



## **Operation & Service Manual**

**Model: 01-1233-0010  
Universal Snap-Bak  
Towbar**



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**When ordering Replacement Parts/Kits, please specify Model, Color and Serial Number of your Unit.**

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Tronair towbars/heads must only be used with matching Tronair heads/towbars, and Tronair shear pins.

This product can not be modified without the written approval of Tronair, Inc. Any modifications done without written approval voids all warranties and releases Tronair, Inc., its suppliers, distributors, employees, or financial institutions from any liability from consequences that may occur. Only Tronair OEM replacement parts shall be used.

## **1.0 DESCRIPTION**

The Tronair Model 01-1233-0010 Snap-Bak Towbar is a lightweight, portable towbar for various aircraft.

The snap-bak towbar includes a spring in the towing head attachment to the towbar which provides a dampening of radial forces about the aircraft nose landing gear during towing operation. The aircraft attachment is by machined pins on the towing head to the nose landing gear axle. There is a handle and an eyebolt at the end of the towbar for towing.

## **1.1 SPECIFICATIONS**

Aircraft Application: various aircraft

Maximum Aircraft Gross Weight: 7,500 lbs (3.4 Metric ton)

Length: 92.625 in (235.27 cm) from eyebolt centerline to aircraft attachment centerline

Weight: 35 lbs (15.9 kg)

Finish: Blue Powder Coat

## **2.0 SAFETY INFORMATION**

### **2.1 GENERAL**

The Tronair Model 01-1233-0010 Snap-Bak Towbar is used for moving various aircraft.

To ensure safe operation, please read the following statements and understand their meaning. This manual contains safety precautions which are explained as follows. Please read carefully.



**WARNING! Warning is used to indicate the presence of a hazard that can cause severe personal injury, death, and/or substantial property damage if the Warning Notice is ignored.**

**CAUTION! Caution is used to indicate the presence of a hazard which will or can cause minor personal injury or property damage if the Caution Notice is ignored.**



### **WARNING!**

**A damaged or bent towbar should not be used. Towbar should be repaired or replaced.**

## **3.0 OPERATION**

### **3.1 PRELIMINARY CHECKLIST**

#### **3.1.1 Towbar**

- Check weld between lunette and tube for cracks.
- Check lunette for bending, excessive wear and deformity.
- Check weld between tube and spring retainer for cracks.

#### **3.1.2 Towing Head**

- Check welds between side rails and head rail for cracks.
- Check welds between head rail and spring retainer housing for cracks.
- Check welds between side rails and stationary pin. Also sliding pin wear sleeve for cracks.
- Check fastener connection of towing head to towbar. Ensure the connection is not loose or missing.
- Check sliding pin ball lok-T pin. Ensure ball lok-T pin is securely attached to the side rail via its lanyard. Ensure ball lok-T pin is not missing.
- Check sliding pin for bending or excessive wear. Ensure sliding pin slides freely.
- Check sliding pin roll pin. Ensure roll pin is not loose or missing.
- Check snap-bak spring. Ensure the spring is not loose or taken a set. Ensure the spring operates correctly.

#### 4.0 TRAINING

##### 4.1 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The employer of the operator is responsible for providing a training program sufficient for the safe operation of the towbar.

##### 4.2 TRAINING PROGRAM

The employer provided operator training program should cover safety procedures concerning use of the towbar in and around the various aircraft at the servicing location.

##### 4.3 OPERATOR TRAINING

The operator training should provide the required training for safe operation of the towbar.

**NOTE: Maintenance and Trouble Shooting are to be performed by the skilled and trained technician.**

#### 5.0 PROVISION OF SPARES

##### 5.1 SPARE PARTS

Spare parts may be obtained from the manufacturer:

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##### 5.2 PARTS LIST

Reference the following pages for ordering information of Replacement Parts.

#### 6.0 IN-SERVICE SUPPORT

Contact Tronair for technical services and information.

#### 7.0 GUARANTEES/LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Tronair products are warranted to be free of manufacturing or material defects for a period of one year after shipment to the original customer. This is solely limited to the repair or replacement of defective components. This warranty does not cover the following items:

- a) Parts required for normal maintenance
- b) Parts covered by a component manufacturers warranty
- c) Replacement parts have a 90-day warranty from date of shipment

If you have a problem that may require service, contact Tronair immediately. Do not attempt to repair or disassemble a product without first contacting Tronair, any action may affect warranty coverage. When you contact Tronair be prepared to provide the following information:

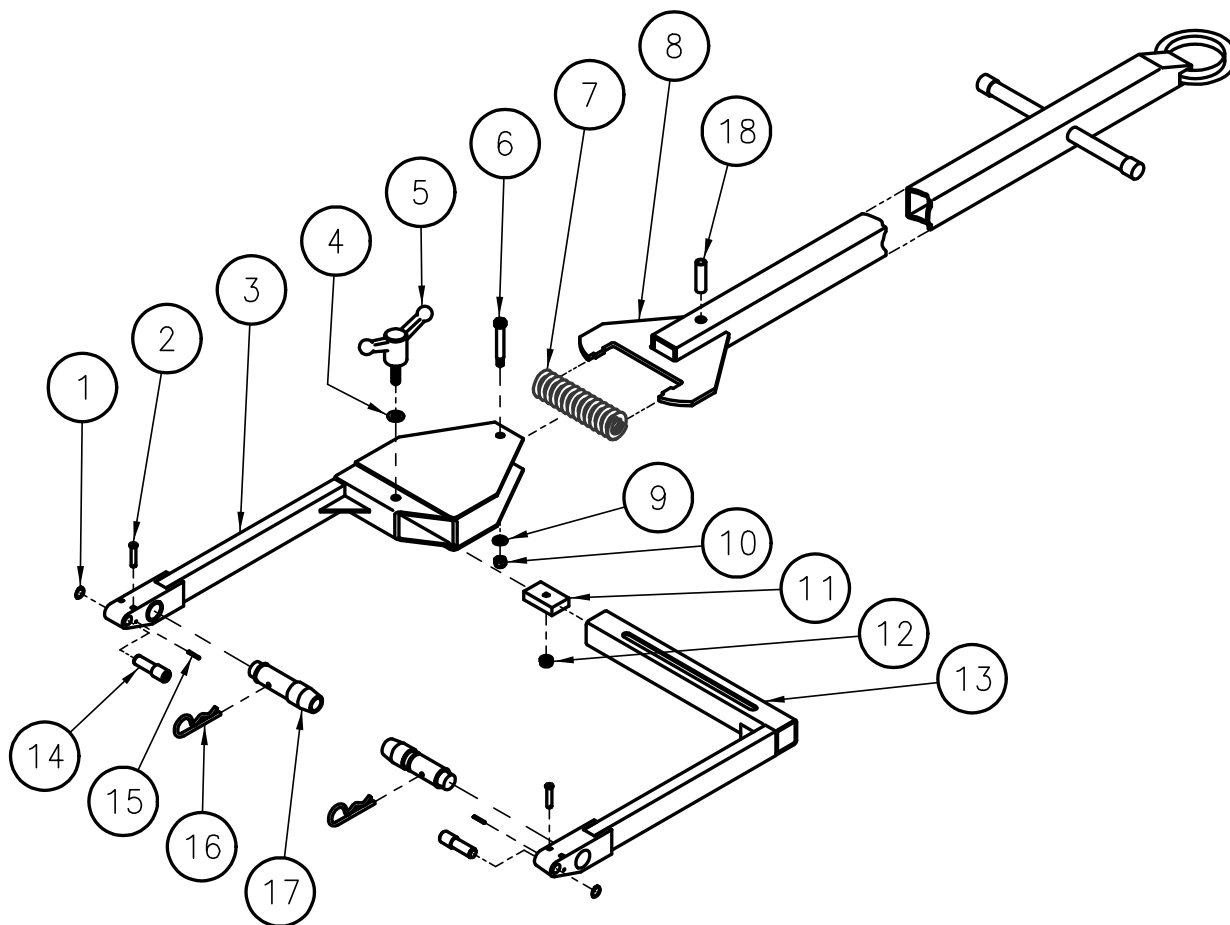
- a) Product Model Number
- b) Product Serial Number
- c) Description of the problem

If warranty coverage is approved, either replacement parts will be sent or the product will have to be returned to Tronair for repairs. If the product is to be returned, a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number will be issued for reference purposes on any shipping documents. Failure to obtain a RMA in advance of returning an item will result in a service fee. A decision on the extent of warranty coverage on returned products is reserved pending inspection at Tronair. Any shipments to Tronair must be shipped freight prepaid. Freight costs on shipments to customers will be paid by Tronair on any warranty claims only. Any unauthorized modification of the Tronair products or use of the Tronair products in violation of cautions and warnings in any manual (including updates) or safety bulletins published or delivered by Tronair will immediately void any warranty, express or implied.

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## Parts List

When ordering replacement parts/kits, please specify model, serial number and color of your unit.



Item	Part Number	Description	Qty
5	Z-2418	Assembly, Handle	1
7	H-1231	Spring	1
8	Y-1002-01	Assembly, Towbar	1
14	R-1392	Pin, Towing (Small)	2
16	G-1313-08	Hairpin, Cotter	2
17	R-1391	Pin, Towing (Large)	2
	<b>K-2102</b>	<b>Kit, Handle Assembly Replacement; consists of:</b>	
4	G-1250-1070N	Flatwasher, 3/8 Narrow	1
5	Z-2418	Assembly, Handle	1
11	J-1713	Plate, Locking	1
12	G-1203-1070	Jamnut, 3/8 Elastic	1
	<b>K-2103</b>	<b>Kit, Sliding Arm Replacement; consists of:</b>	
1	G-1392-50-S	Ring, External Retaining	1
2	G-1431-01	Pin, Clevis, 1/4" diameter x 1.25" long	1
13	Z-2413-01	Weldment, Sliding Arm	1
14	R-1392	Pin, Towing (Small)	1
15	G-1300-09060	Pin, Roll, 3/32" diameter x 3/4" long	1
16	G-1313-08	Hairpin, Cotter	1
17	R-1391	Pin Towing (Large)	1

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	<b>K-2295</b>	<b>Kit, Piper Pin Replacement; consists of:</b>	
2	G-1431-01	Clevis, Pin	2
15	G-1300-09060	Pin, Roll, 3/32" diameter x 3/4" long	2
	<b>K-2673</b>	<b>Kit, Towing Pin Replacement; consists of:</b>	
1	G-1392-50-S	Ring, External Retaining	2
14	R-1392	Pin, Towing (Small)	2
	<b>K-3147</b>	<b>Kit, Pivot Bolt Replacement; consists of:</b>	
6	G-1155-106222	Screw, Hex Socket Head Shoulder, 5/16-18, 3/8" diameter x 2-1/4" long	1
9	G-1250-1060N	Flatwasher, 5/16 Narrow	1
10	G-1202-1060	Stopnut, 5/16-18 Elastic	1
18	TR-1672-01	Sleeve	1
	<b>K-2104</b>	<b>Kit, Head Assembly Replacement; consists of:</b>	
1	G-1392-50-S	Ring, External Retaining	2
2	G-1431-01	Pin, Clevis	2
3	Z-2414-01	Weldment, Head	1
4	G-1250-1070N	Flatwasher, 3/8 Narrow	1
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## **APPENDIX - I**

### **Towbar Usage Instructions**





# **INS-1582 Towbar Usage Instructions**

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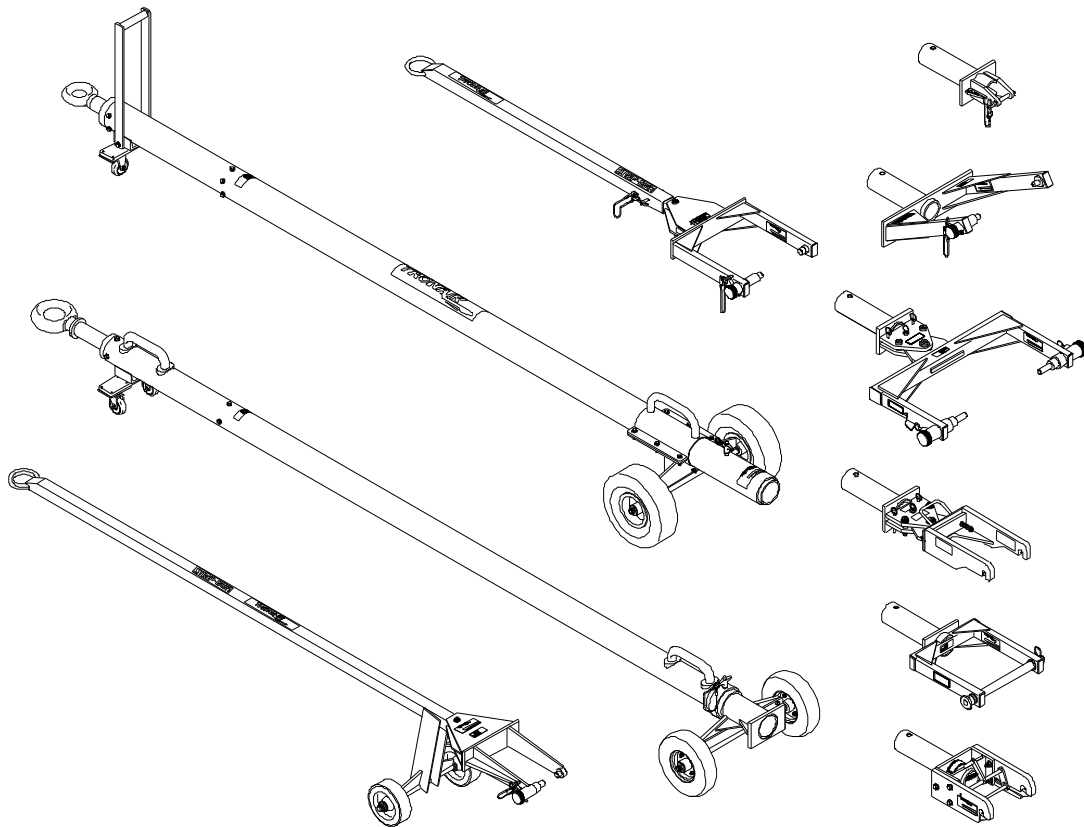
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Your Tronair towbar is engineered and built to the highest standards of quality and workmanship. Under normal usage and with minimal maintenance this towbar will provide exceptional service.



**WARNING!** A damaged or bent towbar should not be used, but should be repaired or replaced.

Using a damaged or bent towbar can result in aircraft or equipment damage and possible personal injury.



**WARNING!** Towbars With Hydraulic Lifting Mechanism:

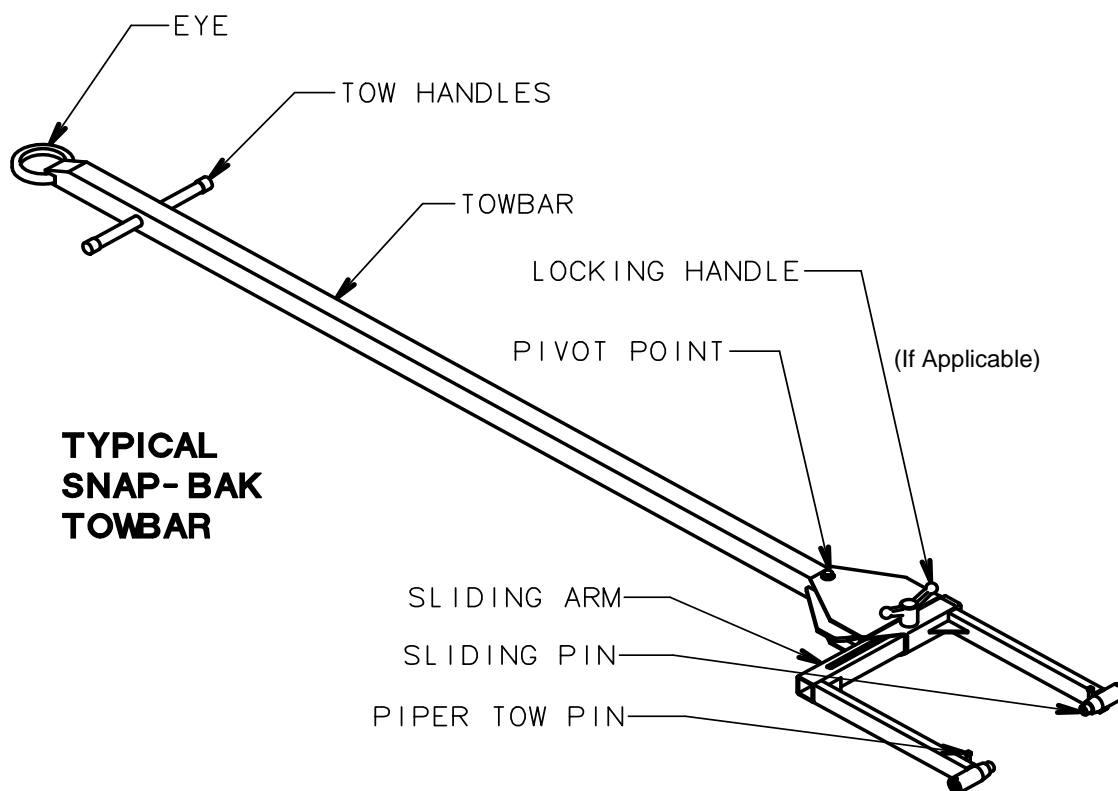
The hydraulic lift mechanism (on those towbars so equipped) should only be used to raise the towbar to facilitate connection to the aircraft or tug.

Release any hydraulic pressure when towing aircraft or moving towbar.



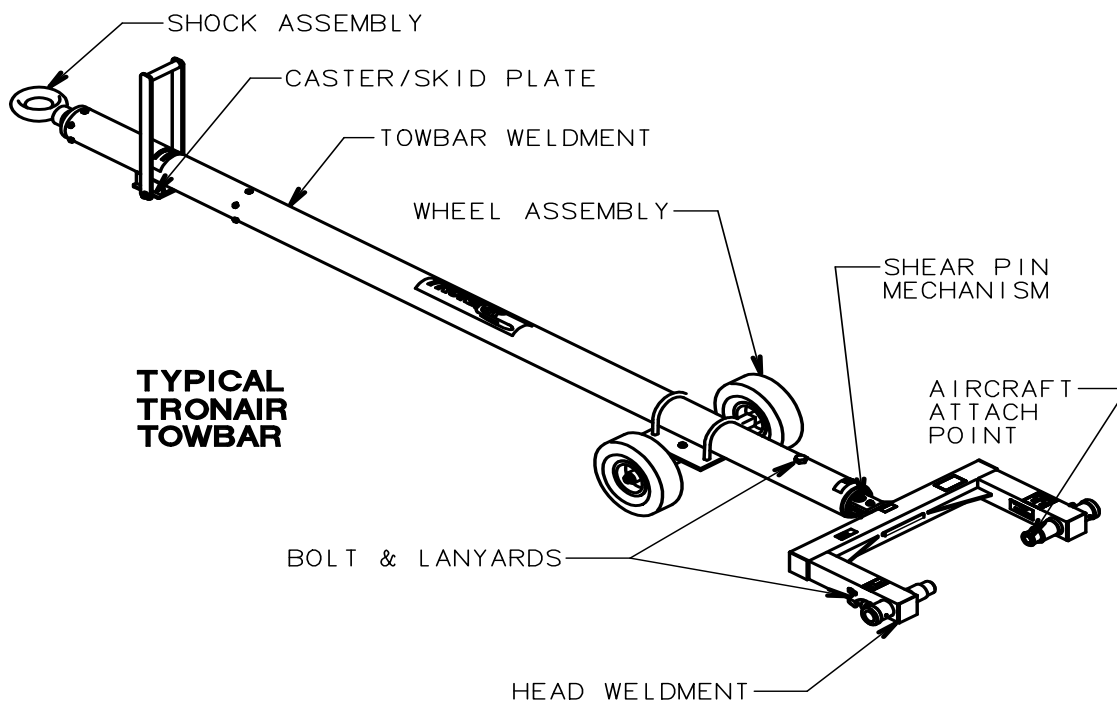
**WARNING!** Towbars Should be Used with Category 1 Tugs:

Tronair recommends the use of a towbar with a category 1 or category 2 tug and aircraft not exceeding 75,000 lbs gross weight. Using the towbar with aircraft weighing in excess of this specific limitation may result in excessive loads and stresses being applied to the towbar and/or the aircraft. These excessive loads may cause failure of the towbar which could cause damage (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION to the aircraft) and/or personal injury OR DEATH. **TRONAIR MAKES NO REPRESENTATION, WARRANTY OR GUARANTEE AS TO SUCH MISUSE AND DISCLAIMS ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR INJURY, LOSS OR DAMAGE ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO SUCH MISUSE.**



**FIGURE 2**

**NOTE:** Typical towbar. Your towbar and/or head may not have all of the features shown



**FIGURE 1**

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**BEFORE USING TOWBAR, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CHECKLISTS:**Reference **Figures 1 & 2** on Page 2.**TOWBAR:****Area of Towbar:**

Shock Assembly:

**Check:**

1. Weld between eye and tube (Are there cracks?)
2. Bolts attaching shock to towbar (Loose, missing, stripped, etc.)
3. Eyebolt (Is it bent, worn down, or deformed?)

Towbar Weldment:

1. Tube (Is it bent, dented, bowed, and/or have cracks?)
2. Weld at head end (Are there any cracks in the welds?)
3. Head hole (Is it elongated? Is the ball lok pin attached to the towbar?)

Caster/Skid Plate:

1. Casters (Are they missing or bent?)
2. Handles (Are they broken, bent, or missing?)
3. Bolts (Are they missing or loose?)

Wheel Assembly:

1. Wheels (Are they flat? Is the rim bent?)
2. Axle (Is it bent?)

**HEAD:****Area of Head:**

Bolts &amp; Lanyards:

**Check:**

1. Are they loose, missing, or stripped? Are they attached to the head?

Weldment:

1. Welds holding side rails to head rail (Are there any cracks?)
2. Shear Plates (Are there cracks in welds? Are the plates bent?)

Shear Pin Mechanism:

1. Shear Pin (Is it bent or deformed? Are there spares?)
2. Bushings (Are they cracked, chipped, secure?)
3. Pivot Bolt (Are the nuts tight? Are there washers present?)

**Area of Head:**

Aircraft Attach Point:

**Check:**

1. Sliding Pin(s) (Are they bent, cracked? Do they slide freely?)
2. Locking Pin (Are they loose? Do they hold the sliding pins securely?)
3. Wear sleeves (Are the welds cracked?)
4. Roll Pins(s) (Are they rusted? Are they missing? Are they loose?)
5. Ball Lok Pin (Is it attached to head? Is it rusted? Is it bent?)
6. Axle Adapter (Is it bent? Is the slot deformed? Are bolts tight?)

**SNAP-BAK AND UNIVERSAL TOWBARS:****Area of Towbar:**

Towbar:

**Check:**

1. Spring (Has it taken a set? Loose in the assembly?)
2. Eyebolt (Is it bent, worn down, or deformed?)
3. Tube (Is it bent, dented, bowed, or cracked? Is it rusted badly?)
4. Welds (Are there any cracks in the welds?)
5. Head Hole (Is it elongated? Is the bolt attached correctly?)

Function:

1. Does it snap back?

Head:

1. Pivot Bolt (Is it present along with washers? Is the nut tight? Is it rusted?)
2. Roll Pin(s) (Are they rusted? Are they missing? Are they loose?)
3. Weldment (Is it deformed, bent, or rusted beyond reasonable use?)
4. Lanyard (Is it attached to weldment?)
5. Sliding Pin(s) (Are they bent, cracked or rusted? Does it slide?)

## USAGE PROCEDURE

### Aircraft Attachment:

It is recommended that your towbar be attached to the aircraft first, and then connected to the tug to avoid possible aircraft damage.

Ensure sliding pins are locked in place before towing aircraft.

### Tug Attachment:

Damage to the towbar or aircraft can result from an excessive towbar angle during towing operations (Reference to **Figure 3**). If aircraft with both high and low tow points are encountered, consider using two pintle hooks, as shown in **Figures 4 & 5**, so that the towbar is as level as possible during towing. Also pintle hook height should prevent contact of towbar wheels with the ground, during towing. (Reference **Figure 5**).

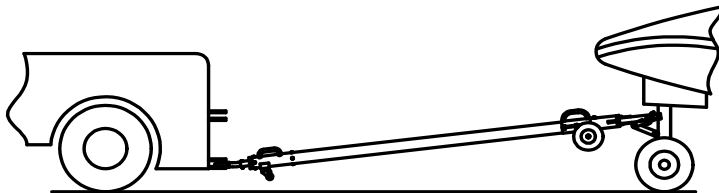


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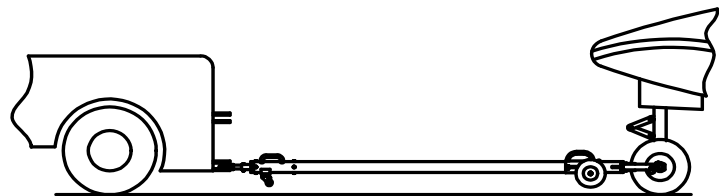


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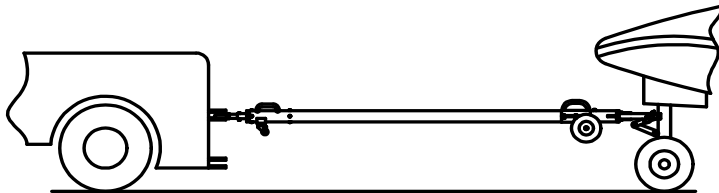


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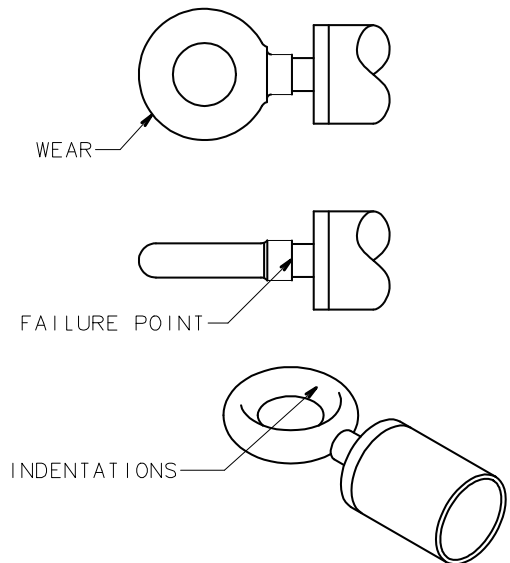


FIGURE 6

### Type Of Coupler:

Damage to the towbar or aircraft can result while towing with the following type of couplers:

- Lift Head
- Standard Duty Latch
- Vertical Side Swing Latch
- Swivel Hook

These types of couplers are known to cause binding and failure in the eyebolt. Indicators of eyebolt binding are wear on the outside diameter of the eye and indentations on the inside diameter. The failure will begin at the head of the eye. See **Figure 6**.



## USAGE PROCEDURE (continued)

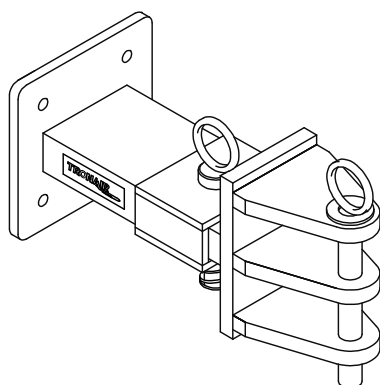
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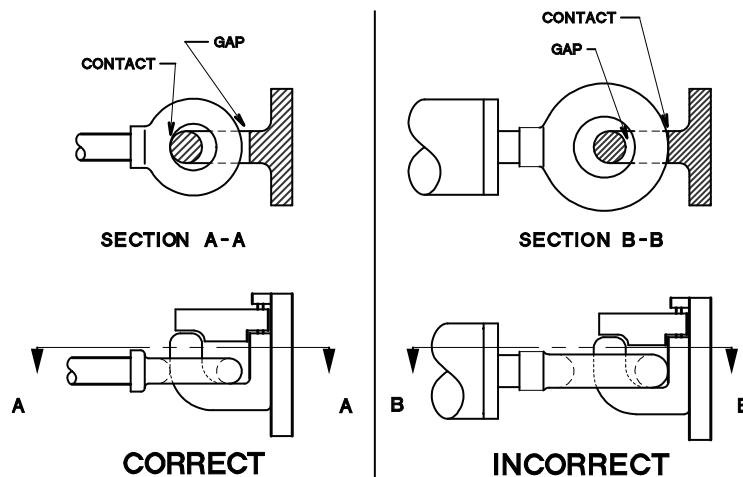
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**Figure 7** illustrates a pintle hook arrangement that is known to eliminate eyebolt binding. Tronair recommends using this type of hook on your tug.



**FIGURE 7**



**FIGURE 8**

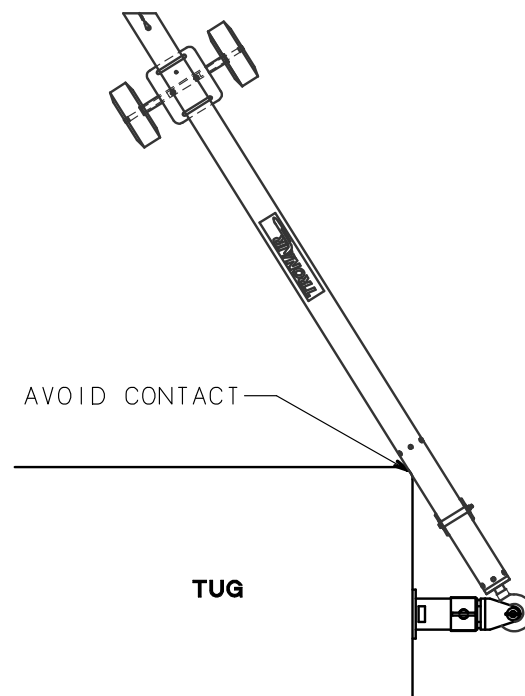
### Eyebolt and Pintle Pin Size:

Damage to the towbar or aircraft can result by towing or pushing an aircraft with an incorrect size eyebolt or pintle pin. A correct size eyebolt will make contact with the pintle pin. A gap between the eyebolt outside diameter and the coupler face plate should be easily seen. An eyebolt which is too large will cause the eyebolt to make contact with the face plate of the coupler. When the eyebolt is too large for the coupler, a gap between the inside diameter of the eyebolt and the coupler face plate will be seen. See **Figure 8**.

To ensure proper towing and pushing, check to make sure that the pintle pin diameter is not too large for the eyebolt's inside diameter. Approximately a one-half inch (1/2") gap between the pin diameter and the eyebolt should be seen. If any of these conditions are not met, please contact Tronair for information to obtain a new coupler.

### Towing Angle:

Damage to the towbar or aircraft can result from pushing an aircraft while maintaining too sharp of an angle between the tug and the towbar. Contact between the towbar weldment and tug must be avoided. It is recommended that the angle between the tug and towbar not exceed 90°. See **Figure 9**.



**FIGURE 9**





## **APPENDIX - II**

### **Declaration of Conformity**





## DECLARATION of CONFORMITY

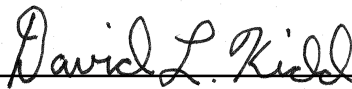
The design, development and manufacture is in accordance with European Community guidelines

Portable Snap-Bak Towbar  
01-1233-0010

Relevant provisions complied with by the machinery:  
2006/42/EC

Relevant standards complied with by the machinery:  
EN ISO 12100-1

Identification of person empowered to sign on behalf of the manufacturer:



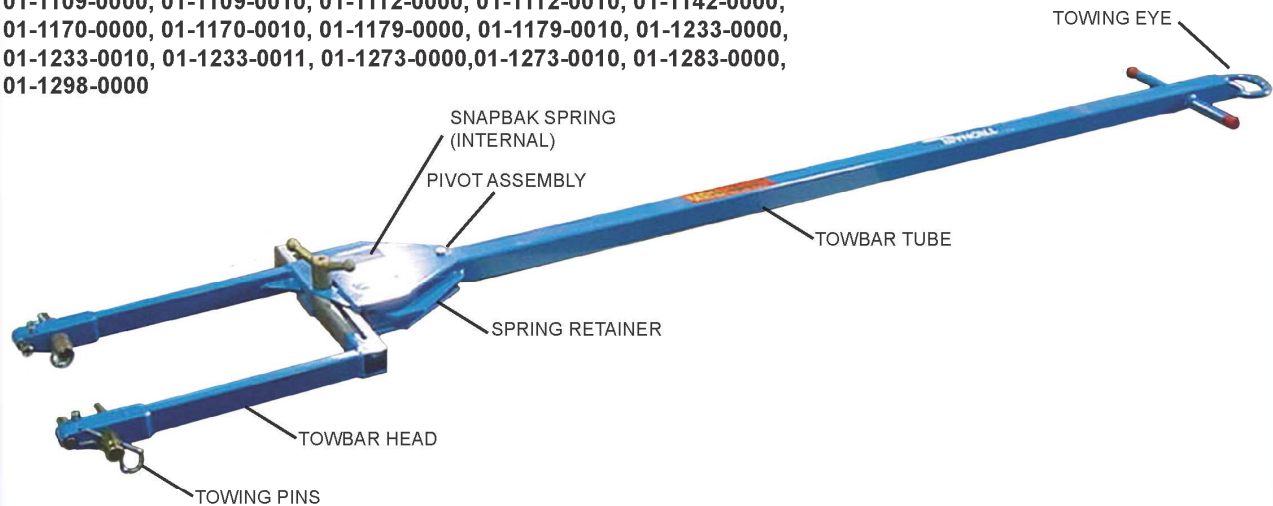
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### Snapbak Towbars

**Models:**

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01-1233-0010, 01-1233-0011, 01-1273-0000, 01-1273-0010, 01-1283-0000,  
01-1298-0000



**Tronair recommends towbar inspections at least once a week.**

- ☐ Check towing eye for bending, excessive wear and deformity. If any are located, remove towbar from service and contact Tronair for repair.
- ☐ Inspect the towbar tube for cracks, gouges greater than 1/32", and bends or deformities. If any are located, remove towbar from service and contact Tronair or your Tronair distributor for replacement.
- ☐ Check the snapbak pivot assembly. Ensure the pivot assembly is not loose or missing. Tighten or replace as required.
- ☐ Check the snapbak spring by holding the towing head section in a vise and from the towing eye end rotate the towbar tube side to side, approximately 15° in each direction. The snapbak spring should re-center the towbar tube. If it does not, disassemble the snapbak pivot assembly and check that the snapbak spring is positioned within the spring retainer. If it is not, reposition the snapbak spring and retest. If the spring is in position, contact Tronair or your Tronair distributor for snapbak spring replacement.
- ☐ Inspect all welds on the towbar head and towbar tube for cracks. If any weld cracks are located, remove towbar from service and contact Tronair for repair.
- ☐ Check towing pins for bending, cracks and excessive wear. If any are located, remove towbar from service and contact Tronair or your Tronair distributor for replacement.
- ☐ Check towbar head members for bending and cracks. If any are located, remove towbar from service and contact Tronair or your Tronair distributor for replacement.
- ☐ Inspect all steel components for signs of rust. Touch up with paint as required.

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