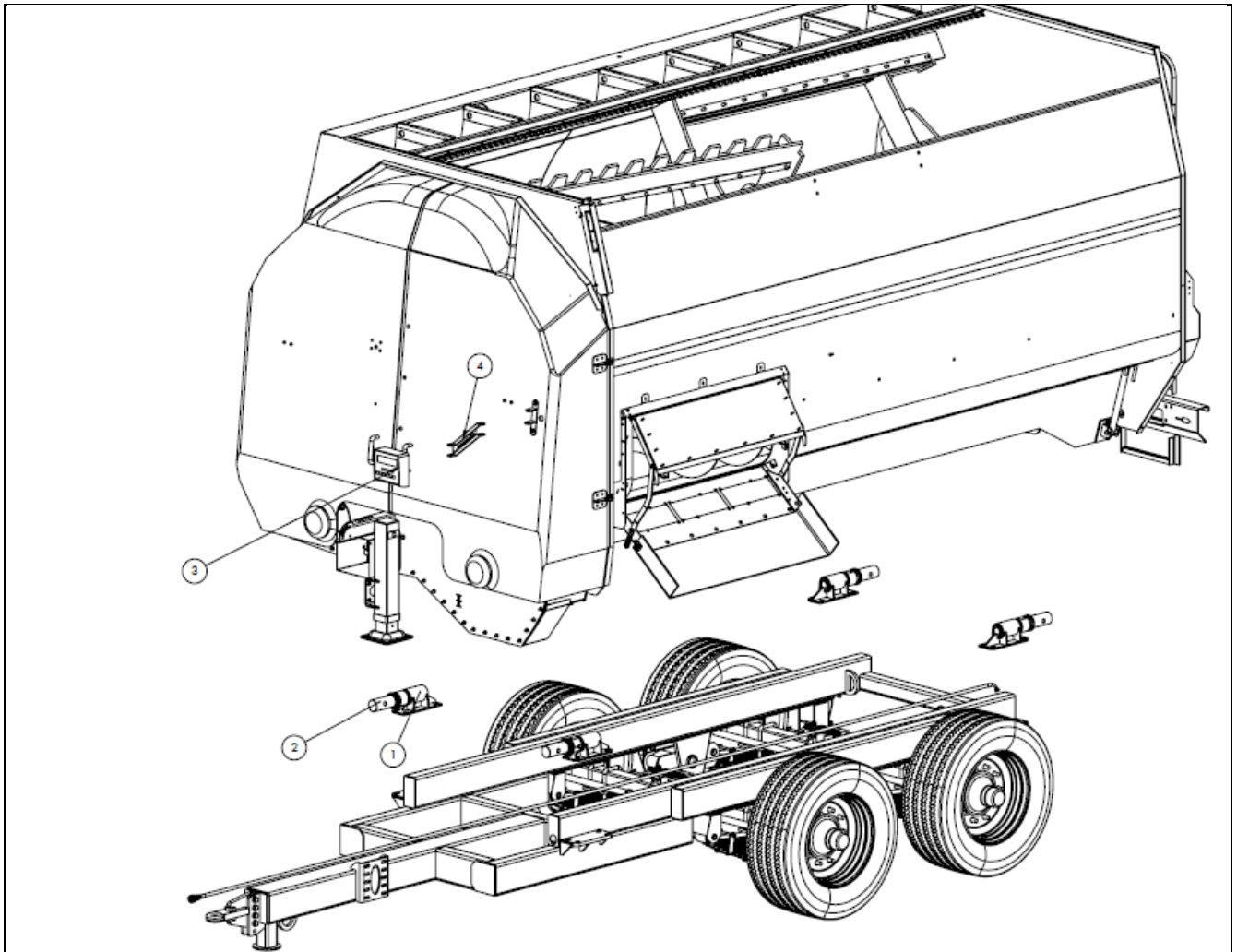
11.13 Inner body parts



Item:	P/N:	Qty:	Description:
1	701199	6	VFC-door outer seal rubber
2	FP200-006-0076	6	VFC-door shroud seal retaining flat
3	FP280-004-0039	1	VFC-door inner seal retainer (front)
4	701293	1	VFC-door inner seal
5	FP280-004-0040	1	VFC-door inner seal retainer (rear)
6	703246	1	Drain bung rubber seal
7	FP280-004-0041	1	Drain bung cover plate assembly 1
8	FP280-004-021	1	Drain bung lever assembly 2
9	FP280-004-029	2	Drain bung lever toggle link

Table 22: Inner body parts

11.14 Weighing system parts

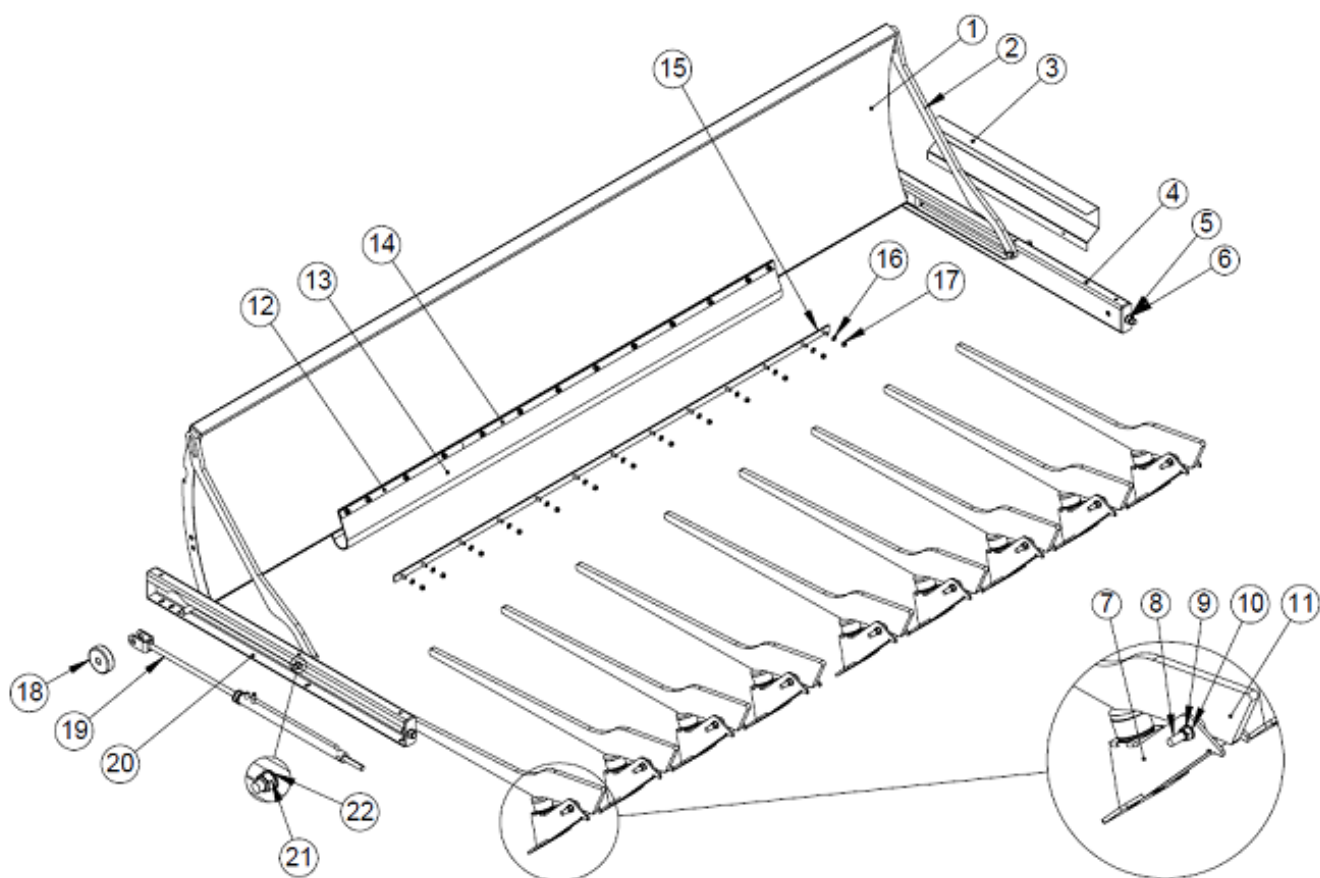


Item No.	Qty.	P/N	Description
1	4	FP380-001-0014	Weigh bar bracket weld assembly, MechFiber380
2	4	703671	Dimanica Generale weigh bar 2.875" diameter 9350 mm cable (DG 969-0127)
3	1	EF102-117	Weigh box holder front turning bracket
4	1	703353	Weigh box, Dinamica Generale, Stad 04, complete with bracket

Table 23: Weighing system

11.15 Bale handler parts

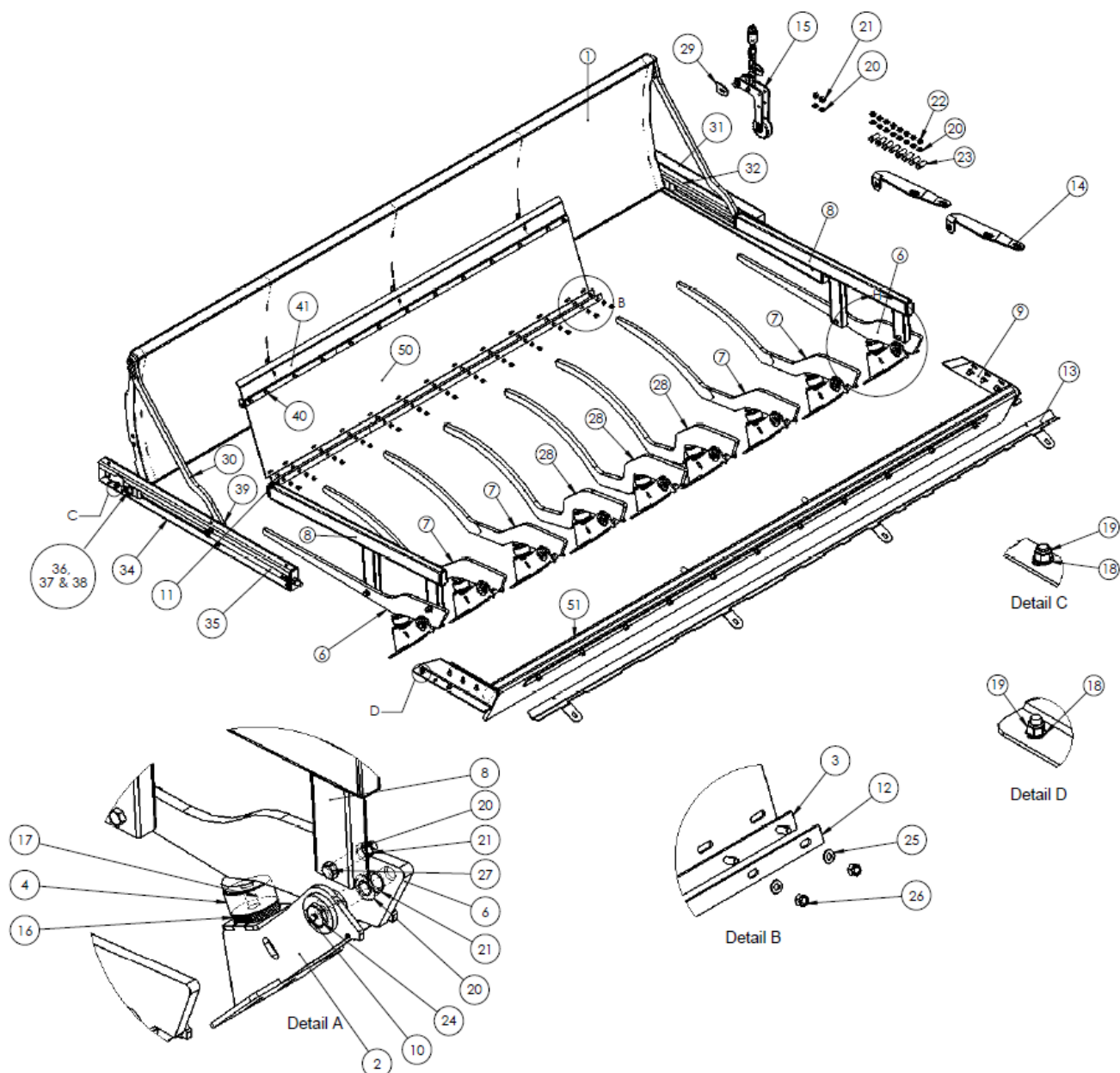
Series I bale handler



Item:	P/N:	Qty:	Description:
	MechFiber380		
1	FP280-045-0056	1	Bale handler creel curved plate assembly
2	FP280-045-017	2	Bale handler creel guide arm
3	FP160-045-0088	1	Creel end cover plate
4	FP160-045-0003	1	Bale handler end creel assembly (rear)
5	700733	2	M20 washer
6	700305	2	M20 locknut
7	FP200-045-0143	11	Bale handler tine bracket
8	FP140-045-0111	11	M24 x 150 mm bolt with grease nipple (701127) fitted
9	700318	11	M24 locknut
10	700316	11	M24 washer
11	FP200-045-0154	11	Tine arm assembly
12	FP140-045-0004	0	Retainer strip, 5 mm, for rubber apron (675 mm long)
13	FP200-045-0003	1	Rubber apron
14	FP200-045-0004	4	Retainer strip, 5 mm, for rubber apron (1,725 mm long)
15	FP140-045-0005	1	Apron rail and stud assembly
16	700729	13	M10 washer
17	700241	13	M10 locknut
18	FP280-045-010	2	Bale handler nylon guide wheel
19	704040	2	End creel ram assembly
20	FP160-045-0002	1	Bale handler end creel assembly (front)
21	700283	2	M16 locknut
22	700732	2	M16 washer

Table 24: Series 1 bale handler

Series III bale handler

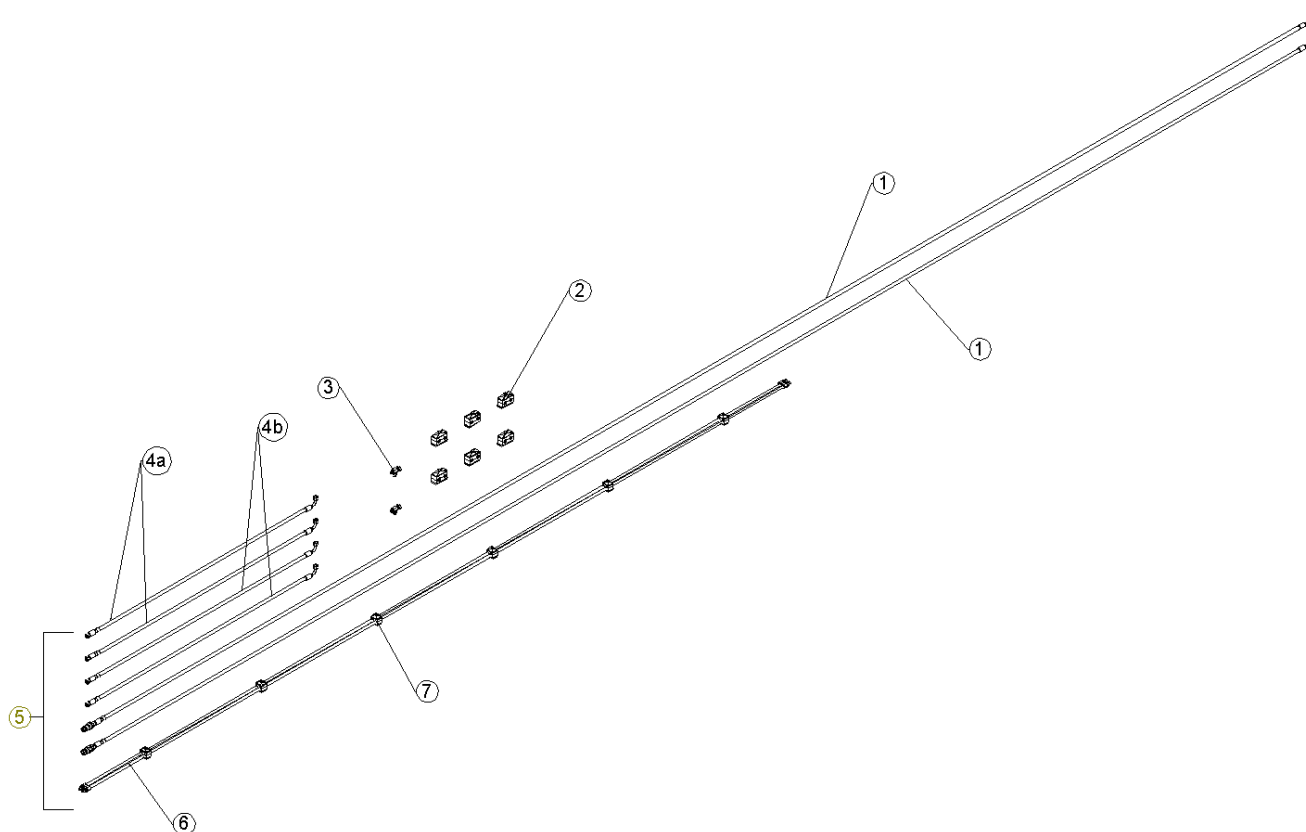


Item:	P/N:	Qty:	Description:
	MechFiber380		
1	FP280-045-0056	1	Curved creel panel assembly complete
2	FP200-045-0143	11	Tine bracket assembly (<i>weld on</i>)
3	FP140-045-0005	1	Apron rail and stud assembly
4	703943	11	Rubber buffer, 75 mm OD. M12 x 13 mm deep thread
5	704925	1	Bale handler hydraulic hose kit (complete)
6	FP200-045-0146	2	Bale handler curved arm assembly (cradle) M24 bolt
7	FP200-045-0158	6	Bale handler tine assembly (dropped) M24 bolt
8	EF1745-65	2	Bale handler arm cradle assembly
9	FP200-050-007	1	Load bumper assembly 2, including rubber
10	701129	11	Grease nipple 1/8 bsp
11	FP140-045-0004	0	Apron retainer strip
12	FP200-045-0004	4	Retainer strip, 5 mm, for rubber apron, 1,725 mm long
13	FP200-006-0144 (front) FP200-006-0145 (rear)	1	Load bumper rubber seat plate
14	FP160-006-0139	2	Load bumper brace plate
15	FP160-045-0118	1	Bale handler kicker assembly – complete kit

Item:	P/N:	Qty:	Description:
	MechFiber380		
16	FP140-045-0019	As required	Spacer plate, 3 mm, for bale handler bracket
17	700247	11	M12 x 30 mm setscrew
18	700730	11	M12 flat washer
19	700266	11	M12 locknut
20	700732	23	M16 flat washer
21	700283	15	M16 locknut
22	700739	8	M16 spring washer
23	700275	8	M16 x 50 mm bolt
24	FP140-045-0111	11	M24 x 150 mm bolt with grease nipple (701127) fitted
25	700729	13	M10 flat washer
26	700241	13	M10 locknut
27	700281	4	M16 x 90 mm bolt
28	FP200-045-0162	3	Bale handler tine assembly (extra drop) M24 bolt
29	FP160-045-0094	2	B/H kicker arm mounting bracket (<i>weld on</i>)
30	FP280-045-017	2	Bale handler creel guide arm
31	FP160-045-0088	1	Creel end cover plate
32	FP160-045-0003	1	Bale handler end creel assembly (rear)
33	700733	2	M20 washer
34	FP160-045-0002	1	Bale handler end creel assembly (front)
35	704040	2	End creel ram assembly
36	701112	2	R clip
37	700746	2	M25 flat washer
38	FP280-045-010	2	Bale handler nylon guide wheel
39	700269	2	M16 x 110 mm bolt
40	700228	13	M10 x 35 mm bolt
41	FP200-045-0103	1	Kicker assembly, rubber mount assembly
42	700247	6	M12 x 30 mm bolt
43	700266	6	M12 locknut
44	700730	6	M12 washer
45	700732	2	M16 washer
46	700283	2	M16 locknut
47	700732	9	M16 washer
48	700283	9	M16 locknut
50	FP200-045-0003	1	Rubber apron
51	FP200-050-0008	1	Load bumper rubber

Table 25: Series III bale handler

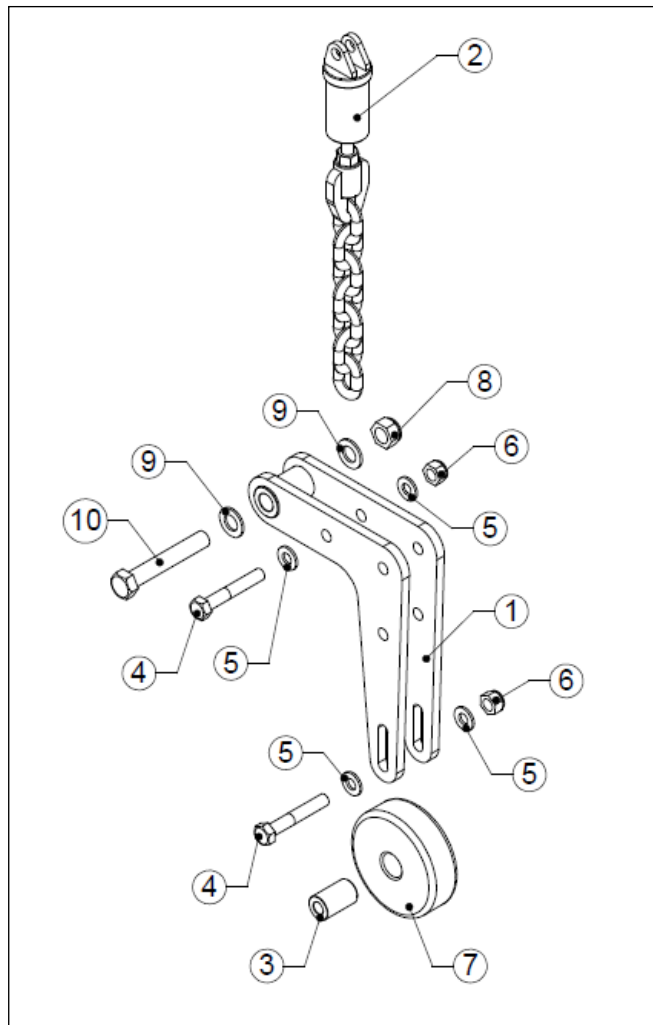
Bale handler hydraulic fittings



Item:	P/N:	Qty:	Description:
1	FP280-045-0047	2	Tractor to T-piece hydraulic hose (green tag)
2	704119	6	Hose clamp (15 mm)
3	703778	2	¼" BSP T-Piece (M/F/M)
4a	704240	2	T-piece to creel ram hydraulic hose (yellow tag)
4b	704146	2	T-piece to creel ram hydraulic hose (red tag)
5	704925	1	Hydraulic hose kit
6	704127	2	Bale handler creel steel pipe assembly
7	704236	6	10-L pipe clamp

Table 26: Hydraulic fittings

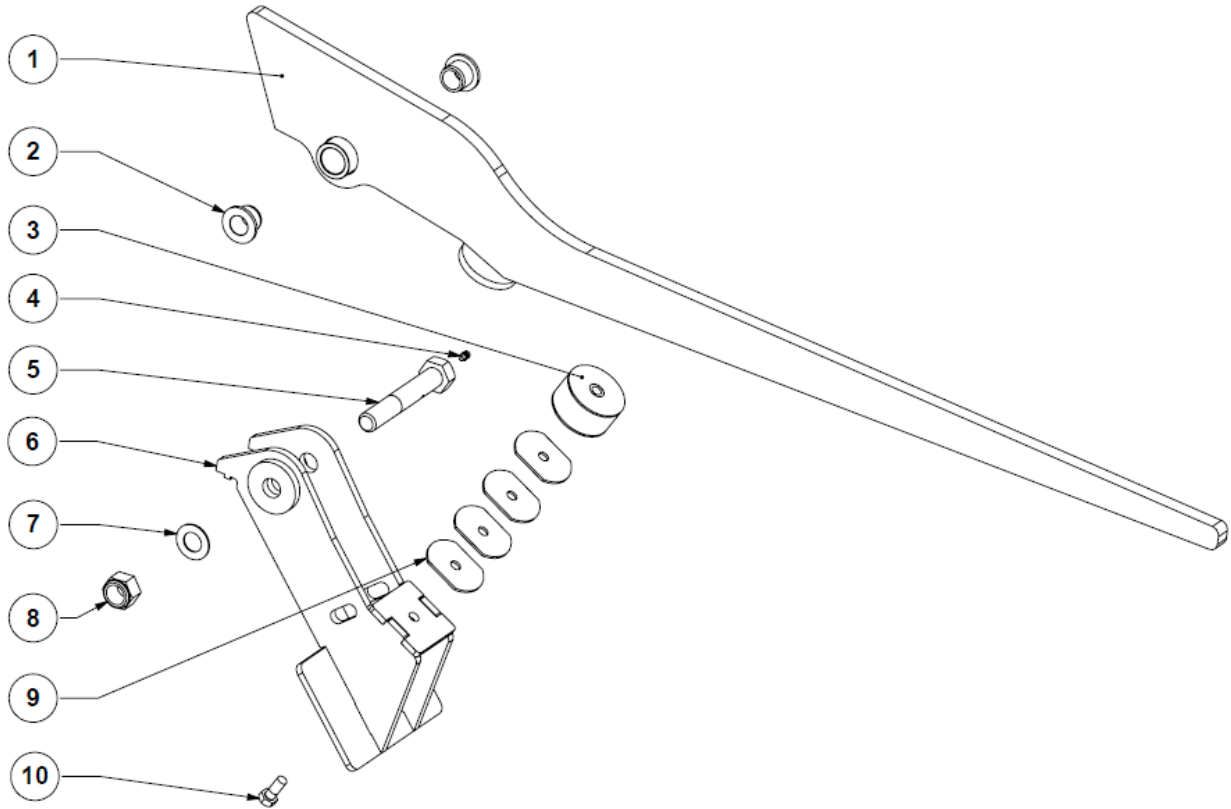
Series III bale handler creel kicker



Item:	P/N:	Qty:	Description:
1	FP160-045-0071	1	Bale handler creel kicker arm assembly 1
2	FP160-045-0136	1	Bale handler creel kicker spring kit
3	FP100-006-0021	1	Feed-out tray mechanical adjuster roller pivot bush
4	700262	2	M12 x 75 bolt
5	700730	4	M12 washer
6	700266	2	M12 locknut
7	FP280-045-010	1	Nylon guide wheel
8	700283	1	M16 locknut
9	700732	2	M16 washer
10	700268	1	M16 x 100 mm bolt

Table 27: Kicker arm assembly (exploded view)

Tine bracket and tine arm assemblies



Item:	P/N:	Qty:	Description:
	MechFiber380		
1	See bale handler parts list for specific tine reference	11	Bale handler tine assembly
2	705947	22	Delrin bush
3	703943	11	Rubber buffer 75 mm O.D.
4	701129	11	1/8 bsp grease nipple
5	FP140-045-0111	11	M24 x 150 mm modified bolt
6	FP200-045-0143	11	Bale handler tine bracket
7	700316	11	M24 flat washer
8	700318	11	M24 locknut
9	FP140-045-0019	11	Spacer plate 3 mm
10*	700247	11	M12 x 30 mm bolt

Table 28: Bale handler tine and bracket assembly

* Longer M12 bolt may be required, if additional spacers (item no. 9) are used.

11.16 Axle

11.16.1 Axle options

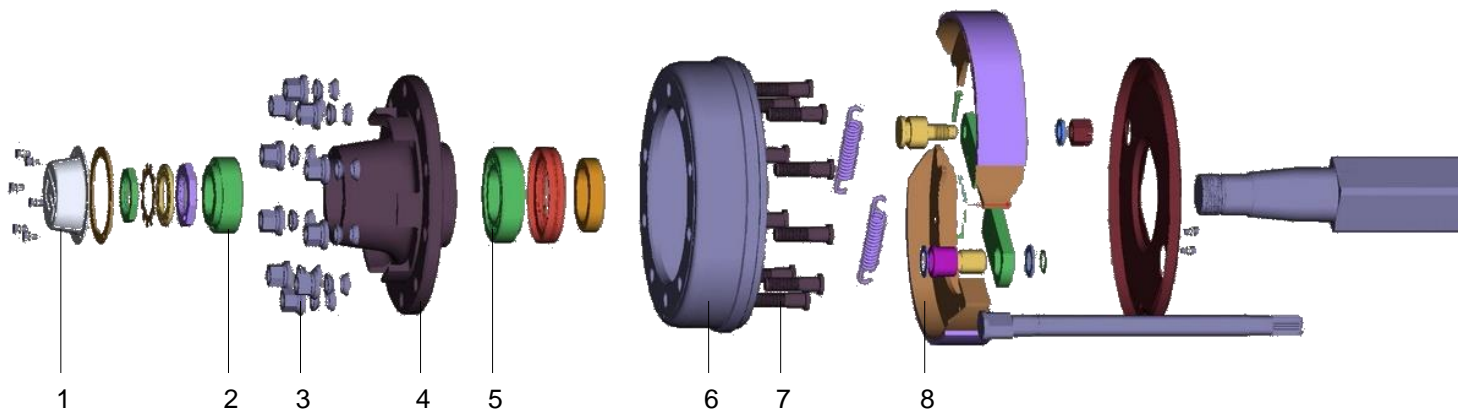


Figure 17: Typical axle (exploded view)

Axle types				
Axle application	MechFiber380			
Axle type	Non-steering	steering	Non-steering	steering
Axle width (mm)	2300	2400	2300	2400
Axle specification	EBB 130 (Colaert)		D120-4012 (HO's)	
Brake type/dimensions (Type/diameter x width, mm)	412E, 406 x 120		S406 x 120	
No. studs	10		10	
Nut size	M22 x 1.5		M22 x 1.5	

Table 29: Axle types

Axle spare parts	
Item No:	Description:
1	Hub cap
2	Outer bearing
3	Nut (with washer)
4	Hub
5	Inner bearing
6	Brake drum
7	Stud
8	Brake shoe

Table 30: Axle spare parts (MechFiber380 axle)

11.16.2 Axle maintenance

Tightening and retightening wheel nuts

The following steps should be taken to tighten and retighten wheel nuts:

1. Impact wrenches should not be used, as the impact torque may be excessive.
2. Wheel nuts should be tightened diagonally every time in conjunction with a torque wrench.
3. In the case that power tools are the only tools available, they must be set to the correct torque (check heading 8.6), as over-tightening may lead to damage or breakage.

Ensure nuts are correctly tightened after:

1. First use.
2. The first laden journey.
3. The first 1,000 km.
4. Every six months thereafter, or every 25,000 km (whichever happens first).
5. Every time a wheel is changed or removed (check how to safely remove a wheel under heading 8.8).

11.16.3 Hubcap maintenance

Hubcaps that go missing or are damaged must be replaced immediately to keep dirt from penetrating the hub, which can damage the bearings.

Check that hubcaps are always in place and in good condition.

If the hubcaps are a press fit, visually check to ensure that they are fully home.

If the hubcaps are attached using screws, fit a new gasket, if needed, once the hubcap is removed.

Retighten the screws regularly every 6 months.

11.16.4 Bearing play

The bearing play should be checked after:

1. The first 1,000 km.
2. Before intensive use, every 6 months or 25,000 km (whichever happens first).

Wheel bearings are subject to varying levels of wear based on the:

1. Operating conditions.
2. Load.
3. Speed.
4. Adjustment and lubrication.

To check the wheel bearings:

1. Lift the wheel off the ground and turn it slowly, checking for any rough points or friction.
2. Turn it at a high speed to check for unusual noises, such as grating or knocking.

If there are signs of damage, or if the bearings are worn, the bearings and the seals should all be replaced.

11.17 Ancillary parts

PTO shaft		
P/N:	Qty:	Description:
704355	1	PTO, T80 shaft, 1-3/8" Z6 x 1-3/4"Z6. M12 x 4.6 shear bolt
704356	1	PTO, V80 wide-angle shaft, 1-3/8" Z6 x 1-3/4"Z6. M12 x 4.6 shear bolt
Grease fittings		
P/N:	Qty:	Description:
704913	1	Grease tube swivel connector – 90-degree bend – M6 thread
704914	1	Grease tube connector – straight – M6 thread
704941	1	Grease tube connector – straight – 6 mm thread
704942	1	Grease tube connector – straight – 8 mm thread
704943	1	Grease tube connector – straight – 1/8" BSP thread
704944	1	Grease tube connector – 90-degree bend – 1/8" BSP thread
704945	1	Grease tube connector – 90-degree bend – M6 thread
704946	1	Grease tube swivel connector – 90-degree bend – 1/8" BSP thread
704947	1	Grease nipple connector – straight – 1/8" BSP to M6
Spool valve parts		
P/N:	Qty:	Description:
701215	1	2 bank with detent
701216	1	2 bank without detent
701218	1	3 bank with detent
701219	1	3 bank without detent
702269	1	4 bank with detent
701208	1	4 bank without detent
702450	1	5 bank with detent
704447*	1	Electro-hydraulic spool valve kit, 4 bank (contains 704445 and 704446)
704525	1	Electro-hydraulic spool valve kit, 5 bank
Diverter valve parts (option)		
P/N:	Qty:	Description:
704139	1	Diverter valve kit (contains 703535 and 704394 – valve, switch and wiring)
703535	1	Electro-hydraulic diverter valve kit (6 port – valve only)
Stub elevator (where fitted)		
FP280-051-0009	1	Stub elevator assembly (1,200 mm wide)
700561	1	Conveyor belt 1630 x 1200
Heavy-duty top knife (standard on all bale handlers)		
704229	5	Top knife blade, 990 mm long, deep serrations
Mechanical adjuster		
FP280-006-0180	1	Mechanical adjuster complete assembly

Table 31: Ancillary parts

*4 bank can be reduced to 3 bank, if required, using the same part number.

12 Troubleshooting

12.1 General troubleshooting

PROBLEM:

1. Weighing display won't work properly

2. VFC-door does not move

3. VFC-door drops during mixing

4. VFC-door closes unevenly/sticks

5. Excessive shear bolt breakage

6. Noisy operation

7. Feed is not properly mixed

8. Feed-out is too slow

SOLUTION:

Check Section 12.2 on weighing.

Check hydraulic hoses and ensure that valves are open.

Check tractor hydraulic oil level.

Check ram condition and ensure that pins are secure.

Insufficient hydraulic pressure — check spool valve on tractor or fit non-return valve in line. Check ram for signs of leakage.

Rams operating out of sequence. Move door to fully open position and hold level to allow oil to bypass the ram when the door is fully open and level. Repeat fully closed, until the door is even.

Machine overloaded.

Driving chain too loose — check condition and adjust idler springs.

Feed-out too fast — open feed-out door, slowly at first, then open fully.

Turn paddle a few times before opening the feed-out door to avoid putting a huge load on the machine, especially after feed has settled in the body of the machine.

Run machine slower.

For non-bale handler models, never load bales directly down on the paddle in one go. Always chop up into at least four pieces.

Oil chains liberally. Adjust tension on chains.

Grease all nipples.

Check chain alignment.

Insufficient mixing time.

Loading materials in wrong order.

Not enough time given for chopping.

Overloading of machine.

Check condition of paddle rubbers.

Decrease tractor ground speed.

Reduce engine revs to give paddle more time to push material into auger. Ensure material is fully chopped before unloading.

9. Horsepower requirement is too high	<p>Check body blade and top knife sharpness. Machine overloaded. Bale handler tines may be set too low.</p>
10. Machine is not chopping	<p>Blades blunt. Not enough material in body, or material is not heavy enough. Try adding more material, or, in the case of hay/straw, add water or a fork of silage to weigh it down. Machine overloaded.</p>
11: Machine breaks ASA200 link	<p>Check chain alignment of large sprocket, tolerance +/- 2 mm. Check chamfer on edge. Check roll pins used in joiner link. Check idler tension.</p>
12: Bale goes in too quickly	<p>If the bale goes into the machine too quickly, it may place an unnecessary load on the tractor and drive line, slowing overall mixing time, since the body blades don't chop long, fibrous material as efficiently as the top knife. Check tine buffers and tine-to-top-knife gap.</p>
13: Excessive hitch wear	<p>If excess hitch wear is noted, check:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Speed of use; hitch rated for a maximum of 25 km/h. -Hitch is level on tractor. -Fit of hitch and lubrication. -Wear on tractor hitch. -Brake operation — should match tractor brakes. -For excessive movement (which means it is not tight on pin/hitch).
14: Leaking valve chest (where fitted)	<p>Check oil is only flowing from pressure ("P") side to tank ("T") side. Reverse-pressuring the valve check will damage the seals. Adding a one-way valve on the return pipe will prevent this.</p>
15: Blockage at top knife	<p>For non-bale handler models, load smaller sections of material into machine. For bale handler models, check tine height settings. Ensure all feed materials are free from foreign objects before loading into machine. In the unlikely event of a large blockage occurring that prevents the machine from restarting using the tractor, it may be necessary to enter the mixing chamber to manually clear the blockage. Please refer to Section 5, Point U, on safety.</p>

16: Blockage at auger

Use VFC-door to meter material intake into auger.

Refer to Section 7.9 on feeding out to learn the correct operation of the VFC-door.

In the unlikely event of a large blockage preventing the machine from restarting using the tractor, it may be necessary to enter the mixing chamber to manually clear the blockage. Please refer to Section 5, Point U, on safety.

17: Blockage at rear feed-out conveyor

Use VFC-door to meter material intake into auger.

Refer to Section 7.9 on feeding out for information about the correct operation of the VFC-door.

Ensure the conveyor belt rotates as VFC is opened.

Check setting of priority flow valve (if fitted).

In the unlikely event of a large blockage preventing the machine from restarting using the tractor, it may be necessary to enter the mixing chamber or gain access to the discharge auger chamber to manually clear the blockage. Please refer to Section 5, Point U, on safety.

12.2 Weighing troubleshooting

KEENAN troubleshooting tips on weighing

If you experience problems in the operation of the weighing system, read through this troubleshooting section before contacting a KEENAN service representative.

Reading drifting

If the reading on the weigh box is drifting or does not stay steady, the most likely cause of the problem is dampness or moisture in or around the weigh box or cables. Please follow these steps to determine and correct the problem.

- Disconnect the cables on the weigh box. Ensure that they are labelled correctly for reconnection. Check both the plug on the cable and the connector on the weigh box for dampness and/or corrosion of the terminals. If any dampness is found, dry it off thoroughly with a hairdryer. If corrosion is found on the terminals, clean them thoroughly with an electrical cleaner and let them dry. Then, reconnect and test the cable.
- Check for loose wiring or dampness. Some machines are fitted with a junction box. The procedure detailed above also applies here.
- Check weigh cell plugs for dampness, and also check weigh cell cables for any breaks and/or dampness.

If the steps above do not rectify the problem, contact a KEENAN service representative for further assistance.

System weighing inaccurately

If the machine is new or the weigh box has been replaced, it is possible that the weigh box may have the incorrect calibration code for the model. Contact a KEENAN service representative, who can check (or alter) the code.

If you suspect that the system is weighing inaccurately, check all four weigh cells to make sure that they are mounted correctly. If the bolt through the weigh cell has broken or come loose, the weigh cell can rotate, resulting in that weigh cell giving an inaccurate reading. To check that the system is weighing correctly, find an item whose weight is already known (e.g., a bag of fertilizer) and place it on each corner of the machine in turn. Doing so should return the same reading for each corner. If one corner returns a significantly different reading from the other three, this indicates a faulty weigh cell on that corner. If a negative reading is returned, the weigh cell could potentially be upside down; rotate it 180° and repeat the test.

Weigh box will not switch ON

Check the power cable thoroughly and make certain that you are getting power from the tractor to the display. Unscrew the power cable from the weigh box and ensure that there is a 10- to 13-volt supply across the internal pins of the cable. If the negative (-) and positive (+) are wired the wrong way, the weigh box will not switch on [Dinamica Generale weigh boxes power cable: white (+) and black (-)].

13 Warranty

13.1 KEENAN warranty policy

Alltech Farming Solutions Limited, trading as “KEENAN” (the “Company”), shall undertake to correct by repair or replacement, only at the Company’s option, any defect of material or workmanship occurring in any of its products as listed herein within the following warranty period. This Warranty is for the benefit of the initial owner as notified to the Company. This Warranty shall also apply to new and unused goods being resold by authorised dealers and/or distributors of the supplier. The Warranty period, from date of commissioning, is twelve (12) months for new equipment, and such shorter periods as may be agreed upon from time to time in writing for other products. This Warranty shall cease to apply upon any resale, alteration or incorrect usage of the equipment by the initial owner.

The Warranty shall not apply to:

- A) Any machine used by a third party who has not been instructed in the correct usage of the machine by an official representative of KEENAN.
- B) Any machine that has sustained damage through general wear and tear or neglect or use for which the machines were not intended to be used by the Company.
- C) Bearings, sprockets, chains and other wearing parts, unless clear evidence of immediate working failure that is directly attributable to such parts can be furnished. Wearing parts include paddle rubbers, chains, jockeys, wheels and tyres.
- D) Any consumable or perishable parts, such as knives, blades, rubbers seals, hydraulic components, shear-bolts, brake liners, electric components and running gear, unless clear evidence of immediate working failure that is directly attributable to such parts can be furnished.
- E) Any machine on which the identification marks have been removed or altered.
- F) Any machine that has not received effective routine maintenance using recommended KEENAN products as laid down in the Operator’s Manual.
- G) Any machine that has received repairs or modifications by a person unauthorized by KEENAN.
- H) Any machine fitted with spurious or non-genuine spare parts and attachments, or spare parts or attachments not approved by the Company.
- I) Any machine damaged in transit while being loaded or unloaded on premises other than those owned by the Company.
- J) Parts that may be defective or that may have failed and that are not retained on-site pending further investigation by the Company. Such parts may need to be inspected *in situ* by a Company representative.
- K) Any machine damaged, or any damage incurred, prior to the machine being commissioned by an authorized representative of the Company.
- L) Any machine not used in accordance with the instructions for use of the machine.
- M) Any machine that has been altered or tampered with in a manner not approved by the Company.

The sole and exclusive claim against the Company made by the person specified above shall be for the repair or replacement of defective parts without prejudice to any rights pursuant to the Liability for Defective Products Act, 1991. No other claim — including, but not limited to, for incidental, direct or indirect or consequential damages, or for lost profits, lost sales, lost business, lost savings, loss of goodwill or loss of reputation, or any other loss of whatever nature, however sustained — shall be available. This Warranty constitutes the only warranty made by the Company and supersedes and overrides all oral and written statements or representations made by any Company representative or dealer or any other agreement, arrangement, practice, custom or understanding between the parties. Any claim

under the Warranty must be promptly notified to the Company in writing at the address on the invoice.

This Warranty shall be construed in accordance with Irish law and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Irish Courts.

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In accordance with Directive 2006/42/EC.

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Certifies that the KEENAN MechFiber380 complies with the essential safety requirements of the Directive 2006/42/EC.

To conform to these essential health and safety requirements, the provisions of the following harmonized standards were particularly considered.

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