



# USER MANUAL HYDRAULIC BREAKER

PDH07S-II / PDH10S / PDH20S / PDH30S / PDH35S / PDH40S / PDH43S /  
PDH45S / PDH50S / PDH60S / PDH70S / PDH81AS / PDH100AS /  
PDH121AS / PDH130AS / PDH-A460 / PDH-A550 / PDH-A750 / PDH-A1000

**Note: setting pressure of the breaker is approx.  
40 – 50 bar higher than the operating pressure  
on the identification plate!**



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## 2 To our customer

Thank you for choosing a Pladdet product for your application. At Pladdet, we pride ourselves in the equipment we manufacture and distribute. We believe our product is, without exception, the industry standard. Meticulous care has been taken to ensure that this product will meet your requirements. Using up-to-date CAD software, complemented with finite element analysis, you can be sure that our breakers will meet and exceed your expectations.

## 3 Foreword

This manual is intended as a guide to the use and maintenance of the Pladdet Hydraulic Breakers. Keep it with the operator at all times. Replace it immediately if it becomes lost!

The design of the Pladdet breaker produces stable high-speed percussion, and exceptional value and durability for all construction, demolition, and rock breaking requirements. We use a sophisticated technology to produce a simple design. With only two internal moving parts, this line of breakers makes the operation of hydraulic equipment easy, flexible and reliable.

This manual contains all necessary information to quickly become familiar with your PDH series hydraulic breaker. We kindly request you to read this information carefully and completely before you start working with the product.

The hydraulic breaker may only be used by personnel who have the necessary knowledge and permission for this.



## 4 Product

### 4.1 Specifications\*

Contents / Model	PDH07S-II	PDH10S	PDH20S	PDH30S	PDH35S
Weight (kg)	78	102	126	152	224
Length (mm)	991	1210	1311	1401	1560
Required oilflow(l/min.)	15-25	15-25	20-40	25-40	40-70
Operate pressure (bar)	80-110	80-110	80-110	90-120	110-140
Impact rate (bpm)	800-1500	800-1400	700-1200	600-1100	500-900

Model	PDH40S	PDH43S	PDH45S	PDH50S	PDH60S
Weight (kg)	295	375	571	861	1296
Length (mm)	1633	1737	2158	2273	2628
Required oilflow (l/min.)	40-70	40-80	45-85	80-110	90-120
Operate pressure (bar)	130-150	130-150	130-150	150-170	150-170
Impact rate (bpm)	500-900	400-800	400-800	350-700	350-650

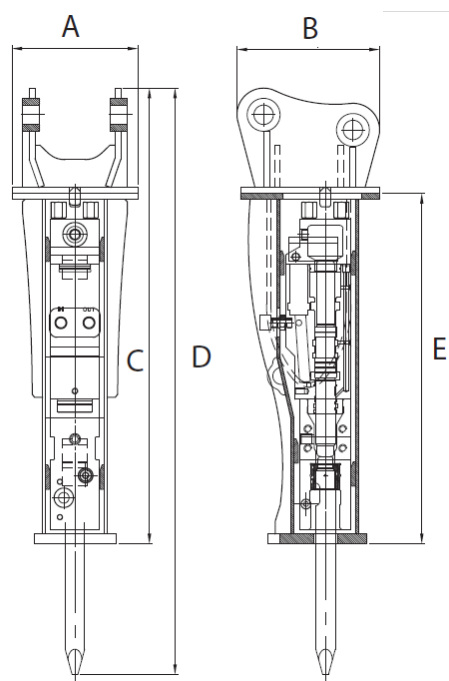
Model	PDH70S	PDH81AS	PDH100AS	PDH121AS	PDH130AS
Weight (kg)	1500	1825	2071	2635	2850
Length (mm)	2683	2802	3121	3264	3344
Required oilflow (l/min.)	100-150	120-180	140-190	170-240	190-250
Operate pressure (bar)	160-180	160-180	160-180	160-180	160-180
Impact rate (bpm)	350-600	350-500	300-450	300-450	250-400

Model (ARES SERIES)	PDH-A460	PDH-A550	PDH-A750	PDH-A1000
Weight (kg)	3800	5200	6200	8200
Length (mm)	3420	3654	3942	4350
Required oilflow (l/min.)	190-230	220-270	220-290	290-350
Operate pressure (bar)	180-210	180-210	180-210	180-210
Impact rate (bpm)	180-300	180-250	180-250	180-200

\*Specifications are subject to change without notice.



## 4.2 External dimensions



PDH07S-II	PDH10S	PDH20S	PDH30S	PDH35S	PDH40S
200	260	260	260	310	310
265	294	292	298	394	392
802	940	1014	1082	1145	1256
991	1210	1311	1401	1560	1633
635	723	793	861	882	992

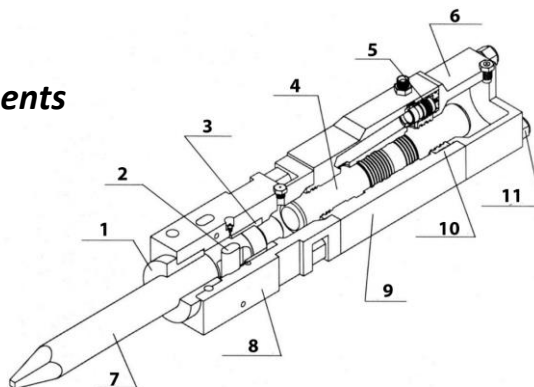
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PDH43S	PDH45S	PDH50S	PDH60S	PDH70S	PDH81AS
328	440	440	498	560	600
458	569	574	690	680	710
1318	1588	1729	1996.5	2000	2055
1737	2158	2273	2628	2683	2802
1043	1296	1437	1579	1640	1695

	PDH100AS	PDH121AS	PDH130AS	PDH-A460	PDH-A550	PDH-A750	PDH-A1000
<b>A</b>	640	640	640	800	846	888	930
<b>B</b>	766	772	807	904	978	1099	1180
<b>C</b>	2307	2391	2465	2464	2789	2998	3205
<b>D</b>	3121	3264	3344	3420	3654	3942	4350
<b>E</b>	1857	1941	2015	1997	2269	2381	2496



### 4.3 Main components

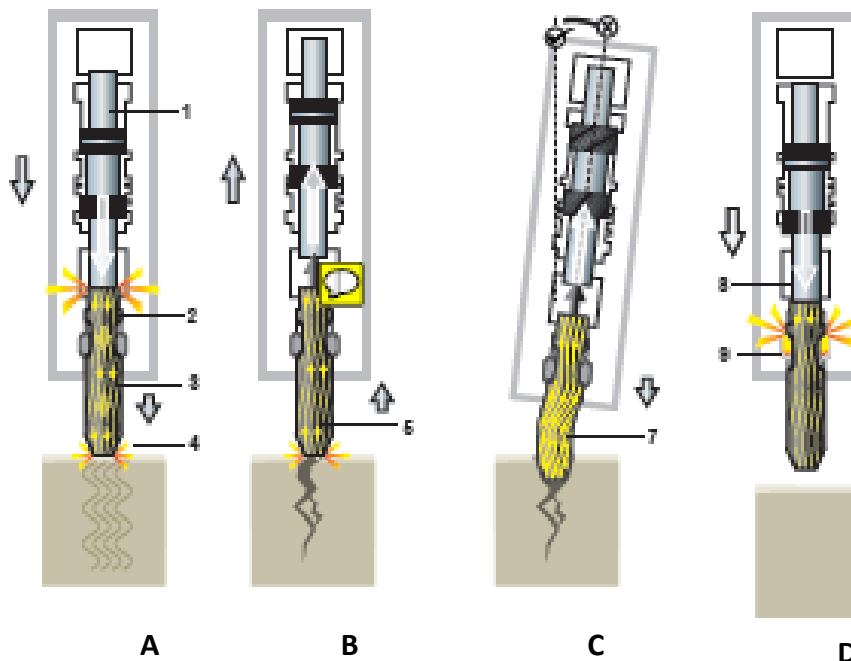


Number	Part	Description
1	Lower chisel bushing	The lower chisel bushing guides the chisel.
2	Chisel pin	The chisel pins hold the chisel in place. The chisel pins must be removed when replacing the chisel.
3	Inner bushing	The inner bushing guides the chisel and prevents the chisel going up too far.
4	Piston	Hydraulic oil moves the piston back and forward in the cylinder. During this process, the piston head hits the back end of the chisel.
5	Valve	The valve controls inflow and outflow of the hydraulic oil that moves the piston back and forward.
6	Top part	Contains the absorption chamber filled with nitrogen gas (N <sub>2</sub> ) that is compressed during the upwards stroke of the piston. This absorbs the recoil of the piston thus winning back some of the energy of each stroke.
7	Chisel	The chisel makes contact with the material to be demolished.
8	Bottom part	The bottom part contains the chisel, the chisel pins, the lower chisel bushing and the inner bushing.
9	Cylinder	The cylinder contains the piston that hits the chisel. The sealing that prevents hydraulic oil and nitrogen gas escaping is also inside the cylinder.
10	Seal set holder	The seal set holder contains the seals that prevent nitrogen gas and hydraulic oil from leaking.
11	Through bolt	The through bolts hold the top part, the cylinder and the bottom part together. The through bolts may not be loose; hence, they must be inspected and tightened regularly.
	Accumulator (only for models from PDH81AS and bigger)	An accumulator absorbs shocks and overpressure in the hydraulic circuit.



## 5 General information

### 5.1 Working principle



#### (A) Contact-Initial Compression Stress Wave

When the piston (1) strikes the top of the tool (2), it sends a compressive stress wave (3) down to the working end of the tool. If the tool is touching a rock, this energy/force (compressive stress wave) travels out the tool directly into the rock (4), fracturing it.

#### (B) Recoil-Reflected Stress Wave

Immediately following the initial compressive stress wave, a reflected stress wave is formed (5), which travels back up the tool, 'bouncing' the piston up off the top of the tool. This cycle of compressive and tensile stresses flowing up and down the tool is repeated with each piston blow (E&F).

#### (C) Bending

Anything interfering with the strength of the compressive stress waves (7) during operation such as blank-firing (free-running) or prying with the tool, can lower breaker performance and cause tool fatigue. The breaker must be at a 90° angle to the face of the rock.

#### (D) Blank-firing

Blank-firing the breaker without the tool pressing on a rock causes the energy that normally travels out the tool into the rock (8), to impact the retainer pins (9) and front head causing excess stress to these components.

## 5.2 Selecting the correct size breaker

When you want to select the correct size of breaker, two key points should be given careful consideration:

- Machine operating weight
- Hydraulic system capabilities































With the correct carrier weight, Pladdet offers hydraulic breakers that are designed to break any material that the machine can handle.




To select the correct breaker by carrier hydraulics gives the operator a carrier/breaker combination designed to optimize the system efficiency, thereby reducing heat generation and eliminating power loss.

The following steps will result in a well-matched installation. This manual will not cover all types of applications, so for assistance in any unusual situations please contact your Pladdet representative.

## 5.3 Based on carrier weight

By using the carrier sizing chart below, you can narrow your hammer choice. Normally breaker production rate is the most crucial factor when trying to choose a breaker size. It is of great benefit to do some research and understand your hydraulic system capabilities and the material size and hardness before determining an expected production rate. This rate will also be affected by breaking conditions and the operator.

BREAKER MODEL	Carrier Weight in Metric Ton											
	0	5	10	15	20	25	30					
<b>PDH07S-II</b> (130 j)		0,7 ~ 1,4										
<b>PDH 10</b> (203 j)		0,8 ~ 2,5										
<b>PDH 20</b> (290 j)		1,2 ~ 3										
<b>PDH30</b> (320 j)			2,5 ~ 4,5									
<b>PDH35</b> (550 j)			3 ~ 5,5									
<b>PDH40</b> (690 j)			4 ~ 7									
<b>PDH43</b> (900 j)				6 ~ 9								
<b>PDH45</b> (1300 j)				7 ~ 14								
<b>PDH50</b> (2100 j)					11 ~ 16							
<b>PDH60</b> (2900 j)						15 ~ 18						
<b>PDH70</b> (3555 j)							18 ~ 21					
<b>PDH81</b> (4200 j)							18 ~ 26					

MODEL	Carrier Weight in Metric Ton						
	25	30	35	40	45	50	55
<b>PDH100</b> (5200 j)	25 ~ 30						
<b>PDH121</b> (6500 j)		28 ~ 35					
<b>PDH130</b> (9000 j)		30 ~ 40					



Skidsteer







Backhoe



Mini-excavator



Excavator

BREAKER MODEL	Carrier Weight In Metric Ton					
	38	46	65	75	85	120
A 460  (14,500 j)	38 ~ 46		 Excavator			
A 550  (16,500 j)			46 ~ 65		 Excavator	
A 750  (18,500 j)	 Excavator		65 ~ 85			
A 1000  (22,000 j)			 Excavator		75 ~ 120	

### **5.4 Based on the type of work**

The production rate is the next important factor to consider when selecting the breaker. Most situations call for the largest breaker that your carrier could handle. The largest breaker is therefore the one to choose. The lifting capacity of your machine is then the limiting factor. The carrier machine must be able to safely handle the breaker at any distance out from the machine where you might be working.

#### **Small Breakers**

Smaller sized breakers up to 1350 joule are typically used in concrete and other light duty work.

#### **Medium Breakers**

Medium sized breakers 2000-5400 joule are used in both concrete and rock applications with limitations on the size and amount of material to be broken.

#### **Large Breakers**

Larger breakers greater than the 5400 joule are typically used in hard rock, high production applications.

#### **Breaking Oversize**

When breaking oversize material, the breaker is expected to break the material down quickly into multiple pieces. This is optimum production. If the operator has to re-position the breaker towards the edge of the rock and gradually downsize the material, the production rate slows down. To assess which breaker will effectively handle this application, the size and hardness of the material must be known.

#### **Trenching**

When trenching, the breaker is expected to fracture a solid mass of rock into manageable pieces. The size of the material could be hundreds of cubic yards, and the energy will be quickly absorbed. This is why it is recommended to work from a bench so the rock has somewhere to break out.

#### **Breaking concrete**

When breaking concrete, the breaker is expected to penetrate the material, allowing it to crack and shake loose from the reinforcing steel. High frequency breakers tend to provide better performance in this application. It is not the energy per blow, but the fast blow rate that destroys the concrete's structural integrity.



## 6 Recommended hydraulic oil

### 6.1 Oil is too thick or too thin

#### Thick oil may cause:

- Difficult start-up
- Stiff operation
- Danger of cavitation in the pumps
- Accelerated wear of pumps and breaker
- Sticky valves
- Filter bypasses (oil impurities not removed), contamination in hydraulic tank

#### Thin oil may cause:

- Efficiency losses (internal leakage)
- Breaker strikes slowly and irregularly
- Damage to gaskets and seals, leaks
- Accelerated wear of parts from decreased lubrication

### 6.2 Hydraulic oil purity

It is beneficial for the tank return line to pass through a filter. This ensures dirt introduced into the system by connecting and disconnecting the breaker is caught before entering the carrier's pump. Dirt destroys a hydraulic system, so ensure the breaker hose connections are protected when the breaker is not in use. Impurities also heat and age the hydraulic oil.

Air and water are also considered impurities in oil (not all impurities can be seen with the naked eye).

#### Impurities can enter the hydraulic system:

- When components are repaired or serviced
- During hydraulic oil changes and refilling
- When the breaker is operated with worn cylinder and seals
- When hoses are disconnected during breaker removal/installation

#### Results of damage by hydraulic oil impurity:

- Working life of pump(s) significantly shortened – rapid wear of parts, corrosion.
- Valves do not function properly – spools bind, accelerated wear of parts, blocking of small holes.
- Rapidly accelerated wear on cylinders and seals.
- Reduced breaker efficiency – accelerated wear of moving parts and seals, piston seizing up, oil leakage.
- Shortened working life and reduced efficiency of hydraulic oil – overheats, ages, electrochemical changes.
- Excessive large particle contamination can cause severe damage to the piston and piston cavity.

### ▲ CAUTION!

**After a major component failure, the hydraulic system must be flushed.**

Component damage is only a symptom. The trouble itself cannot be cured by removing the symptom.

### 6.3 Hydraulic Oil Cooling

#### ▲ CAUTION

**The maximum permitted hydraulic oil temperature in continuous breaker use is 50°-70°C, depending on the viscosity of the oil in the system.**

It is essential the carrier has a reliable hydraulic oil temperature sensor installed. The temperature of the hydraulic oil will depend upon ambient conditions, efficiency of the cooling system, and the amount of breaker use.

Additional cooling may be required.

## 7 Safety rules

Pladdet's policy is to produce products that are safe and reliable. However, even when using well-engineered equipment, there will always be an element of risk. To minimize the risks and ensure safety at all times, this section of the operator's manual details a number of safety rules that must always be followed and obeyed.

**IMPORTANT!** When it comes to safety, nothing will ever replace a careful operator.

This user manual is the primary source in maintaining optimum performance from the hydraulic breaker. It is imperative that the operator reads and understands all the safety information in this manual before proceeding. Failure to follow the instructions or heed the warnings could result in injury or death.

**Proper care is your responsibility.**

Pladdet cannot anticipate every possible circumstance that might involve a hazard. The hazard alerts in this publication and on the product, are therefore not all inclusive. If a tool, procedure, work method, or operating technique not specifically recommended by Pladdet is used, you must satisfy yourself that it is safe for you and others. You should also ensure the hydraulic breaker will not be damaged or made unsafe by the operation, maintenance, or repair procedures you choose.

- It is the obligation of the operator to make sure that all warning decals are in place on the machine and that they are readable. Accidents may otherwise occur. Contact your distributor or Pladdet for replacement manuals or decals.
- Should there be any information or instructions in this manual that are not in compliance with local laws and regulations in force in the country or region where this equipment is operated, the local laws and regulations must take precedence.

## 7.1 General safety precautions

### ▲ WARNING!

The operator of this machine must have sufficient knowledge and instructions before he/she operates the machine.

Untrained operators may cause severe injuries or even fatalities.

Therefore, it is important that you read and follow the instructions of this user manual.

- Never use a machine that has no user manual available. Learn and understand the safety signs and symbols on the machine and the operator instructions before you begin to use the machine.
- Wear protective clothing and use the protective equipment that is to be worn when operating or servicing the hydraulic breaker. Hard hats, protective glasses, protective shoes, gloves, reflector type vests, respirators and ear protection are types of equipment that may be required. Prolonged exposure to loud noise can cause hearing damage.
- Operate the machine only when physically fit and not under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Avoid loose fitting clothing, loose or uncovered long hair, jewelry and loose personal articles. These can get caught in moving parts.
- Keep all personnel well away from the hydraulic breaker when it is operating. Small pieces of stone or concrete can fly off causing serious injury to bystanders.
- Keep a first aid kit and a multi-purpose fire extinguisher on or near the machine, and know how to use them. Know where to get help.
- Before starting up the hydraulic breaker, perform a daily inspection and include it in the daily machine walk-around. Pay special attention to hoses and electrical connections. Make repairs before operating the breaker.



### 7.1.1 Practice safe maintenance

- Only trained mechanics should repair or disassemble the hydraulic breaker. Be sure you understand a service procedure before beginning any work; if you are uncertain, contact your Pladdet representative.
- Avoid unauthorized machine modifications – never substitute alternate parts not intended for the application. This could create hazardous situations or machine failure. Pladdet engineering must approve all machine modifications; they can affect product reliability and machine stability.
- Before performing any work on the machine, attach a DO NOT OPERATE or similar tag in the operator's tag in the operator's cab to alert others of service work being performed. Remove engine key and master key switch. Unexpected machine movement can cause serious injury.
- The cushion chamber(back head) is charged with nitrogen(N<sub>2</sub>)-a non-explosive inert gas. Only use N<sub>2</sub> when refilling it. Charging it with any other gas could trigger an explosion and lead to serious or possibly fatal injuries.
- Relieve all gas pressure in the cushion chamber before beginning disassembly procedures to avoid the potential for accidents or injury. It remains under pressure even after the hydraulic system is depressurized. Refer to the Maintenance section of the manual.
- Stay clear of the tool when charging the breaker cushion chamber. Gas pressure may cause unexpected piston movement and force the tool to jump against the tool retainer pins.
- Use only lifting devices with sufficient capacity to safely support the expected weight you are lifting.



- All lifting devices (straps, slings, chains, ratchet blocks, etc.) must comply with applicable local regulations and certifications. Pladdet cannot accept responsibility for the use of sub-standard equipment and work practices.
- When lifting or supporting the breaker or its parts, use equipment with a sufficient lifting capacity.
- Use the lifting eyes or lifting points that are located on certain breaker components.
- Do not work under a hanging or suspended load!
- If a jack is used, the floor or ground must be flat and of sufficient strength to support the expected load.

### **7.1.2 Precautions for working on hydraulic systems**

#### **▲ WARNING!**

**Risk of personal injury! Wear safety glasses and use protective gloves.**

Relieve all trapped pressure before performing any service to the hydraulic system. Pressure can be maintained in the hydraulic circuits long after the power source and pump have been shut down.

- Relieve all pressure before disconnecting hoses or tubes.
- Tighten all connections before applying pressure.

It is important that each person who comes in contact with the machine be alert to any faults.

#### **Follow these basic precautions:**

- Never adjust a pressure relief valve or other pressure-limiting device to a higher pressure than specified.
- Check to make sure hydraulic hoses are not worn or damaged, and are routed to avoid chafing.
- Replace any hydraulic hose immediately that shows signs of swelling, wear, leaks or damage before it bursts.
- Hydraulic fluid escaping under pressure can penetrate the skin causing serious injury. Do not use your hand to check for hydraulic oil leaks. Use a piece of cardboard. If skin penetration occurs, seek medical attention immediately. Relieve all pressure before disconnecting hoses.
- Do not bend or strike high-pressure lines, tubes or hoses, or reinstall them in a bent or damaged condition.

### **7.1.3 Precautions for handling hydraulic oil**

#### **▲ WARNING!**

**Risk of burns! Use protective work gloves.**

- Hot oil can cause painful burns. Use caution when changing the hydraulic oil.
- Oils can irritate and damage the eyes, throat and other sensitive skin. Avoid contact.
- Petroleum based oils are hazardous to the environment. Take special care not to spill or discharge these fluids. Use approved containers and methods to handle and dispose of them.
- Use an authorized disposal and recycling company.

### **7.1.4 Work site precautions**

#### **▲ WARNING!**

Know the location of any flammable gas lines in the construction area.

Damaged gas lines could lead to a fire or explosion. Operation the breaker may create sparks that could ignite highly flammable gases.

- Never operate the breaker in an environment where highly explosive gases could be present.
- Make sure there are no sources of flammable gases in the work area.
- Always provide sufficient ventilation when working in buildings or confined areas.

### ▲ **WARNING!**

Never operate the breaker in the vicinity of explosives.

- Make sure there are no explosives hidden in the rock or stones being broken.
- The impact of the tool could cause them to explode.

### ▲ **WARNING!**

Avoid all overhead cables and electrical wiring when operating the breaker to prevent the risk of electrical shock.

- Any contact with sources of electricity can lead to an electric shock, resulting in serious injury or death.
- Check the worksite for hidden electrical circuits.

#### **7.1.5 Fire prevention**

**IMPORTANT! Maintain a charged fire extinguisher on the machine at all times and KNOW HOW TO USE IT!**

Prevent combustible debris from collecting in tight corners of the machine. This debris by itself may not cause a fire; however, when mixed with fuel, oil, or grease in a hot or confined space, the danger of fire increases dramatically.

**To reduce the chance of a fire starting, follow these instructions:**

- Clean dust and debris from the machine daily.
- Inspect the machine daily for potential fire hazards and make any necessary repairs immediately.
- Inspect electrical wiring and connections and hydraulic hoses to ensure they are secure and not rubbing against other components.
- Clean up any excess grease and oil accumulation and spillage immediately.
- Use only non-flammable solutions for cleaning the machine or components.
- Store rags and other combustible materials in a safe, fireproof location.
- Before starting repair work such as welding, clean the surrounding area and place a fire extinguisher close by.
- Store flammable fluids away from fire hazards. Do not incinerate or puncture pressurized containers.

#### **7.1.6 Welding and grinding work**

**IMPORTANT! A fire extinguisher should be easily accessible during all welding work.**

Welding repairs are to be performed by a trained welder with proper service instructions. Know the material to be welded and select the correct welding procedure and materials (electrodes, rods, wire) that will provide a weld metal strength equivalent to the parent material.

- Move the machine to a clean, safe area before welding, grinding or using an oxy/acetylene torch on it. This type of work should only be done in a clean area and not in places that contain combustible liquids, such as fuel tanks, hydraulic pipes or similar.
- Consult the carrier operator's manual before starting welding procedures. Sensitive equipment may require disconnecting machine electronics.
- If welding the breaker side plates or box housing, remove them from the breaker assembly. This prevents the possibility of internal damage to the breaker resulting from internal arcing between the cylinder and piston.
- Work with extra care when welding, grinding or torch cutting near flammable objects.
- Welding on painted surfaces releases dangerous fumes and results in a poor weld joint that can result in failure and potential accidents. Always remove paint from areas to be welded.

### 7.1.7 Work on painted surfaces

Heated paint gives off poisonous gasses. Therefore, paint must be removed from an area with a radius of at least 10 cm before carrying out welding, grinding or gas cutting. In addition to the health hazard, the weld will be of inferior quality and strength if the paint is not removed.

Methods and precautionary measures when removing paint:

- Blasting - use respiratory protective equipment and protective goggles.
- Paint remover or other chemicals – use a portable air extractor, respiratory protective equipment and protective gloves.
- Grinding – use a portable air extractor, respiratory protective equipment and protective gloves and goggles.

## 7.2 Rubber and plastics

### ▲ WARNING!

When heated, rubber and plastics can give off substances that are hazardous to personal health and the environment.

The following safety instructions must be followed:

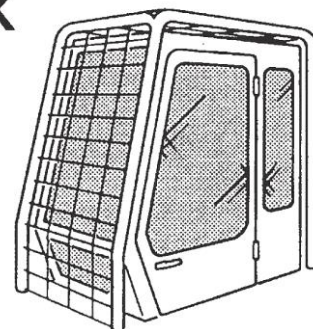
- Do not weld or cut with a torch near polymer materials (plastics, urethane, and rubber) without first protecting them from the heat.
- Never burn polymer materials when scrapping them.
- Be careful when handling machines that have been exposed to fire or other intense heat. Always use gloves, protective safety glasses and breathing protection.

## 7.3 Hazard alerts

### ▲ WARNING!

The breaker should only be mounted to excavators whose lifting capacity is greater than the minimum value.

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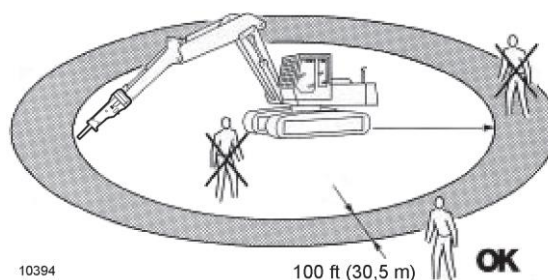
### ▲ WARNING!

When working overhead, always be aware of the possibility of falling blocks or material fragments. Ensure that the machine is equipped with the necessary protection and that the cab is of the F.O.P.S. (Falling Object Protective Structure) type.

### ▲ WARNING!

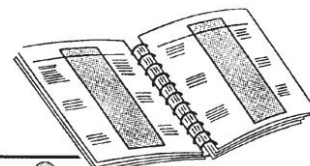
Keep a minimum distance of 30 meter from the excavator operating area.

Protect bystanders from the working area to prevent injuries. Proceed carefully when moving the excavator.



**▲ WARNING!**

The breaker must only be used by a skilled operator who has read and understood the user manual.

**▲ WARNING!**

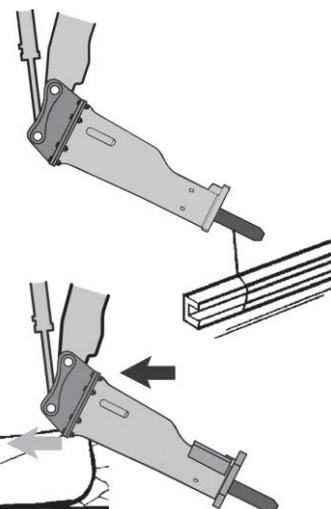
Do not allow any unauthorized person to operate or carry out any type of maintenance.



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**▲ WARNING!**

The breaker must be used only on the condition that it has been installed correctly using the attachment bracket and pins.

**▲ WARNING!**

Do not use the breaker for lifting, hammering, or transporting materials.

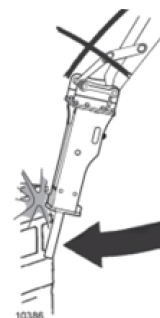
**▲ WARNING!**

If the breaker becomes entangled in the reinforcement bars of the structure being demolished, free it before proceeding.

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**▲ WARNING!**

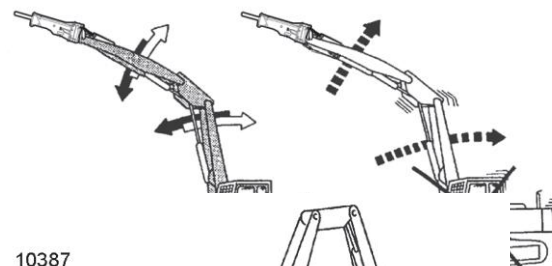
Do not begin demolition work from lower parts of a structure. The upper part could collapse.

**▲ WARNING!**

Do not use the breaker to hammer against the structure being demolish.

**▲ WARNING!**

The excavator boom must be moved safely with slow, accurate movements. Avoid sudden movements.

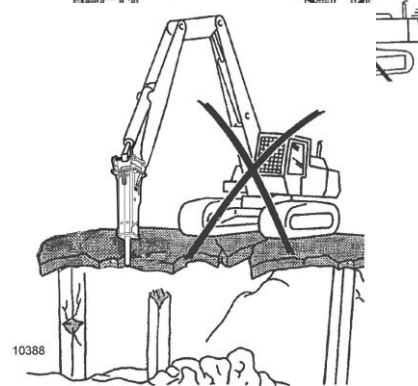


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**▲ WARNING!**

Ensure that the structure supporting your machine is strong enough to support its weight.

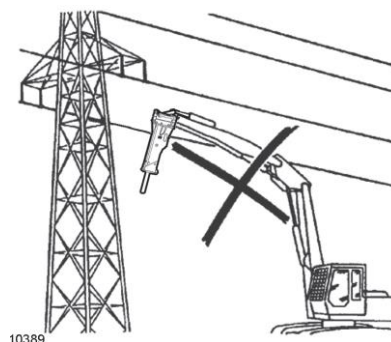
**Danger of falling!**



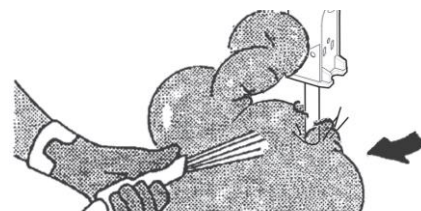
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**▲ WARNING!**

Stay a minimum of 9 meter away from overhead wires with any part of the machine.

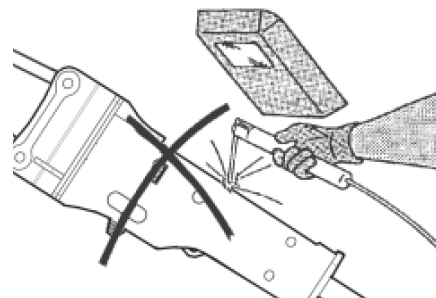
**▲ WARNING!**

To keep dust at a minimum during operation, spray the work area with water.

**▲ WARNING!**

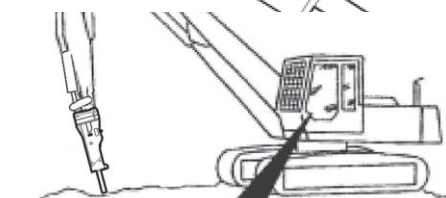
No adaptations or modifications to the breaker are allowed unless agreed upon by Pladdet engineering. Written approval must be received beforehand.

Check the carrier user manual. Further precautions may be required.

**▲ WARNING!**

All operations of adjustment, maintenance, repair or cleaning must be made with the engine OFF and the attachment resting firmly on the ground.

Fasten a "DO NOT OPERATE" or similar tag in the cab.

**▲ WARNING!**

When carrying out maintenance or transporting procedures, take care to place the breaker in a stable position.

The relative movement of various parts should be prevented using ties, supports, blocks etc.

**▲ CAUTION!**

Use only original Pladdet spare parts.

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## 8 Installation

### 8.1 General

To obtain the best performance from a hydraulic breaker, it must be installed correctly and the carrier machine supplying the hydraulic power must be operating properly.

The following checklist will assist in the installation:

- 1) Make sure the hydraulic circuit targeted for the breaker matches the requirements for hydraulic flow and pressure relief settings.
- 2) The hydraulic tubing and hose size must match the requirements of the breaker.
- 3) The hydraulic oil and filter must be clean. Be sure the hydraulic reservoir is full at all times.
- 4) Make sure any hoses or tubes that are used are routed to prevent rubbing or chafing during operation.

It is beneficial for the tank return line to pass through a filter. This ensures dirt introduced into the system by connecting and disconnecting the breaker is caught before entering the carrier's pump.

Quick disconnects on the pressure and return lines are not recommended. If they fail, metal particles can cause internal damage in the breaker such as accelerated component wear, blockages, and seizing. They will also cause a pressure drop and flow restrictions.

#### ▲ CAUTION!

Make sure the hose fittings are clean and dust-free.

#### ▲ CAUTION!

Be sure the operating pressure values do not exceed those instructed in this manual.

#### ▲ WARNING!

It is advisable to provide clearly marked shut-off valves in the breaker pressure and return line circuits.

Shut-off valves will enable them to be isolated when removing or installing the breaker. This will overcome the risk of releasing high-pressure oil and limit the discharge of oil from the hydraulic lines.

### 8.2 Mounting the Breaker

- 1) Clean the inner surfaces of the breaker attachment bracket with a cloth.
- 2) Draw the carrier machine near inserting the STICK boom into the breaker attachment bracket.
- 3) Carefully clean any dirt from the pins and bushing. Insert the bucket pin checking its alignment and securing it with the collars and locking bolts.

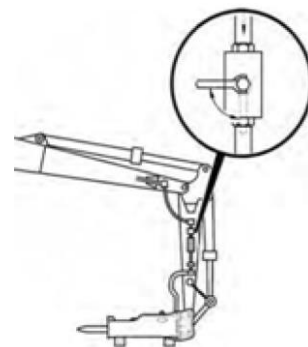
#### ▲ CAUTION!

Do not force the pin; re-check its alignment instead.

- 4) Move the LINK cylinder to line up the hole of the connecting rod with the second mounting bracket attachment hole. Insert the pin and secure it with the collars and locking bolts.

### 8.3 Setting Flow and Pressure

See "Specifications - Page 2" for operating pressure and oil flow requirements for all Pladdet models.





## ▲ CAUTION!

**DO NOT** operate the breaker below its minimum flow rate. Internal damage to the breaker may result.

**DO NOT** operate the breaker at a pressure near to or above the relief valve setting. Internal damage to the relief valve may result. Ensure the relief valve is set approx. 40 bar above the actual operating pressure of the breaker.

### 8.3.1 *Setting the Flow*

- 1) Install an in-line flow meter in place of the breaker.
- 2) Adjust the flow on the flow control valve to the maximum permitted for the breaker. The highest flow will permit the most blows per minute.
- 3) Ensure the flow is within the permitted range.

### 8.3.2 *Setting the Relief pressure*

- 1) Connect a flow and pressure meter in place of the breaker. (Bypass the hydraulic breaker and route the return line directly to the tank.)
- 2) Measure the flow under no load and verify it is in the range for the breaker.
- 3) Slowly increase the pressure and at the same time, verify the flow remains constant right up to the predetermined relief setting.
- 4) Adjust accordingly. Double check both relief pressure and flow settings.

When the breaker is installed and the oil is warmed to operating temperature, use a pressure gauge in the pressure line to verify the average operating pressure is within the specification.

## 8.4 *Start-up*

Before putting the breaker to work in hard material, it is necessary to remove air from the hydraulic system and allow the new seals to work in properly.

- 1) Lift the unit off the ground.
- 2) Press the start button or pedal to fire the breaker momentarily.
- 3) Continue to turn the breaker ON and OFF in this manner for 10 minutes.
- 4) Work the breaker in soft material in short bursts for 10 minutes.
- 5) Check for any loose bolts or oil leakage.

The breaker is now ready to operate.

On new units, be sure the installation notice is properly completed and submitted.

## 8.5 *Typical hydraulic circuits*

For a hydraulic breaker to function, it needs hydraulic flow and pressure in one direction only. The supply line should be directed out the left side of the carrier and the return line on the right (as viewed by the operator).

Pladdet breakers operate within a specified flow range. The operating pressure will depend on the amount of oil flow, the return line pressure, and internal efficiency of the individual attachment.

### 8.5.1 *Carrier with Auxiliary Hydraulic Circuit*

The carrier will often be equipped with an auxiliary control valve. In this case the auxiliary control can be used to control the supply of oil. It can usually be adjusted to provide the correct amount of flow, and a relief cartridge can be installed to protect the hydraulic circuit.

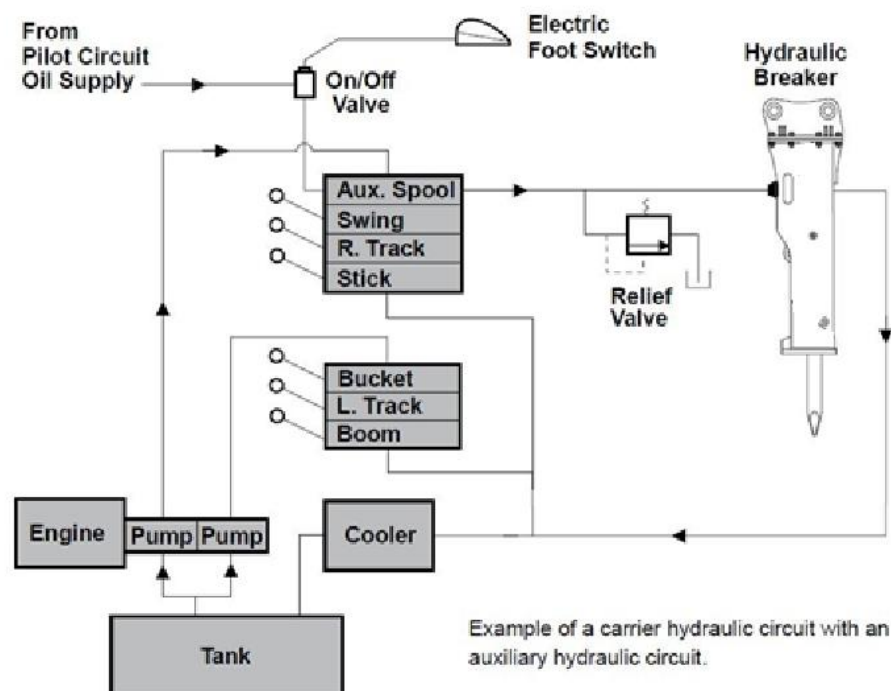


### ▲ CAUTION!

**When using the carrier's existing auxiliary control valve for the hydraulic breaker circuit, do not route the return line back through its return port. High back-pressures may result.**

It is recommended to send the oil directly back through the cooler/return filter to the tank.

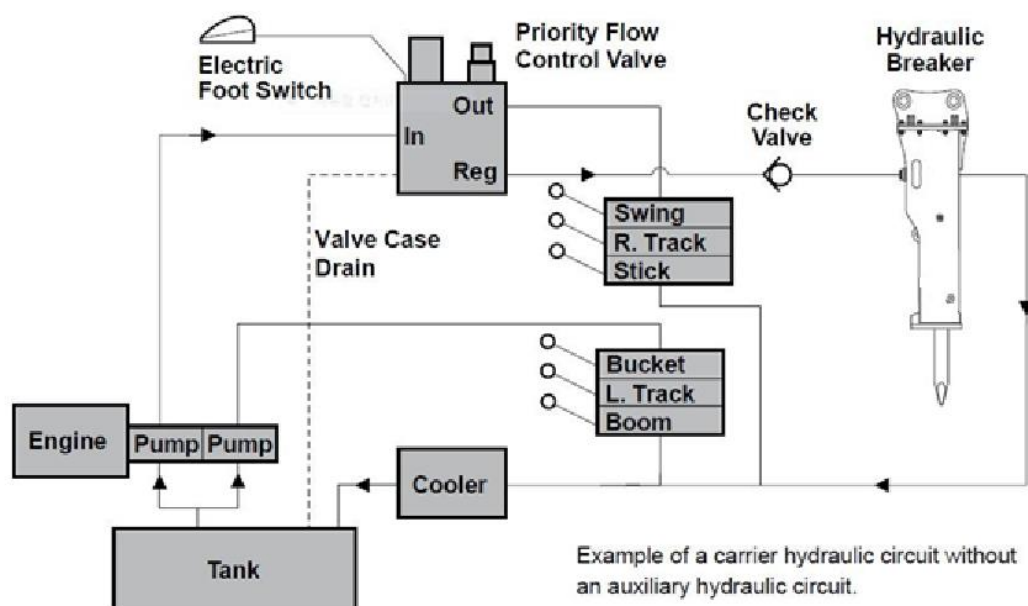
If it is necessary to plumb the circuit using both ports on the auxiliary valve, the return line should have a drain line connected to the tank. This will reduce back-pressure in the hydraulic circuit and protect the control valve from return line pressure spikes.



#### 8.5.2 Carrier without Auxiliary Hydraulic Circuit

If the carrier is not equipped with an auxiliary control valve, install a priority flow control valve to direct the correct flow away from the normal circuit and operate the attachment.

The priority flow control valve is usually equipped with a flow adjustment and pressure relief. These valves often need a check valve on the regulated port to completely close the flow. If dividing too much flow, this circuit can generate heat and may require additional cooling capacity.



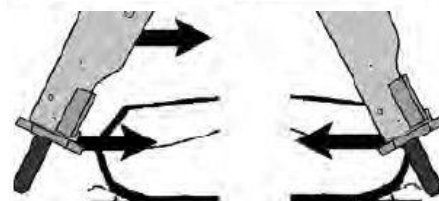
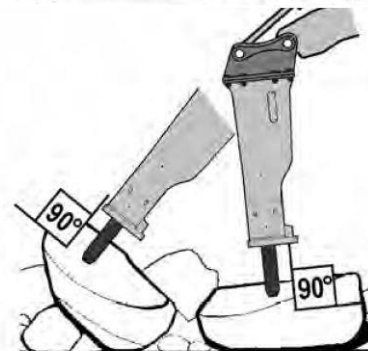
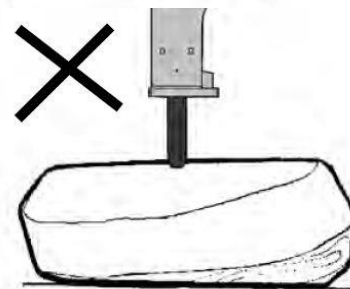
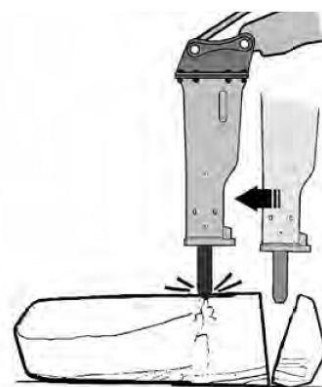
## 9 Operation

### 9.1 Suggestions for efficient operation

#### ▲ CAUTION!

Do not operate the breaker continuously in one spot for more than 20 seconds. Doing so will cause excessive heat that could mushroom the end of the tool.

- For large rocks, start at the edge and work toward the center, breaking off small chunks each time.
- Always keep the tool 90° to the surface of the rock to reduce side loading on the tool bushings.
- If the rock or stone shows no sign of breaking within 20 seconds, reposition the breaker.
- Breaking along a rock's natural faults and seams makes breaking easier.
- When breaking on a wall or steep incline, use a combination of the carrier's stick cylinder and tilt cylinder to provide the necessary force to hold the breaker against the material. Always work the tool at 90° to the material being broken.
- As down-force is applied on the breaker, the carrier will lift slightly indicating breaker tool is properly pressed onto the material.



#### ▲ CAUTION!

The breaker should not be fired when the carrier's boom hydraulic cylinders are fully extended or fully retracted. The cylinders may be damaged from the breaker's shock pulses.

#### ▲ CAUTION!

**When hydraulic oil temperature exceeds 70°C, stop breaking!**

If the carrier's operating temperature runs too high, it will actually decrease the breaking power.

- Rake ONLY with breaker wear plate and reinforced rock claws. Do not use the tool to rake materials.
- Push ONLY with breaker wear plate and reinforced rock claws.



### End of shift

If the breaker is not removed from the carrier at the end of the day, it should be left standing vertical with the tool pushed up into the breaker.

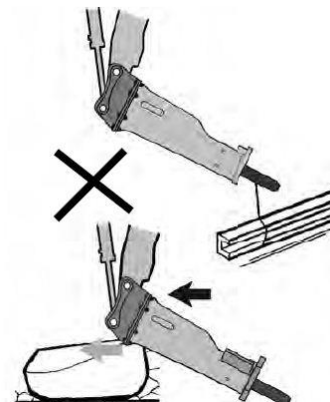
## 9.2 Improper use of breaker

### ▲ CAUTION!

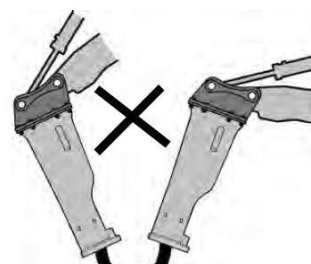
Do not use the breaker to pry, pick, pound, or lift.

This can cause serious damage to the breaker as the tool is side loaded or binds in the bushing. The tool must always move freely straight up and down in the bushing.

- Do not PUSH incorrectly. Use breaker wear plate and reinforced rock claws.



- Bad alignment BENDS the tool. Always break at 90° to surface of rock.

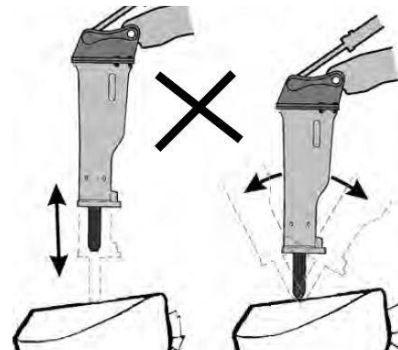


### ▲ CAUTION!

Excessive down-force will not make breaking easier, in fact the carrier will be lifted too far off the ground and this can damage your equipment.

Not enough down-force and the tool will bounce on the material resulting in blank-firing.

- Do not POUND or PRY with the breaker.



## 9.3 Blank firing

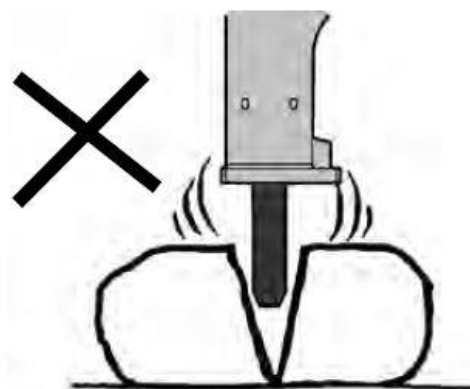
### ▲ CAUTION!

Avoid blank firing. Premature failure of parts in the breaker lower end can result. Stop the movement of the breaker's piston when full contact to the target material is lost. This reduces the strain on the tool retainers and front head during normal operation.

Blank firing emits a distinct metallic ringing sound and most often occurs in hard rock, just as the rock shatters under the tool. With no material under the tool, the piston smashes the tool and retainers into the front head, transferring the breaking force back through the breaker and excavator.

This can cause premature failure of the parts in the lower end of the breaker.

To prevent blank firing, learn to anticipate when the material will break. Predicting this moment is probably best done by listening to the sound of the tool hitting the rock. A change in the hammering



sound is noticed as the tool breaks through. This is the point to stop firing the breaker.

### 9.4 *Breaking Oversize Material*

With practice, the best place to begin breaking will be learned by just looking at the rock.

- Position the tool on flat areas of the rock, or look for a seam or crack, which may allow easier splitting.
- To fully absorb all the breaker's energy, make sure the rock is resting on a solid base.

### 9.5 *Trenching and Excavation*

- Before trenching, remove all overburden material, exposing the rock surface to be broken.
- To begin, penetrate the breaker tool deep into the material, splitting and loosening the rock.
- Repeat this penetration several times within a small area, excavating a hole. When excavating a deep trench it is more effective to use steps or benches allowing a place for the rock to break out to.
- Maintain the benches as the trench advances.
- Slope the sides of the trench to accommodate the width of the breaker. The larger the breaker and the deeper the trench, the wider the opening at the top will need to be.
- For most situations, the excavator will sit to the side of the trench allowing you to keep steeper slopes. However the carrier swing function may not have the strength to push broken rock away from the work area. In some cases the excavator can sit on top of the trench and the broken material can be back filled under the excavator.
- For best performance, apply the down force in line with the tool, repositioning every 10 to 15 seconds or when no penetration is evident.
- Keep the breaker well-greased at all times.

### 9.6 *Breaking Concrete*

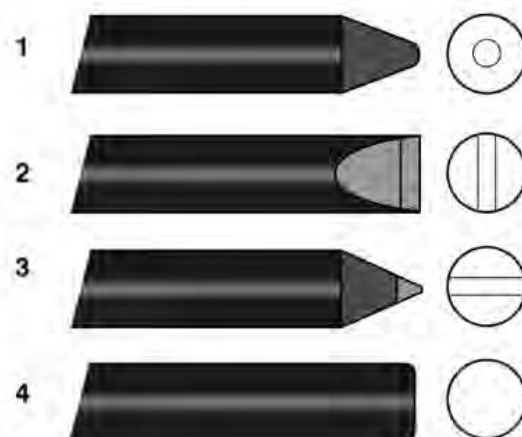
- Begin by penetrating the concrete several times in one area with the breaker tool. This should loosen the concrete and separate the reinforcing steel. This rebar may need to be cut to keep the concrete pieces manageable for removal.
- When breaking concrete floors, use the down force from the carrier's boom cylinder to follow the tool through the concrete.
- For vertical walls, force must be maintained using a combination of boom, stick, and tilt cylinders.

A fast blow rate gives the best performance in breaking concrete, so ensure your carrier is providing the breaker with the maximum recommended oil flow.

Generally, a chisel point gives the best splitting action when breaking concrete. However if breaking hard concrete with lots of rebar, amoil point may be better. Themoil tip helps deflect the tool off the steel as it breaks the concrete.

### 9.7 *Guide to Tool Choice*

- 1) Moil-used for penetration in low abrasive materials of similar make-up.
- 2) Chisel-X – used for splitting material made up of substances that have a different make-up.
- 3) Chisel-Y – Use for asphalt cutting.
- 4) Blunt- Used for impact in hard, crumbly rock.



**▲ CAUTION!**

Use of after-market tools not approved by Pladdet may void warranty.

## 9.8 Underwater operation (optional)

### ▲ CAUTION!

**Do not operate the breaker underwater or in mud. Permanent damage to the breaker may result. Pladdet breakers require specific modifications for underwater applications.**

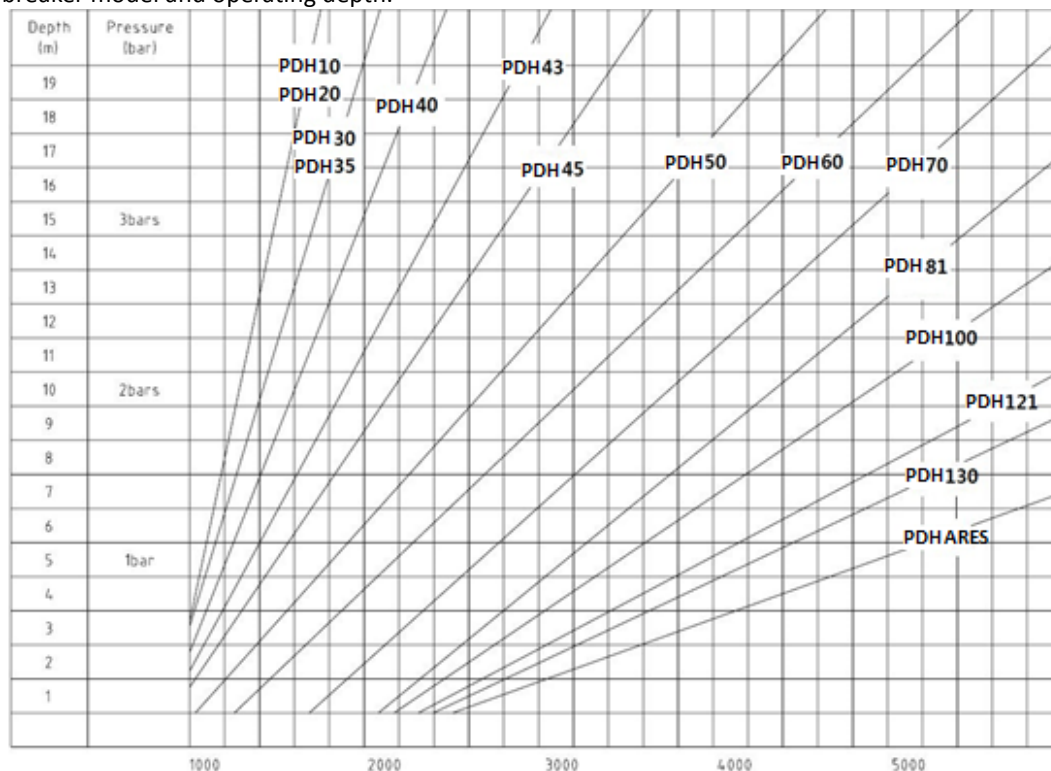
- Underwater operation of the breaker is possible to pour air into the striking area between the piston and the rod.
- For the sake of underwater operation the adapter is supplied as a standard part.
- For the sake of underwater operation breaker is installed the air supply kit separately.
- Underwater usage of the breaker without the underwater kit and air compressor will cause serious damage to the hydraulic breaker.

## 9.9 Installing the air supply kit

- 1) Clean the air check valve hole on the left-side of the cylinder.  
(Except PDH40, the air check valve hole is located on the right-side)
- 2) Remove the air check valve with the standard tool.
- 3) Apply the O-ring to the cylinder's air check valve hole and install it.
- 4) Connect the hose to the air check valve hole and install it.
- 5) Before underwater operation, hammer couple times above water to get air.

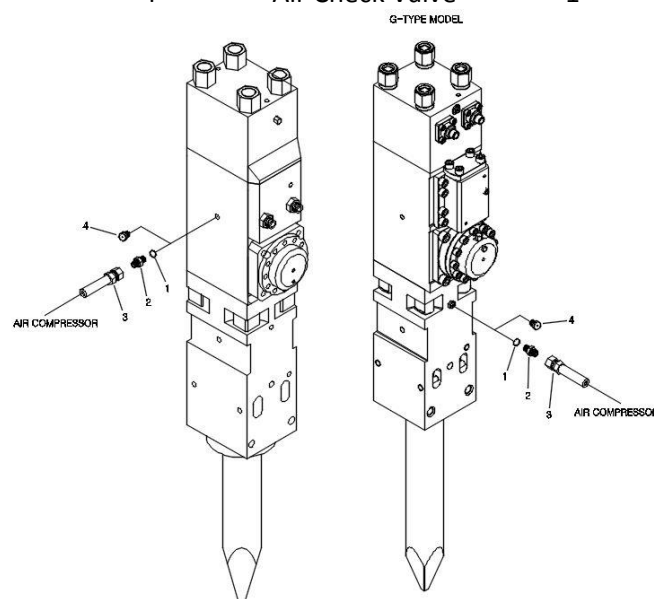
## 9.10 Air flow rate for underwater operation

The air capacity levels are in the following chart. Supply appropriate air flow rate in accordance with the breaker model and operating depth.



### 9.11 Illustration for installing the underwater breaker

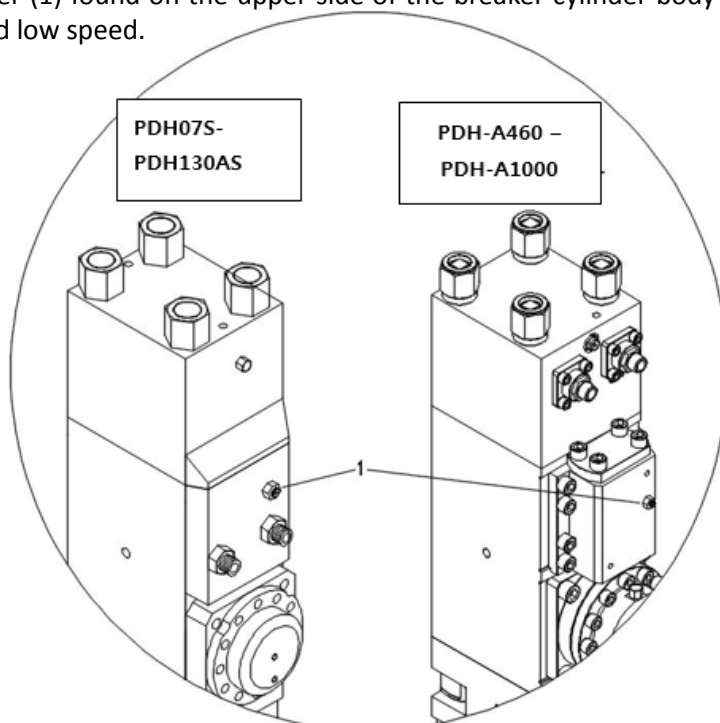
No.	Part Name	Q'ty
1	O-Ring	1
2	W-Adapter	1
3	Hose	1
4	Air Check Valve	1



### 9.12 High/low speed selector valve

Breaker models PDH50S and larger can operate at two speeds. The higher speed setting is obtained by shortening the piston stroke. At the higher speed, the breaking power is somewhat lower, but higher production rates can be achieved in softer materials such as concrete. It is not available on models smaller than PDH50S. To set lower speed, turn valve adjuster counter clockwise 2 1/2 turn. To set higher speed than the normal factory setting, turn clockwise 2 turn or more.

A valve adjuster (1) found on the upper side of the breaker cylinder body is used to switch between high speed and low speed.





## 10 Maintenance

Lubrication is the single most important procedure for sustaining the life of a hydraulic breaker. To keep your breaker in top operating condition, perform the maintenance procedures outlined in this section.

### 10.1 Greasing the breaker

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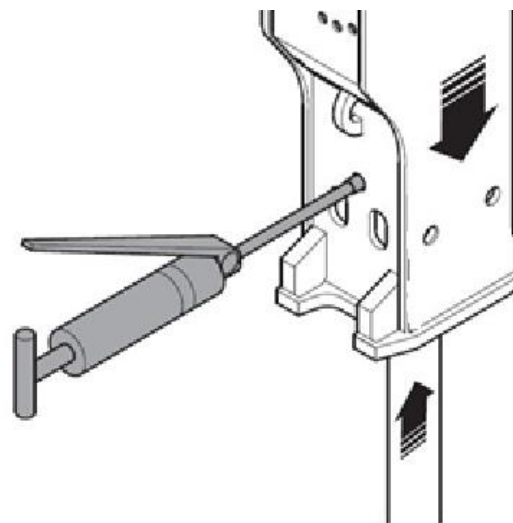
**Use proper grease. Always use Pladdet chisel paste or a molybdenum disulfide based (MoS<sub>2</sub>) grease to lubricate the tool.**

**The use of GP (general purpose) grease is not recommended. It will melt and run down the tool providing very poor lubrication. Use only as a last resort.**

Pressing the tool up inside the breaker prevents excessive grease entering the impact chamber. The excessive grease will cause a cushioning affect and a lack of breaker power when the breaker is fired.

Excessive grease could contaminate the oil and cause seal failure.

- 1) The breaker must be in a vertical position to grease, with enough down-pressure to push the tool up inside the housing.
- 2) Grease until clean grease oozes out around the tool and retainer pins.
- 3) Grease the breaker after every two hours of continuous use, or when the tool appears shiny where it rides inside the front head.



#### ▲ CAUTION!

Grease often. Failure to lubricate regularly reduces the life of the tool, bushings, and front head. If the tool becomes dry and shiny during the shift, apply additional grease.

#### 10.1.1 Automatic greasing systems

A provision hole for automatic greasing systems is provided PDH50S and larger models.

When greasing with an automatic greasing system, the grease should only be injected into the breaker when it's firing. This will allow the breaker to consume the grease correctly.

Set the flow rate so there is a continuous new grease shine near the top of the tool coming from the breaker. If the tool appears shiny, the greasing flow rate may need to be increased. This rate may change due to specific operating conditions.

### 10.1.2 Comparison of automatic lubrication systems to manual lubrication

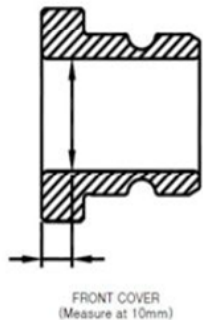
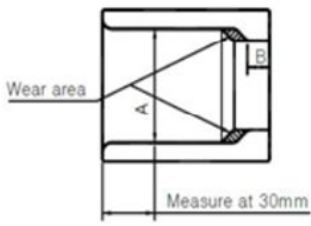
Automated Lubrication	Manual Lubrication
➤ Constant lubrication	➤ Inconsistent lubrication
➤ Lube while machine runs	➤ Cannot lubricate while operating
➤ Closed system-no contamination	➤ Constant contamination
➤ Extended bearing life	➤ Premature bearing failure
➤ Less downtime	➤ Labor expense
➤ Quick payback on investment	

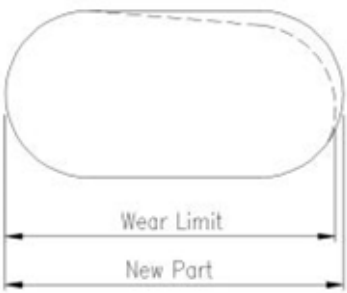
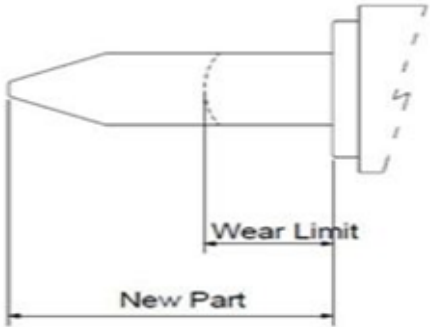
### 10.1.3 Seal & O-ring

Since hydraulic breaker operates at high-pressure and high-temperature, leakage or scratch could be occurred by friction, wear and breakage of seals. Considering pressure, temperature, viscosity of oil, a little leakage is accepted to be normal. But in case of abnormal leakage, replace as a new ones. To prevent fatal defect periodical replacement is carried out every 3 months without external leakage of breaker. Although the breaker is not operated in a long time, replace seals periodically to prevent rust, corrosion of oil and transformation of seals.

### 10.2 Wear Tolerance (Front Cover / Ring Bush / Rod Pin / Chisel)

Wear tolerance of each kind expendable parts come to decide. The usage of exceeding the wear tolerance causes fatal damage to breaker. Prevent the damage through the regular inspection and exchange of expendable parts including seals and all kinds of bushes. Our company is not responsible for the flaw using in exceeding the wear tolerance of the expendable parts.

Model	Front Cover (Lower Bush)		Ring Bush (Inner Bush)	
	New Inside Dia.	Reject Inside Dia.	New (A/B)	Reject (A/B)
07	40	42	40 / 11.1	42 / 9.0
10	40	42	40 / 11.1	42 / 9.0
20	45	47	45 / 10.3	47 / 8.0
30	53	56	53 / 8.5	55 / 6.0
35	60	63	60 / 19	62 / 16.0
40	68	72	68 / 10.5	71 / 7.5
43	75	79	75 / 20	78 / 17.0
45	85	89	85 / 25	89 / 22.0
50	100	104	100 / 17	105 / 14.0
60	125	129	125 / 31	130 / 28.0
70A	135	140	135 / 32.5	140 / 29.5
81A	140	145	140 / 40	146 / 37
100	150	155	150 / 38	156 / 35
121	155	161	155 / 46	161 / 27
130	155	161	155 / 46	161 / 43
A 460	175	181	175 / 53.5	181 / 50.5
A 550	185	191	185 / 53.5	191 / 50.5
A 750	195	201	195 / 55	201 / 50
A 1000	210	216	210 / 55	216 / 50
Reference	 <p>FRONT COVER (Measure at 10mm)</p>		 <p>Wear area</p> <p>Measure at 30mm</p>	

Unit : mm				
Model	Rod Pin (Tool Pin)		Chisel ( Rod)	
	New	Wear Limit	New	Wear Limit
07	22	20	300	200
10	24	22	300	200
20	24	22	326	200
30	28	26	330	200
35	28	26	350	200
40	38	36	410	250
43	38	36	455	250
45	54	51	565	250
50	60	57	561	250
60	75	72	680	300
70A	83	80	702	350
81A	88.5	85.5	762	400
100	94	92	854	450
121	96	93	913	500
130	96	93	913	500
A 460	110	105	920	500
A 550	110	105	930	500
A 750	130	125	950	650
A 1000	140	135	1100	700
Reference				

### 10.3 Changing the breaker tool

Check the wear width between the tool and tool bushing. See table on the previous pages for maximum and minimum permissible wear limit.

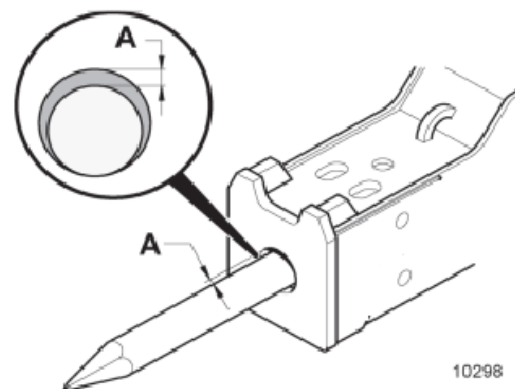
#### 10.3.1 Tool and front tool bushing clearance

Check the clearance between the tool and the front tool bushing every 100 hours. Worm parts may cause misalignment between the tool and the piston.

If the value exceeds those shown in the following table, both front and rear tool bushings must be replaced to prevent damage.

#### ▲ CAUTION!

Exceeding the following values may damage other component parts, such as the piston and cylinder.



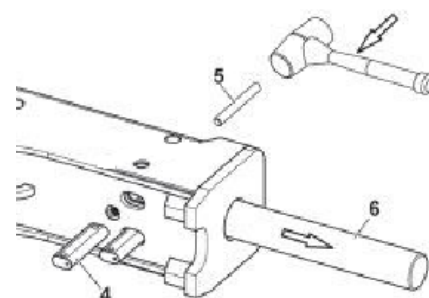
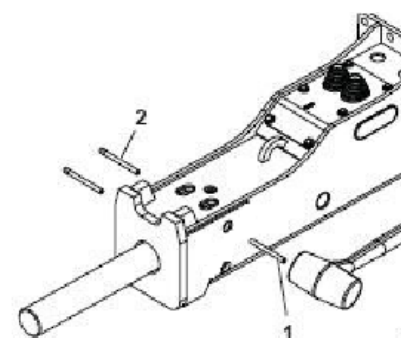
#### 10.3.2 Tool removal

- 1) To remove the tool, drive out the retainer pin and stopper plug using the drift supplied in the tool kit.
- 2) Use the drift to drive out the tool retainers. Inspect them for cracks or deformities and wear on the edge that rests against the tool.

**NOTE:** Models 10, 20, 30, 35, 40, 43 have spring tool retainer pins / other larger models have round tool retainer pins.

Ensure tool retainer pins (45 and larger model) are rotating properly. Check for hash mark where pin contacts front head pin.

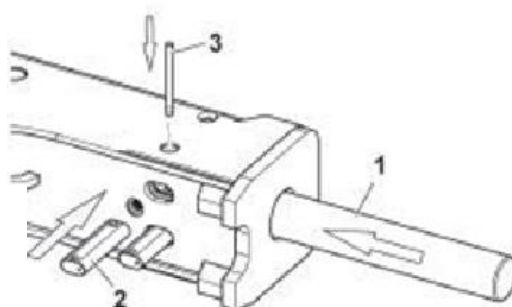
- 3) Remove any burrs on the retainer pins and the tool with a grinder. Check for mushrooming on the top of tool.
- 4) If rotating the retainer pins, make sure the marked surface is towards the tool as shown.



#### 10.3.3 Tool installation

To install the tool, reverse the above procedure.

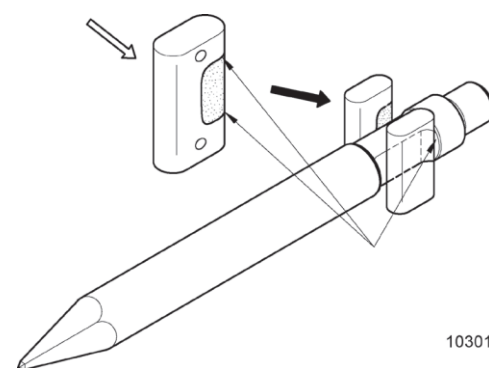
- 1) First, grease the inside of the lower bushings. When the tool is inserted it will take the grease with it.
- 2) Cover the sides of the tool's top section with grease and insert the tool into the front head.
- 3) Grease and insert the tool retainers, then grease and insert the retainer pins.



1. Tool

2. Tool Retainer

3. Retainer Pin



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### 10.4 Cushion chamber gas pressure – checking

**IMPORTANT!** Incorrect nitrogen gas pressure in the cushion chamber can damage the breaker and cause poor or erratic breaker behavior.

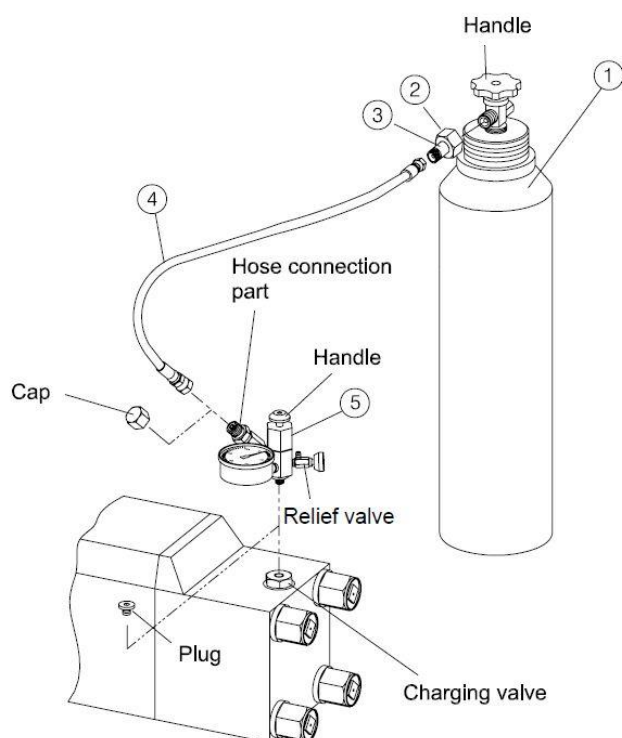
#### ▲ CAUTION!

Stay clear of the tool when charging the breaker cushion chamber.

Gas pressure may cause unexpected piston movement and force the tool to jump against the retainer pins.

#### ▲ CAUTION!

The cushion chamber is charged with nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>) – a non – explosive inert gas. Use only N<sub>2</sub> when refilling it. Charging it with any other gas could trigger an explosion and lead to serious or possibly fatal injuries.



**IMPORTANT!** Before charging the cushion chamber, make sure the tool is NOT pushed up inside the breaker. Lay the breaker down in a horizontal position.

Item	Part Name	Q'ty
	N <sub>2</sub> Gas Charging Set	1 SET
1	N <sub>2</sub> Gas Cylinder	1
2	Adapter Nut	1
3	Adapter	1
4	Synflex Hose	1
5	3-Way Valve Assembly	1

### 10.5 Cushion chamber (back head) gas pressure – checking

- 1) Make sure if the cap and valve of the 3-way valve assembly(5) are fully tightened. Screw the 3-way valve assembly (5) into the charging valve of the back head after removing the plug.
- 2) At this time the handle must stand up to prevent the gas from coming out.
- 3) Push the handle into the charging valve fully, so the gas pressure inside the back head is indicated on the pressure gauge.
- 4) When the gas pressure is normal, unscrew the 3-way valve assembly after discharging gas inside the 3-way valve assembly.
- 5) When the gas pressure is higher or lower, charge it as described below.

**NOTE:** Be careful to connect the hose as quickly as possible. Once the hose end is starting to thread on, the valve will unseat and gas pressure can be lost.

Refer to **Specifications** below table for back head gas pressure values.

• Conversion Table for charging nitrogen gas pressure to Back Head

(Depends on the temperature of Back Head surface)

Back Head Surface Temperature °C		0	10	20	30	40
Back Head Gas Pressure kg/cm <sup>2</sup>	General Type	15.5	16	16.5	17	17.5
	G-Type	5.5	5.7	6	6.3	6.5

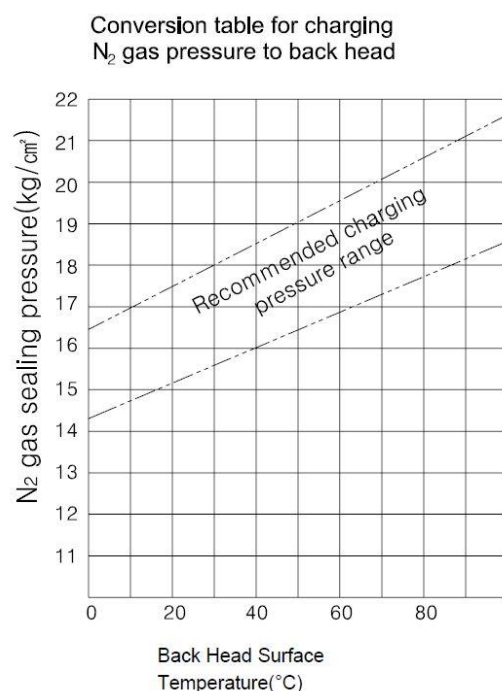
### 10.6 Cushion chamber gas pressure – adjusting

- 1) Connect the charging hose(4) to N2 gas cylinder(1) after screwing the bombe adapter(3) onto adapter nut(2) and installing them to the N2 gas cylinder.
- 2) Connect the 3-way valve assembly(5) to the charging hose(4) after unscrewing the cap on the 3-way valve.
- 3) Install the 3-way valve assembly(5) to the charging valve of the Back Head. At this time the handle of the 3-way valve assembly must be up position to prevent the gas from coming out.
- 4) Push the handle of the 3-way valve assembly fully and turn the handle of the N2 gas cylinder counterclockwise gradually to charge gas.
- 5) When the gas pressure exceeds 10% higher than the specified pressure, close the N2 gas cylinder by turning the handle clockwise.
- 6) Leave the handle of 3-way valve assembly up. Generated pressure makes it return back to original position naturally.
- 7) In order to discharge N2 gas in the charging hose(4) and the 3-way valve assembly turn the relief valve counterclockwise.
- 8) Remove the charging hose(4) from the N2 gas cylinder(1) and the 3-way valve assembly(5), and screw the cap into the 3-way valve assembly.
- 9) Push the handle of the 3-way valve assembly fully, and the gas pressure inside the Back Head is indicated on the pressure gauge. When the pressure is higher, discharge a small amount of gas from the Back Head by repeatedly opening and closing the valve and then gas pressure falls to the specified pressure.
- 10) When the gas pressure reaches to the specified pressure, close the valve and release the handle.
- 11) Open the valve completely and discharge gas inside the 3-way valve assembly. Remove the 3-way valve assembly from the charging valve of Back Head and install the plug to the charging valve. At this time prevent contamination from entering the breaker.

### 10.7 Nitrogen charging pressure vs ambient temperature

The following table is a guide to back head (cushion chamber) pressure values adjusted to ambient temperature differences.

- Allow the hydraulic breaker and the nitrogen bottle temperatures to normalize to room temperature in a shop environment.
- Adjust the cushion chamber pressure as indicated in the table below for the ambient temperature expected.





### 10.8 Accumulator gas pressure – checking

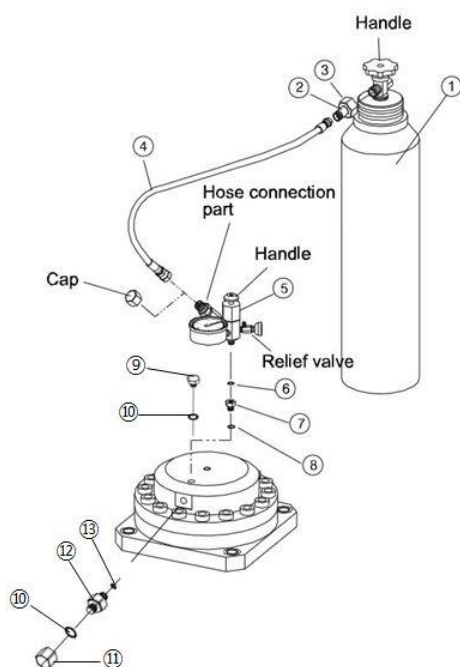
Check accumulator gas pressure every 500 hours of operation.

#### ▲ CAUTION!

The accumulator is charged with nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>) – a non-explosive inert gas. Use only N<sub>2</sub> when refilling it. Charging it with any other gas could trigger an explosion and lead to serious or possibly fatal injuries.

**IMPORTANT!** Incorrect nitrogen gas pressure in the accumulator can damage the breaker and cause poor or erratic breaker behavior.

**IMPORTANT!** Hydraulic oil pressure MUST be fully vented inside the breaker before charging the accumulator. Residual pressure will result in an incorrect N<sub>2</sub> charge pressure.



Item	Part Name	Q'ty
	N <sub>2</sub> Gas Charging Set	1 SET
1	N <sub>2</sub> Gas Cylinder	1
2	Adapter Nut	1
3	Adapter	1
4	Synflex Hose	1
5	3-Way Valve Assembly	1
6	O-Ring	1
7	O-Ring Hex Bushing	1
8	O-Ring	1
9	O-Ring Plug	1
10	O-Ring	2
11	O-Ring Cap	4
12	Accumulator Charging Valve	1
13	O-Ring	4

- 1) Make sure if the cap and valve of the 3-way valve assembly(5) are fully tightened.
- 2) Remove the cap(11) from the accumulator and tighten the charging valve (12) fully.
- 3) Check if O-rings(6)(8) are installed to the bushing(7). Remove the plug(9) and screw the bushing.
- 4) Install the bushing(7) to the 3-way valve assembly(5).
- 5) Loosen the charging valve(12) gradually. The charging pressure is indicated on the pressure gauge.
- 6) Close the valve clockwise when the gas pressure is normal. If the gas pressure is higher, repeat loosening and tightening the relief valve of 3-way valve assembly. The pressure is lowered gradually.
- 7) Loosen the relief valve of the 3-way valve assembly to discharge the N<sub>2</sub> gas in the 3-way valve assembly(5).
- 8) Remove the 3-way valve assembly(5) and tighten the plug(9) and cap(11).

**IMPORTANT!** To determine the correct pressure in relation to ambient temperatures, refer to the below table.

■ Conversion Table for charging nitrogen gas pressure to Accumulator

Accumulator Surface Temperature °C	0	10	20	30	40
Accumulator Gas Pressure kg/cm <sup>2</sup>	51	53	55	57	59



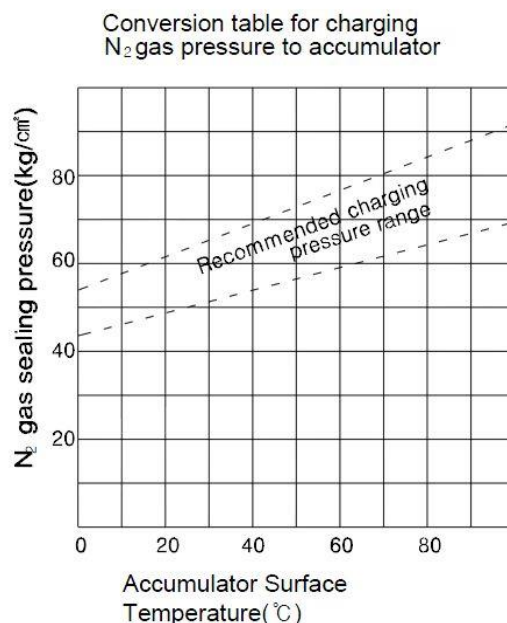
### 10.8.1 Accumulator gas pressure – adjusting increasing the pressure

- 1) Connect the charging hose(4) to N2 gas cylinder(1) after screwing the bombe adapter(3) onto adapter, nut(2) and installing to the N2 gas cylinder.
- 2) Connect the 3-way valve assembly(5) to the charging hose(4) after unscrewing the cap on the 3-way valve assembly.
- 3) Remove the cap(11) from the accumulator and tighten the charging valve(12) fully.
- 4) Check if O-rings (6)(8) are installed to the bushing(7). Remove the plug(9) and screw the bushing.
- 5) Loosen the accumulator charging valve(12) after checking if bushing(7) is installed to the 3-way valve assembly.
- 6) Turn the handle of the N2 gas cylinder counter clockwise slowly to charge gas.
- 7) Charge gas in accordance with the conversion table for charging N2 gas pressure to accumulator.
- 8) Turn the handle of the N2 gas cylinder clockwise to close the cock.
- 9) Close the accumulator charging valve(12).
- 10) Loosen the relief valve of the 3-way valve assembly to discharge the N2 gas remaining in the charging hose.
- 11) Remove the charging hose, 3-way valve assembly and bushing and tighten the plug(9) and cap(11).

### 10.8.2 Nitrogen charging pressure vs ambient temperature

The following table is a guide to accumulator pressure values adjusted to ambient temperature differences.

- Allow the hydraulic breaker and the nitrogen bottle temperatures to normalize to room temperature in a shop environment.
- Adjust the accumulator and cushion chamber pressure as indicated in the tables below for the ambient temperature expected.



## **10.9 Maintenance schedule**

### **Pre Shift**

Verify correct operation of all machine functions.

Check for leaks, damaged hoses or clamps.

Check that all electrical components are in operational condition.

Grease the breaker tool, retainer pins and plugs with Chisel Paste. If equipped with auto lube system, ensure there is adequate grease in the reservoir.

### **Every 2 Hours**

Verify correct operation of all machine functions.

Grease breaker tool bushing. Pump grease in until it is visible around tool and retainer pins.

Check general condition of machine and surrounding work area.

### **Every 8 Hours – Daily**

Check all screw connections for tightness (during first 50 hours of operation). Refer to “Torque Specifications”

Check hydraulic oil level in carrier reservoir.

Check lubrication system.

Check all hardware and bolts for tightness.

Check all hydraulic lines, fittings and clamps for leaks or damage.

Check breaker for damage, loose fittings, or hydraulic leaks.

### **Every 50 Hours – Weekly**

Check torque on all fasteners.

Check mounting pins for wear.

Check impact surface of tool for deformation.

Remove the breaker tool and retaining pins. Inspect the wearing surfaces. Remove any burrs before reinstalling. Refer to service section if scuffing marks are found on the tool.

Inspect upper isolator.

Use a hammer to ping (knock) the tie rods. The same tone will resonate if the tie rods are torqued equally. A loose tie rod will be immediately evident.

### **Every 100 Hours**

Remove the breaker tool and inspect the wearing surface.

Remove any burrs before reinstalling.

Inspect the tool retainer pins. Remove the pins, rotate 180 degrees and reinstall.

After initial 100 hours of operation, change hydraulic pressure and return line filter elements.

Check tool bushing clearance.



Check that the pressure/return filter indicators on the carrier hydraulic system are functioning correctly and not in by-pass.

**Every 500 Hours**

Take a sample of the hydraulic oil. Review the results and determine if an increase in filter change interval and/or oil change is required. File the results.

Check cushion chamber nitrogen gas pressure. Refer to "Cushion Chamber Gas Pressure – Checking"

Perform all breaker checks above as required.

Check that the retainer pins, cross pins and stopper plugs are not damaged and are in place.

Check that the upper isolator and tie rod nuts are in place and tight. Check for wear.

**Every 1000 Hours or Yearly**

Replace the retainer pins.

Perform all breaker checks listed above as required.

Disassemble the breaker to replace all seals. Replace upper and lower breaker isolators inside the housing.

Measure the wear limit on the Front and Rear Bushings. Replace each bushing if the allowable tolerances are exceeded.

Check Hydraulic flow to breaker and operating pressure. Adjust as necessary.

## 10.10 Torque and gas pressure table

Torque(kg-m) & Gas Pressure(kg/cm<sup>2</sup>) Table

Model		PDH07 PDH10 PDH20	PDH30	PDH35	PDH40 PDH40II	PDH43	PDH45	PDH50	PDH60	PDH70A	PDH81AS	PDH100	PDH121 PDH130	PDH151	ARES
M/Body Torque	Through Bolt Hex Nut	30 M18/20/22	35 M24	35 M24	45 M27	70 M30	100 R33	150 R39	250/150 R42/R36	300/250 R48/R42	350 R52	450/350 R56/R52	450 R56	450 R58	450 R56/62/65
	V/Housing Bolt (12.9T)								60 (M20)	60 (M20)		60 (M20)			200 (M30)
	V/Cover Bolt (12.9T)								90 (M24)	90 (M24)		45 (M20)			90 (M24)
	Accumulator Body Bolt (12.9T)								90 (M24)	90 (M24)	90 (M24)	90 (M24)	90 (M24)	90 (M24)	250 (M36)
	Accumulator Cover Bolt (12.9T)								30 (M16)	40 (M18)	40 (M18)	40 (M18)	40 (M18)	60 (M20)	90 (M24)
	IN/OUT Adapter	16~18	16~18	16~18	16~18	16~18	24~26	24~26	32~35	32~35	32~35	32~35	35~40	35~40	35~40
	Valve Adjust Nut								25~30	30~35	30~35	30~35	50~55	60~65	35~40
	Air Check Valve	16~18	16~18	16~18	16~18	16~18	16~18	16~18	16~18	16~18	16~18	16~18	16~18	16~18	16~18
	Gas Charging Valve	35~40	35~40	35~40	35~40	35~40	35~40	35~40	35~40	35~40	35~40	35~40	35~40	35~40	35~40
	Plug	PF1/4(2~3), PF3/8(4~5), PF1/2(8~10), PF3/4(15~16), PF1(20~25), PF1 1/4(25~30), PF1 1/2(30~35)													
Bracket Torque	Bracket Side Bolt	60	80	80	100	100	145	145	200	250	250	250	350	350	350
	Mount Cap Bolt (10.9T)	15 (M14)	15 (M14)	24 (M16)	24 (M16)	24 (M16)	45 (M20)	45 (M20)	90 (M24)	90(M24) 120(M27)	120 (M27)	160 (M30)	160 (M30)	160 (M30)	250 (M36)
Gas Pressure	Back Head Gas Pressure	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16 6	16 6	16	16 6	16	16	16
	Accumulator Gas Pressure								60	60	60	60	60	60	60

## 11 Service

### 11.1 Breaker disassembly

#### ▲ WARNING!

Hydraulic breakers and their components are heavy! Plan carefully how you will handle them when removing, disassembling, or installing the breaker. Stand clear when slinging the breaker off the ground.

#### ▲ CAUTION!

Use extreme care to prevent dirt from entering the hydraulic circuit when disconnecting or reconnecting hydraulic lines. Cap or plug lines when disconnecting; clean thoroughly before reconnecting. Even the smallest dirt particles will cause damage to the internal workings of the breaker.

#### ▲ WARNING!

**Risk of personal injury! Wear safety glasses, boots, and protective gloves.**

Relieve all trapped pressure in the breaker hydraulic circuit. Pressure can be maintained in hydraulic circuits long after the power source and pump have been shut down.

- 1) Relieve all pressure before disconnecting hoses or tubes.
- 2) Use a lifting crane of suitable capacity to remove the breaker from the carrier. NOTE: Breaker disassembly must be carried out in a clean shop environment.
- 3) Remove the tool from the breaker. Measure and record the clearance value between the tool and the tool bushing.
- 4) Position the breaker upright on a clean, level shop floor surface.
- 5) Restrain the breaker upright in this position while keeping the crane in place. Restrain the breaker with chains, straps or other suitable method to prevent it from tipping over if knocked or hit from an external load (forklift, cranes, loads on cranes, etc.)

#### ▲ CAUTION!

Be aware of worn housings.

As the breaker is used, the lower portion of the housing becomes worn.

Worn housings can be unstable.

- 6) Ensure breaker is supported and restrained to prevent tipping over.
- 7) The breaker housing must also be restrained against upward movement produced by the lift crane.
- 8) Remove crane rigging from the breaker housing only AFTER the breaker housing has been fully restrained.

#### ▲ CAUTION!

**Upper and lower isolators inside the breaker housing are compressed to provide a preload on the breaker body to support it within the housing. Loosen bolts gradually and equally to remove preload and prevent injury.**

- 9) Loosen top mount bracket bolts gradually and equally to reduce spring pre-load from isolators. Once all bolts have been loosened, the spring pre-load will be gone and it is safe to remove the bolts.
- 10) Remove top mount bracket bolts and bracket. Store in a safe place away from the work area.  
If the upper or lower isolators are not thick enough, it should be replaced.
- 11) Remove the upper isolator from the breaker and check for cracking, heat damage, wear etc.  
If the isolator is in poor condition it must be replaced.

**NOTE:** Upper and lower isolators must be replaced after 1000 hours of operation.



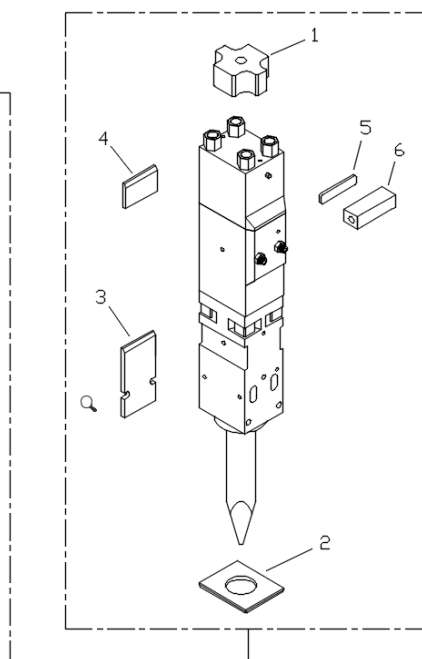
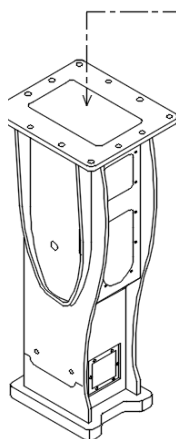
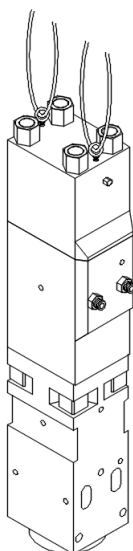
## 11.2 Removing breaker body from housing

**NOTE:** All lifting eyes required for breaker disassembly are found in the breaker tool kit.

### Wear Pads

Besides the upper and lower isolators, the breaker body has wear pads between it and the inside of the housing to keep it supported. Wear pads can be reused also, if in good condition.

1. Upper Isolator(Crosse Damper)
2. Lower Isolator(Lower Damper)
3. Wear Plate
4. Wear Plate
5. Wear Plate
6. Back Head Holding Block



### Weight of main body

Model	Weight (Kg)	Model	Weight (Kg)	Model	Weight Kg
PDH07	49	PDH50	471		
PDH10	53	PDH60	652		
PDH20	65	PDH70	754		
PDH30	83	PDH81	911		
PDH35	122	PDH100	1072	A460	1640
PDH40	151	PDH121	1283	A550	2100
PDH43	210	PDH130	1443	A750	2350
PDH45	280	PDH151	1924	A1000	3450

## ▲ CAUTION!

Ensure breaker is restrained to prevent tipping over.

- 1) Insert the appropriate lifting eyes into the rear head.
- 2) Using an overhead crane, pull the breaker body straight up out of the housing.
- 3) Carefully lower the bare breaker onto a smooth, clean, level surface.
- 4) Clean inside of the housing. Inspect for weld cracks, damage etc. inside and outside of the housing. Repair as required.
- 5) Clean and inspect the front head area of the bare breaker. Clean and inspect the wear pads.

**NOTE:** The upper/lower isolators and wear pads are considered wear parts and are not covered under the breaker warranty. It is recommended that they be replaced after every 1000 hours of operation or as required.

### 11.3 Breaker Body Disassembly

The breaker body can be disassembled standing up or laying down. The following instructions describe the standing method.

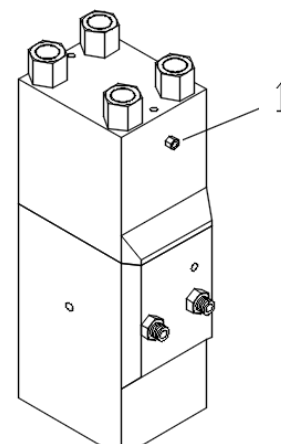
#### ▲ WARNING!

Release cushion chamber gas pressure before disassembly.

The cushion chamber in the back head contains nitrogen gas under pressure. Do not remove the tie rod nuts or gas valve until this pressure is released.

#### ▲ WARNING!

DO NOT use impact tools to disassemble or reassemble the breaker body. The tie rods and control valve bolts use heliserts (steel threaded inserts) that can be damaged by the use of impact tools.

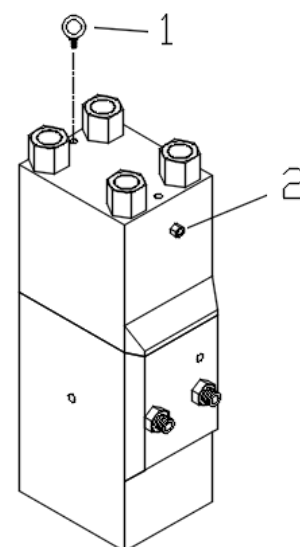


1. Back Head Charging Valve

#### 11.3.1 Rear Head Removal

- 1) Use the charging hose in tool kit to fully vent the N2 gas from the cushion chamber.
- 2) Insert lifting eyes into the rear head and stand the breaker on a safety stand.
- 3) Remove the back head charging valve to avoid accidental damage during bushing replacement. Put it in a safe place for reuse later.
- 4) Back off the tie rod nuts a couple of turns. This can be done using a torque multiplier if the breaker is standing up. If the breaker is lying down, use the sledge-wrench method.
- 5) Using a hoist, jerk the assembly upwards slightly, which should loosen the rear head from the cylinder.
- 6) Place the rear head on a clean protective surface.
- 7) If the rear head is stuck, it may be necessary to tap the cylinder cover on alternate sides with a soft-faced mallet. Remove the nuts and washers from the four tie rods.
- 8) Remove the rear head from the cylinder using lifting eyes.

In some cases, the nuts may be seized onto the tie rod and may come out as a unit.



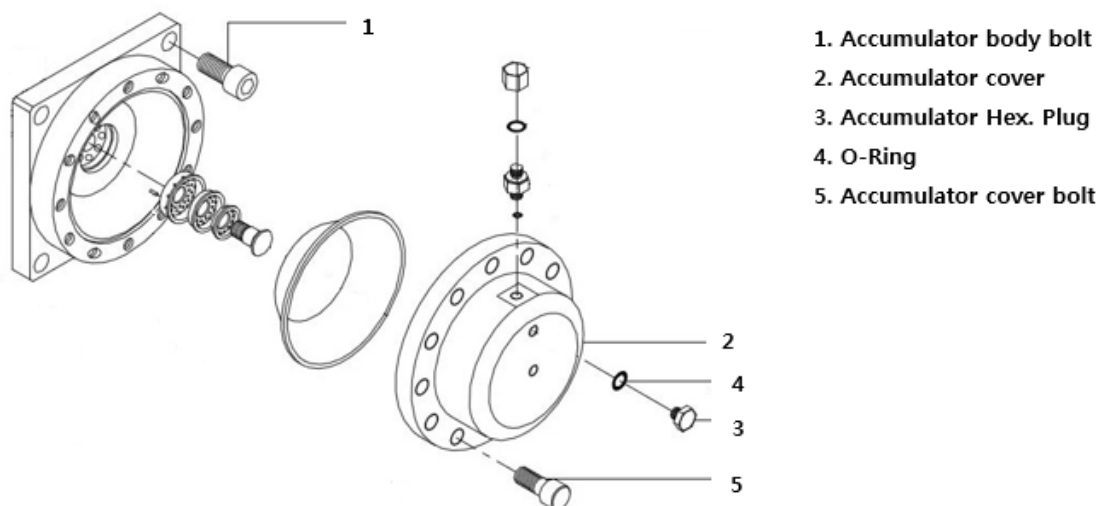
1. Lifting Eye
2. Back head charging valve



### 11.3.2 Accumulator removal

#### ▲ WARNING!

Release accumulator gas pressure before disassembly. The accumulator contains nitrogen gas under pressure. Do not remove the bolts until this pressure is released.



- 1. Accumulator body bolt
- 2. Accumulator cover
- 3. Accumulator Hex. Plug
- 4. O-Ring
- 5. Accumulator cover bolt

#### ▲ WARNING

**DO NOT** use impact tools to remove the accumulator from the breaker body. The accumulator mounting bolts use heliserts(steel threaded inserts)that can be damaged by the use of impact tools.

- 1) Take an initial reading of the nitrogen gas pressure in the accumulator. A higher than normal reading may indicate a problem.

#### ▲ WARNING!

A gas pressure reading in the accumulator higher than the last time it was charged indicates the diaphragm may have ruptured.

Pressurized oil may exist in the accumulator. Proceed with caution.

- 2) Bleed off the nitrogen gas with the charging kit hose. Fully vent the accumulator. Confirm with the gauge in the charging kit.
- 3) Loosen the 4 bolts in a staggered pattern. Use multiple steps.
- 4) Remove the accumulator from the breaker body.

### 11.3.3 Diaphragm replacement

#### ▲ CAUTION

Nitrogen gas must be fully vented before disassembly.

- 1) Confirm the gas pressure has been fully vented with the charging kit hose gauge.
- 2) Loosen the bolts holding the accumulator halves together in a staggered pattern.
- 3) Loosen the bolts off in 3mm increments; watch for movement. Movement of the halves may mean residual pressure remains.
- 4) Continue loosening the bolts in a staggered pattern.
- 5) Remove the cover to replace the diaphragm.

### 11.3.4 Accumulator assembly

- 1) Install the accumulator diaphragm into the accumulator base. Make sure the groove is clean and free of any debris.
  - 2) Lubricate the cover bolt threads.
  - 3) Install the cover bolts and washers. Tighten in stages in a staggered pattern.
- For information on accumulator bolt torque, see "Torque & Gas pressure table".

### Charging the Accumulator

Before the breaker is put into service, the accumulator must be recharged with N<sub>2</sub> gas. Refer to "Accumulator Gas Pressure - Adjusting".

### 11.3.5 Control valve removal and disassembly

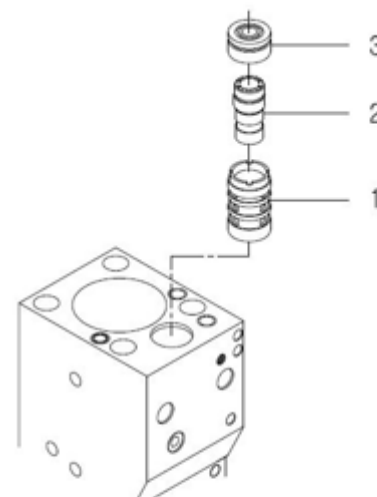
#### ▲ CAUTION!

Handle these components with care. Damaging them will cause breaker malfunction.

The control valve is responsible for directing oil within the breaker to move the piston within the cylinder. The Pladdet breaker has an internal control valve contained within the cylinder body.

The control valve is housed within the cylinder body. Once the back head is removed, it can be accessed from the upper end of the cylinder body.

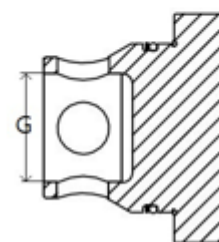
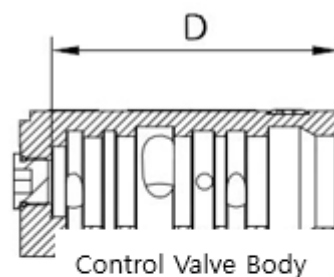
- 1) Remove the o-rings, then the valve plug.
  - 2) The valve spool and valve sleeve can then be slid out. If spool is not seized, it can be easily removed.
- A puller can assist in removing a seized spool.



1. Valve Sleeve
2. Valve Spool
3. Valve Cap

### 11.3.6 Control valve inspection

- If the valve spool surface is scuffed, remove it with 800-1200 grit emery cloth. If the area is extremely damaged, replace the valve.
- If the valve body has flaws in area D, smooth the surface with 800-1200 grit emery cloth. Do not use a buffing grinder on this area.
- In case of scuffing on the inner diameter G, finish by buffing with a flap wheel.
- Clean all parts of the control valve in clean solvent and dry them with compressed air.

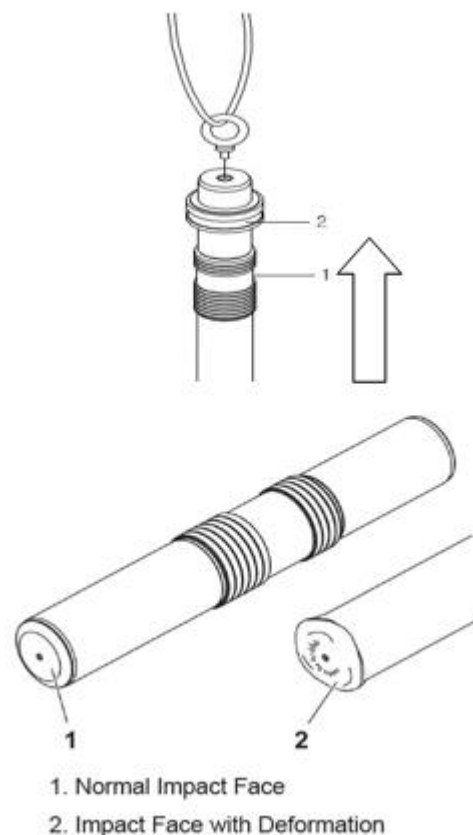


### 11.3.7 Piston removal

#### ▲ CAUTION!

Handle these components with care. Damaging them will cause breaker malfunction.

- 1) Install a lifting eye into the top of the piston.
- 2) Lift the piston straight up and out of the cylinder.  
**NOTE:** Avoid scratching the piston's polished surface. Tapping the cylinder with a soft-faced mallet may ease the removal of the piston. The seal bushing will come out with the piston.
- 3) Place the piston and seal bushing on a clean protective surface.
- 4) The piston should be carefully cleaned and inspected for corrosion, cavitation, pitting, and scoring.
- 5) Check the grooves in the piston for metal that has been pulled-in due to galling. If this has occurred, clean the grooves. Small marks can be removed with an oilstone or fine emery cloth and oil. Check the corresponding mating part as well and treat in the same manner.
- 6) Look for pitting and deformation of the impact face. This indicates that the tool has been operated with too much wear on the tool bushings.
- 7) If the face is dished, carefully measure the amount of deformation.
- 8) Thoroughly clean and dry the piston to protect it from dirt, then set it aside.
- 9) If the piston is not going to be installed immediately, coat it with oil and store it protected in a clean, dry place.



If the piston face is scuffed, finish it with a buffing grinder, then 800-1200 grit emery cloth.

**IMPORTANT:** When using a buffing grinder, apply the flap wheel around the circumference of the part only. If applied along the axis, roundness of the part will be affected.

Wash the parts after finishing them.



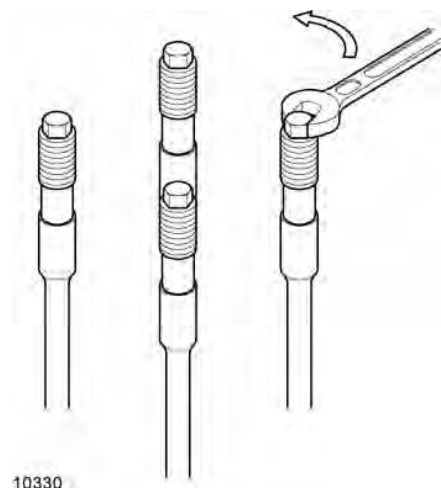
### 11.3.8 Cylinder removal

#### ▲ CAUTION!

Handle this component with care. Damage will cause breaker malfunction.

- 1) Install lifting eyes into the top of the cylinder.
- 2) Lift the cylinder straight up off the tie rods.
- 3) Loosen and remove the tie rods. It may be necessary to secure the front head to prevent it from rotating.
- 4) Loosen the tie rods by rotating them counter-clockwise. Use an adjustable wrench and a soft faced mallet or a sledge wrench on the tie rod flats to loosen them.

The cylinder should slip out of the front head. If not, tap the front head with a soft-faced mallet until the cylinder and front head come apart.



### 11.3.9 Cylinder inspection

- Thoroughly clean the cylinder bore, and remove the dust seal, oil seal, and slide ring. Check the seals for signs of extension and excessive wear both before and after removal.
- Thoroughly inspect inside walls of the cylinder for corrosion, cavitation, or scoring. Check grooves above seal area for small pieces of metal, due to galling. If these are not cleaned out they will chip off and go between the piston and cylinder, and galling will occur again.
- Check for any damage to the heliserts that secure the control valve. Repair or replace as necessary to ensure the valve can be installed properly.
- Inspect the main inlet and outlet adapter threads for damage. Always replace the seals if they are removed.

#### ▲ CAUTION!

**Do not install the hydraulic adapters in the wrong port.**

The pressure adapter has a smaller through hole than the tank adapter.

The cylinder is marked "IN" beside the pressure adapter and "OUT" beside the tank adapter.

### 11.3.10 Cylinder clean up

Any slight galling and other irregularities on the cylinder wall must be removed before reassembly. Use a cylinder hone to ensure the cylindricity of the bore is maintained. After using a hone, deburr the edges of all the lands.

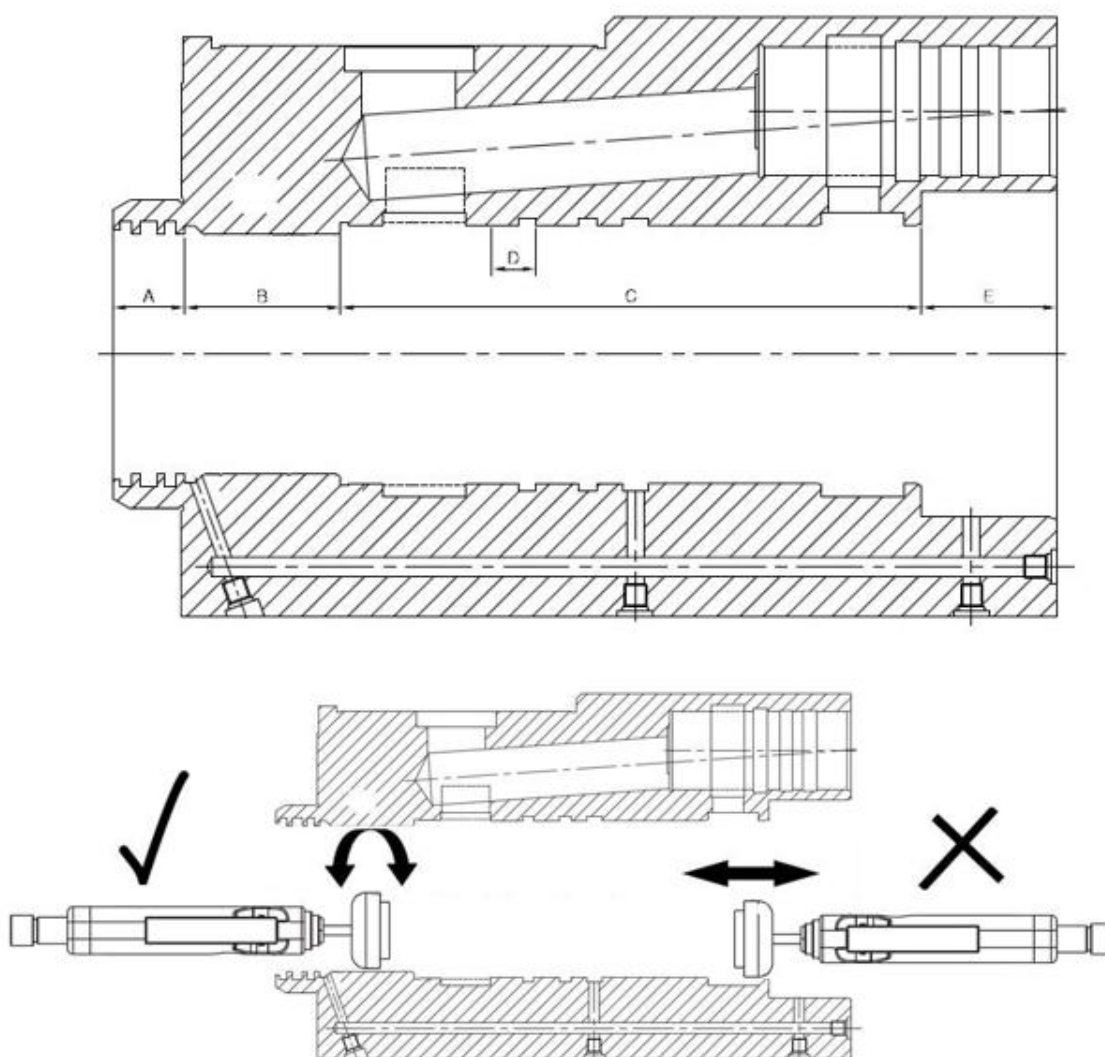
The preferred method to remove irregularities is to use a blade (fixed type) hone. A second method is to use a flexible hone. The amount of deburring required will be reduced with the flexible hone.

A die grinder should only be used for deburring edges and severe local points of galling.

If damage is too great, call your Pladdet representative.

- Check the slide areas A, B and C for flaws. If there are scuffing flaws, finish the surface smooth with a cylinder hone.
- If there are flaws in area D, use 800-1200 grit emery cloth. Never use a buffing grinder in this area.
- Area E can be finished by buffing with a grinder.

Wash the parts after finishing them.



**IMPORTANT:** When using a buffing grinder, apply flap around the inside diameter of the part only. If applied along the axis, roundness will be affected.

### 11.3.11 Seal bushing inspection

Clean and inspect the cylinder seal bushing.

The seal bushing carries several specially designed seals. Pay attention to the condition and orientation of the old seals as they are removed.

This may help to identify any operating problems that the breaker had before it was dismantled.

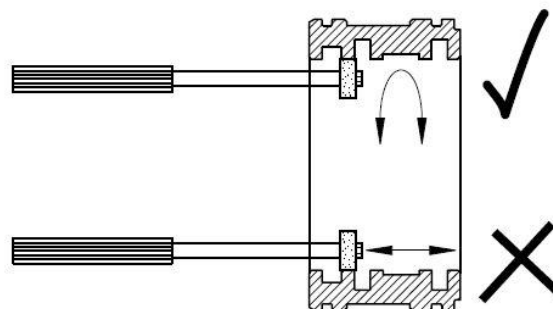
If burrs are found on the seal bushing, use a buffing grindstone to remove them.

**IMPORTANT:** When using a buffing grinder, apply the flap wheel around the inside diameter of the part only. If applied along the axis, roundness will be affected.

#### ▲ CAUTION!

**Handle this component with care. Damage will cause breaker malfunction.**

All parts should be thoroughly washed in clean solvent and dried with compressed air. Once the seal bushing is clean and dry, protect it from dirt and set it aside.



## 11.4 Breaker body assembly

### 11.4.1 Tie rod installation

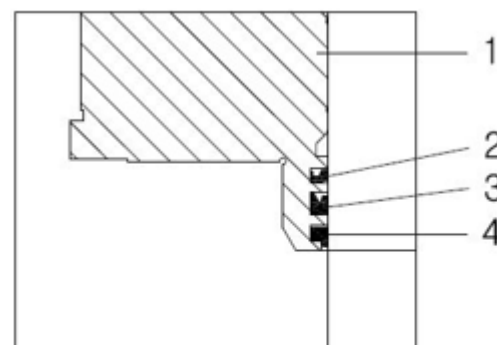
Inspect the tie rod threads. If they are damaged beyond repair, the tie rod must be replaced.

- 1) Lubricate the tie rods and threads thoroughly using grease.
- 2) Install the tie rods and tighten until they bottom out in the front head.
- 3) The tie rods should turn in smoothly and easily until they seat themselves. If they do not bottom out or there is excessive resistance, the threads on the tie rods may be damaged.

NOTE: As a reference, tie rod torque can be found in Torque Specifications.

### 11.4.2 Cylinder installation

- 1) Check the cylinder for burrs.
  - 2) Liberally oil the inside surface of the cylinder and the new seals, then install the seals and rings into the grooves at the lower end of the cylinder.
  - 3) Lower the cylinder carefully onto the tie rods. The control valve mounting holes on the cylinder must face the same direction as the grease fitting on the front head.
- Pay close attention to the correct placement and orientation of the seals. Improper seal installation will cause premature leakage and premature wear.

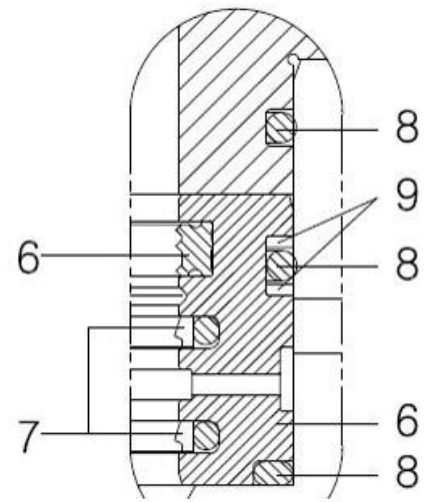


1. Lower Cylinder
2. Buffer Seal
3. U-Packing
4. Dust Seal

#### 11.4.3 Seal bushing / re-sealing

Ensure the bushing is clean and there are no burrs.

- Oil the seal bushing and seals.
- Install the seals and o-rings in the correct positions and orientations.

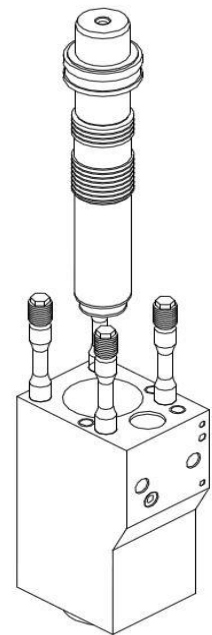


6. Gas Seal  
7. Step Seal  
8. O-ring  
9. Back up ring

#### 11.4.4 Piston installation

- 1) Lubricate the top end of the piston, and slide the seal bushing into place, with the chamfer or step towards the center of the piston.
- 2) Lift the piston with the lifting eye, lubricate it thoroughly, and lower it carefully into the cylinder. It may need a tap to push it through the lower seals.
- 3) When the piston is all the way into the cylinder bore, use a soft mallet to tap the seal bushing into position in the cylinder. The bushing will stop when it reaches the support flange on the front head.

Replace the o-rings and back-up rings on the top of the cylinder where the rear head makes contact.

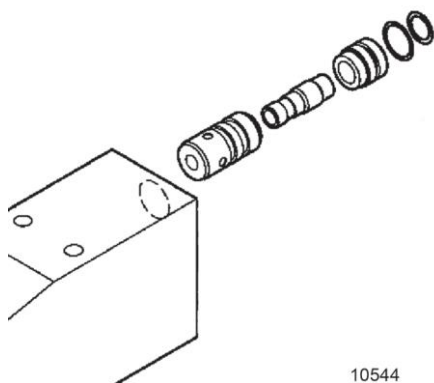


#### 11.4.5 Control valve installation

Control valve is housed within the cylinder body. It is installed from the upper end of the cylinder body.

Lightly oil the control valve spool, valve sleeve, plug and o-rings with clean hydraulic oil.

- 1) Insert the valve sleeve first, then insert the spool. Insert the small end of the spool first.
- 2) Insert the plug and ensure the o-rings are placed correctly before installing the rear head.



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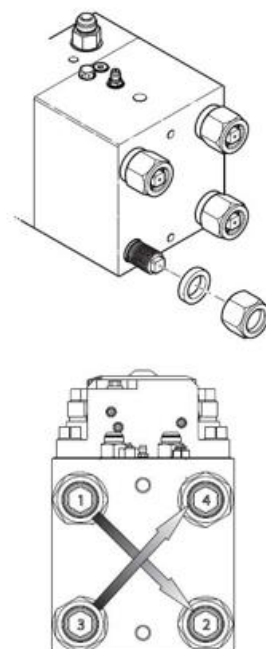
#### 11.4.6 Installing the rear head

The cushion chamber in the rear head needs a small amount of oil to function properly. Just before installing the rear head, make a circular dam of grease on the top of the piston, just high enough to contain the required amount of oil (see table below).

- 1) Lower the rear head over the tie rods. The gas valve must face the same direction as the control valve on the cylinder.
- 2) Install the tie rod washers.
- 3) Lubricate the tie rod nuts with grease, and tighten them in a crossing pattern to draw the breaker components together evenly.
- 4) Finish tightening the nuts to the correct torque in four stages – 40%, 60%, 80% and 100% using the same crossing pattern.

#### Tie Rod(Through Bolt) Nut Torque

See "Torque and Gas Pressure Table- Page 44"



#### 11.4.7 Charging the cushion chamber

Before the breaker is put into service, the cushion chamber must be recharged with N2 (nitrogen) gas.

### Breaker Assembly

(Installing body into boxed frame)

#### ▲ WARNING!

**Hydraulic breakers and their components are heavy! Plan carefully how you will handle them when removing, disassembling, or installing the breaker. Stand clear when slinging the breaker off the ground.**

The Pladdet breaker uses upper and lower isolators to support the breaker body within the housing.

**IMPORTANT!** After the top mount bracket is installed, the upper and lower isolators must compress to form a spring pre-load on the breaker body within the housing. If the breaker body has been disassembled to be rebuilt, replace the isolators.

**NOTE:** The upper/lower isolators and wear pads are considered wear parts and are not covered under the breaker warranty. It is recommended that they be replaced after every 1000 hours of operation or as required.

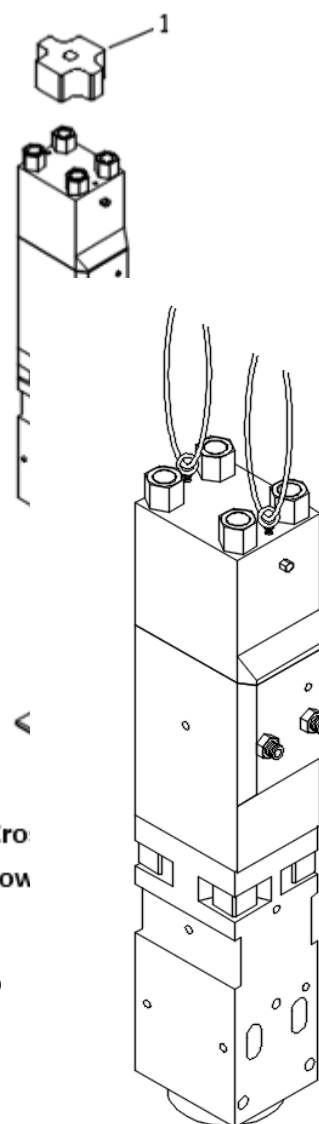
#### ▲ CAUTION!

**Check to make sure the housing is upright, secure, and fully restrained.**

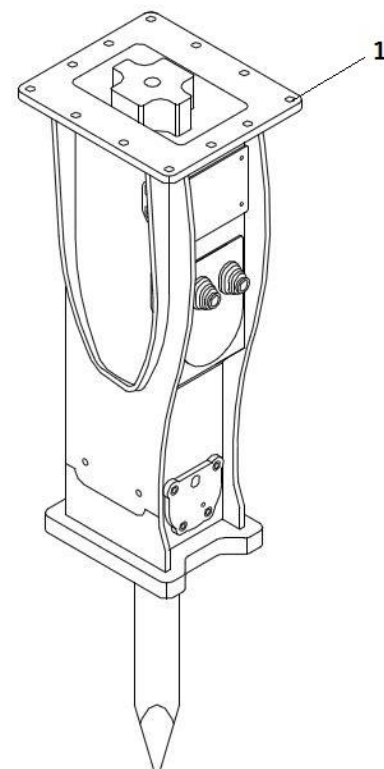
- 1) Install the wear pads and lower isolator into the breaker housing.

**NOTE:** Do not lubricate the wear pads to ease installation of the breaker body.

**NOTE:** If the breaker body is new, check to make sure nothing is protruding to hinder insertion into the housing.



- 2) Lift the breaker body up and center it for entry into the housing. Check the orientation of the body: the pressure and return ports must face the control valve side.
- 3) Slowly lower the breaker into the housing. The breaker may have to be slightly tapped in using a dead blow. If the breaker binds or seizes in the housing, remove it and determine the cause.
- 4) Keep the lower isolator centered – nylon side up.
- 5) Lower the breaker until it fully bottoms out in the housing. Check by comparing the position of the retaining pins and the clearance holes in the bottom of the housing. The retaining pins should be just above the centerline of the clearance holes.
- 6) Position the upper isolator on the rear head. Verify it protrudes above the finished face of the breaker housing. See previous page.
- 7) Position the mounting bracket on the top of the breaker. Ensure bracket is not put on backwards, and install bolts.
- 8) Lubricate the bolts with MoS2 grease.
- 9) Tighten bolts in a cross pattern to provide even loading to the upper isolator.



#### Top Mount Bracket Bolt Torque

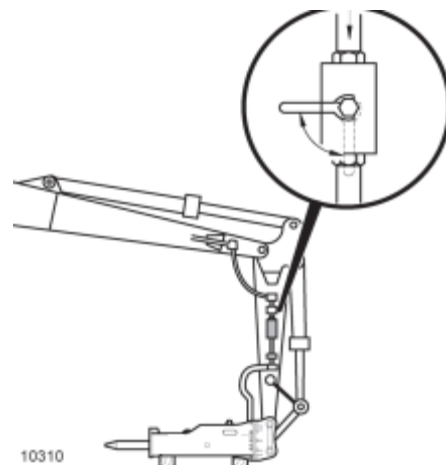
See "Torque and Gas Pressure Table- Page 44".

### ▲ CAUTION!

Use extreme care to prevent dirt from entering the hydraulic circuit when disconnecting or reconnecting hydraulic lines. Cap or plug lines when disconnecting; clean thoroughly before reconnecting.

Even the smallest dirt particles will cause damage to the internal workings of the breaker.

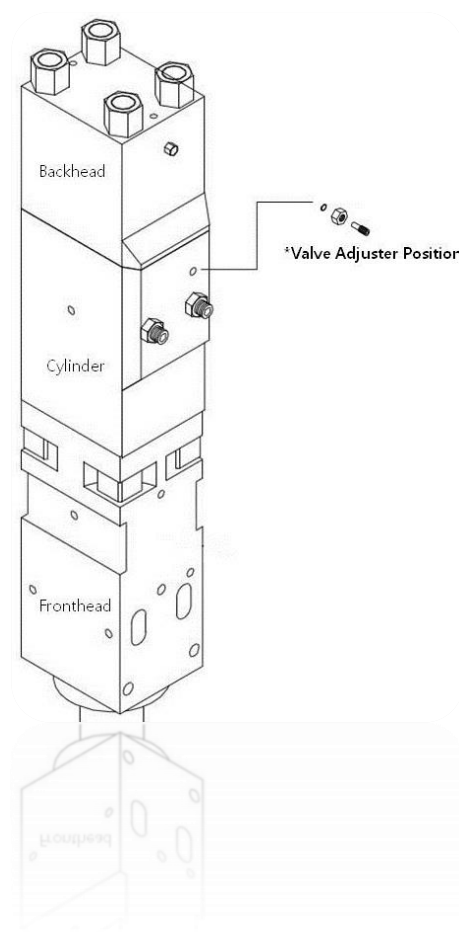
- Install the breaker onto the carrier and reconnect the pressure and return lines.



### 11.5 Start-up

Air may have been introduced to the hydraulic circuit and may cause a malfunction. Warm the carrier hydraulic system up to operating temperature, then cycle the oil to remove the air:

- 1) Lift the unit off the ground.
  - 2) Press the start button or pedal to fire the breaker momentarily.
  - 3) Continue to turn the breaker ON and OFF in this manner for 10 minutes.
  - 4) Work the breaker in soft material in short bursts for 10 minutes.
  - 5) Check for any loose bolts or oil leakage.
- The breaker is now ready to operate.



**11.5.1 High speed and low speed valve adjusting (valve adjuster)**

The manual High/Low Speed Selecting Valve Adjuster is on upper right side on cylinder.

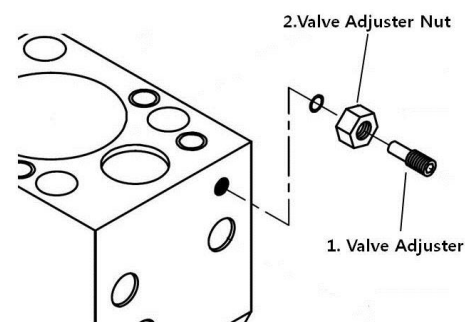
**High Speed Stroke Setting,**

1) Turn the valve adjuster screw (1) 3 complete turns anti-clockwise from normal factory setting.

**Low Speed Stroke Setting,**

1) Turn the valve adjuster screw (1) to bottom out (tight).

**\*If it is hard to turn valve adjuster because of the valve nut (2) tight, please loosen the valve adjuster nut(2) a little bit to make valve adjuster turn easily.**



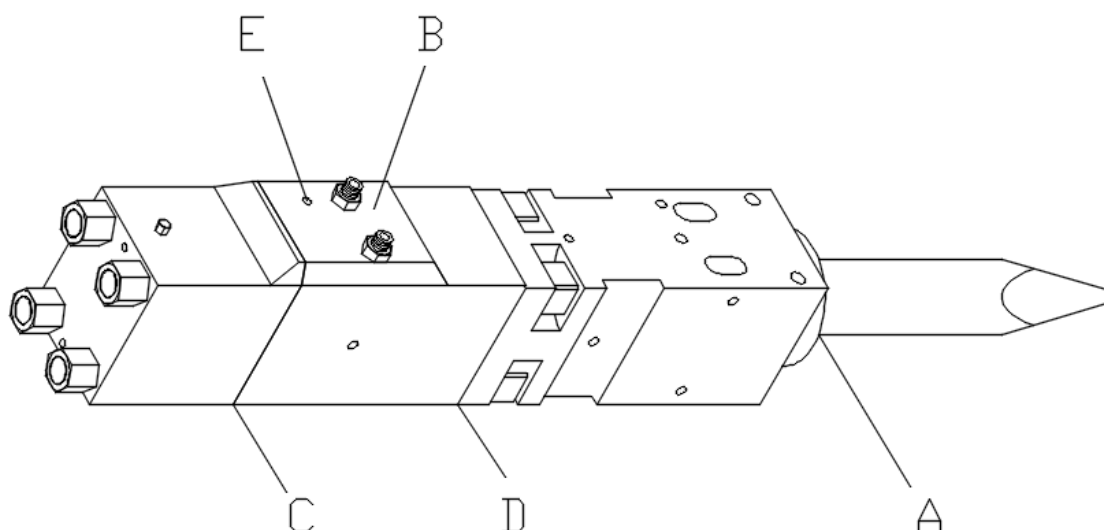
## 12 Troubleshooting guide

### 12.1 Oil leakage

If oil leakage develops, it may not be necessary to replace parts.

Check the following points in the table below before calling your Pladdet representative. A slight amount of oil seepage around the breaker connecting parts is normal during the first 200 hours of operation.

Area of Leakage	Probable Cause	Correction
<b>A</b>		
The space between the tool and the bushing. Large amounts of oil coming out.	Damaged seals.	Re-seal as necessary.
<b>B</b>		
Oil over the surface of the breaker.	Loose hydraulic hoses or adapters.	Check condition of hydraulic hoses and adapters. Tighten as necessary.
<b>C</b>		
Joining surface of cylinder and rear head. Oil oozing. New oil leaking.	Loose tie rod nut. Damaged o-ring.	Tighten tie rod. Replace damaged o-ring.
<b>D</b>		
Joining surface of cylinder and front head.  New oil leaking.	Loose plugs on face of cylinder. Damaged seals.	Tighten loose plugs. Replace damaged seals as necessary.
<b>E</b>		
High/low speed selector.	Loose locknut.	Tighten loose locknut.
Oil running down breaker.	Damaged O-ring.	Replace damaged O-ring.



## 12.2 Hydraulic breaker

### Does not hammer

Probable Cause	Correction
Anti-blank fire has activated.	Push breaker down on tool to disengage blank fire mode.
Base carrier selector valve does not operate correctly.	Check connection from cab controls to selector valve.
Poor performance of the hydraulic pump.	Check pump outlet. Repair or replace.
Pressure relief valve set too low.	Check relief settings and adjust.
Clogged or restricted hoses.	Clean or replace.
Cushion chamber filled with oil.	Replace seals.
Seizure of breaker.	Overhaul and replace worn parts.
Back-pressure too high in circuit.	Find source causing increased back-pressure in return circuit and remove.
Control valve bolts loose.	Tighten bolts to correct torque in a staggered pattern.
Check all ball valves.	Open ball valve.

### Does Not Impact

Probable Cause	Correction
Temperature of the hydraulic oil is too low.	Warm up the hydraulic excavator.
The nitrogen gas pressure in the cushion chamber is too high.	Adjust the nitrogen gas to the correct pressure.
Pressure setting for the relief valve is too low.	Set the relief valve to the correct pressure setting.
Poor performance of the hydraulic pump on the excavator.	Have the hydraulic excavator manufacturer check the pump performance. If the performance is poor, repair or replace.
Back-pressure too high in circuit.	Find source causing increased back-pressure in return circuit and remove.

### Lack of Power

Probable Cause	Correction
Insufficient oil flow or oil pressure.	Check hydraulics of the base carrier.
Broken tool.	Replace tool, check piston for damage.
Cushion chamber gas pressure is too low.	Check and adjust.

Back-pressure too high in circuit.	Find source causing increased back-pressure in return circuit and remove.
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### Erratic hammering

Probable Cause	Correction
Hydraulic oil temperature is too high.	Oil temperature must not exceed 70°C.
Insufficient oil flow and/or pressure.	Check base carrier hydraulic system.
Clogged or restricted hoses, or pipes.	Clean or replace.
Not enough down force on the tool.	Increase the down pressure acting on the tool.
Pressure too high in cushion chamber.	Adjust pressure.
Too much grease in the impact chamber.	Remove tool and clean out excess grease. Follow proper greasing instructions.
Excessive clearance between tool and tool bushing.	Check clearance and replace worn parts.
Excess wear at top of tool.	Remove and inspect the tool. Replace if necessary.
Foreign matter in the breaker control valve.	Disassemble and clean.
Seizure of piston and cylinder.	Overhaul the breaker.
Back-pressure too high in circuit.	Find source causing increased back-pressure in return circuit and remove.
Control valve bolts loose	Tighten bolts to correct torque in a staggered pattern.

### Tool Mushrooming

Probable Cause	Correction
Continuous hammering in one place.	Use short bursts. Re-position breaker every 20 seconds.

### Rapid Increase in Oil Temperature

Probable Cause	Correction
Insufficient oil cooling.	Check oil cooler.
Insufficient oil flow.	Check pump output.
Incorrect oil pressure.	Check relief valve setting.

### Emulsification of Oil

Probable Cause	Correction
Oil contaminated with water.	Locate source of water and repair. Replace oil.





**Leakage**

Probable Cause	Correction
The space between the tool and bushing has large amounts of oil coming out.	Damaged seals. Re-seal as necessary.
Possible loose hoses or adapter fittings cause oil over the surface of the breaker.	Check condition of hoses and fittings, tighten as necessary.
Oil oozing after overhaul of breaker, between the control valve and surface of the cylinder.	Normal oozing of assembly lubricants.
Oil ooze after overhaul of breaker, between the joining surfaces of cylinder and rear head.	Loosen tie rod nuts, and retighten. Damaged o-ring, replace.
New oil leaking from surface between cylinder and front head.	Loosen plugs on face of the cylinder, then re-tighten. Damaged seals in the cylinder, replace as necessary.
Between the cylinder and hose adapter.	Replace worn or damaged o-ring. Check and re-tighten the hose adapter to the specified torque.
Leakage at stroke adjuster cap.	Replace worn or damaged o-ring. Loosen the stroke adjuster cap, then re-tighten to specified torque.
Leakage at pilot valve cap.	Replace worn or damaged o-ring. Loosen the pilot valve cap, then re-tighten to specified torque.
Control valve bolts loose	Tighten bolts to correct torque in a staggered pattern.

**Gas Leakage**

Probable Cause	Correction
Gas leakage from the gas valve.	Replace worn or damaged seals. Check gas valve for damage repair or replace.
Leakage from gas valve body.	Worn or damaged o-ring. Replace.
Gas leakage from between the cylinder and the cylinder cover.	Worn or damaged o-ring. Replace.
Tie rods loose.	Tighten to correct torque value in a cross pattern.

### Erratic Blows After Breaker has been Operating Normally

Probable Cause	Correction
Seizure of control valve.	Repair or replace control valve.
Seizure of piston and cylinder.	Remove and inspect piston, and inside of cylinder body.
Relief valve for the excavator is set too low.	Set the relief valve to correct pressure setting.
Poor performance of the hydraulic pump on the excavator.	Have the hydraulic excavator manufacturer check the pump performance. If the performance is poor, repair or replace.
Lack of down pressure on the tool.	Operate the arm and bucket so that pressure is applied to the tool.
Nitrogen gas pressure in the rear head is too low.	Adjust the nitrogen gas to the correct pressure.
Back-pressure too high in circuit.	Find source causing increased back-pressure in return circuit and remove.
Control valve bolts loose.	Tighten bolts to correct torque in a staggered pattern.

### Blows/min decreased

Probable Cause	Correction
Nitrogen gas pressure in the rear head is too high.	Adjust the nitrogen gas to the correct pressure.
Lack of down pressure on the tool.	Operate the boom and bucket cylinders so that pressure is applied to the tool.
Pressure setting for the relief valve is too low.	Set the relief valve to the correct pressure setting.
Poor performance of the hydraulic pump on the excavator.	Have the excavator manufacturer check the pump performance.
Clogged or restricted hoses, pipes.	Investigate the blocked area and repair or replace.
Back-pressure too high in circuit.	Find source causing increased back-pressure in return circuit and remove.

### Tool Breaking

Probable Cause	Correction
Abuse of tool and prying with tool.	Apply down force in the direction of tool only. Check for excess play in arms, links, and pins.



### 12.2.1 Breaker tool

#### Normal Breaker Tool Wear

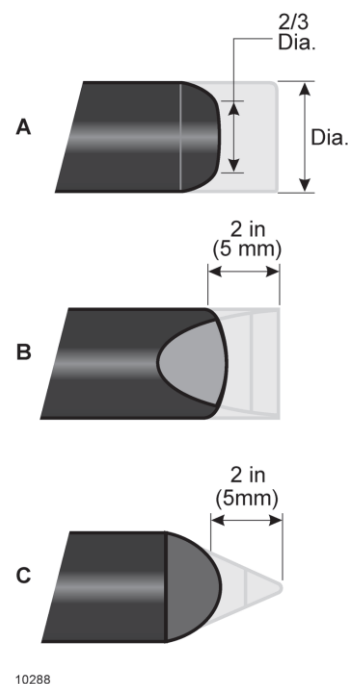
Wear depends on rock conditions. Hard, abrasive rock wears the tool down faster. Working in softer materials will keep the point shape longer.

Blunt tools (A) will wear back 1/3 of the diameter to be shaped as shown.

Moil and Chisel tools (B & C) will wear back 51mm or more to be shaped as shown.

As a general guide, this is considered normal wear and reasonable tool life.

**Warranty claims are not accepted for wear.**



### 12.2.2 Breaker tool fatigue failures

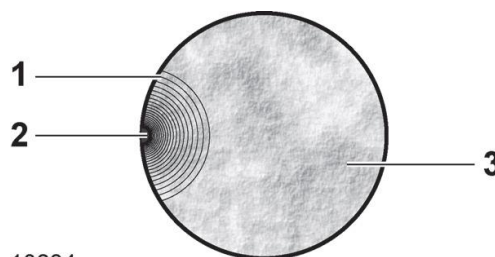
#### Metal Fatigue

Metal fatigue is the sudden fracture of a component. This effect occurs on metal after a period of repeated cycles of stress. Normally, there will be no obvious warning. A crack forms without any visual change making it difficult to detect the presence of growing cracks. Fractures usually start from small nicks or scratches or fillets that cause a localized concentration of stress.

The fracture face itself normally appears as a semi-circular

polished area with the remainder looking uneven and rough. The polished semi-circle is the fatigue area, originating from a damage mark or other stress event outside of the tool.

The fatigue area spreads slowly into the tool, until the stress causes sudden failure to the section. Generally, the size of the fatigue area indicates the level of stress applied to the tool, i.e. the smaller the fatigue area, the higher the stress level. Once a fatigue crack begins, it takes less stress to make it grow.

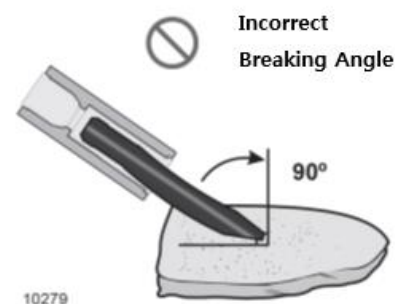


#### Cause and Effect of Fatigue

In normal operation, a cycle of compressive and tensile stresses flow up and down the tool with each piston blow as the breaker fires.

The main cause of increased tool fatigue stress is any side force applied during operation that bends the tool. Prying with the tool, using the incorrect working angle, or attempting to break ground using the pull of the carrier machine will shorten tool life and must be avoided.

Anything that interferes with these normal stresses increases the risk of early tool fatigue failure.



### 12.2.3 Other causes of increased tool fatigue stress

#### Blank Firing

Blank firing is any situation where the breaker piston strikes the top of the tool, but the tool is not in proper contact with the material. This can happen when the tool slides off the work and also when breaking through thin concrete slabs or boulders.

#### Cold

Low temperature makes the tool more susceptible to fatigue failure. Warm the tool first with moderate or light breaking.

#### Mechanical and Thermal Damage

Any type of damage to the tool surface makes it more likely to suffer fatigue failure.

Care must be taken to:

- Prevent scratches, gouges, weld marks.
- Keep tool well lubricated.
- Operate properly and avoid excessive bending of the tool.

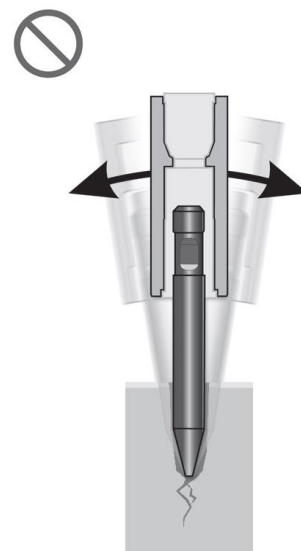
#### Poor Lubrication

Metal to metal contact causes material pick up that can scrape deep damage marks. These will develop into fatigue cracks, causing tool failure. Ensure the tool shank is well lubricated before inserting into the tool holder. Molybdenum disulfide grease or Pladdet's own brand of chisel paste (containing copper, graphite and silica) is recommended at 2 hour intervals.

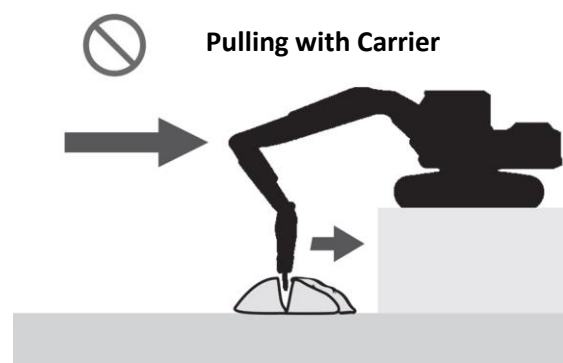
- Make sure tool is pushed up fully inside the breaker.
- Grease until clean grease runs freely from cavities.

#### Corrosion

Keep spare tools well-greased and sheltered from the weather when not in use. A rusty tool is more prone to fatigue failure.



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### 12.2.4 Area of typical tool failures

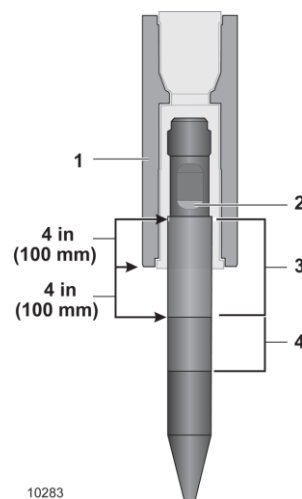
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Pladdet tools are manufactured from top quality materials and heat-treated to produce a fatigue and wear resistant tool.

When a tool fails to give satisfactory service life, a brief visual inspection usually reveals the cause.

- A tool metal “fatigue” failure generally occurs within 100 mm above and below the face of the front head, or at the retainer pin flat.
- A less common failure area is about 200 mm from the face of the front end, depending on the work the breaker is doing.

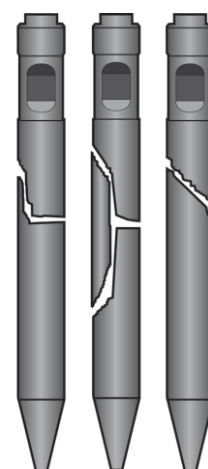
1. Front Head
2. Retainer Pin Flat
3. High Risk Fatigue Area
4. Low Risk Fatigue Area



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Typical fractures caused by excessive bending of the tool.

**Fractures like this are not covered by warranty.**



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Typical fracture caused by prying with the tool while it was buried in the work piece.

**Fractures like this are not covered by warranty.**

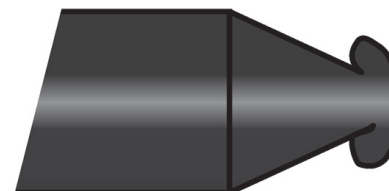


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#### Mushrooming

Hammering the tool too long in hard dense material without penetrating through causes mushrooming. This generates intense heat that softens and mushrooms the point. This is not a fault of the tool. If the rock or stone shows no sign of breaking within 20 seconds, reposition the breaker.

**Warranty claims made for mushrooming on the ends of the tool will be rejected.**

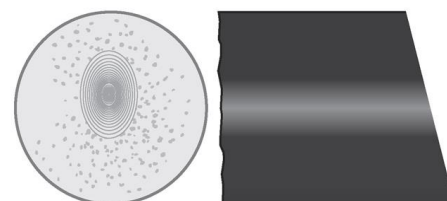


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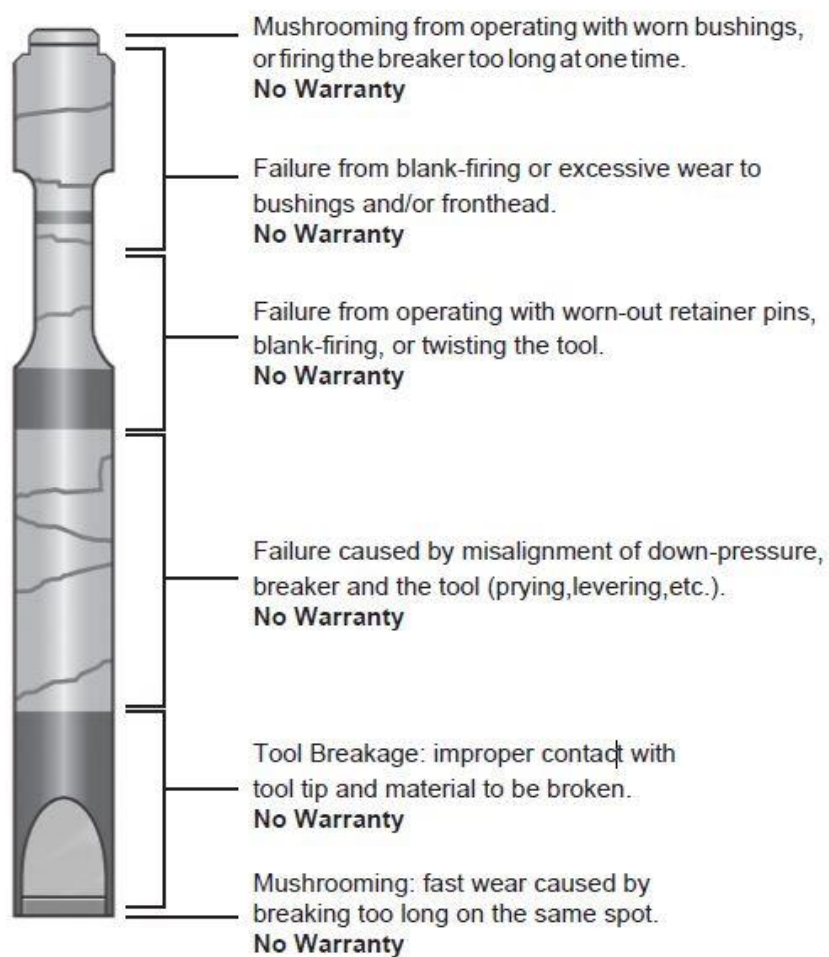
#### Steel Defect Failure

This failure has fatigue lines originating from an internal point, and not from the outer surface. This is a very rare failure caused by a defect in the steel.

**This type of defect is covered under the normal warranty period.**



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## 13 Removal and storage

### ▲CAUTION!

Use extreme care to prevent dirt from entering the hydraulic circuit when disconnecting or reconnecting hydraulic lines. Cap or plug lines when disconnecting; clean thoroughly before reconnecting. Even the smallest dirt particles will cause damage to the internal workings of the breaker.

### **13.1 Short-term Storage**

Storing your breaker up to a week is considered short-term storage.

Follow this procedure:

- 1) If shut-off valves are used with the breaker, turn them to the OFF position.
- 2) Disconnect the pressure and return lines. Plug the lines and the breaker ports to prevent contamination.
- 3) Use your excavator to lay the breaker on wooden blocks with the mounting bracket end lying higher than the tool end. Support the breaker before proceeding.
- 4) Remove the pins to disconnect the breaker from the carrier.
- 5) Remove the tool and ensure the retaining pins, bushings and piston bottom (inside breaker) are well greased.
- 6) Reinstall the tool and cover the breaker with a tarp. Use a waterproof cover if storing outdoors.

### **13.2 Long-term Storage**

Storing the breaker over a week is considered long-term storage.

#### **13.2.1 Breaker stored lying down**

Use the following procedure:

- 1) Release the cushion chamber gas pressure.
- 2) Remove the tool and liberally grease the piston bottom, retaining pins and inside the front head.
- 3) Ensure inlet ports are open to allow piston to move up to the top.
- 4) Push the piston up inside the breaker and reinstall the tool.
- 5) Lay the breaker on wooden blocks (using your excavator). Mounting bracket end should lie higher than the tool end.
- 6) Cover the breaker with a tarp (waterproof if outdoors).

#### **13.2.2 Breaker stored standing up**

If the breaker is to be stored standing up, place in a safety stand. Use the following procedure:

- 1) Release the cushion chamber gas pressure.
- 2) Remove the tool and liberally grease the piston bottom, retaining pins and inside the front head.
- 3) Ensure inlet ports are open to allow piston to move up to top
- 4) Reinstall the tool and place the breaker in the vertical stand. This will allow the breaker's weight to push the tool and piston up inside the breaker.
- 5) Cover the breaker with a tarp (waterproof if outdoors).



### 13.2.3 Initial start-up after storage

#### ▲ CAUTION!

Use extreme care to prevent dirt from entering the hydraulic circuit when disconnecting or reconnecting hydraulic lines. Cap or plug lines when disconnecting; clean thoroughly before reconnecting. Even the smallest dirt particles will cause damage to the internal workings of the breaker.

Storage can introduce air into the hydraulic circuit. If air is present in the hydraulic circuit during operation, it may cause a malfunction.

Circulating the oil will remove air and other foreign substances from the system. If the breaker was stored lying down, seals can deform. Follow these steps to circulate the hydraulic oil, and correct these problems:

- 1) First, recharge cushion chamber with nitrogen gas.  
With the breaker mounted and oil warmed to operating temperatures:
- 2) Lift the unit off the ground.
- 3) Press the Start button or pedal to fire the breaker momentarily.
- 4) Continue to turn the breaker ON and OFF in this manner for ten minutes.

The breaker is now ready to be put into service.