POWERTILT® Instruction, Service and Repair Manual

PT, PTA and PTB Series

Optional PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler





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INTRODUCTION

Product Overview



Product Introduction

Content in this Instruction, Service and Repair Manual applies to all current product models unless noted otherwise. For information on maintaining, servicing or repairing earlier product models (TT, TTB and TBB series) please contact your local dealer or Helac's Service Department at 1-800-797-8458 (US and Canada) or email at repairs@helac. com. Helac PowerTilt[®], a construction equipment attachment from Helac Corporation, can increase the productivity, profitability and versatility of backhoes or excavators by simply tilting the attachment instead of moving the entire machine.

PowerTilt is ideal for performing everyday tasks, or completing jobs that haven't been tried. Thousands of contractors worldwide have come to rely on PowerTilt since 1990 for cleaning ditches, clearing land, digging beveled trenches, spreading rip-rap, and positioning brushcutters, mowers and hydraulic hammers.

When used in combination with Helac PowerGrip[®], a multi-purpose bucket, companies can achieve unmatched , hand-like manipulation and dexterity, dramatically maximizing productivity.



INTRODUCTION

Product Overview

Basic Configurations



PT Series

Standard housing with welded-on ears. Lower end can be welded directly to a quick coupler or bucket.



PTA/PTB Series

The housing and shaft are designed for customization. Ideal for integrating quick couplers at both the top and bottom. PTA Series housing is designed for welding; PTB Series housing incorporates drilled and tapped holes for bolt-mounting.



Custom Designs

Depending on the order quantity, custom-engineered configurations can be provided.

Specifications for PT, PTA and PTB Series

Model Size		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Maximum	lb	10,500	15,000	20,000	28,700	45,000	60,000	75,000
Machine Weight	(kg)	<i>(4,775)</i>	<i>(6,800)</i>	<i>(9,100)</i>	(13,000)	<i>(20,000)</i>	<i>(27,000)</i>	<i>(34,000)</i>
Approximate PowerTilt Weight*	lb (kg)	180 <i>(85)</i>	320 <i>(145)</i>	425 (195)	575 (260)	850 <i>(385)</i>	1,200 <i>(545)</i>	1,500 <i>(680)</i>
Total Tilt		180°**	180°	180°	134°	134°	134°	134°
Output Torque	in-Ibs	25,000	42,000	63,000	94,000	130,000	165,000	220,000
	<i>(Nm)</i>	<i>(2,820)</i>	<i>(4,740)</i>	(7,110)	<i>(10,620)</i>	<i>(14,690)</i>	<i>(18,640)</i>	(24,860)
Holding Torque	in-Ibs	50,000	84,000	126,000	188,000	260,000	330,000	440,000
	<i>(Nm)</i>	<i>(5,640)</i>	<i>(9,480)</i>	<i>(14,220)</i>	<i>(21,240)</i>	(29,380)	<i>(37,280)</i>	<i>(49,720)</i>

* Weights may vary depending on model size. Approximate weights for PTA and PTB Series do not include mounting brackets or couplers.

** Actual rotation may vary slightly.



INTRODUCTION Operation Technology

PowerTilt uses Helac Corporation's innovative, sliding-spline operating technology to convert linear piston motion into powerful shaft rotation. Each actuator is composed of a housing and two moving parts — the central shaft and piston. Helical spline teeth on the shaft engage matching teeth on the piston's inside diameter. A second set of splines on the piston's outside diameter mesh with the gear in the housing.

Starting position

The piston is completely bottomed out. Bars indicate starting positions of piston and shaft. Arrows indicate directions they will rotate. The housing with integral ring gear remains stationary.





INTRODUCTION General Safety Guidelines

Cautionary Notices

Before beginning disassembly of the PowerTilt, there are several cautionary notices that should be considered. If you are not comfortable with repair or maintenance of this product, contact your local dealer or Helac Corporation's Service Department for assistance.



Other Safety Guidelines and Precautions

- 1. PowerTilt should only be used to perform tasks for which it was designed. Abusing the product and/or using it for purposes for which it was not intended can expose the operator and others to hazards as well as result in damage to the PowerTilt, carrier and/or other attachments.
- Modification to the PowerTilt is done at the owner's risk and may void PowerTilt AG's warranty.
- 3. PowerTilt is designed for a maximum bucket width as noted below. Applying the full force of the excavator or backhoe to the corner of a wide bucket (e.g. corner digging with a wide bucket) may cause premature wear and/or reduced equipment life. It is also recommended that the bucket widths are not exceeded.

Maximum Recommended Bucket Width for Use with PowerTilt

PowerTilt Model	Maximum Bucket Width
PT-6	47" (1,200 mm)
PT-7	55" (1,400 mm)
PT-8	59" (1,500 mm)
PT-9	66" (1,700 mm)
PT-10	70" (1,800 mm)
PT-11	82" (2,100 mm)
PT-12	94" (2,400 mm)

- A decrease in breakout force may be experienced due to the increased tip radius and the added weight of the PowerTilt to the stick.
- 5. It is the owner's responsibility to be sure all safety equipment is in place and operating properly at all times. If safety decals fade, are damaged or become unreadable from a distance of 10 feet, they should be replaced immediately.

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Be sure to post the warning decal provided by Helac Corporation to the cab of the carrier machine.



6. PowerTilt should be used in conjunction with attachments that do not adversely affect the stability of the machine.

Important Notice

Helac Corporation does not assume any responsibility beyond the design and performance of its construction equipment attachment products. The customer is solely responsible for engineering of mating structures, fasteners, and other associated components related to the installation of the product and its ultimate application.



Product Identification

PowerTilt Identification

A unique serial number is located on each PowerTilt.This serial number is stamped on the housing and is also located on an Identification (ID) Tag. The serial number is located near the hydraulic ports, and may be required before parts and/or service issues can be resolved. It may be necessary to remove paint to expose the serial number.





INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE

Installation and Mounting

Each PowerTilt is engineered for a specific backhoe or excavator and is designed to be pin mounted directly to the machine. When using the Standard Pin-on Coupler, two sets of pins are required: one set to mount the PowerTilt to the dipper stick and a second set to mount the bucket or attachment to the PowerTilt. When using Universal or Hydraulic Quick Couplers, contact the respective coupler manufacturer for instructions and maintenance.

PT Series — Installing the PowerTilt onto the Carrier

All PowerTilt models should be mounted to the carrier according to the instructions outlined below.

- 1. Position the PowerTilt close to the carrier boom to ensure easy use of the lifting reach and range of the carrier boom.
- 2. Lower the dipper to approximately 2-3 inches (50-75 mm) above the PowerTilt. Roll out the bucket cylinder to lower the link bars to the PowerTilt.
- **3.** Align the PowerTilt and link bar holes and install the link pin.
- **4.** Slowly lift the PowerTilt to a safe height with the bucket and boom cylinders.
- 5. Curl the bucket cylinder until the PowerTilt and dipper holes align and install the bucket pivot pin. Rotate the pins as necessary and install the required retainers.

NOTICE

Do not attach a bucket or attachment to the PowerTilt until the hydraulic tool circuit for the PowerTilt is installed and operating correctly.

PowerTilt Installation





INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE Installation and Mounting

PT Series — Mounting a Bucket or Attachment to the PowerTilt

To mount a bucket or an attachment to the PowerTilt with the Standard Pin-on Coupler, follow the steps listed below.

- 1. Install the hook pin in the bucket or attachment and position the bucket or attachment so the pin can be easily reached with the PowerTilt hook as shown in the below image.
- 2. Hook the bucket pin, being sure the hook is properly aligned to avoid damaging the hook.
- 3. Lift the bucket off the ground, then extend the bucket cylinder to pivot the PowerTilt until the second hole of the bucket or attachment aligns with the PowerTilt coupler pin hole.
- 4. Install the second pin and retain properly.
- After mounting the bucket for the first time, the jacking bolt(s) on the back side of the hook require adjustment. Loosen the jam nut and thread the bolt until it touches the pin, then tighten the jam nut to lock the bolt in place. Proper adjustment will make it easier to align the mounting pins when changing buckets.



PT Series — Removing a Bucket or Attachment from the PowerTilt

To remove a bucket or an attachment from the PowerTilt with the Standard Pin-on Coupler, follow the steps listed below.

- 1. Position the bucket or attachment so it is lightly supported by the ground and in a position so it will not move or fall when a pin is removed. Remove the coupler pin (the pin furthest from the cab).
- 2. Gently place the bucket or attachment on the ground and move the PowerTilt away from the bucket or attachment to disengage completely. Use the bucket cylinder if necessary to make disengagement easier. Be careful not to damage the PowerTilt hook while removing the bucket or attachment.





INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE Hydraulic Requirements and Plumbing

Hydraulic Requirements

NOTICE

The Typical PowerTilt Circuit Chart and the Tool Circuit Requirements Table (shown on this page) illustrate the control circuit requirements for the PowerTilt. The hydraulic pressures and flow requirements must be observed or damage to the actuator can occur.

The installer of the PowerTilt is responsible for selecting the control circuits that are compatible with the excavator and meet the tool circuit requirements. Helac can be contacted for additional control circuits and methods for controlling the PowerTilt.

> Most PowerTilts manufactured after 1997 incorporate an integral cross port relief valve mounted inside the shaft. If this secondary relief does not exist then the circuit pressure must be lowered to match the cross port relief valve pressure.

Each PowerTilt model is manufactured with two ports, P1 and P2. This is done to assist in the hose routing. Refer to the Suggested Hose Routings Diagram on Page 12 for the recommended routings.

NOTICE The majority of PowerTilts delivered to customers in North America incorporate SAE type ports. Customers outside of North America typically have BSPP type ports.

Typical PowerTilt Circuit



Tool Circuit Requirements for PT, PTA, PTB Series

Model Sizes		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Displacement	in³ (cm³)	32 (525)	62 (1,060)	89 (1,460)	118 <i>(1,935)</i>	159 <i>(2,600)</i>	215 (3,515)	277 (4,540)	
Required Oil Flow <i>(lit</i>	gpm ers/minute)	.8-1.5 <i>(</i> 3-6)	1.5-3 <i>(6-12)</i>	3-5 (12-20)	6-7 (24-28)	6-8 (24-32)	8-11 <i>(32-44)</i>	9-13 <i>(36-52)</i>	
Port Connections*	SAE BSPP	4 (1/4)	4 (1/4)	6 (1/4)	6 (1/4)	6 (1/4)	6 (1/4)	6 (3/8)	
Hydraulic Hose and Tube Sizing Hose, Tube (Optional)	in <i>(mm)</i>	3/8 (10)	3/8 (10)	3/8 (10)	1/2 (12)	1/2 (12)	5/8 (16)	5/8 (16)	
Whip Hose	in <i>(mm)</i>	1/4 (6)	1/4 (6)	1/4 (6)	3/8 (10)	3/8 (10)	3/8 (10)	3/8 (10)	
Hydraulic PressuresCross Port Relief Valve Pressure**3,200-3,300 psi (220-230 bar)Circuit Pressure3,650-3,750 psi (250-260 bar)Maximum Circuit Back Pressure580 psi (40 bar)									

* Most PowerTilt models are manufactured with four ports: two ports (P1) and two ports (P2). The majority of all PowerTilts delivered to North American customers incorporate SAE port connections. PowerTilts delivered to customers outside of North America incorporate BSPP port connections.

** PowerTilts are equipped with factory-installed integral cross port relief valves.



INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE Hydraulic Requirements and Plumbing

Plumbing

Hose and tube size recommendations can be found in the Tool Circuit Requirements Chart shown below.

The position of the hoses is important for reliable operation. Refer to the Suggested Hose Routings Chart on Page 12 for suggested hose routings.

Hoses should be routed between the housing brackets and not through the openings in the brackets adjacent to the ports which are used for the manufacturing process. Depending on the geometry of the installation, it may be advisable to cover the hoses with protective sheathing.

Connect hydraulic hoses to the appropriate ports using fittings as shown on Pages 16 through 20. Be sure the hoses do not cross, foul, crush or chafe when operating the PowerTilt or machine.

Verify proper hose routing for all possible positions of the PowerTilt and all attachments, which are to be used with the PowerTilt. Repair any oil leaks immediately.

NOTICE

When installing a new tool circuit or hydraulic lines, flush all the tool circuit lines with hydraulic oil prior to connecting the PowerTilt. This will remove any contaminants from the circuit components which may have accumulated during manufacturing and/or installation.



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Hydraulic Requirements and Plumbing

Suggested Hose Routings





ISTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE Maintenance

Daily

- 1. Grease the thrust washers at the two grease fittings with a high quality Lithium-based grease. Apply grease until clean grease flows from the grease reliefs. Severe operating conditions such as abrasive dust or prolonged submersion in water may require more frequent grease applications.
- 2. Make sure the grease reliefs are functioning properly. Open or replace non-functioning grease reliefs immediately.
 - NOTICE Never replace the grease relief valves with grease fittings or plugs.

NOTICE

Do not operate the PowerTilt if the grease reliefs are not functioning.

- 3. Inspect the PowerTilt for loose, worn or damaged components and replace or repair immediately.
- 4. Mounting pins should be greased upon installation and thereafter according to the equipment manufacturer's instructions.

Weekly

Hydraulic fluid should be flushed through the PowerTilt. Position the PowerTilt so that the hydraulic ports are facing downward. Swing the bucket to the end of rotation and then run the PowerTilt circuit over the cross port relief valve setting for one minute to completely flush out all hydraulic fluid and any contaminants which may have settled in the PowerTilt. Reverse the fluid direction and repeat so that both sides of the piston are purged.

NOTICE The PowerTilt cannot be flushed unless the circuit pressure is higher than the relief valve setting.

Monthly

Check shaft end play. When the end play exceeds 0.38 mm, the end cap must be tightened according to the End Cap Torque Specifications Chart on Page 38.

NOTICE

The end cap should not be tightened more than 1/2 (one-half) turn total over the life of the thrust washer.

Tightening the end cap beyond 1/2 turn can cause the end cap to gall to the shaft. If excessive end play still exists, the thrust washers should be replaced. The end cap can be tightened using either of the methods outlined below.

1. Torque Wrench

With the lock ring removed, torque the end cap according to the End Cap Torque Chart on Page 38.

2. Hydraulic Pressure

With the lock ring removed, torque by holding the end cap stationary and hydraulically pressurizing Port P2 according to the End Cap Torque Chart on Page 38. This procedure will require the use of a pressure gauge mounted either in-line or to one of the P2 ports on the PowerTilt. For more information, contact PowerTilt AG.



INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
PowerTilt does not hold position	Excessive down pressure applied by the excavator can cause buildup of pressure in the PowerTilt which is opening the cross port relief valve.	This is normal. The integral cross port relief valve is designed to protect the PowerTilt from excessive internal pressures that can damage the unit.
	Control valve leaking oil.	Test, repair or replace as needed.
	Faulty cross port relief valve.	Remove the integral cross port relief valve and visually inspect for damage or debris. Check pressure setting of the cross port relief valve which can be found in the Tool Circuit Requirements Chart shown on Page 11.
	Seals leaking oil.	Test and replace seals as needed.
PowerTilt swings in only one direction.	Single directional control valve is being used.	Replace with bi-directional control valve.
	Cross port relief valve damaged.	Inspect, test and replace as needed.
	Both lines connected to either both P1 or P2 ports of PowerTilt.	Refer to Page 16 for proper port connection location.
PowerTilt has spongy feel side to side.	Air in PowerTilt or hydraulic circuit.	Bleed air from circuit and check for cause.
	Diameter of tubing/hoses larger or longer than recommended.	Install new tubing/hoses with recommended diameters.
		Install pilot operated check valve in lines as close as possible to PowerTilt.
Forward and backward movement of shaft in the housing (shaft endplay).	Worn or missing thrust washers.	Tighten end cap according to the End Cap Torque Chart on Page 38. Replace or install thrust washers if necessary.
Side to side bucket movement.	Some movement is normal due to clearance required between internal spline teeth.	Normal movement is 1° to 1-1/2°. If greater, check shaft end play; excessive end play can contribute to side to side movement. If shaft end play is not within acceptable limits, consult PowerTilt AG.
PowerTilt will not accept grease at fittings.	Grease relief valve is not functioning, or it has been replaced with a grease fitting or plug.	Clean or replace grease relief valves.



TOOLS

Tools Required



Several basic tools are required for the disassembly and reassembly of the PowerTilt. The suggested tools are outlined below:

- 1. Brush
- 2. Customized end cap tool
- 3. Customized seal tools
- 4. Permanent marker
- 5. Flashlight
- 6. Hex driver
- 7. Hex wrenches
- 8. Large socket wrench
- 9. Plastic or rubber mallet
- 10. Plastic mandrel
- 11. Pry bar
- 12. Safety glasses
- 13. Threaded bolts
- 14. Torque wrench

NOTICE All fasteners are metric.

Making a Seal Tool

The seal tool is merely a customized standard flat head screwdriver.

- **1.** Heat the flat end with a torch until it glows.
- 2. Secure the heated end of the screwdriver in a vise and bend the heated end to a slight radius.
- **3.** Round off all sharp edges of the heated tip to a polished finish. The tool may be modified slightly to your own personal preference.







PT Assembly Drawing







PT Assembly Drawing





PTA Assembly Drawing







PTB Assembly Drawing





PT Piston Drawing



* Service normally not required.





PT Exploded View





Parts List

PARTS

ltem	Description	Quantity
1 1.4 2 3 4 5 6 6.1 6.2 101	Housing Ring Gear**	1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1
	Model 6 M16 x 2.0 Model 7 M20 x 2.5 Model 8 M24 x 3.0 Model 9 M24 x 3.0 Model 10 M30 x 3.5 Model 11 M30 x 3.5 Model 12 M30 x 3.5	4 4 4 4 6 6
105 106 107 120	Shaft Dowel Pin Plate Washer Grease Relief Cover Lock Ring Screw* Model 6 M12 x 1.75 Model 7 M12 x 1.75 Model 8 M16 x 2.0 Model 9 M16 x 2.0 Model 10 M16 x 2.0 Model 11 M16 x 2.0 Model 12 M20 x 2.5	1 1 2 6 6 8 6 8 8 8 8 8
121 122 123 124 125 126 127 129 413 450 451	Piston Dowel Pin Grease Fitting Grease Relief Port Plug Jacking Bolt, Coupler Jam Nut, Coupler Dowel Pin Retainer Lock Ring Set Screw Cross Port Relief Valve Hazard Warning Decal, for Product. Hazard Warning Decal for Cab	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 4 3 2 4 3 2 3 1 2 2 3 2 3 2 3 2 3 2 3 2 3 3 2 3 3 3 3

* All shaft mounting screws are Grade 12.9 / All lock ring screws are Grade 10.9

** These parts are not available for purchase.

SEAL KIT

Sold as "kit" only

Item	Description	Quantity
204	Piston Seal	1
	For model sizes 10, 11 and 12 only.	
205	Piston Seal	1
230	End Cap O-ring	1 or 2
231	End Cap Back-up Ring	2
232	Piston O-ring	0 or 1
233	Piston Back-up Ring	0 or 2
234	Piston Seal	1
235	Piston Seal	1
	For model sizes 6, 7 and 8 only.	
237	Exclusion Seal	2
238	Pressure Seal	2
239	Lock Ring O-ring	1

BEARING KIT

Sold as "kit" only

Item	Description	Quantity
340	Shaft Bearing	2 or 3
341	Shaft Bearing	1 or 2
342	Piston Bearing	1
343	Piston Bearing	1 or 2
344	Thrust Washer	2



Component Identification





CAUTION Spraying fluids: Contents under pressure. Wear approved eye protection. Use caution when removing port plugs and fittings.



NOTICE

To avoid contamination to machined parts:

Make sure work area is clean.

NOTICE

For a copy of the PT-4.5 Service and Repair Manual contact PowerTilt AG at ++41 71 740 0505.

NOTICE

All numbers that appear in parenthesis () in the following sections are referring to items on Page 22.

The PowerTilt is comprised of the following components:

- 1. Housing with integral ring gear
- 2. Shaft
- 3. Piston sleeve assembly
- 4. End cap
- 5. Lock ring
- 6. Standard pin-on coupler



Product Inspection

Make sure the PowerTilt is thoroughly cleaned prior to disassembly. Continue to clean all machined parts in a wash tank and dry with compressed air. Inspect the PowerTilt for corrosion prior to disassembly. Severe corrosion can make it difficult to remove the lock ring screws (120) or set screws (129) and unthread the end cap (04). If corrosion is evident, soak the screws with penetrating oil for several hours before disassembly.

Standard Pin-on Coupler Removal

1. Begin with removing the port fittings and plugs (124) to drain the hydraulic oil into a suitable container.



2. When removing the standard pin-on coupler or torque foot (6.1) and idler foot (6.2), remove the shaft mounting screws (104).



3. Secure the coupler using a hoist or similar device.





4. Unthread and remove the lock ring screws (120).





DISASSEMBLY Standard Pin-on Coupler Removal

- **5.** Tighten the two lock ring set screws (129) into the lock ring (05). Turn the set screws equally, backing the lock ring off the end cap (04) and idler foot (6.2).
- **7.** Using a hoist or similar lifting device, lift off the standard pin-on coupler (06) or feet (6.1, 6.2).



6. Insert threaded bolts into the lock ring (05) and pull straight out.







There is an alignment dowel pin (105) between the shaft and the torque foot (6.1) to prevent sliding.





End Cap, Lock Ring and Cross Port Relief Valve Removal

1. Unthread the port plug (101) on the end of the shaft to remove the cross port relief valve (413).





2. Remove the lock ring O-ring (239) from the shaft.



 Unthread the end cap (04) from the shaft (02) using two bolts and a pry bar.



4. Remove the thrust washer (344) from the end cap (04) or the housing collar.





Shaft Removal

NOTICE

Do not remove the shaft (02) at this point. Component gearing is aligned for correct timing. Timing is critical for correct operation of the PowerTilt.

1. Rotate the shaft (02) completely clockwise, then slowly rotate the shaft counterclockwise while tapping the threaded end of the shaft to begin removing the shaft from the piston sleeve assembly (03). Stop when the shaft gearing becomes visible.



2. Locate the timing marks on the housing ring gear (1.4), piston sleeve assembly (03) and shaft (02). Small punch marks are usually found on the face of the piston teeth and ring gear. The shaft timing marks may be located in the root or "V" of the helical gearing. Piston sleeve timing marks are best seen when the splined end of the piston sleeve is flush with the ring gear inside the housing.

If you are unable to locate the factorymade timing marks, use a paint stick or a permanent marker to mark the orientation between the housing ring gear, shaft and the piston sleeve assembly.



3. Remove the shaft (02) by rotating and sliding the shaft gear teeth out of engagement with the inside diameter gear teeth of the piston sleeve assembly (03).



NOTICE

To avoid damage to gear teeth and housing bore: Carefully support the weight of the shaft as it clears the housing.



Piston Sleeve Assembly Removal

 Before removing the piston sleeve assembly (03), double check the timing marks of the housing ring gear (1.4) in relation to the piston sleeve assembly.



2. Using a rubber or plastic hammer and mandrel, gently tap the piston sleeve assembly (03) to disengage the O.D. gear teeth from the housing ring gear teeth inside the housing bore.









Seal and Bearing Removal

NOTICE

To avoid damage to machined parts: Carefully remove seals using removal tools with rounded edges

1. Use the seal tools to remove all seals, wear guides and thrust washers (344) from the piston sleeve assembly (03), end cap (04) and shaft (02).

Note that several product models may not have wear guides on the I.D. and/or O.D. of the piston sleeve assembly (03).







2. Remove the grease fittings (122), grease relief covers (107) and grease reliefs (123).





NOTICE

Replace all seals, bearings and thrust washers (344) as required.



DISASSEMBLY Component and Timing Mark Inspection

- 1. Clean all machined components thoroughly in a wash tank and dry with compressed air.
- 2. Carefully inspect all critical areas: Seal grooves, wear guide grooves, thrust surfaces, shaft surfaces, housing bore and gear teeth for any wear, corrosion and any other signs of damage.
- **3.** Locate the timing marks on the shaft (02), piston sleeve assembly (03) and housing ring gear (1.4). Re-mark with a permanent marker or paint stick if needed.









ASSEMBLY

Dry Assembly

•	▲ CAUTION
	Spraying fluids: Contents under pressure. Wear approved eye protection Use caution when removing port plugs and fittings.
	A CAUTION
	To avoid injury or damage to product: Secure product to work bench
NOTI	CE
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In some cases, for repair personnel not familiar with the assembly process, it may be beneficial to perform a "dry" assembly. This will provide a better idea of how to properly align the gear teeth.

A "dry" assembly is typically done without seals, yet requires the wear guides and thrust washers to be installed.



Seal and Bearing Installation

Before installing seals and bearings, coat the seals and machined surfaces with a high quality hydraulic oil.



product model.

NOTICE

Make sure work area is clean.

Replace all seals, bearings and thrust washers (344) as required.

NOTICE

The exact location and number of seals or bearings used varies by

End Cap Seals and Bearing Installation

Before installing the end cap seals and bearings in the below sequence, lay the end cap (04) on the table with the inside facing up. Note orientation of all seals on assembly drawings before installing.

1. First install the O.D. exclusion seal (237).





ASSEMBLY Seal and Bearing Installation

2. Lightly coat both sides of the thrust washer (344) with lithium grease and install on the thrust face of the end cap (04).



3. Next install the O.D. pressure seal (238) with the lip facing inboard toward the hydraulic pressure.



4. Then install the wear guides (340, 341) in the wide groove of the end cap (04).



5. Now install the O-ring (230) and backup ring (231) into the I.D. seal groove on the end cap (04).





ASSEMBLY Seal and Bearing Installation

Piston Seal and Bearing Installation

 Before installing the cup seals on some PowerTilt models, remove the energizer O-ring from one O.D. and one I.D. seal and install them nearest to the piston gearing. Failure to do so may cause premature seal wear and pressure trapping.



3. When used, install the wear guide(s) on the O.D. and/or I.D. (342, 343)





To avoid premature seal wear and pressure trapping on some PowerTilt models: Remove the energizer O-ring

Remove the energizer O-ring from one I.D. and one O.D. seal nearest to the piston gearing.

 For product models with cup and/or T-seals, install the seals on the O.D. and I.D. (234, 235) of the piston sleeve assembly. Note that the lips are facing away from each other on models with cup seals.





ASSEMBLY Seal and Bearing Installation

Shaft Seal and Bearing Installation

1. First install the exclusion seal (237) onto the shaft (02).



2. Lightly coat both sides of the thrust washer (344) with Lithium grease and install onto the shaft (02).





3. Then install the pressure seal (238) with the lip facing inboard, toward the hydraulic pressure.



4. Now install the wear guides (340, 341).





Piston Sleeve Installation

 Before installing the piston sleeve assembly (03), coat the piston and housing bore with high quality hydraulic oil to reduce chance of seal damage.

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2. Carefully slide the piston sleeve assembly (03) into the housing (01). Gently tap the piston to compress the seals through the housing chamfer. Continue tapping until the piston sleeve contacts the housing ring gear (1.4).



3. Confirm proper timing by aligning the piston sleeve assembly (03) timing marks with the housing ring gear (1.4) timing marks.



4. Then using a plastic or rubber mallet and mandrel, engage the piston sleeve (03) into the housing ring gear (1.4). Continue tapping until the piston sleeve bottoms out against the housing ring gear.





ASSEMBLY

Shaft Installation

1. Before installing the shaft (02), coat the shaft with high quality hydraulic oil.

NOTICE

Temporarily cover the shaft threads with tape to prevent seal damage. Remove the tape after the shaft has been installed.



2. Insert the shaft (02) into the piston sleeve assembly (03), carefully aligning the timing marks on the shaft with the piston (03). Take care not to damage the I.D. piston seals (204, 205) with the threaded end of the shaft.



3. Verify timing marks before rotating the shaft all the way into the housing (01).



4. Use a pry bar to rotate the shaft (02) in until it is completely bottomed out in the housing (01).





ASSEMBLY End Cap and Lock Ring Installation

1. Before installing the end cap (04), coat the end cap and shaft threads with anti-seize grease.



2. Install two screws into the end cap. Thread the end cap (04) onto the shaft (02) until the seal contacts the housing.



3. Using a pry bar, continue to rotate clockwise and tighten until the thrust washer (344) makes contact with the housing (01) collar.



4. Remove the two screws and tighten the end cap (04) using a torque wrench and customized end cap tool to the torque specifications shown on the End Cap Torque Chart on Page 38.



5. Then install the lock ring (05), trying different splines to find the best alignment between the lock ring splines and the end cap (04) holes. If the holes do not align, thread the end cap by no more than one spline tooth to align the holes.





ASSEMBLY End Cap and Lock Ring Installation

6. Now make an alignment mark between the lock ring (05) and shaft (02) splines. Then remove the lock ring.



End Cap Torque Specifications

Model	Torque (Nm)	Hydraulic Pressure (bar)
4.5	135–150	35–40
06	475–680	35–40
07	750–910	35–40
08	1360–1630	40–45
09	1770–2175	35–40
10	2210-2650	35–40
11	2780–3330	35–40
12	3500-4200	35–40

Cross Port Relief Valve Installation

1. Reinstall the cross port relief valve (413) with new O-rings and back up rings and torque to 60 Nm.



2. Coat the shaft port plug (101) threads with Loctite 242 and install into the end of the shaft (02) and torque to 305 Nm.





ASSEMBLY Standard Pin-on Coupler Installation

1. Reinstall the lock ring (05), aligning the timing marks. Then install and tighten two screws into the lock ring (05) to lock the end cap (04) and shaft (02) together.







2. Then using a pry bar, rotate the shaft until the torque foot (6.1) mounting surface is horizontal.





ASSEMBLY Standard Pin-on Coupler Installation

3. Remove the two screws and lock ring (05).





4. Install the alignment dowel pin (105) into the torque foot (6.1) if it is not already in place.



5. Then install the coupler (06) onto the shaft (02). Align the dowel pin (105) on the shaft to the torque foot (6.1).



6. Coat the end of the shaft (02), the lock ring (05) and the outside of the end cap (04) with waterproof grease.







ASSEMBLY Standard Pin-on Coupler Installation

7. Install the lock ring O-ring (239) onto the shaft.



8. Next install the lock ring (05) using two threaded bolts as handles.



9. Coat the lock ring screw (120) threads with Loctite 242, install and torque per the Fastener Torque Chart on Page 42.



 Coat the lock ring set screws (129) with Loctite 545, thread until tight and torque to (41 Nm).







SSEMBLY Standard Pin-on Coupler Installation

11. Coat the shaft mounting screw (104) threads with Loctite 242 and install.



Fastener Torque Specifications

Torque Values for Port Plugs

12. Torque the fasteners to the specifications shown on the Torque Specifications Charts.



Plug Size	Torque Value - Hollow Hex Head Plugs Nm	Torque Value – Hex Head Port Plugs Nm
BSPP G1/8	14 +/- 1	14 +/- 1
BSPP G1/4	31 +/- 1	31 +/- 1
BSPP G3/8	65 +/- 4	65 +/- 4

Torque Values for Metric Fasteners

Fastener Size	Socket Head Bolt (grd 12.9) Nm	Hex Head Bolt (grd 10.9) Nm	Jam Nut (grd 12.9) Nm
M10 x 1.50	60 +/- 3	44 +/- 3	27 +/2
M12 x 1.75	103 +/- 5	75 +/- 4	41 +/3
M16 x 2.00	258 +/- 7	187 +/- 5	54 +/5
M20 x 2.50	502 +/- 20	365 +/- 14	61 +/- 1
M24 x 3.00	868 +/- 27	630 +/- 20	68 +/- 2
M30 x 3.50	1723 +/- 41	1253 +/- 34	

* All Shaft mounting screws are Grade 12.9 / All Lock Ring screws are Grade 10.9.



POST ASSEMBLY Testing and Greasing



Testing the Carrier's Hydraulic System

If symptoms of poor performance develop, refer to the Troubleshooting Guide on Page 14 for general instructions. If you need help with more specific application issues, contact PowerTilt AG.

It is the responsibility of your service technician to verify that the carrier and hydraulic circuit are operating correctly. Because the PowerTilt receives its power from the carrier, a thorough check of the carrier hydraulic system is mandatory before performing any PowerTilt service or adjustments.

Testing and Greasing

Attach the PowerTilt to either a hydraulic test bench or portable pump for greasing and testing. Make sure the PowerTilt is secured to prevent movement. Install the grease fittings, grease reliefs and covers.

 After the PowerTilt is assembled but before it is put back into service, the exclusion seals and thrust washers must be packed with Lithium grease.



2. Locate the grease fittings (122) or ports on the end of the PowerTilt and using a grease gun, pack the exclusion seal and thrust washer with grease until it exhausts from the grease reliefs (123).



3. Cycle the PowerTilt slowly and re-grease as necessary. During testing, it is recommended the PowerTilt be cycled 20 to 30 times to check for leaks and the proper degrees of rotation.



POST ASSEMBLY

Testing and Greasing

Testing for Internal Leakage

- 1. Connect a 350 bar test gauge into the hydraulic line to Port P1. Pressurize until the shaft reaches the end of rotation and bottoms out externally, e.g. the shaft bracket or torque foot contacts the housing or mounting bracket.
 - NOTICE If the shaft is not completely bottomed out, hydraulic fluid will exhaust from Port P2 at a high velocity.
- 2. Remove and cap the hydraulic line to Port P2. Pressurize Port P1 to 175 bar. Check for leakage at Port P2 and from around the main shaft and end cap seals. Leaks indicate improperly installed parts.
- **3.** Reconnect the hydraulic line to Port P2 and pressurize as in Step 1 above.
- 4. Check for leaks at Port P1 and around the main shaft and end cap seals as in Step 2 above.

Testing the Cross Port Relief Valve

The integral cross port relief valve vents hydraulic oil around the internal piston assembly of the PowerTilt at approximately 210 to 230 bar.

To test the valve:

- Connect a 350 bar test gauge into the line to Port P1. Pressurize until the shaft reaches the end of rotation and bottoms out externally, e.g. the shaft bracket or torque foot contacts the housing or mounting bracket.
- 2. Relieve pressure to P2 and disconnect the hydraulic hose and cap it.
- **3.** Install a temporary hydraulic hose to P2 with the end of the hose vented to an appropriate container.
 - NOTICE The cross port relief valve is set at the factory and cannot be adjusted.
- 4. Slowly pressurize Port P1 noting the pressure at which oil flows from P2. The relief should vent at approximately 210 to 230 bar.
- 5. Test at Port P2 using the same procedure.
- 6. If test pressure does not meet specification, the valve must be replaced. If piston seal leakage is suspected, relief port test plugs are available from the factory.



OPTIONAL POWERTILT PIN GRAB COUPLER OPERATION & MAINTENANCE



Thank you for purchasing a PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler. Helac attachments are designed and manufactured to the highest quality standards and backed up by Helac's commitment to service and parts support.

Only properly trained and skilled personnel should install and operate the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler. Please ensure that you take the time to read this manual fully and carefully.

- It is important all users/operators are familiar with and fully understand all aspects of the information contained in this manual.
- All operators must be properly trained in the use of the specific model of PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler intending to be used.

- It is the responsibility of the machine owner to ensure only properly trained operators use the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler.
- Failure to operate and maintain equipment correctly can result in serious injury or death.

WARNING

AVOID INJURY OR DEATH

Instructions are necessary before operating or servicing attachment/machine. Read and understand the Operation & Maintenance Manual and signs (decals) on attachment/machine. Follow warnings and instructions in the manuals when making repairs, adjustments or servicing. Check for correct function after adjustments, repairs or service. Failure to follow instructions can cause injury or death.



TILT PIN GRAB COUPLER Product Identification

A unique serial number is located on each PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler. This serial number is stamped on the housing and is also located on an Identification (ID) Tag. The serial number is located near the hydraulic ports.





Decal Guidelines

Instruction and warning decals are supplied with this PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler. They must be fitted onto the inside of the cab window where they can easily be seen. Replace any damaged instruction and warning decals and be sure they are in the correct locations. Replacement decals are available from Helac.

NOTICE

If machine is already equipped with warning decal (3), it is not necessary to install an additional warning decal.

- 1. Operating Instructions. See page 54 for detailed instructions on engaging and removing attachments.
- 2. Pinch Hazard WARNING MOVING PARTS CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY Keep hands and fingers away from moving parts.



3. Interference with Machine, PowerTilt and Attachment. Operate PowerTilt and attachment through its full range of motion to check interference between attachment and machine that could damage the machine, coupler or attachment.





Application Recommendations

The Helac PowerTilt with Pin Grab Coupler is designed for use with all makes of excavators, combined with a wide range of attachments, to suit a wide range of work applications. Owners and operators please take note however that all possible applications, operations and uses for the pin grab coupler cannot be predicted or anticipated. It is therefore the responsibility of the owner and operators of the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler to ensure that the pin grab coupler is properly used and maintained according to the instructions provided with the pin grab coupler. Failure to properly operate or maintain the pin grab coupler can cause death or serious injury or property damage.

Intended Use

Pin grabber type couplers are primarily designed to withstand loading situations that direct and transmit the working forces of the excavator and attachment through key load points on the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler (see Fig. 1). Failure by the owner or operator to use the PowerTilt quick coupler appropriately may result in premature wear of the quick coupler and may lead to failure.



Figure 1

Operations that are compatible with pin grab couplers are excavating tasks such as digging, using grabs/grapples (use suitable 2 pin adapter plates at all times) and also crushing and breaking of rock/debris. When used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, the use of rock breakers is recommended for use with the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler.

Never use the rock breaker as a leveraging tool (see Fig. 2) as this not only damages the rock breaker but will also lead to damage of the pin grab coupler. In the event of sustained use of this type of equipment and where change of attachments is infrequent, it may be best to temporarily remove the PowerTilt from the excavator. This will save wear on the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler and in some instances improve the performance of the attachment.

All attachments to be connected to the pin grab coupler MUST be connected using the **two attachment pins** (see Fig. 3). Never connect any attachment using only one of the attachment pins. Typical examples where this might occur are with some types of material handling grab and piling hammers. In these



Figure 2

cases a two pin adapter bracket designed for the purpose must be used. See (Fig. 3) for example.



Application Recommendations

FALLING ATTACHMENT CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH

Failure to fully engage the locking clasp and visually check, shake and apply down pressure to the attachment before operating can allow the attachment to come off.

To increase the service life of the pin grab coupler, avoid other operations that may have a negative affect on the coupler. These include extensive face shovelling applications and post driving.

It is the responsibility of the owner and or the operator to assess each task and determine the safest procedure to be followed taking account of the personnel and the equipment being used.

Examples of equipment that can be used with the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler

Civil and Construction Work:

Digging buckets Grading buckets Riddle buckets Drilling rigs Compactors Compactor wheels Stump grinders High capacity bucket Pallet forks PowerGrip/Jaw bucket G-Profile Trapezoidal bucket

Demolition and Quarry Work:

Rock breakre Ripper hook Severe duty buckets

Rail Work:

Flail Ballast broom Rail lifting beam Rock wheel Sleeper grab Vibratory hammer

General Safety Guidelines

Safety Instructions

The following information provides safety notices and information relating to the safe installation and use of the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler. Check the rules and regulations at your location. The rules may include an employer's work safety requirements, local regulations or on site best practices.

⚠ SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL ⚠

Be Prepared - Get to know all operating and safety instructions.

This is the Safety Alert Symbol. Wherever it appears - in this manual or on safety signs on the attachments or machine - you must be alert to potential for personal injury or accidents. Always observe safety precautions and follow recommended procedures.

▲ DANGER

DANGER - This signal word is used on safety messages and safety labels and indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

WARNING

WARNING - This signal word is used on safety messages and safety labels and indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

A CAUTION

CAUTION - This signal word is used on safety messages and safety labels and indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

抢 IMPORTANT

This signal word identifies procedures which must be followed to avoid damage to machine.

WARNING

TIPPING CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH Do not exceed Rated Lift Capacity. Read and

understand lift capacity charts for your excavator.

- The lift capacity of the excavator is reduced when fitted with a PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler. The weight of the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler must be subtracted from the lift capacity of your machine.
- Operate the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler and attachment through its full range of motion to ensure there is no interference between the attachment and machine that could damage the machine, PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler or attachment.
- Installation of the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler should be carried out by properly trained and qualified personnel only. Failure to comply with this requirement can cause serious injury or death.

WARNING

AVOID INJURY OR DEATH Read the attachment and machine Operator's Manual before installing and/or operating this attachment. Operator must have instructions before operating the attachment/machine. Untrained operators can cause injury or death.

- Helac strongly recommends use of the hydraulic kit and control system designed to operate the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler to ensure the pin grab coupler operates as intended.
- Connection of a PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler to other manufacturer's coupler control systems may result in unintended release of an attachment which could cause serious injury or death. Helac takes no responsibility for the performance of the pin grab coupler in these circumstances.
- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment when working with hydraulic equipment.



POWERTILT PIN GRAB COUPLER General Safety Guidelines

- When installing the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler, you must use only approved/certified lifting equipment.
- Exercise extreme caution when carrying out maintenance procedures on the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler, particularly when working with pressurized fluids such as hydraulic oil.

Before commencing any inspection or maintenance work.

- Always ensure the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler and attachment is supported in a stable position.
- Stop the engine and remove the key (in order to prevent any unintentional or unexpected movement of PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler or attachment). Follow the service and maintenance instructions given in your machine owner's and service manual.

\land WARNING

AVOID INJURY OR DEATH Before leaving the machine: • Lower the attachment to the ground. • Stop the engine & remove the key.

- Be aware of residual oil pressure in the hydraulic system when loosening or removing any hose or pipe connections.
- Always depressurize the system before starting maintenance work on the pin grab coupler.
- Never inspect for oil leaks with bare hands as pressurized oil can penetrate the skin and cause serious injury or death. Use a piece of wood or cardboard to search for leaks.

\land WARNING

AVOID INJURY OR DEATH

Hydraulic fluid under pressure can penetrate skin and eyes, causing serious injury or death. Fluid leaks under pressure may not be visible. Use a piece of cardboard or wood to find leaks. Do not use your bare hand. Wear safety goggles. If fluid enters skin or eyes, get immediate medical attention from a physician familiar with this injury. Keep bystanders away from the swing area and operating area of the machine.

- Never swing an attachment over the heads of bystanders.
- Never use the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler or attachments to transport or lift persons.

🚹 WARNING

AVOID INJURY OR DEATH
Always keep bystanders away from the work area and travel path.
The operator must always look in the direction of travel.

When working with hydraulic oil, every precaution should be taken to prevent oil spillage on the equipment or ground. Oil can seep into drains, and waterways through run off systems or through ground soakage causing danger to people and the environment. Oil spillage on equipment or ground can cause risk of slippage or fire which may lead to serious injury or death or property damage.

Use collection vessels to collect and retain any oil being released from the system. Dispose of unwanted oil and oily rags/materials in compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.

WARNING

Fluid such as engine oil, hydraulic fluid, coolants, grease, etc. must be disposed of in an environmentally safe manner. Some regulations require that certain spills and leaks on the ground must be cleaned in a specific manner. See local, state and federal regulations for the correct disposal.

The maintenance of pin grab couplers is important for the proper operation of the equipment and should be carried out by competent persons only. Inspections and maintenance are to be carried out on a scheduled basis to assist early identification of issues that may develop into more serious problems.



POWERTILT PIN GRAB COUPLER To Engage Attachment

(See instruction decal on Excavator)

AVOID INJURY OR DEATH

Always keep bystanders away when engaging and releasing attachment.

- 1. Outstroke the bucket cylinder fully to crowd the PowerTilt. See figure 13.
- 2. When the PowerTilt is fully crowded inwards, press the rocker switch on the control panel to "START DISENGAGING" position. The mode is active for 6 seconds only. Holding down the push button for 2 seconds within this time, provides an output to activate the coupler lock valve. While the output is available,
 - a) The buzzer will change to intermittent.
 - b) The "Disengaging Mode" LED light will turn red.
 - c) The output is maintained until the rocker switch is pushed to the "ENGAGE" position
- 3. If the push button is not pressed within 5-6 seconds after the rocker switch is turned to "START DISENGAGING" position, the mode is no longer active and output is not available. To reset, push the rocker switch to "ENGAGE MODE" position. Then start the sequence again.



4. After holding the push button for 2 seconds, outstroke the bucket cylinder fully to crowd the PowerTilt. Continue to crowd pin grab coupler until the green locking clasp lifts fully. This will enable the pin grab coupler to open fully. See figure 14.







To Engage Attachment



- 5. With the pin grab coupler crowded fully inwards press the rocker switch on the control panel to "ENGAGE MODE" position. Crowd the quick coupler fully for ten (10) seconds. The locking clasp will close around the attachment front pin (this will be visible from the operator position in the cab.) The sliding hook will lock the rear attachment pin into position. See Fig. 21.
- 6. At this point it is most important to roll out the PowerTilt and apply bump test and lower the boom to the ground and apply down pressure to the PowerTilt and attachment to check that the attachment is fully engaged and locked to the pin grab coupler. See Fig. 15. If the locking clasp (Fig. 16) is not visibly in position in front of the front attachment pin then the pin grab coupler must not be operated. The pin grab coupler should be inspected for signs of damage. Contact your supplier, or Helac Corporation immediately should you require assistance.

FALLING ATTACHMENT CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH

Failure to fully engage the locking clasp and visually check, shake and apply down pressure to the attachment before operating can allow the attachment to come off.



NOTICE

Apply down pressure to the pin grab coupler and attachment to check the attachment is <u>fully</u> <u>engaged and locked.</u>



7. If the locking clasp is fully engaged and locked to the attachment, the pin grab coupler can be used to operate the attachment.



To Release Attachment

(See instruction decal on Excavator)

AVOID INJURY OR DEATH

Always keep bystanders away when engaging and releasing attachment.

- 1. Ensure that all bystanders are standing clear of PowerTilt and machine swing radius.
- 2. With PowerTilt and attachment at ground level, crowd PowerTilt fully as in Fig. 17.



Figure 17

To enable the pin grab coupler control system to operate:

- Crowd the pin grab coupler fully inwards so that pressure is built up in the quick coupler hydraulic control system from the outstroke of the machine bucket digging/crowd cylinder.
- 2. When the PowerTilt is fully crowded inwards, press the rocker switch on the control panel to "START DISENGAGING" position. The mode is active for 6 seconds only. Holding down the push button for 2 seconds within this time, provides an output to activate the coupler lock valve. While the output is available,
 - a) The buzzer will change to intermittent.
 - b) The "Disengaging Mode LED light will turn red.
 - c) The output is maintained until the rocker switch is pushed to the "ENGAGE" position

- If the push button is not pressed within 5-6 seconds after the rocker switch is turned to "START DISENGAGING" position, the mode is no longer active and output is not available. To reset, push the rocker switch to "ENGAGE MODE" position. Then start the sequence again. See figure 18.
- 4. Continue to crowd the PowerTilt until the green locking clasp lifts fully.



Figure 18



POWERTILT PIN GRAB COUPLER To Release Attachment

6. Lower the attachment to the ground and release it from the pin grab coupler by rolling the PowerTilt backwards away from attachment pins. See Fig. 20 and Fig. 21.



Figure 20



Figure 21

7. You can now raise the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler up and clear of attachment. The pin grab coupler is now ready to pick up other attachments as necessary.



Maintenance Instructions

AVOID INJURY OR DEATH

Before servicing the pin grab coupler:

• Lower the pin grab coupler to the ground.

• Stop the engine and remove the key.

NOTICE

Correct maintenance of a pin grab coupler is critical in ensuring that the pin grab coupler is working in the correct manner and prevents degradation of the pin grab coupler under normal wear patterns. Ensure any residual pressure in the hydraulic system is released and machine is turned off before any work is carried out on the pin grab coupler.

Routine Inspection/Maintenance Checks

- Maintenance work must be carried out by competent personnel in accordance to manufacturer's instructions.
- Never use bare hands to look for hydraulic fluid leaks. Use a piece of wood or cardboard when searching for leaks.

General Inspection and maintenance Equipment required

- 1. Measuring equipment measuring tape, vernier callipers.
- 2. Cleaning equipment Brush, cloths, degreaser.
- 3. Straight edge.
- 4. Hose swaging equipment.
- 5. Selection of hand tools (spanners, vice grips, screw driver set, hammers, etc.).

Scheduled Inspections—when and what to check

Recommended minimum maintenance checks:

- After installation check and inspect hose routings and connections after 15 minutes of work as they could loosen after machine has heated up.
- 2. Structure inspect for weld cracking, damage, excess wear to structure and parts.
- **3.** Moving components fit up, looseness, linkages, clearances, sticking/jamming.
- Hydraulics hose wear/leaks, joints damage/ leaks, solenoid valve (control) for leaks, cable damage, cylinder (signs of wear on housing) leaks.
- **5.** Electrical control panel function and general condition.
- 6. Springs condition, presence.
- **7.** Fit up of PowerTilt to machine wear in bushings.
- **8.** Fit up of pin grab coupler to attachments correct attachment pin centers.
- **9.** Check for cylinder condition (cylinder leakage, rod damage, holding capacity, pressure loss etc).
- **10.** Check that pin grab coupler warning signs (decals) are installed and not damaged.



Maintenance Instructions

Daily checks

Before starting work with the excavator the operator should carry out a thorough visual inspection of the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler:

- 1. Remove any dirt and debris from the pin grab coupler, especially around the internal mechanisms (hydraulic cylinder, linkage, spring mechanism).
- 2. Check pin grab coupler fixed hooks (1) and sliding hook (2) to ensure there is no build-up of dirt.



Figure 22

- Check pin grab coupler structure for signs of damage, especially the load bearing hooks and hydraulic cylinder (3).
- 4. Check all fixing points (bolts, nuts, clips, pins etc) for signs of wear or damage.
- 5. Check all hydraulic hoses and connections for evidence of oil leakage.



Figure 23

- 6. Remove all lifting accessories from the pin grab coupler prior to installing attachments.
- 7. The pin grab coupler should not be operated until all issues are repaired or replacement parts are installed.

Weekly checks

- 1. Clean quick coupler and visually inspect the structure for signs of excessive wear.
- Visually check the hydraulic cylinder for leaks at hydraulic lines and rod seal. Replace if necessary.
- **3.** Internal piston seals can wear over time and are more difficult to check for performance degradation. One method of checking these seals is as follows:

Cylinder Test



• This test is to be carried out in a secure, controlled area.

• Connect an attachment to the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler and open or curl the PowerTilt back to load the hydraulic cylinder with the weight of the attachment.

• Lower the attachment to within **300mm (12 in.)** from ground level.

• Stop the engine and leave machine at rest for a nominal period of <u>10 minutes</u>. Observe any change to the position of the pin grab coupler sliding hook. <u>If the position is seen</u> to drift inwards (hydraulic cylinder is in-<u>stroking)</u> then it is an indication of an internal piston seal oil leak in the hydraulic cylinder or a potential problem with the cylinder check valve leaking.



Maintenance Instructions

Should drifting occur:

- 1. Extend the bucket cylinder fully to crowd the PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler to engage the quick coupler attachment pins.
- 2. Lower attachment and PowerTilt on to the ground and stop the engine.

AVOID INJURY OR DEATH

Before leaving the machine:

- Lower the attachment to the ground.
- Stop the engine and remove the key.
- 3. Remove the hose from cylinder port 'V2' and plug the removed hose to prevent loss of oil. There may be residual pressure in the hydraulic hose.
- 4. Clean away oil residue from cylinder port.
- 5. Start machine and repeat the above procedure.
- 6. Observe the cylinder 'V2' port for further or continued oil flow/seep.
- 7. If oil flow is evident then there is an indication that the piston seals need replacement.
- 8. Replace the piston seals and repeat the test procedure once more.
- 9. If there is continued drift then the cylinder check valve should be replaced and again a re-test should be carried out to confirm resolution of the problem and the cylinder functions correctly.
- 10. If cylinder drift continues after the pistons seals and check valve have been replaced, immediately contact your dealer for additional service.

Storage

Short-term and Long-term

- Thoroughly clean the attachment.
- Lubricate the attachment.
- Inspect all welds on the attachment for wear and damage.
- Replace worn or damaged parts.
- Check for damaged or missing decals. Replace if necessary.
- Place the attachment in a dry protected shelter.
- Place the attachment flat on the ground.

Parts List





POWERTILT PIN GRAB COUPLER Removing Parts from Pin Grab Coupler

Before you start you will need the following tools to complete the procedure



- 1. Flat-head screw driver
- 2. Large bolt/punch (20mm (0.78 in) or 10mm (0.39 in)
- 3. Hammer
- 4. Punch tool (check pin grab coupler for correct size)
- **5.** 2 Wrenches (check pin grabcoupler for correct size)

Removal Instructions

- 1. Partially curl in the PowerTilt (link pin lower than dipper pin). This is for ease of removing the small roll pin.
- 2. Retract the pin grab coupler cylinder.
- 3. Stop the engine and exit the machine.
- 4. Using the punch tool and hammer remove the safety clasp roll pin.



5. Enter the machine and start the engine. Place the quick coupler on the ground.

- 6. Stop the engine and exit the machine.
- 7. Remove machine link pins from the quick coupler.
- 8. Enter the machine and start the engine. Lift the machine linkage out of the way by retracting the machine bucket cylinder.
- **9.** Stop the engine and release any hydraulic pressure in the system. Exit the machine.
- **10.** Remove the hoses from the pin grab coupler cylinder.
- **11.** Remove coupler from PowerTilt (see pages 24 & 25 of PowerTilt instruction manual).
- **12.** Tighten the spring retaining bolt until you are able to remove it. Note: make sure the flats of the spring retainers are in line with retaining brackets so that it will fit into place.



13. Remove the spring assembly.





POWERTILT PIN GRAB COUPLER Removing Parts from Pin Grab Coupler

14. Remove the locking clasp main pivot pin.



- **15.** Remove the locking clasp from the pin grab coupler.
- **16.** Use the punch tool and hammer to remove the sliding hook retaining roll pins.
- **17.** Using flat head screw driver reomve the rubber bungs.



18. Remove the cylinder by rotating it fully upright (1) before lifting out (2).



19. To fit parts, repeat steps in reverse.

OWERTILT WARRANTY Warranty Information

Helac Corporation warrants its construction attachments to be free from defective material and factory workmanship.

This warranty is guaranteed for one year or 1,000 service hours after date of shipment, whichever occurs first, for approved applications, defined as medium duty service on the excavator for which the the product was originally designed and with cross port or work port relief valves installed according to Helac Corporation's recommendations.

This warranty covers repair or replacement of product or parts, which under normal use and service disclose defective material and/or factory workmanship. Products under warranty shall be returned to the nearest Helac factory prepaid by the purchaser. Cash payments or credits are not issued for defective products or for factory workmanship. Helac Corporation's product inspections and warranty decisions are irreversible.

This warranty shall be voided as to any products which have been repaired, worked upon, or altered by persons not authorized by Helac Corporation, or which have been subject to misuse, misapplication, negligence, accident, overload, field alteration, severe use or service applications beyond what the Helac product was designed to perform. In no event shall Helac Corporation be liable for any incidential or consquential damages or claims.

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Optional PowerTilt Pin Grab Coupler

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