

WARRANTY REGISTRATION

Model	LA-WS15
Serial Number	
Name of Distributor	
Date of Installation	
Installation Address Street	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
Phone	
Fax	
Email	

Important Notice: Warranty registration must be received by U.S. Postal Service or via email to: sales@whipindustries.com within two weeks of install date.

WHIP INDUSTRIES, INC.

WS15 15,000 LBS CAPACITY

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS & MANUAL

TWO POST ABOVE GROUND OVERHEAD LIFT

WHIP INDUSTRIES, INC
3010 S MAIN ST.
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76110
PH (800) 256-7391 FAX (817) 289-1412
E-MAIL: WhipInd@whipindustries.com

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Important Information	3
Cautions and Warnings	3
Anchoring Tips	4
Tools Required	5
Installation Requirements	6
Installation Instructions	6
30 Day Maintenance	9
Trouble Shooting Guide	10
Parts & Shipping List	11
Parts Breakdown and Installation Drawings	15

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. **WARNING – Two Post Lifts are designed to pickup vehicles with all four lifting pads engaging the frame of the vehicle or designated lifting point. It is very dangerous to pick up a vehicle using less than the four lifting pads. Lifting a vehicle incorrectly regardless of the weight or the height may cause bodily injury to the operator or damage the lift and vehicle.**
2. The floor where the lift is to be installed must be a minimum of 6” thickness of concrete. Concrete must be reinforced with steel rebar with a minimum compressive strength of 3,000 PSI. Failure by the purchaser to provide the recommended mounting surfaces could result in personal injury, property damage and/or unsatisfactory lift performance.
3. **Read the installation manual before installing the lift.**
4. This lift is an overhead lift which requires a ceiling height of a minimum 14’-8”.
5. Read anchoring tips information before drilling and installing the anchor bolts.
6. **Bleed air from hydraulic cylinders before raising vehicle with lift. Air in cylinder may damage seal.**
7. Do not raise a vehicle with the lift until the lift has been correctly installed and adjusted as described in this manual.
8. Do not remove a suspension assembly, transmission or other heavy item from the front of a front wheel drive vehicle unless the vehicle is adequately supported in the rear.

CAUTIONS AND WARNINGS

MOTORS AND ELECTRIC CONTROLS ARE NOT – SEALED
AGAINST WEATHER OR MOISTURE. DAMAGE OR ELECTRICAL
SHOCK MAY OCCUR IF INSTALLED UNPROTECTED OUTDOORS.

FACTORY MUST BE NOTIFIED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF DELIVERY
IF THERE ARE ANY PARTS MISSING FROM SHIPMENT.

RECOMMENDED OIL: HYDRUALIC MEDIUM OIL SAE-10 OR
EQUIVALENT. MAY USE TRANSMISSION FLUID DEXRON II OR III
ATF.

ALL BOLTS PLACED IN THE COLUMN MUST BE PLACED FROM
THE INSIDE FACING OUTWARD.

ANCHORING TIPS

1. Anchor must be at least 6" from the edge of the slab or any seam.
2. Use a concrete hammer drill with a 3/4" carbide bit.
3. Do not use a worn bit.
4. Drill in a perpendicular line with the hole.
5. Do not apply excessive pressure to the drill. Let the drill do the work.
6. Lift the drill up and down occasionally to remove residue and to reduce binding.
7. Drill the hole depth equal to the length of the anchor, or completely through the slab.
8. For better holding power, blow all dust and residue from the hole before driving anchor into hole.

Place a flat washer over threaded end of anchor. Spin nut 1/4" down past end of anchor. Carefully tap anchor into the concrete until nut and flat washer are against base plate. Do not use an impact wrench to tighten. Tighten 3/4"-10UNC x 7" anchors to 125 ft-lbs. of torque.

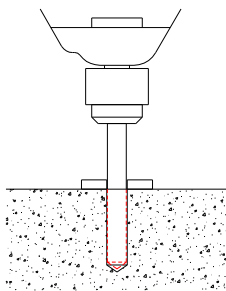


FIG. #1

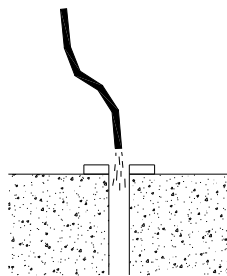


FIG. #2

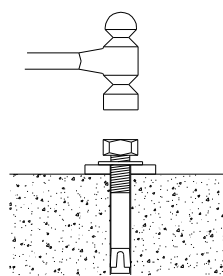


FIG. #3

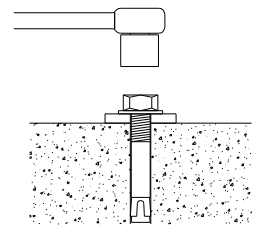


FIG. #4

TOOLS REQUIRED

Concrete rotary hammer drill with $\frac{3}{4}$ " carbide bit for a 7" anchor bolt.

Open End Wrenches: $\frac{7}{16}$ ", $\frac{1}{2}$ ", $\frac{11}{16}$ ", $\frac{3}{4}$ ", $\frac{15}{16}$ ", & $1 \frac{1}{8}$ "

$\frac{1}{2}$ " Ratchet Driver

Sockets: $\frac{11}{16}$ ", $\frac{3}{4}$ ", $\frac{15}{16}$ " X $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep

12" Crescent Wrench

$\frac{3}{16}$ Allen Wrench

Hammer

Needle Nose Pliers

Electrical Pliers

Level

Fish Tape

25' Tape Measure

Chalk Line

Small Drift Punch

Ladder

4 gallons of hydraulic medium oil SAE-10 or Dexron II or III ATF.

INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Standard lift requires a minimum of 14'-8" ceiling height. If ordering lift with extension, then add additional length of extension.
- 2) Minimum distance required beyond either side of the lift to the nearest obstacle is 6"
- 3) Minimum of 10'-0" is required in front of the lift to the nearest obstacle.
- 4) Minimum of 15'-0" is required in the rear of the lift to the nearest obstacle.
- 5) The floor where the lift is to be installed must be a minimum of 6" thickness of concrete. Concrete must be reinforced with steel rebar with a minimum compressive strength of 3,000 PSI .
- 6) Leg assemblies should be mounted on a maximum slope not to exceed 1/16"/ foot.
- 7) Before installing see FIG. #1 for lift specifications.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) After unpacking lift, inspect and check shipping list for missing or damaged parts.
- 2) Steps #3 thru #5 are to pre-assembly before standing and installing lift.
- 3) Assemble the overhead cross bridge assembly with the hardware and parts as shown in FIG. #2. If one person is installing the lift then the Shut Off Bar Assy. and Switch Assy. may be installed after bolting Cross Bridge to lift.
- 4) Assemble the Carriage Stops ALIF-215-015-XX to the Mainside and Offside Leg ALIF-218-020L/R using (4) ½-13UNC x 1 ½ bolts and (4) ½-13UNC nylon locknut as shown in FIG. #5A & #5B. ****IMPORTANT: NYLON LOCKNUTS MUST BE ON THE OUTSIDE OF LIFT. IF NYLON LOCKNUTS ARE ASSEMBLED TO THE INSIDE OF LIFT THEY WILL INTERFERE WITH CARRIAGE.**
- 5) Locate the (2) 3/8" x 36'-5" equalizing cables. While the legs are laying horizontal install one end of the 3/8" cables in the carriage. Slide the carriage about 24" from the bottom of the leg up towards the top and thread the cable to the appropriate gusset. (The gussets with holes inside each carriage are adjustment for the cable depending on the height of the lift. For the maximum height of lift use lower gussets on carriages). Turn the nylon lock nut half way down the threaded stud of the cable and pull the slack. Run the other end of the cable down and under pulley located at the base of the leg and up thru the opposite side of the carriage. See FIG. #4. Repeat the same procedure for the other leg assembly.
- 6) Next while the legs are lying horizontal locate and partially install the 53" and 430" hydraulic hoses see FIG. #6. The 53" hydraulic hose is connect the 90 deg. adapter at the bottom of the mainside leg and is threaded through the loops to the bulk head tee.

Use 3/8 JIC nut to secure bulkhead tee to mainside leg. The 430" hydraulic hose is connects the 90 deg. adapters at the bottom offside leg and is threaded through the loops to the top of the leg only. Now you can move the carriage to the bottom of the assembly.

- 7) Also while the lift is laying down bolt the leg extensions to the leg assemblies as shown in FIG. #3A & #3B. Maximum height of lift is 14'-6" and minimum is 13'-6". Lift moves in at 6" increments. To bolt extensions use (8) 5/8-11UNC x 1 1/2" bolts Grd. 8, (16) 5/8 flat washers, (8) 5/8 lock washers and (8) 5/8-11UNC hex nuts on each leg assembly.
- 8) Layout lift location using FIG. #1.
- 9) Leg assemblies should be mounted on a CONCRETE FLOOR ONLY with a minimum thickness of 6 inches and a maximum slope not to exceed 1/16" per foot.
- 10) Stand leg assemblies up and position as shown in FIG. #1.
- 11) **NOTE:** One leg has a power unit bracket. This is the leg (Mainside) that the power unit will mount to and the electrical service will be wired to. **FACTORY RECOMMENDED LOCATION IS TO THE REAR PASSENGER SIDE OF VEHICLE.**
- 12) Make sure the 10'-6" inside measurement leg to leg is maintained. **DO NOT ANCHOR AT THIS TIME.**
- 13) Check leg (with pump mount bracket) for plumpness using a good level in both directions. Use shims (1/16" x 1 x 2 1/2" and 1/4" x 1" x 2 1/2") provided as necessary for proper leveling. (Do not exceed 1/2" total shim height). **DO NOT ANCHOR NON-POWER COLUMN AT THIS TIME.**
- 14) Drill and set 3/4" anchor bolts. (Ref. Anchoring Tips) Use washers when final tightening is done. Make sure all bolts are properly set and meet 125 ft. lbs of torque. **DO NOT USE AN IMPACT.**
- 15) Check inside measurements between both columns at top and bottom to insure they are parallel. Now the offside column can be anchored.
- 16) Lift Cross Bridge Assembly as shown in FIG. #2 to the top of the leg assemblies with Switch Box assembly on the side of the power unit. Secure assembly as shown in FIG.#3A & #3B using the (4) 1/2-13UNC x 1 1/4" bolts, (4) 1/2 flat washers, (4) 1/2 lock washers and (4) 1/2-13UNC hex nuts. Bolts heads are to be placed on the inside with the nuts on the outside.
- 17) Next attach the Hose Brackets (ALIF-209-275-XX) with the Grommet (2772-BLK) to the MS & OS Leg assemblies as shown in Fig. #3A & #3B with the (2) 7/16-14UNC x 1 1/4" bolts, (2) 7/16 flat washers, (2) 7/16 lock washers and (2) 7/16-

14UNC hex nuts. Do not tighten bracket may have to be adjusted to take up the slack of the hose.

- 18) Attach the 3-Way Valve Bracket and the Power Unit to the Mainside Leg using the (4) 5/16-18UNC x 1 1/4" bolts, (8) 5/16-18UNC hex nuts, and (4) 5/16 lock washers as shown in FIG. #5C.
- 19) Next finish installing the 430" and 13 1/2" hydraulic hoses see FIG. #6. Thread the 430" hydraulic hose through pipe loops of offside leg, hose brackets, loops on the cross bridge and mainside leg. Leave the hose bracket loose and adjust the bracket in order to take up the slack of the hydraulic hose. The 13 1/2" hydraulic hose connects the straight adapter of the power unit to the bulkhead tee. Make sure all the fittings in the hydraulic system are tight.
- 20) Next finish routing the two 3/8" equalizing cables x 36'-5" as shown in FIG. #4. Remember the gusset with holes inside each carriage are adjustment for the cable depending on the height of the lift. For the maximum height of lift use the lower gusset on the carriages. Next run cable back up through the carriage to the top of leg over the pulley (at the top of leg) and across to the other leg, over pulley and down through the bracket located at the top left side of carriage see FIG. #4. Secure in place with nylon lock nut.
- 21) Repeat step 20 for installing cable on the other leg.
- 22) Adjust nuts evenly until cables are tight and have the same tension.
- 23) Next install and connect the 3-way pneumatic valve, 1/8 tube and pneumatic cylinders to operate the safety latches. First bolt the 3-way valve to the valve bracket ALIF-220-047-XX using the (2) #6-32 x 1 pan head screws, (2) #6 lock washers and the (2) #6-32 hex nut see FIG. #5C. Make sure on the 3-way valve the Out Port is facing up. Second screw in the 1/8 push-on fitting on the out port. Next connect the 3-way valve to the 1/8 tee, 1/8 tee to the mainside and offside pneumatic cylinder. See FIG. #5E. Rout the 1/8 pneumatic tube the same way as the hydraulic hose through the loops as it goes over the cross bridge. At the hole where the 1/8 tube goes into and the top of the leg assemblies use 4 of the nylon cable ties to tie the 1/8 tube to the hydraulic hose.
- 24) Next installing swing arm. After installing swing arms rotate & slide swing arms to the center of lift to see if lift pads are at the same height. If pads are not at the same height then shim lift forward, backward or sideways to level lift pads. Leg of lift may become out of plumb. If lift pads are more than 1" from being level call manufacture for further instructions.
- 25) Fill pumping unit with hydraulic medium oil SAE-10 or equivalent. It will take approximately 4 US gallons. Automatic transmission fluid may be substituted.
- 26) Use plastic ties to secure slack in hydraulic hose and electrical cable. Slack of the hydraulic hose is where the cross bridge and legs are connected.

- 27) Power requirements: 230 Volt, single-phase power, 12-amp. Use separate circuit for each unit and protect each circuit with 30-amp time delay fuse or circuit breaker. Install electricity to lift coming from snap action switch to power unit. Use FIG. #11 for wiring diagram.
- 28) Before operating lift visually inspect lift to make sure the cable and hoses are not rubbing or in the way of hardware or lift parts. Especially in the cross bridge or legs assemblies.
- 29) Next purge air from hydraulic lines. Raise lift until carriages rise off of safety locks. Crack bleeder plug located at the top of cylinder. Listen for air to escape and tighten when hydraulic fluid starts coming out. Now raise lift to the top and lower. Repeat cycle until no air is in the hydraulic system.
- 30) The above procedure may have to be repeated several times to ensure all the air has been bled from the system.
- 31) Refill tank with hydraulic oil.
- 32) Raise lift and make sure that safety locks are synchronized as lift goes up. If locks are not synchronized then tighten the cable on the side that is lagging.

30 DAY MAINTENANCE

- 1) Inspect the (6) cable pulleys and shaft for wear.
- 2) Grease bearing surfaces in leg assembly minimum every 30 days or as required depending use of lift.
- 3) Check equalizer cables regularly for proper tension and adjustment. Locks must be synchronized as lift goes up.
- 4) Inspect adapters and pads for damage or wear. Replace if necessary.
- 5) Grease swivel arm pins to insure ease of operation.
- 6) Inspect all hydraulic lines and fittings for leaks and tighten if necessary.
- 7) Check locking latches and releases for proper operation.
- 8) Check arm lock device for proper operation.
- 9) Check hydraulic fluid level in power unit.
- 10) Torque anchor bolts to 125 ft. lbs.

TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE

POSSIBLE PROBLEM

POSSIBLE CAUSE & SOLUTIONS

1. MOTOR DOES NOT RUN

- A) Breaker tripped or fuse blown
- B) Check micro-switch on shut off bar.
- C) Check thermal overload in starter.
- D) Defective control switch, replace
- E) Faulty wiring connections. Call electrician.

2. MOTOR RUNS BUT THE LIFT WILL NOT RAISE OR HOLD A LOAD

- A) A foreign object under check valve. Push handle down and push “raise” switch. Foreign matter should release under pressure.
- B) Remove check valve. Clean and replace.
- B) Oil level low: check oil reservoir. With carriage in the down position, pump reservoir should be full.

3. MOTOR RUNS BUT THE LIFT PICKS UP PARTIAL LOAD ONLY.

- A) Relief valve setting is too low. Remove back hexcap on pump and adjust valve clockwise.
- B) Hydraulic seals damaged (call factory for instructions)
- C) Check voltage. Lift must have a minimum of 208 volts during operation.

4. OIL BLOWS OUT BREATHER

- A) Oil reservoir overfilled
- B) Lift lowered too quickly while under heavy load.

5. LIFT MAKES A GROANING SOUNDING WHEN RAISING OR LOWERING.

- A) Bleed cylinder manually.
- B) Add an ounce of oil to the air side of the piston.

6. LIFT RAISES UNEVENLY

- A) Cables are not properly adjusted or tightened.
- B) Use lighter weight oil in the pump.

PARTS & SHIPPING LIST
for WS15

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
ALIF-218-086	Mainside Leg Final Assy.	1
2502-06-04	#6MJIC X #4FP Adapter Fitting	1
4550K138	1/4 x 4 1/2 Nipple Sch 80	1
5315	7/16" Dia. x 1 1/4" Ext. Spring	1
6498K334-1.00	0.75 Bore x 1.00 Stroke Air Cyl.	1
6498K42	Clevis, 0.75 Air Cyl.	1
6498K72	Pivot Bracket, 0.75 Air Cyl.	1
90096A242	#10-24 Self-Threading Screws	4
90126A038	1" SAE Flat Washer	4
98306A227	5/16" Dia. x 2 5/8" Clevis Pin	1
98338A140	3/32" x 1 Cotter Pin	1
98410A133	1" Ext. Retainer Ring	3
AA2517504	2 1/2" Bore x 69" Stroke Hyd. Cyl.	1
ALIF-215-003-XX	Formed Extension	1
ALIF-215-039	Carriage Assy.	1
90177A225	2 1/4 Dia Split Ring	2
98555A213-1.0	1 Dia. C-Retainer Ring	6
ALIF-209-107	Upper Arm Lock	2
ALIF-215-040-XX	Carriage Weldm't.	1
ALIF-215-069	1 Dia. Arm Lock Pin	2
ALIF-215-158	1 1/4 x 1/8 Comp. Spring x 9 1/4	2
ALIF-215-071	Lower Pulley Pin	1
ALIF-215-080	Nylon Rub Blocks	8
ALIF-218-020R-XX	Mainside Leg Weldm't.	1
ALIF-220-045-XX	Safety Latch Weldm't.	1
ALIF-220-088	Safety Latch Pin	1
GL-09-009	6" Pulley Assy.	1
GL-09-144	Lift Instruction Sticker	1
ALIF-DECL-C/S/W	Caution/Safety/Warning Decal	1
ALIF-DECL-XXCAP	Lift Capacity Sticker	1
SPC-2001	1/8" Push-On Fitting	1
ALIF-218-087	Offside Leg Final Assy.	1
2502-06-04	#6MJIC X #4FP Adapter Fitting	1
4550K138	1/4 x 4 1/2 Nipple Sch 80	1
5315	7/16" Dia. x 1 1/4" Ext. Spring	1

6498K334-1.00	0.75 Bore x 1.00 Stroke Air Cyl.	1
6498K42	Clevis, 0.75 Air Cyl.	1
6498K72	Pivot Bracket, 0.75 Air Cyl.	1
90096A242	#10-24 Self-Threading Screws	4
90126A038	1" SAE Flat Washer	4
98306A227	5/16" Dia. x 2 5/8" Clevis Pin	1
98338A140	3/32" x 1 Cotter Pin	1
98410A133	1" Ext. Retainer Ring	3
AA2517504	2 1/2" Bore x 69" Stroke Hyd. Cyl.	1
ALIF-215-003-XX	Formed Extension	1
ALIF-215-039	Carriage Assy.	1
90177A225	2 1/4 Dia Split Ring	2
98555A213-1.0	1 Dia. C-Retainer Ring	6
ALIF-209-107	Upper Arm Lock	2
ALIF-215-040-XX	Carriage Weldm't.	1
ALIF-215-069	1 Dia. Arm Lock Pin	2
ALIF-215-158	1 1/4 x 1/8 Comp. Spring x 9 1/4	2
ALIF-215-071	Lower Pulley Pin	1
ALIF-215-080	Nylon Rub Blocks	8
ALIF-218-020L-XX	Offside Leg Weldm't.	1
ALIF-220-045-XX	Safety Latch Weldm't.	1
ALIF-220-075-XX	Swing Arm Pin Weldm't.	2
ALIF-220-088	Safety Latch Pin	1
GL-09-009	6" Pulley Assy.	1
SPC-2001	1/8" Push-On Fitting	1
ALIF-215-064	One-Piece Cross Bridge Assy.	1
90126A038	1 SAE Flat Washer	4
98410A133	1 Ext. Retainer Ring	2
GL-09-009	6" Pulley Assy.	2
ALIF-215-063-XX	Cross Bridge Weldm't.	1
ALIF-215-065-XX	1 Spacer	2
ALIF-215-074	Upper Pin	2
ALIF-215-056	Sym. Swing Arm Assy.	4
91251A626	3/8-16UNC Socket Head Screw	12
ALIF-215-028-XX	Sym. Swing Arm Wldm't.	4
ALIF-209-082A	Lower Swing Arm Lock	4

LOOSE PARTS & HARDWARE

ALIF-2P15K-HW	Hardware Box Kit	1
0306-06	3/8 JIC Lock Nut	1
2703-06-06-06	Bulk Head Tee	1
2772-BLK	1 3/16 Grommet	2
6400-06-06	3/8 O-ring x 3/8 JIC Straight Adapter	1
6464K18	3-Way Pnuem. Valve	1
6921-0036	SPDT, 25 AMP, A/C Limit Switch	1
7130K55	11" x 3/16 Nylon Cable Ties	6
90126A029	1/4 SAE Flat Washer	4
90126A032	7/16 SAE Flat Washer	4
90126A033	1/2 SAE Flat Washer	8
90126A035	5/8 SAE Flat Washer	32
90190A144	#6 x 1/4 Phillip Head Pan Screw	4
90473A029	1/4-20UNC Hex Nut	4
90473A030	5/16-18UNC Hex Nut	8
90473A217	7/16-14UNC Hex Nut	2
90473A223	1/2-13UNC Hex Nut	4
90473A233	5/8-11UNC Hex Nut	16
90640A129	1/4-20UNC Nylon Lock Hex Nut	1
90640A133	1/2-13UNC Nylon Lock Hex Nut	8
91102A029	1/4 Lock Washer	5
91102A030	5/16 Lock Washer	4
91102A032	7/16 Lock Washer	2
91102A033	1/2 Lock Washer	4
91102A035	5/8 Lock Washer	16
91247A585	5/16-18UNC x 1 1/4 Hex Head Bolt	4
92865A537	1/4-20UNC x 1/2 Hex Head Bolt Grd 5	2
91309A540	1/4-20UNC x 3/4 Hex Head Bolt	2
91309A554	1/4-20UNC x 3 TAP Hex Head Bolt	1
91578A502	3/4-10UNC x 7 Wedge Anchor Sets	18
92865A671	7/16-14UNC x 1 1/4 Hex Head Bolt	2
92865A714	1/2-13UNC x 1 1/4 Hex Head Bolt	4
92620A798	5/8-11UNC x 1 1/2 Hex Head Bolt Gr8	16
92865A716	1/2-13UNC x 1 1/2 Hex Head Bolt	4
AT527M	M12 x 1mm Thin Nut	2
SPC-2001	1/8" Push-On Fitting	1
SPE-20	1/8" Push-On Tee	1
PT2300BK	1/8" O.D. Black Tube 37'	1
ALIF-215-015-XX	Carriage Stop Weldm't.	2
ALIF-209-102	3/8 Hyd. Hose x 53" 6FJICS E/E	1
ALIF-209-104	Silicone Foam Pad	1

ALIF-209-184-XX	Switch Box Cover	1
ALIF-209-185-XX	Switch Box Bracket	1
ALIF-209-186-XX	Shut Off Bar	1
ALIF-209-191	3/8 Hyd. Hose x 13 1/2" 6FJIC90 E/E	1
ALIF-209-275-XX	Hose Bracket	2
ALIF-215-076	Swing Arm Pins	4
ALIF-215-082	3/8 Hyd. Hose x 430" 6FJICS E/E	1
ALIF-215-084	3/8 Dia. x 437" Lg. Steel Cable	2
ALIF-218-007-XX	Frame Engaging Adapter	4
ALIF 218-008-XX	Pad Adapter	4
ALIF 218-009-XX	2" Pad Extension	4
ALIF 218-010-XX	4" Pad Extension	4
ALIF 218-011-XX	6" Pad Extension	4
ALIF-220-046-XX	Safety Latch Cover	2
ALIF-220-047-XX	3-Way Valve Bracket	1
ALIF-220-103	Rubber Edging	4
AH-1006	3 1/2 Gal., 2 HP, 2800psi Power Unit	1
GL-09-056	1/16 Shims, 1 1/16 x 2 3/4	32
GL-09-112	1/4 Shims, 1 1/16 x 2 3/4	16

*** Note: All hardware unless specified is grade 2.
All hardware is zinc coated unless specified.

LIFT SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE WS15

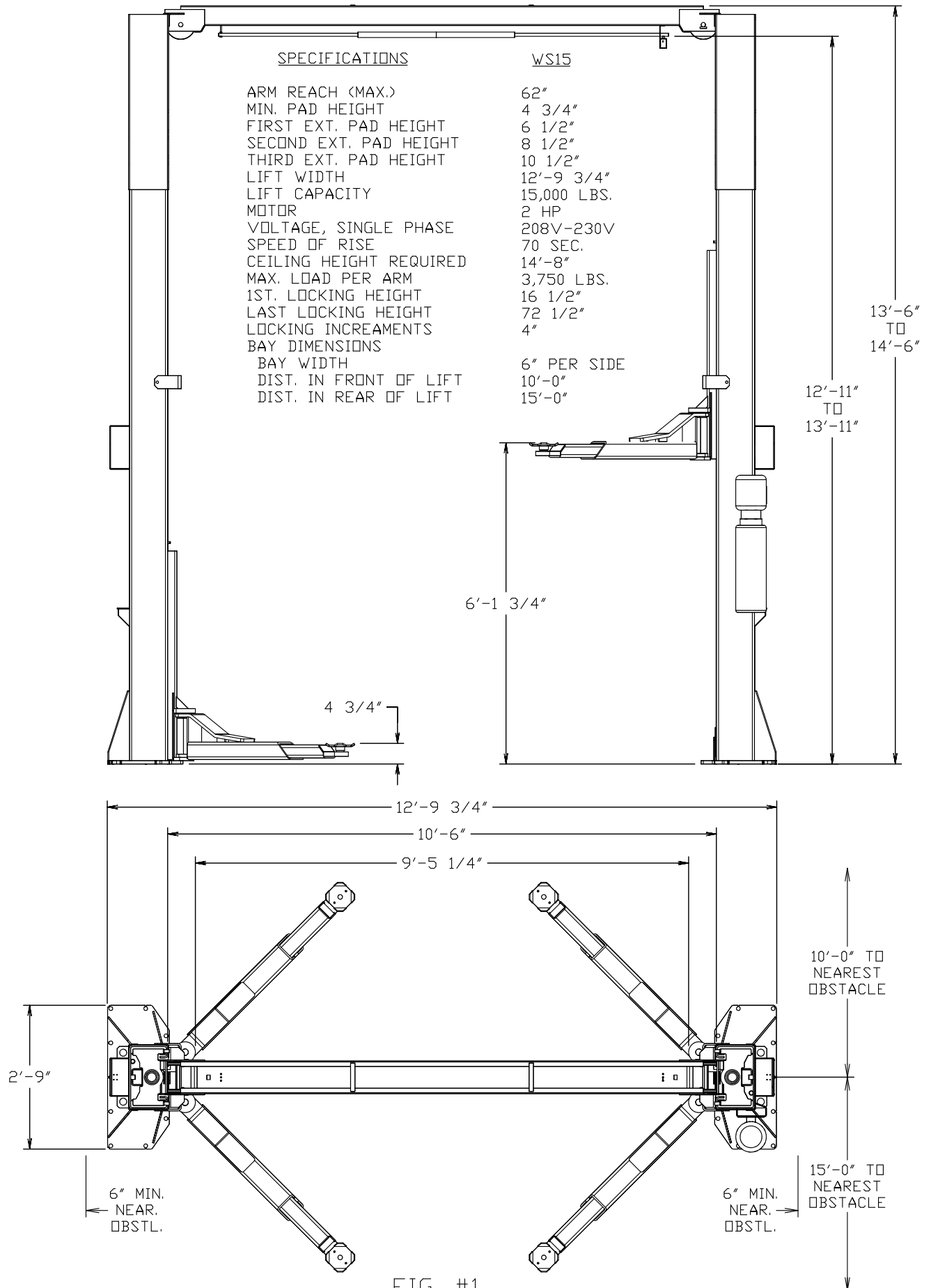


FIG. #1

LIFT SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE WS15-24

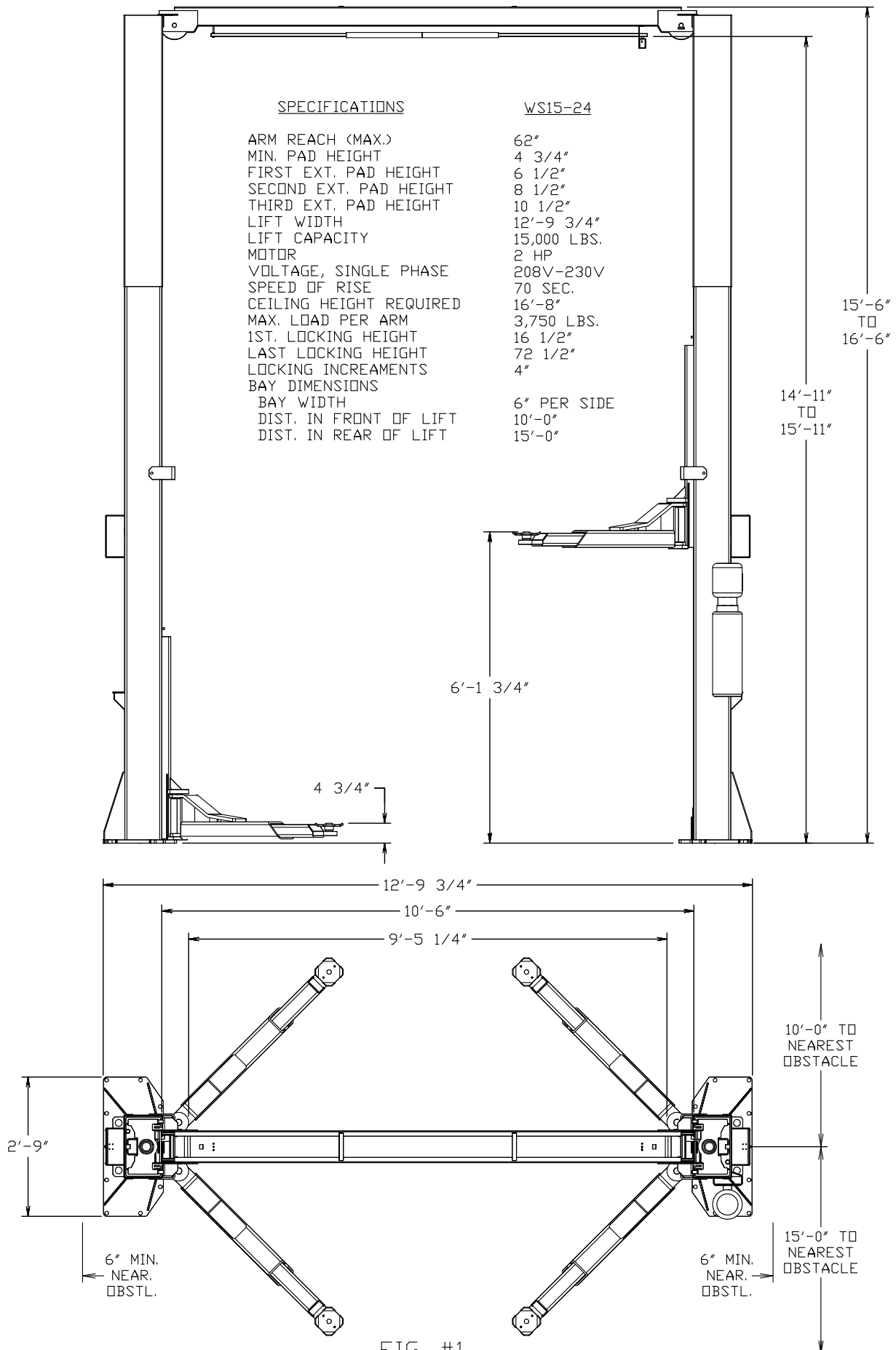


FIG. #1

WS15 CROSS BRIDGE ASSEMBLY

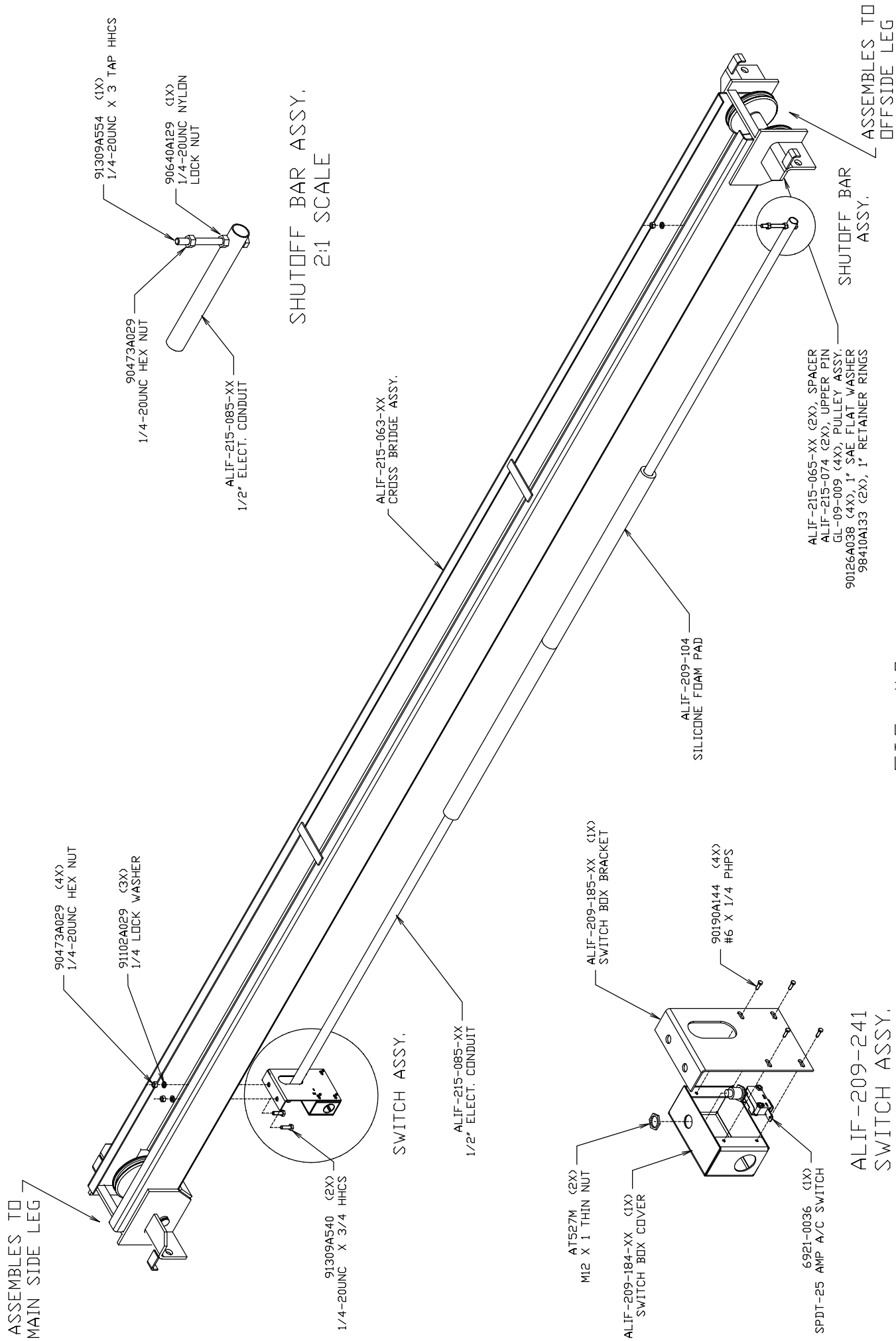
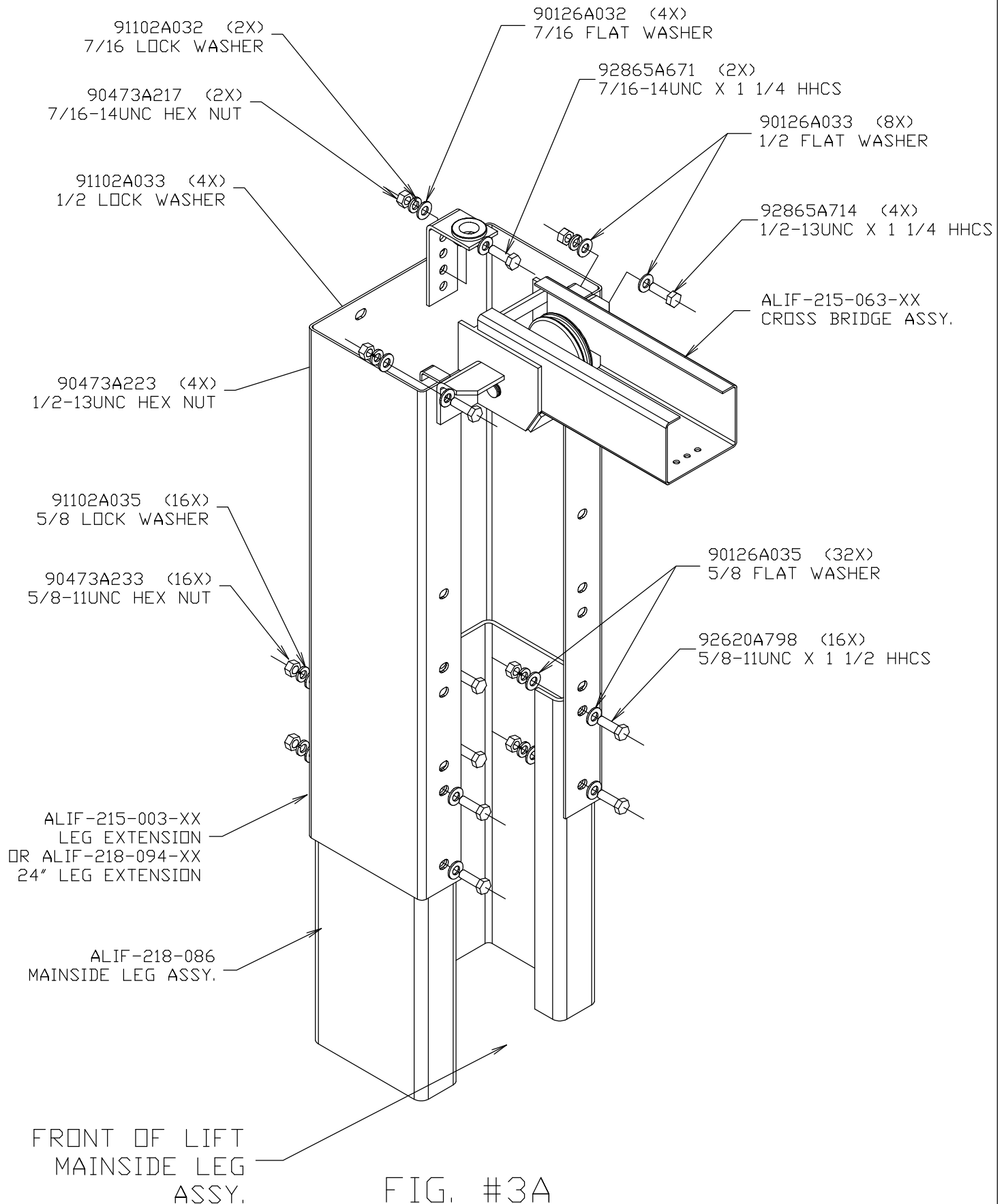


FIG. #2

CROSS BRIDGE ASSY. & EXTENSION TO LEG ASSY. DRAWING



CROSS BRIDGE ASSY. & EXTENSION TO LEG ASSY. DRAWING

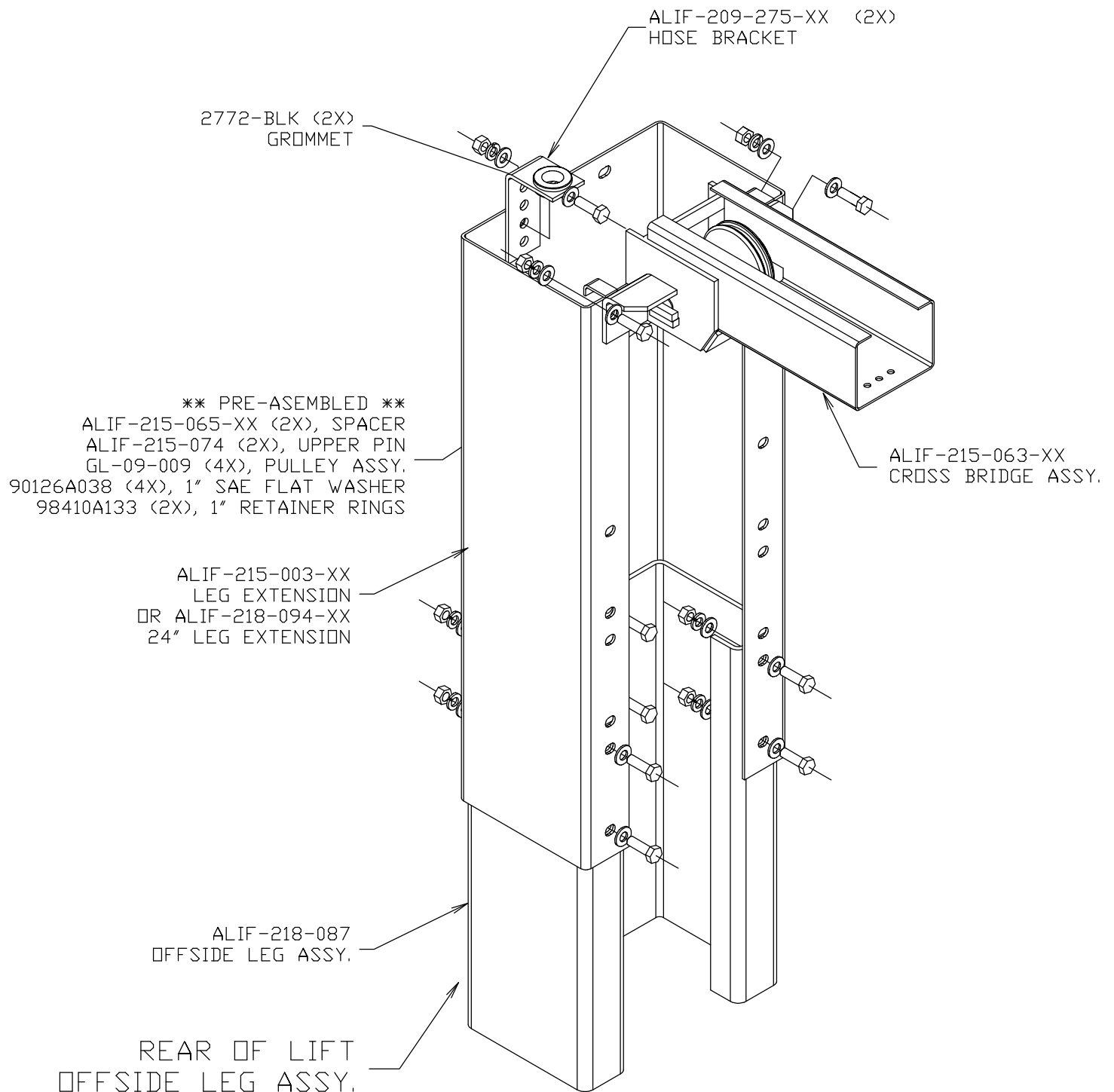


FIG. #3B

WS15, CABLE ROUTING

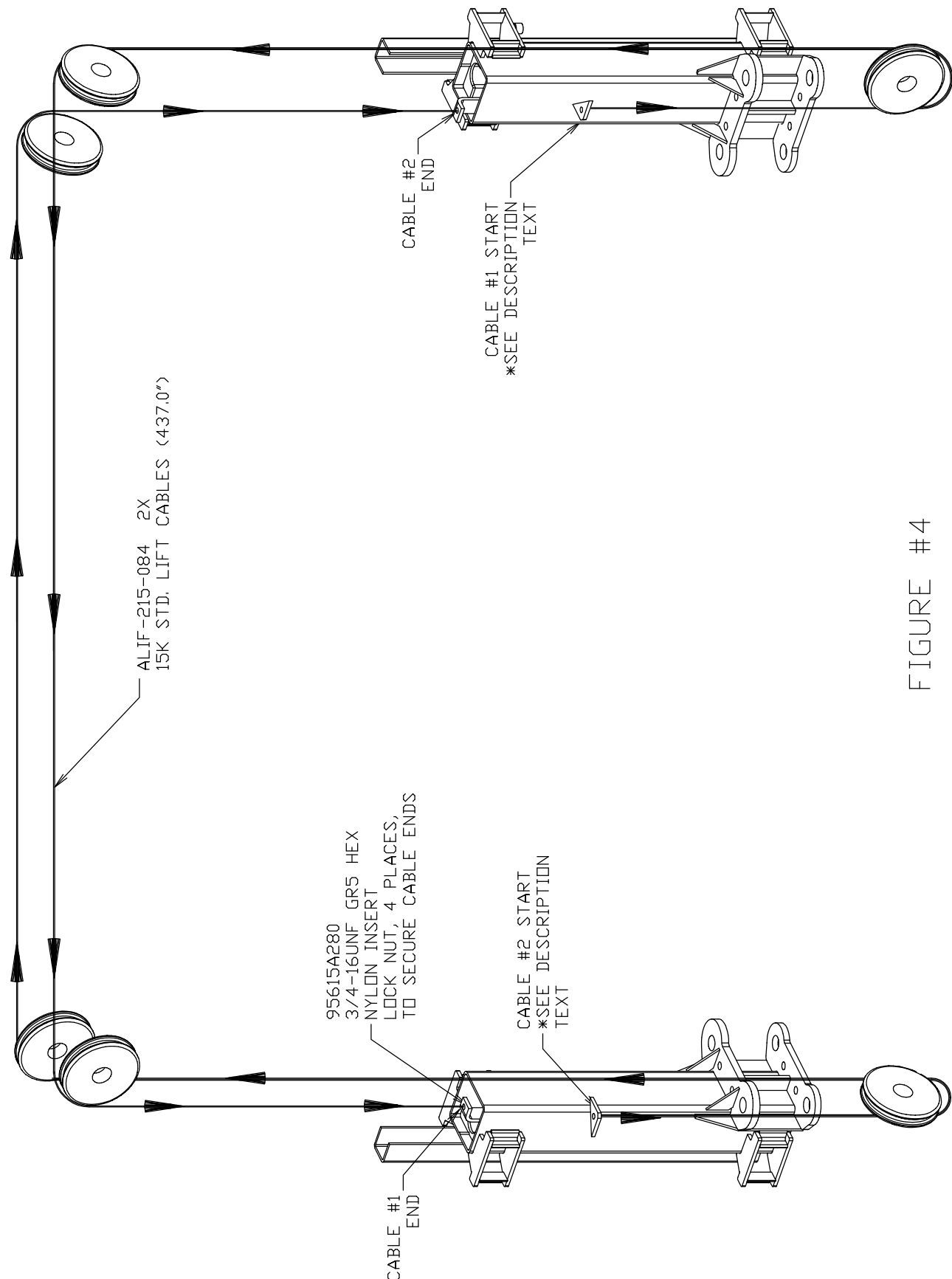


FIGURE #4

OFFSIDE LEG ASSY. ALIF-215-087

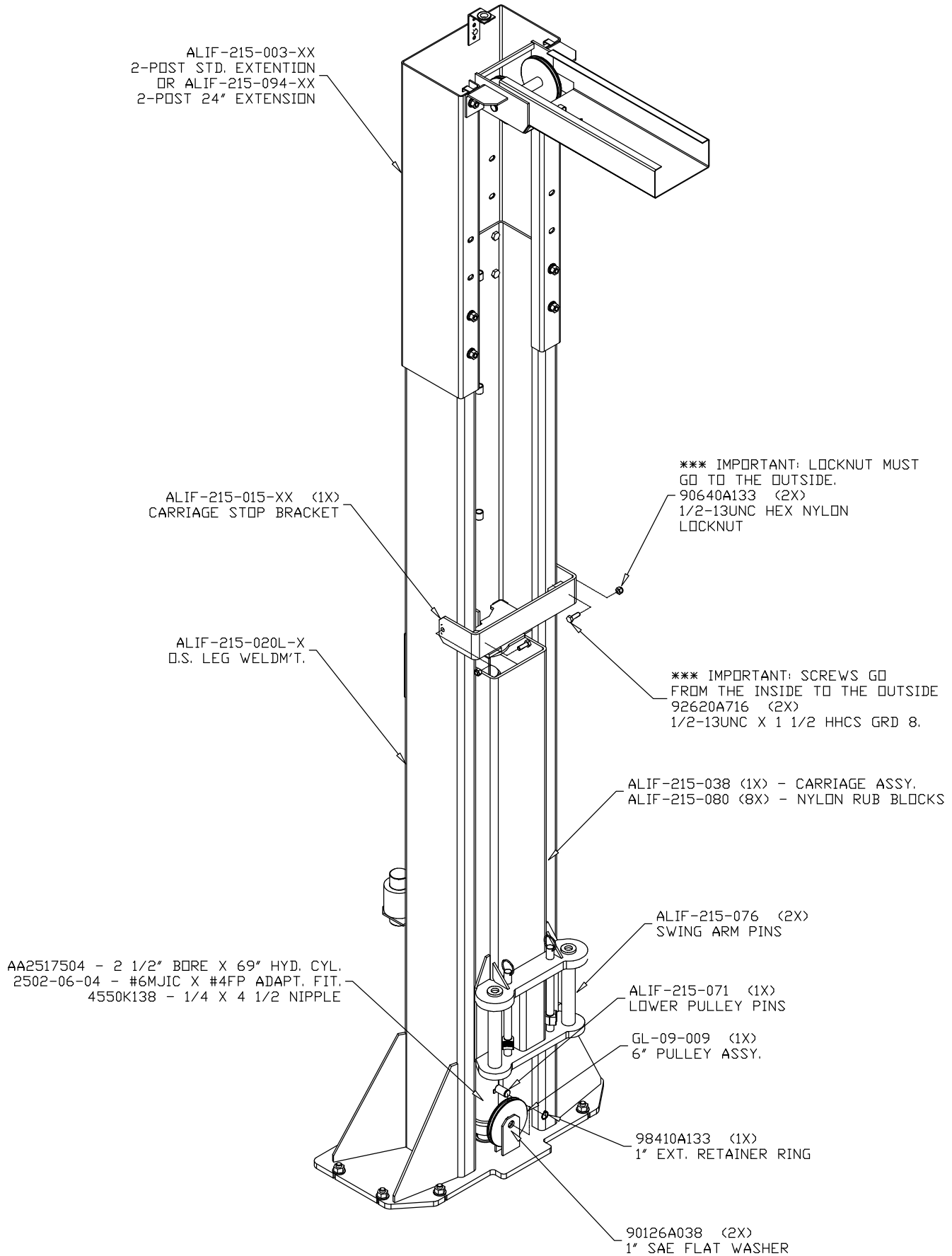


FIG. #5A

MAINSIDE LEG ASSY.
ALIF-215-086

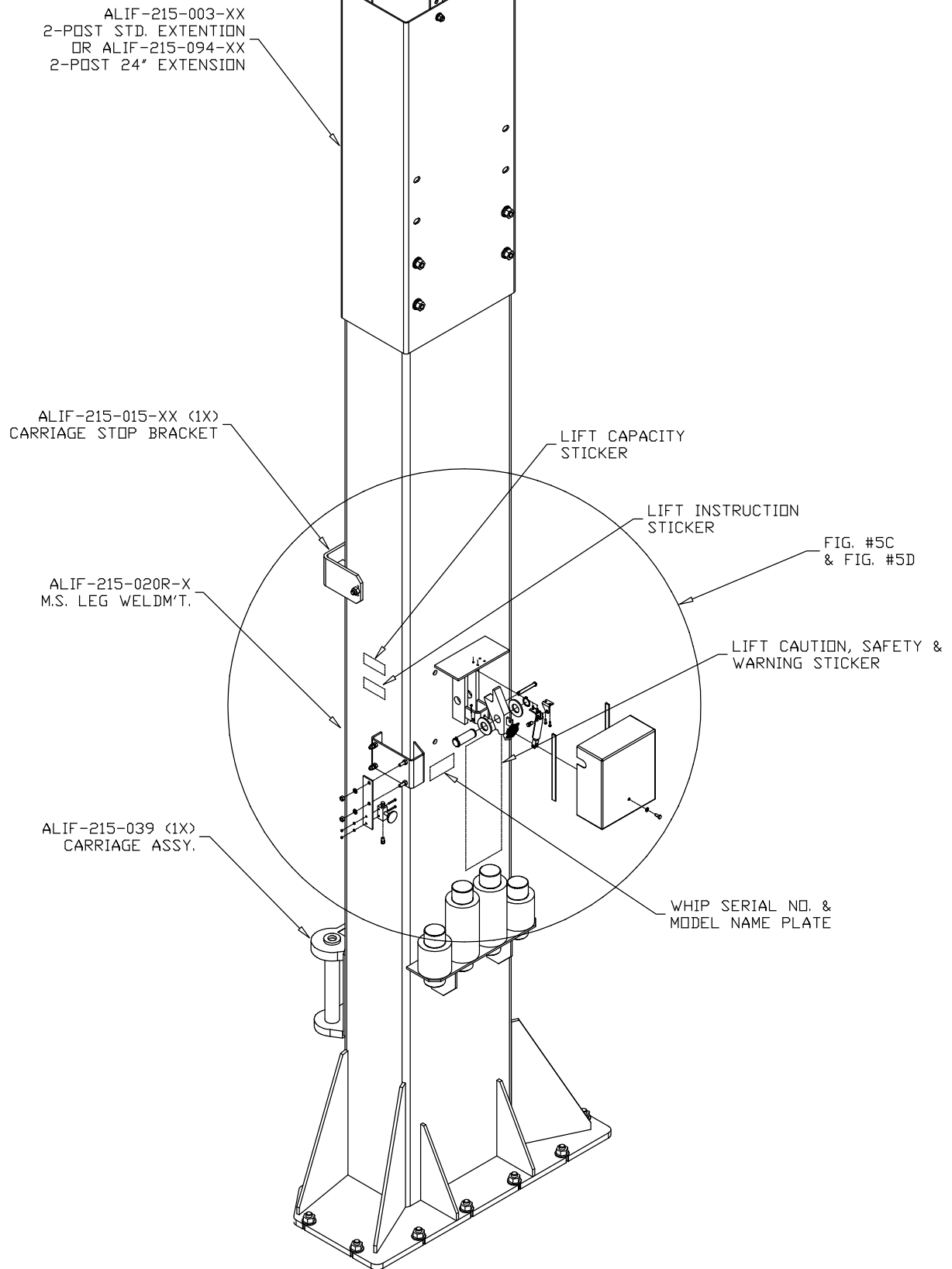


FIG. #5B

SINGLE POINT RELEASE ASSY. MAINSIDE LEG ASSY.

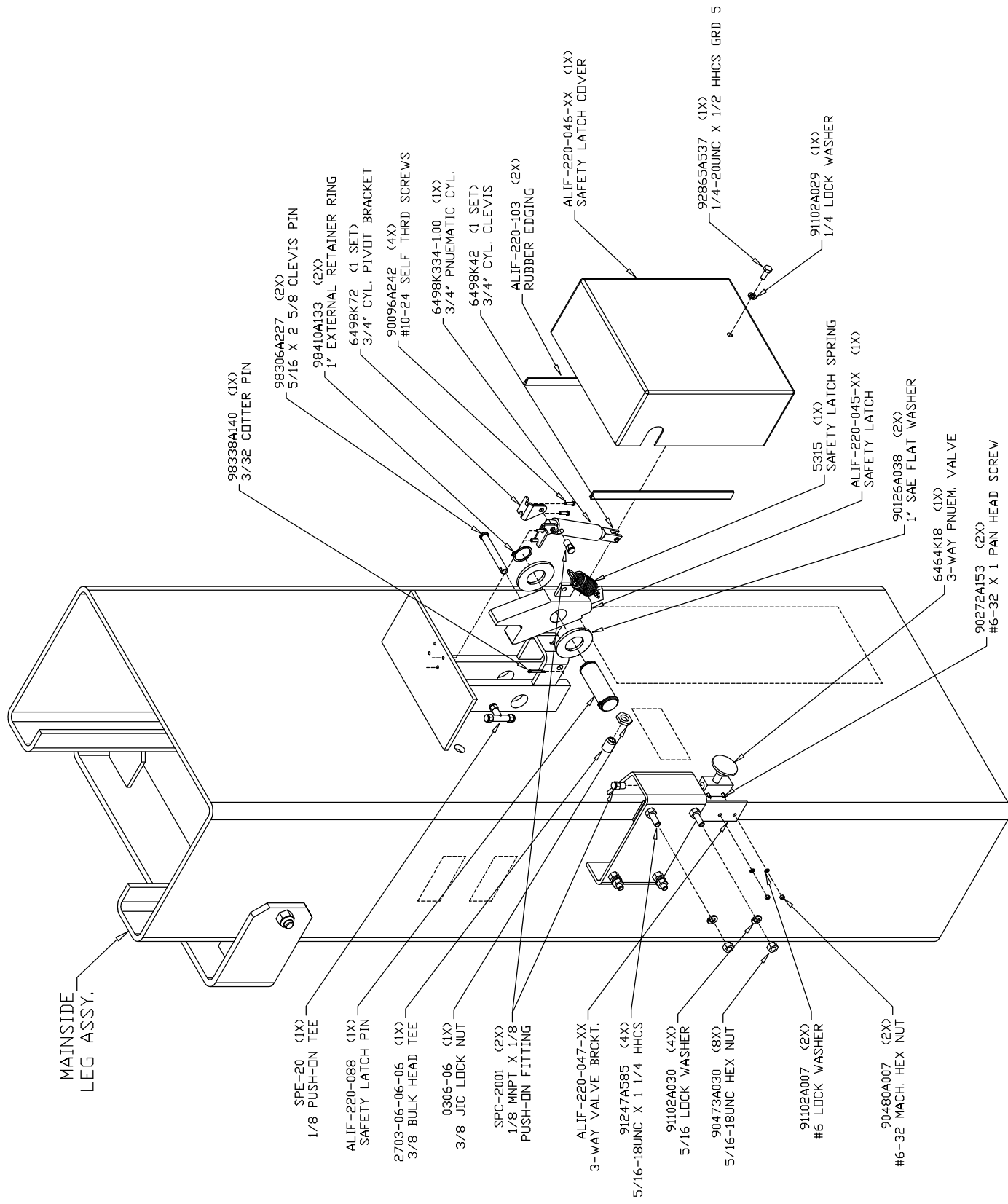


FIG. #5C

SINGLE POINT RELEASE ASSY. OFFSIDE LEG ASSY.

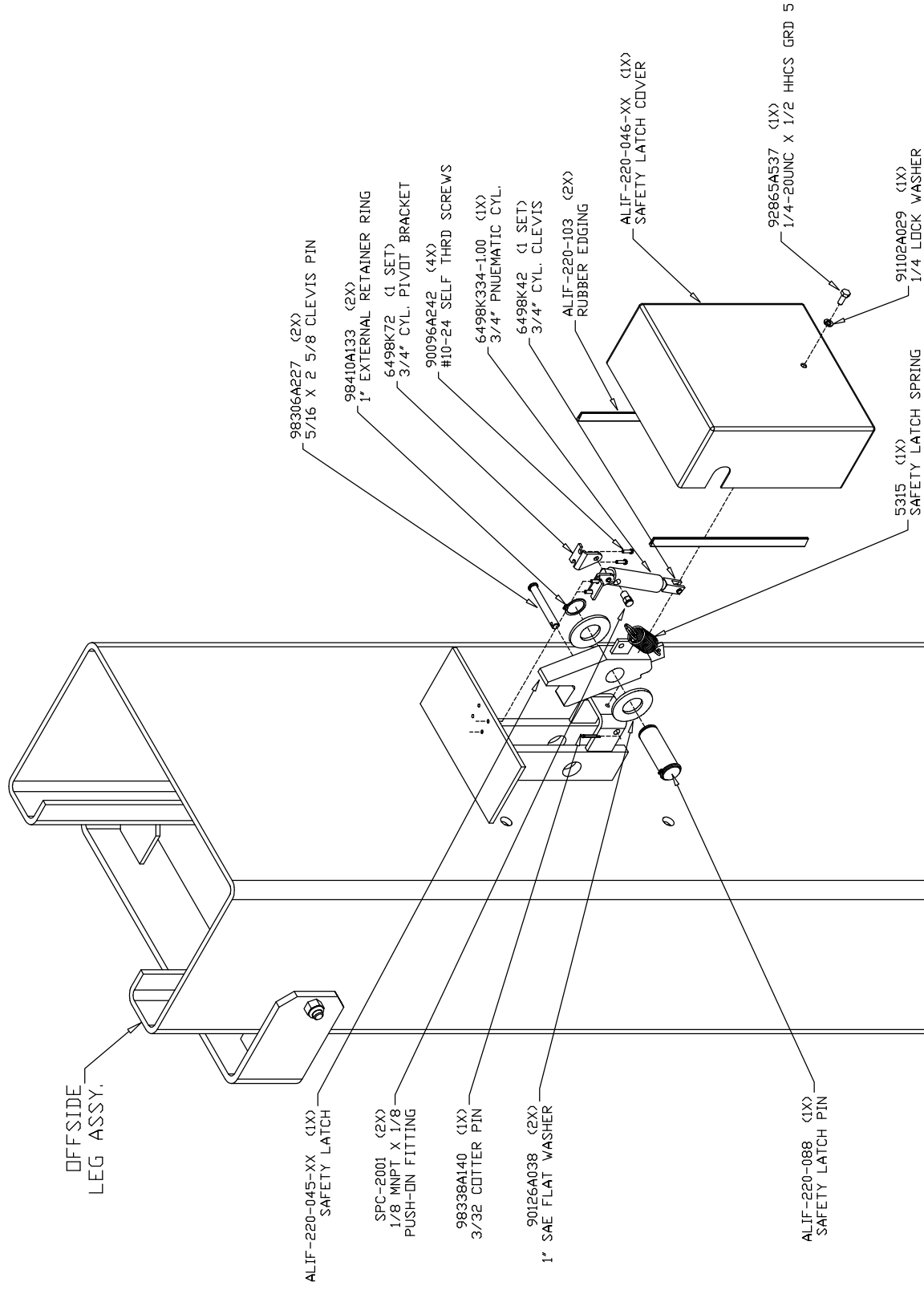


FIG. #5D

SINGLE POINT RELEASE ASSY,
& PNEUMATIC ASSY.

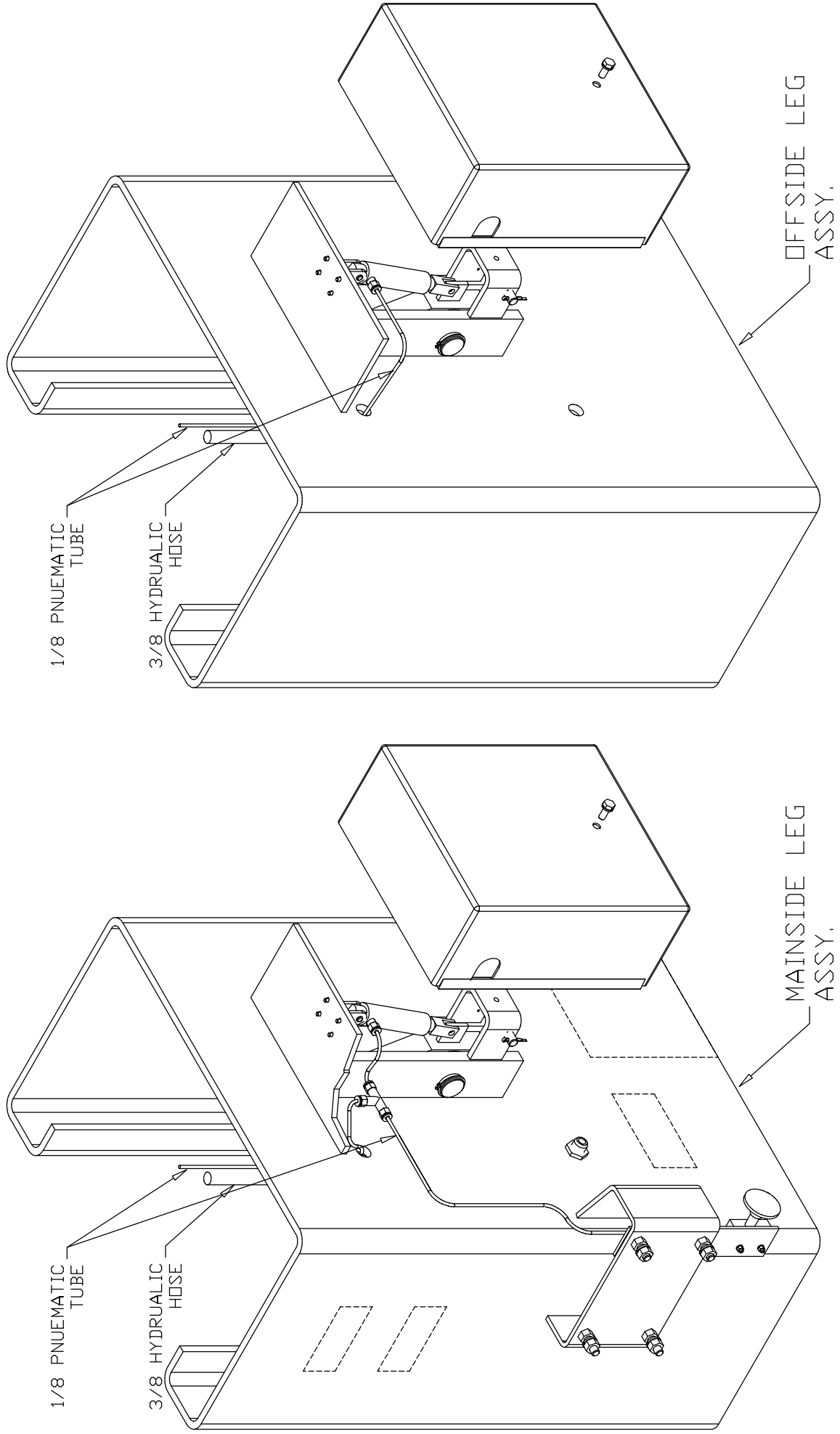


FIG. #5E

15K FINAL CARRIAGE ASSY.
ALIF-215-039

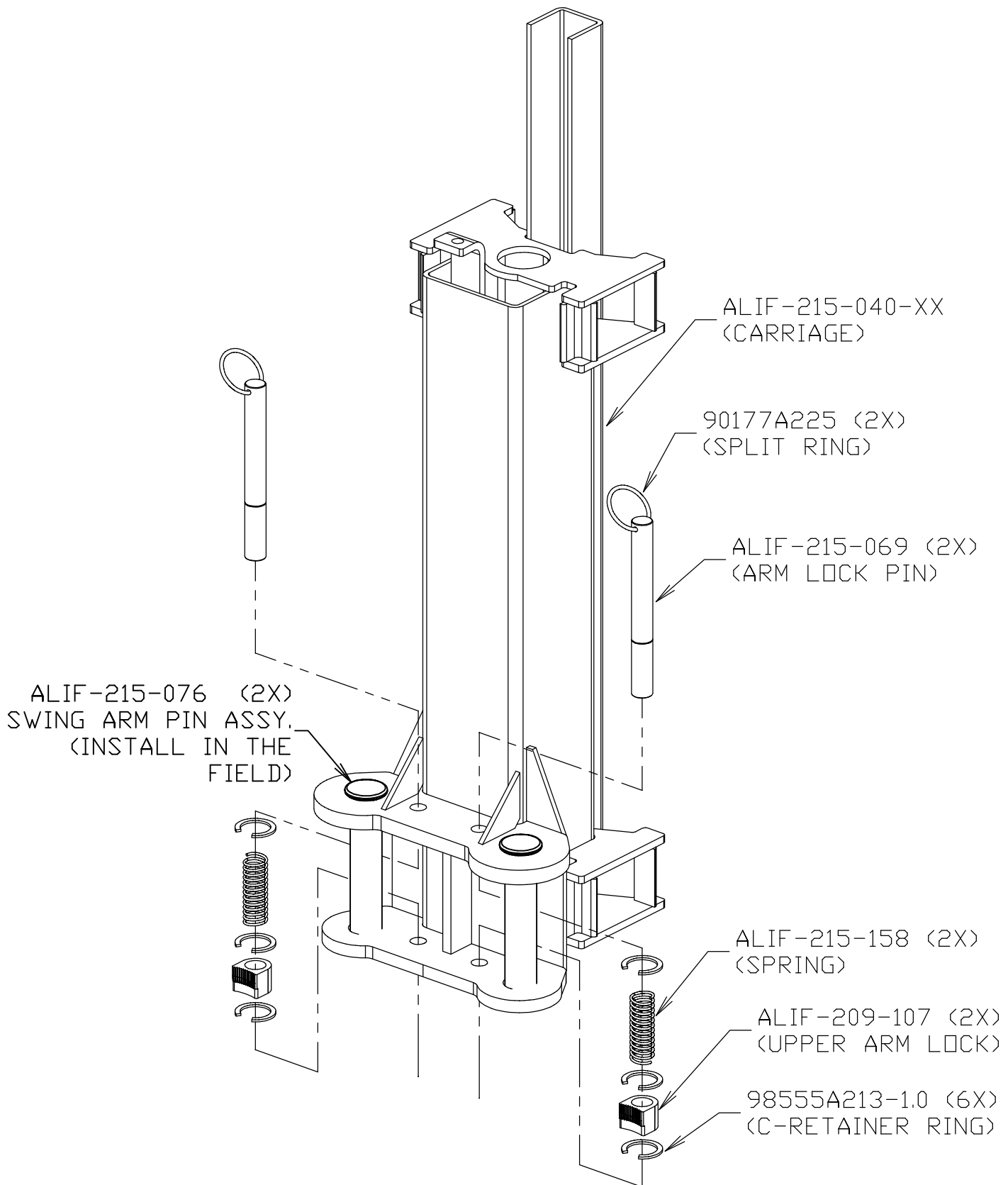


FIG. #7

15K FINAL SYM. SWING ARM ASSY,
ALIF-215-056

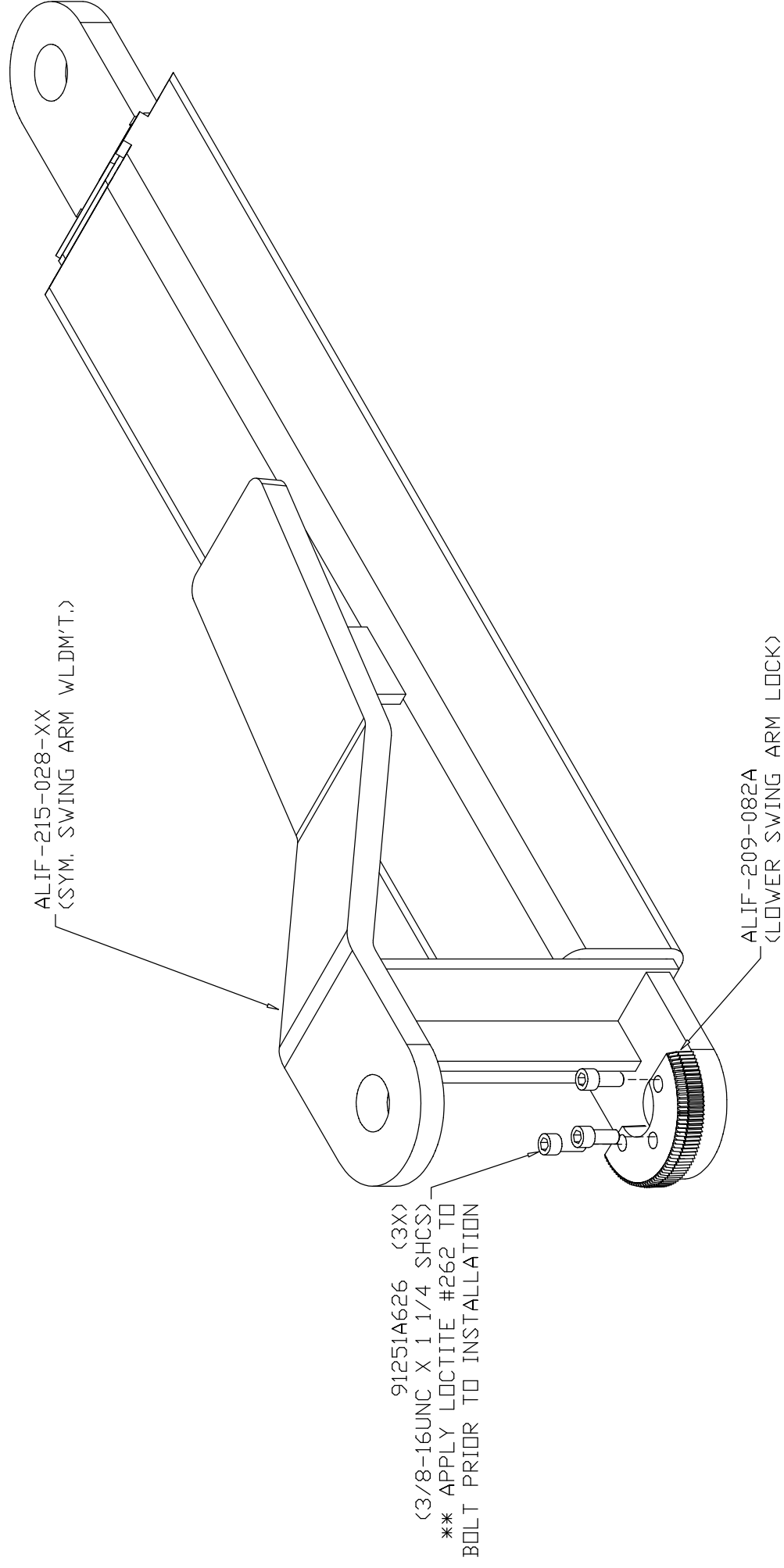
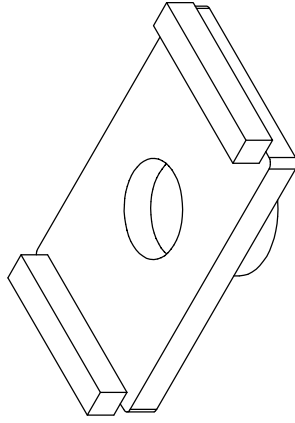
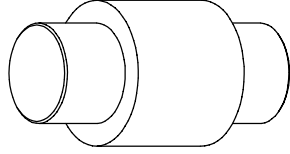


FIG. #8

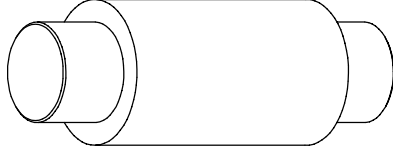
LIFT PAD ASSY, & EXTENSIONS



ALIF-218-007-XX
4 PER ASSY.



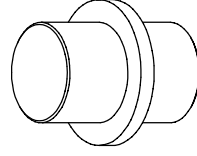
ALIF-218-009-XX
2" EXTENSION
4 PER ASSY.



ALIF-218-010-XX
4" EXTENSION
4 PER ASSY.



ALIF-218-011-XX
6" EXTENSION
4 PER ASSY.



ALIF-218-008-XX
4 PER ASSY.

STANDARD PARTS
WITH EACH LIFT

FIG. #10

Snap Action Switch Wiring Diagram

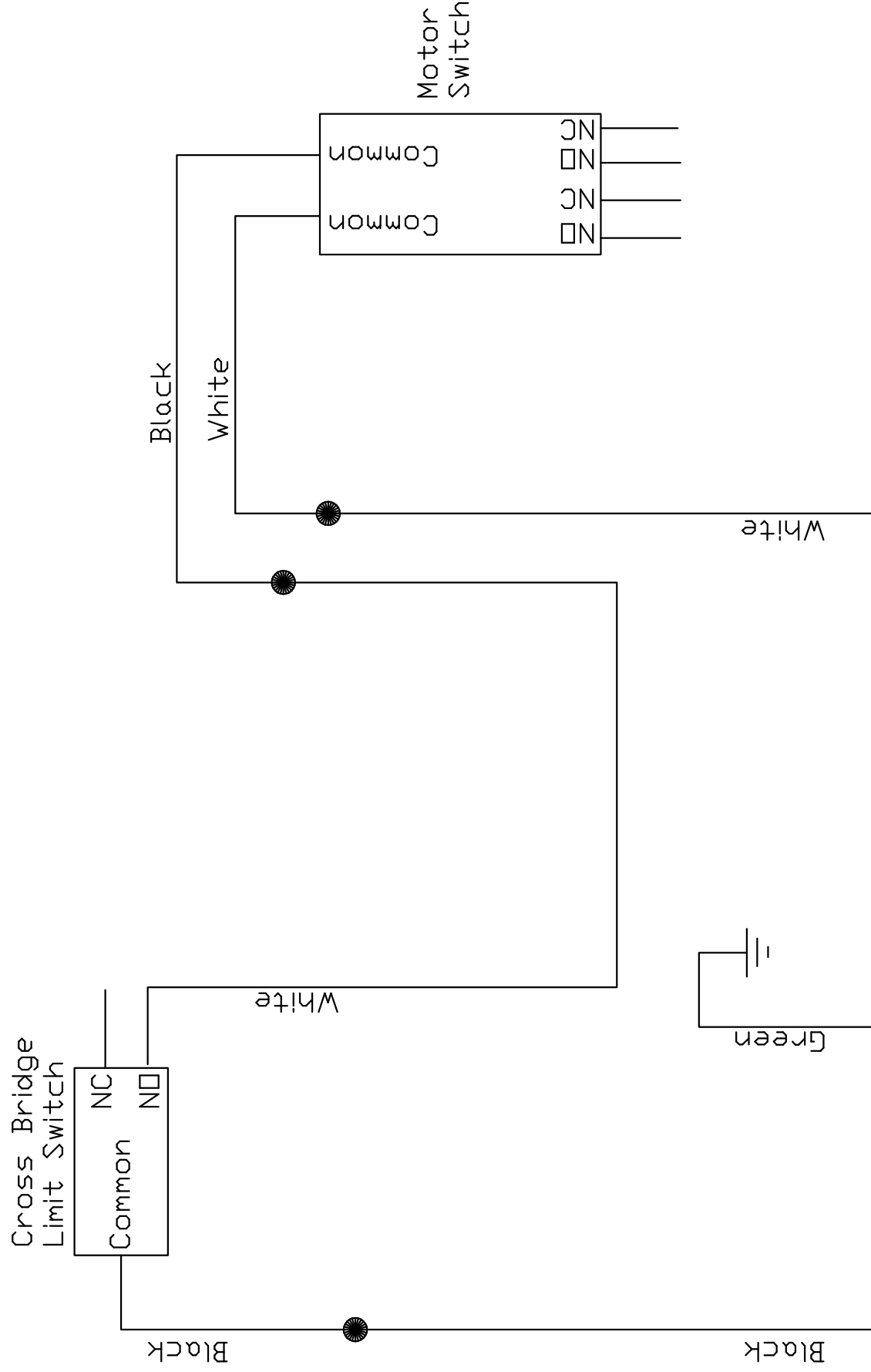


FIG. #11

ALIF-218-086 - MAINSIDE LEG ASSY.

*** IMPORTANT: SCREWS TO
GO FROM THE INSIDE TO OUTSIDE
92865A716 (2X)
1/2-13UNC X 1 1/2 HHCS

*** IMPORTANT: LOCKNUT MUST
GO TO THE OUTSIDE
90640A133 (2X)
1/2-13UNC HEX NYLON
LOCKNUT

ALIF-215-015-XX
CARRIAGE STOP W/LDM'T.

HANDLE ASSY.
6046K33 - 1 DIA. BALL KNOB
ALIF-215-081-XX - HANDLE W/LDM'T.
(ONLY ON MAINSIDE LEG)

98410A133 2X
1" EXT. RETAINER RING

5315
7/16 DIA. X 1.25 EXT. SPRING

POWER UNIT BRACKET
ONLY ON MAINSIDE LEG

ALIF-DECL-SERIAL S.N. DECAL
ALIF-DECL-UL UL DECAL
(MAINSIDE LEG ONLY)

ALIF-DECL-CAUT CAUTION DECAL
ALIF-DECL-SAFE SAFETY DECAL
ALIF-DECL-WARN WARNING DECAL
(MAINSIDE LEG ONLY)

ALIF-218-020R-XX - MAINSIDE LEG

ALIF-DECL-XXCAP
LIFT CAPACITY STICKER

GL-09-144
LIFT INSTRUCTION STICKER

98330A190
5/16 DIA. X 3.5 ADJ. CLEVIS PIN

98338A140 3X
3/32 X 1 COTTER PIN

90126A038 2X
1" SAE FLAT WASHER

98330A250
3/8 DIA. X 3.0 ADJ. CLEVIS PIN

ALIF-209-162 (2X)
RUBBER EDGING

91309A537
1/4-20UNC X 1/2 HHCS

91102A029
1/4 LOCK WASHER

ALIF-215-018-XX
MAINSIDE COVER

ALIF-215-017-XX
SAFETY LATCH

5933
1/2 DIA. X 2.13 EXT. SPRING

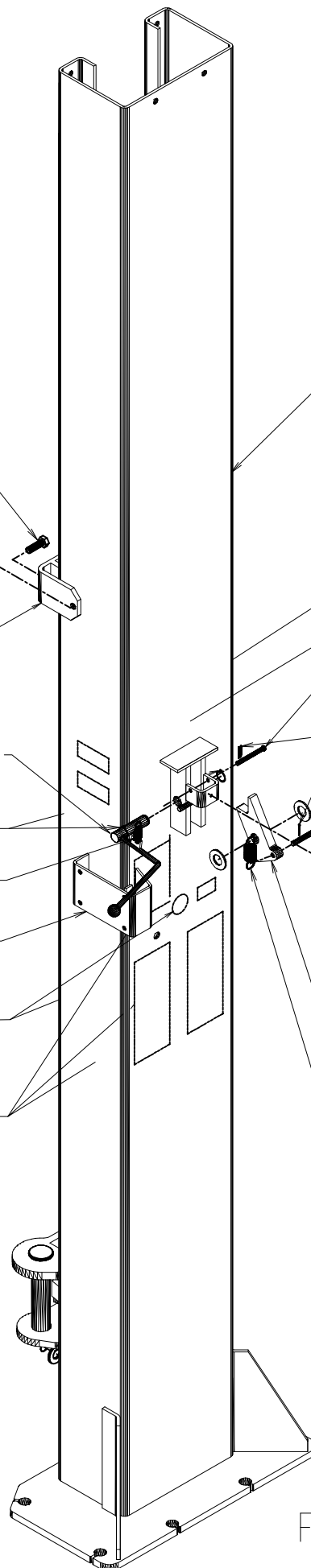


FIG. #5A

ALIF-218-087 - OFFSIDE LEG ASSY.

*** IMPORTANT: SCREWS TO
GO FROM THE INSIDE TO OUTSIDE
92865A716 (2X)
1/2-13UNC X 1 1/2 HHCS

*** IMPORTANT: LOCKNUT MUST
GO TO THE OUTSIDE
90640A133 (2X)
1/2-13UNC HEX NYLON
LOCKNUT

ALIF-215-015-XX
CARRIAGE STOP WLDMT.

ALIF-215-068
SAFETY LATCH PIN
(ONLY ON OFFSIDE LEG)

98410A133 2X
1" EXT. RETAINER RING

91259A580
5/16 X 5/8 SHOULDER SCREW

91090A111 2X
5/16 X 1 1/4 FENDER WASHER

8901T11
3/4 DELRIN SHEAVE

91145A180
5/16 X 1/4 NYLON SPACER

ALIF-218-020L-XX - OFFSIDE LEG

98330A190
5/16 DIA. X 3.5
ADJ. CLEVIS PIN

98338A140 3X
3/32 X 1 COTTER PIN

90126A038 2X
1" SAE FLAT WASHER

98330A250
3/8 DIA. X 3.0 ADJ. CLEVIS PIN

ALIF-209-162 (2X)
RUBBER EDGING

91309A537
1/4-20UNC X 1/2 HHCS

91102A029
1/4 LOCK WASHER

ALIF-215-019-XX
OFFSIDE COVER

ALIF-215-017-XX
SAFETY LATCH

5933
1/2 DIA. X 2.13 EXT. SPRING

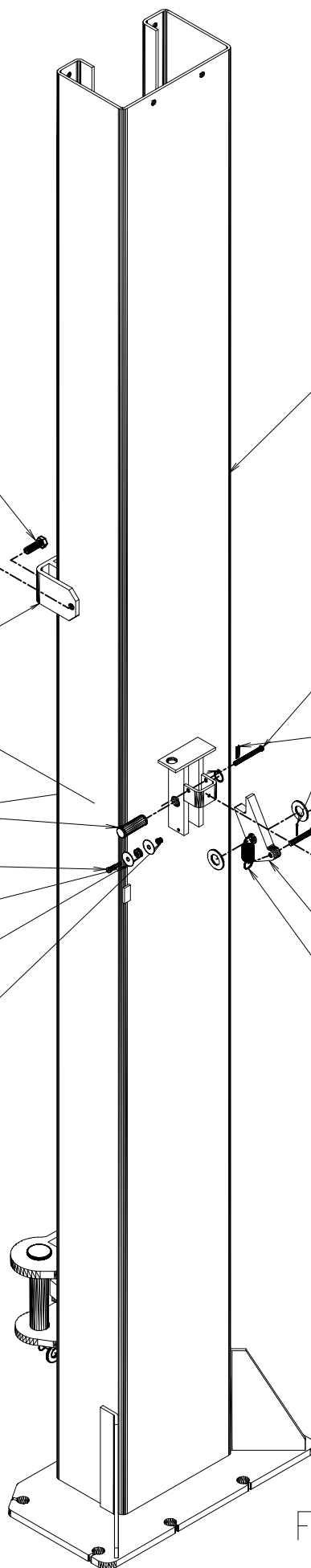


FIG. #5B

ALIF-218-087 - OFFSIDE LEG ASSY.

*** IMPORTANT: SCREWS TO
GO FROM THE INSIDE TO OUTSIDE
92865A716 (2X)
1/2-13UNC X 1 1/2 HHCS

*** IMPORTANT: LOCKNUT MUST
GO TO THE OUTSIDE
90640A133 (2X)
1/2-13UNC HEX NYLON
LOCKNUT

ALIF-215-015-XX
CARRIAGE STOP WLDMT.

ALIF-215-068
SAFETY LATCH PIN
(ONLY ON OFFSIDE LEG)

98410A133 2X
1" EXT. RETAINER RING

91259A580
5/16 X 5/8 SHOULDER SCREW

91090A111 2X
5/16 X 1 1/4 FENDER WASHER

8901T11
3/4 DELRIN SHEAVE

91145A180
5/16 X 1/4 NYLON SPACER

ALIF-218-020L-XX - OFFSIDE LEG

98330A190
5/16 DIA. X 3.5
ADJ. CLEVIS PIN

98338A140 3X
3/32 X 1 COTTER PIN

90126A038 2X
1" SAE FLAT WASHER

98330A250
3/8 DIA. X 3.0 ADJ. CLEVIS PIN

ALIF-209-162 (2X)
RUBBER EDGING

91309A537
1/4-20UNC X 1/2 HHCS

91102A029
1/4 LOCK WASHER

ALIF-215-019-XX
OFFSIDE COVER

ALIF-215-017-XX
SAFETY LATCH

5933
1/2 DIA. X 2.13 EXT. SPRING

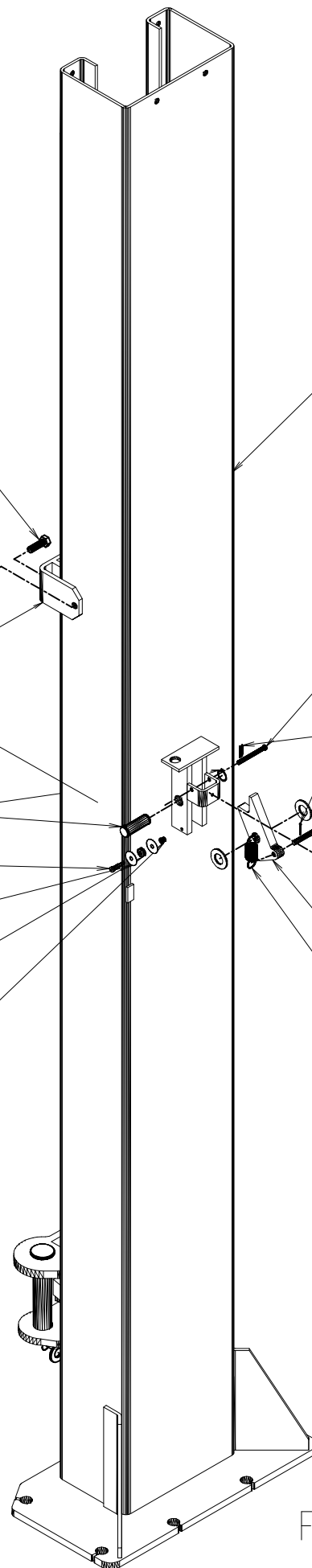


FIG. #5B

ALIF-218-086 - MAINSIDE LEG ASSY.
ALIF-218-087 - OFFSIDE LEG ASSY.

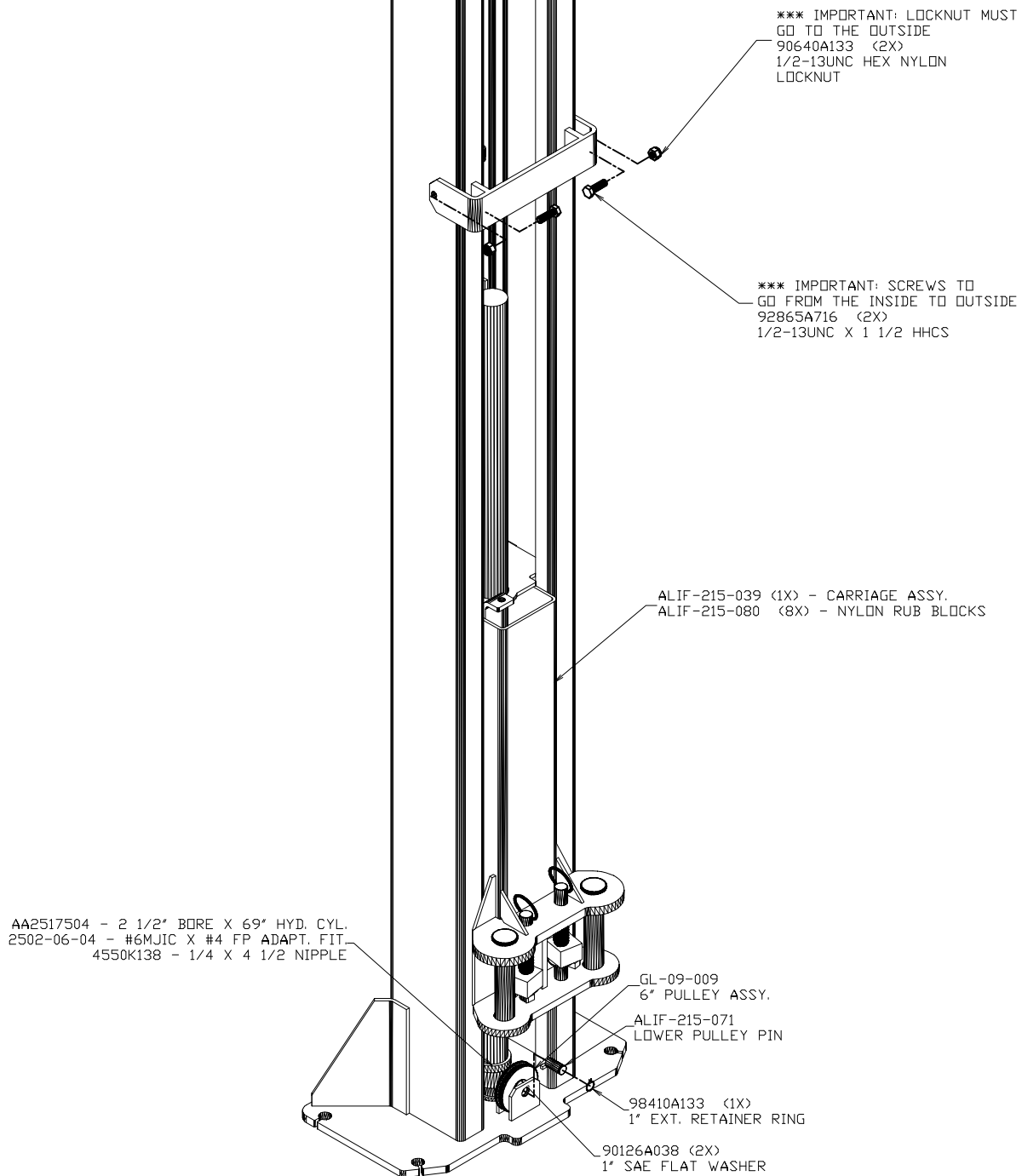


FIG. #5C

SINGLE POINT RELEASE ASSY. ALIF-218-086 - MAINSIDE LEG ASSY.

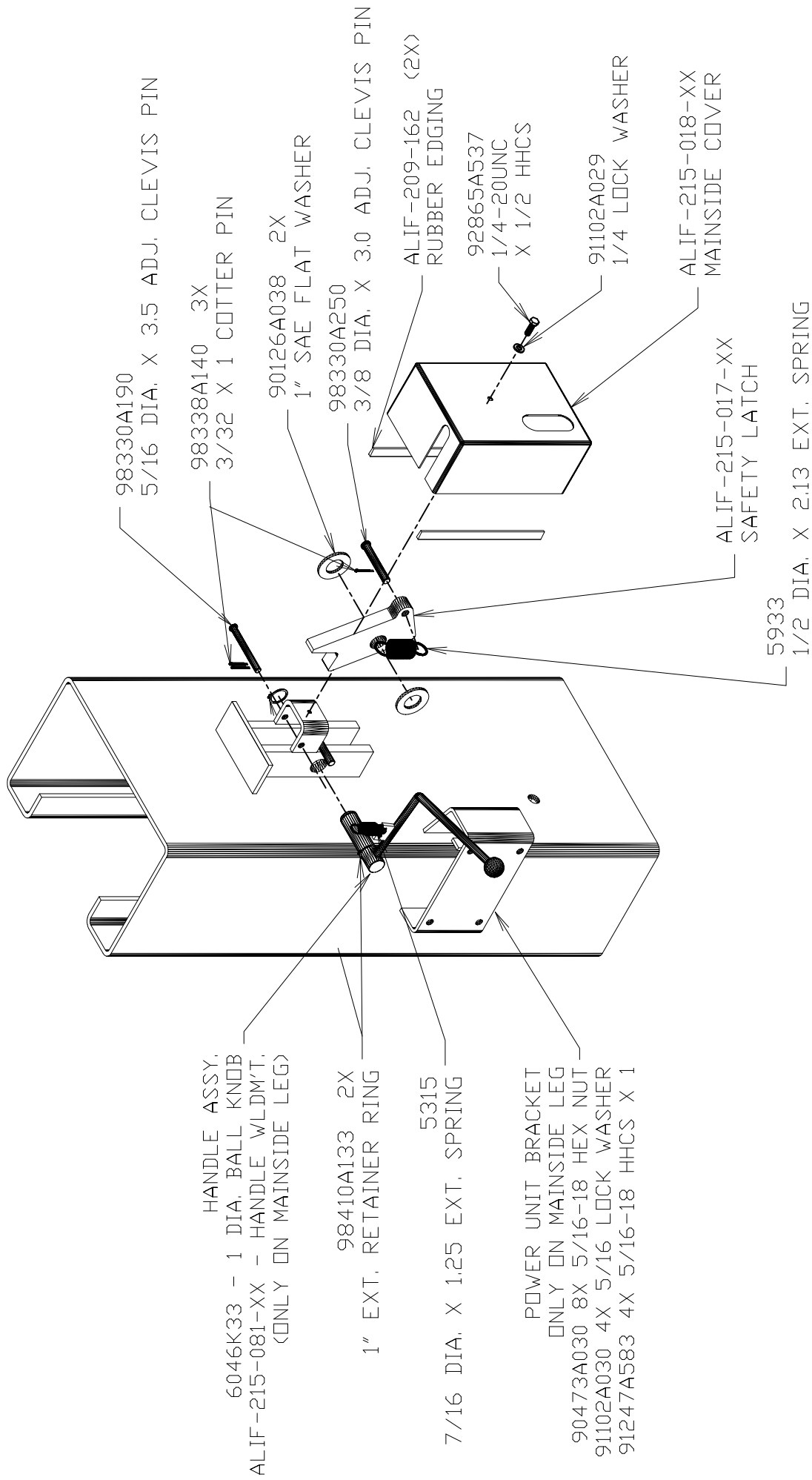


FIG. #5D

SINGLE POINT RELEASE ASSY. ALIF-218-087 - OFFSIDE LEG ASSY.

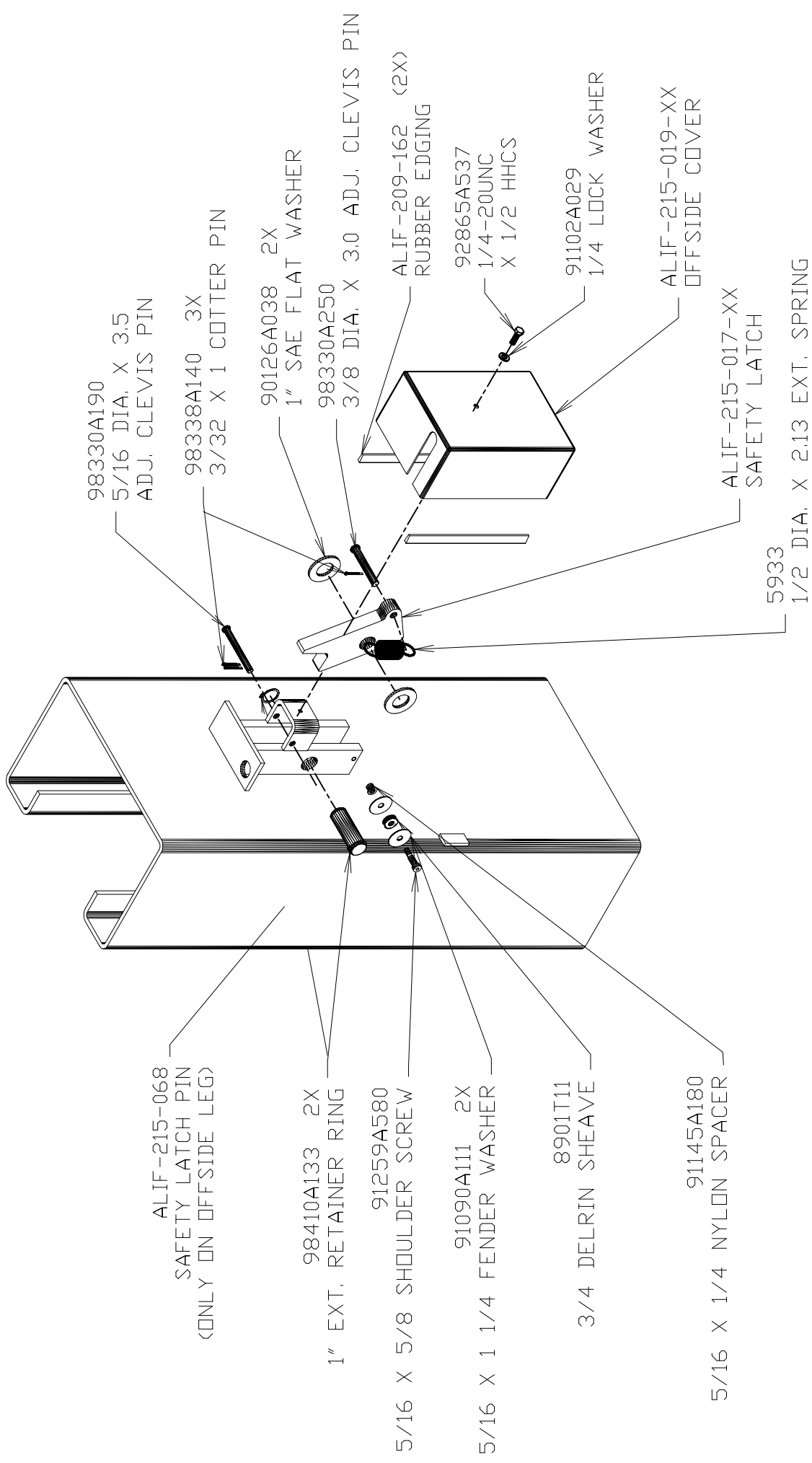


FIG. #5E

WHIP INDUSTRIES, INC.

Automotive Lift Safety
Guidelines

WHIP Industries
3010 S. Main St.
Fort Worth, Texas 76110
Ph (800) 256-7390
Fax (817) 289-1412

Notice:

This document is designed to help you use your automotive lift safely. This document may not cover all possible scenarios so users are encouraged to take all appropriate precautions to avoid injury or property damage.

For more safety information please see the OSHA Safety and Health Standards 29 CFR1910, ANSI/ALI ALCTV-1998 and ANSI Z244.1. You can also find information on their web site at: www.osha.gov.

Please note that these standards apply only to use of lifts in the United States, Anyone operating these lifts outside the US needs to consult their own government standards organization.

Copyright Whip Industries 2002
Rev B 4/16

About this Document

Whip Industries has provided this document to help you use your automobile lift safely. In this case, safely means without injury to you or damage to the automobile.

If you operate an automotive lift on the job, or manage a shop where one is used this document is for you! We'll cover types of lifts, general lift use and safety tips to keep you, your employees, and your lift equipment in top shape.

Table of Contents

About this Document	2
Table of Contents	3
The Signs of Safety	4
Caution, Safety, and Warning Stickers	4
How to Lift & Lower	5
Pre Lift.....	5
The Load.....	5
Spotting.....	5
Frame-engaging Lifts	5
Lift Points and Extenders	5
Contact Pads.....	6
Asymmetrical Lift Arms.....	6
Spotting	6
Drive-On Lifts	6
Spotting	6
Avoiding Roll Offs.....	6
Free-Wheeling Jacks.....	7
Lifting	7
Stability	7
In Case a Vehicle Falls	8
Lowering.....	8
Your Lift as A Tool	8
Lift Types.....	10
Surface Mounted.....	10
Two Post Lifts	10
Low Rise Lifts	10
Four Post Lifts	11
Scissors Lift.....	11
The Human Factor	12
Personal Safety	12
Heavy Lifting	12
Gear	12
Hazardous Chemicals	12
Accidents.....	12
Your Lift Site.....	12
Spaces and Floors.....	13
The Last Word	13
The Basics.....	13
Operation Safety Requirements	13

The Signs of Safety

Labels convey very important messages in simple, straightforward ways. You should receive a complete set of Safety, Caution and Warning labels with your new lift. Be sure to adhere the appropriate labels to the lift itself and place any placards in easy sight of the lift. Review the information on your labels often. You can contact your manufacturer for more labels if replacements are needed.

Caution, Safety, and Warning Stickers

CAUTION
PRECAUCION

Do not operate lift until it has been completely installed.
No opere el levantamiento hasta que este completamente instalado.

Only those properly trained should operate the lifts.
Solo personas cualificadas deben usar los levantamientos.

Use safety stands when handling heavy items.
Siempre use los soportes de seguridad al instalar partes pesadas.

Always use vehicle lifting points specified by the manufacturer.
Siempre use las sugerencias de los fabricantes de levantamientos.

Height extensions will help ensure good contact.
Use los extendores de altura para un buen contacto cuando sea necesario.

Lift capacity may be reduced by auxillary adapters.
Los adaptadores auxillaries reducirán la capacidad de la carga.

Unauthorized personnel should not be in lift area.
Personal autorizado solamente en el area del levantamiento.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS
INSTRUCCIONES DE SEGURIDAD

Read all safety, caution, and warning instructions before operating lifts.
Lea las instrucciones de seguridad y de precaucion antes de operar los levantamientos.

**If lift is damaged or malfunctioning:
Do Not Operate!**
No operar el levantamiento en malas condiciones

Use applicable care and inspection for safe operation.
Use el mantenimiento adecuado para una operacion segura.

Read instructions before operating lifts.
Lea las instrucciones antes de operar los levantamientos.

WARNING
PRECAUCION

Remove all obstacles around the lift before driving on and off lifting area.
Remueva todo obstaculo del area del levantamiento antes de subir el vehiculo.

Stay clear of area if vehicle is in danger of falling.
Abandone el area si vehiculo esta en peligro de caerse.

Do not move the vehicle while on the lift.
No permita que el vehiculo se mueva cuando esta en el levantamiento.

Self-closing lift controls should never be overridden.
Nunca force los controles ya programados del levantamiento.

Keep hands and feet clear as lift approaches the floor.
Cuidado con sus pies al bajar el levantamiento.

Keep clear of pinch points when lift is in motion.
Mantengase fuera de los puntos de movimiento.

The vehicle's center of gravity should always be midway between the center points.
Asegure que el vehiculo este en el centro de los adaptadores.

Keep away from the lift while raising and lowering it.
No este debajo del vehiculo al ser levantado o bajado.

Chock wheel to eliminate vehicle movement.
Asegura la llanta para eliminar movimiento del vehiculo.

How to Lift & Lower

Pre Lift

Make sure that you and your employees are fully trained on the operation of your lift. The lift is a complex tool that should be respected for its potential danger. Don't "rig" your lift if it is not working properly. If something is wrong just don't use it until a repair is made. Remember that your lift was built to lift vehicles only and not used for any other purpose. A lift is not a toy to be ridden or hung on for fun. Using it for anything other than a vehicle can cause wear that was not anticipated by the manufacturer and can lead to costly repairs later.

Keep all non- employees out of the lift area. There is no reason to have unauthorized and untrained people in the lift area especially when it is in operation. Consider this area a danger zone and treat it accordingly.

Check the area for obstacles or debris before driving a vehicle onto the lift. Hoses, tools, oil and trash should be removed before lift use.

The Load

Do not overload your lift. The rated load capacity for your lift should appear on the lift itself. Contact your manufacturer for a replacement if required. Make sure the lift is all the way down before trying to load and all lift parts are clear of the vehicle's tires. Running over a lift arm may damage the car as well as the lift.	<div>Capacity in Lbs. 6,000</div>
--	---

Spotting

The most important thing about spotting the vehicle is finding its center of gravity. This is the point between the front and rear where the weight of the vehicle is evenly distributed. Many factors can affect the exact location on a given vehicle. These include the wheelbase, drive train location, cargo and general weight distribution.

Here is a good rule of thumb:

Passenger Car Type	Location of center of gravity
FWD or Front Wheel Drive	Just in front of the driver's seat
RWD or Rear Wheel Drive	Just below the driver's seat

Frame-engaging Lifts

A frame-engaging lift uses the vehicle's frame to lift it. This type of lift has many components that need to be inspected and cared for to ensure that the lift will work properly.

Lift Points and Extenders

Always consult the manufacturer's information on lift points for the vehicle. Make sure the contact pads are in the correct position per this information as well. Also make sure these points on the vehicle are in good condition without rust, dirt or other damage. Do not lift a vehicle if this damage exists. You may also need lift adapters at each point to protect the

undercoating. Damage of the undercoat at these points can lead to rust damage later and may void the owner's rustproofing warranty.

Extenders may be required for vehicles like vans and pickup trucks. If you need them use extenders from the manufacturer and do not substitute blocks, wood or other homemade shortcuts.

Contact Pads

The frame-engaging type lift uses contact pads that swivel or drop in place at the end of each lift arm. The pads may be adjusted by screwing in or out to the proper height. It is important to make sure they are placed evenly to avoid making the vehicle unstable. Keep your pads clean and in working condition with proper maintenance. If you see cracking or any damage on the pads do not attempt to operate the lift and have the lift serviced before any other use.

Asymmetrical Lift Arms

A lift with different arm lengths in the front and back is an asymmetrical lift. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using these lifts.

Spotting

When using any frame- engaging lift the spot points will vary depending on the type of vehicle. The manufacturer of your lift will provide you vehicle spotting specifications so always check this information before you lift. Once lifted, do not move the vehicle forward or back for any reason as this will cause you to loose the center of gravity and the vehicle can fall.

A few standard tips are:

- Using a two post drive through surface mounted lift always put the center of gravity between the two posts
- Using a two post drive through surface mounted lift always center your vehicle from side to side.

Drive-On Lifts

A drive-on or runway lift will lift the vehicle by its tires instead of its frame. Make sure the tires are the same distance from the ramp edges on each side to make sure the vehicle is stable. Check your manufacturer's specifications when lifting a truck with dual wheels. You may be able to engage the inside tires and keep the truck perfectly stable but always check the specs before you lift.

Spotting

When using any frame- engaging lift the spot points will vary depending on the application.

A few standard tips are:

- Using a two post drive through surface mounted lift, always put the center of gravity between the two posts
- Using a four post lift put the center of gravity at the runway midpoint.
- Using a wheel alignment runway put the front wheels on the swivel plates and the rear wheel on the slip plate, if any.

Avoiding Roll Offs

Make sure to chock the vehicle on the drive-on lift in same fashion. Most drive-on or runway lifts come with some type of roll off protection. Often the ramps lock into place to be used as chocks. If not, use manual chocks sent by the manufacturer instead of bricks or wood blocks.

Free-Wheeling Jacks

There are air or hydraulic jacks that may be used to lift the vehicle off the runways of a drive-on lift. Be sure the jack is lowered all the way before driving onto the ramps. As with any lift, check the center of gravity so you know the vehicle is stable. Make sure any contact areas between the jack and lift are clean and damage free. Consult the vehicle's manufacturer's info for the appropriate lifting points for that vehicle.

Lifting

1. When you are sure the vehicle is stable and spotted correctly you may now operate the lift.
2. Stop and check the contact points when the lift and the vehicle initially meet. Look at the each point to make sure the supports are contacting the correct lifting points.
3. Lift about a foot and check the vehicle for stability. This can be done easily by pushing one of the bumpers. Look at the contact points again and make sure nothing has slipped before completing the lift. Avoid uneven surfaces as contact points since they tend to slip easily.
4. If any contact has slipped or appears unstable lower the lift, reposition the supports, and start again
5. If the vehicle is secure, lift it up to the height you need to do the work.
6. Look at the contact points one more time to be sure all is well before you start. Be sure the lift is locked and lower the vehicle immediately if the lock doesn't work. If the lift does not have locks put 4 jack stands under the frame.

Always use 4 jack stands to support the vehicle when using the movable type wheel engaging lifts. Make sure these stands can support 2 times the weight capacity of the lift. Vehicles with air bag suspensions should not be supported on stands alone. Use lifts and four jack stands any time you must lift one of these vehicles.

Don't remove or override the safety features of the lift. These were placed there for your protection so make sure they are in working order.

Stability

Once the vehicle is lifted make sure it is stable enough for you to do the work safely. Many things can cause a dangerous shift to occur.

Possible Cause	To Avoid
Using a cheater bars to loosen fasteners	Use an impact wrench instead
Energy released by springs or loaded bolts	Use caution and pay attention to the vehicle's center of gravity
An unequal load like a truck with cargo	Use four jack stands to support and do not lift if the cargo is unstable and likely to shift
Removing large components like rear axles and differentials, transmissions, engines, and body, frame or suspension components. Removing any item of great weight can change the center of gravity drastically.	Use four jack stands if you need to remove any of these major components. Also check the vehicle manufacturer's information for the recommended process for component removal. Do not use engine or transmission supports instead of jack stands.

Any time you are using jack stands be sure the supports are secure and do not try to lower the vehicle onto the stands.

In Case a Vehicle Falls

Once it is lifted, pay attention to the vehicle at all times. If it begins to fall get out of the way as quickly as possible. Remember to warn others in the area and do not try to catch the vehicle. When escaping a falling vehicle get as far away as possible but make sure you are not in a position to be pinned against a wall or rack. No one enjoys damaging property but injury to yourself or your employees would be far worse.

Lowering

Make sure the area beneath the vehicle is clear before lowering it. Check carefully for jacks, tools, or anything else you have used while working on the vehicle. If using a scissors lift stray tools can get caught damaging the lift and causing a possible projectile danger.

Make sure no one is in the area when you lower the vehicle. It is best to have the area clear of people when operating the lift. While the lift is in motion the lift operator must control it. Be sure the lift is not blocked open by any debris. Also, don't override the self-closing features of the lift controls. For wheel-engaging lifts, make sure to lower each lift at the same pace.

Before pulling the vehicle off the lift, make sure it is all the way down and all the arms and pads are out of the way. Running over lift parts will damage the lift and possibly the vehicle. Remove any frame contact extenders before you move the vehicle as well.

Your Lift as A Tool

Your lift is a tool you designed to help you do your work easier. Treat it like any tool you rely upon and take care of it. Learn the limitations of your lift as you might any tool. Your lift must function properly to be useful to you. If your lift has been damaged or may be malfunctioning, have it serviced before you use it again. Use qualified service people and parts to make any needed repairs.

There are several parts of your lift that may require maintenance. Here is a quick key to some of them:

Component	Maintenance Requires
<p>Telescoping lift arms</p> <p>Used mostly on two post surface-mounted lifts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lubricate the swivel points ▪ Check all adapters and extenders before using the lift ▪ Check over-travel stops for wear ▪ Look for breaks or stress cracks in welds and castings ▪ Inspect arms for permanent bending- Do not rebend or reweld ▪ Replace worn or defective parts with original equipment
<p>Chains & Cables</p> <p>Used mainly on frame contact lifts, they adjust for different vehicles. To maintain the arms:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lubricate chains and cables ▪ Check for wear and stretch ▪ Look at end connections for wear, hole elongation, deformation, corrosion or fatigue ▪ Check slack sensors ▪ Check pulley and sprockets for damage or wear. Keep lubricated so they roll freely ▪ Inspect cables sheaths and coatings for wear ▪ Watch for rust ▪ Keep salt, sand, water, dirt etc. away from all lift parts ▪ Replace any damaged parts using qualified service people <p>Replace chain if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ They are rusted, bent, deformed or broken ▪ The end connectors have damage or wear ▪ They are contaminated with foreign materials ▪ There is an increase in slack ▪ You see excessive wear on links, pins, guides or side of sprockets <p>Replace cables if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any wires are crushed, bent, cut or broken ▪ There is an increase of slack ▪ End connectors are damaged or worn ▪ The cables comes apart or un-stranded ▪ They are contaminated with foreign materials ▪ The cable is kinked, deformed, corroded or excessively worn ▪ The cable diameter is reduced
<p>Load bearing components</p>	<p>Check and lubricate load bearings, rollers and side blocks per the manufacturer's instructions. Look there also for info on care of your floor bolts as well.</p>
<p>Surface mounted systems</p> <p>These systems can be electrically powered hydraulic cylinders.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Have a qualified service man replace any parts. ▪ Check hydraulic oil levels. ▪ Don't exceed the lifts load capacity. If this information should appear on the lift's nameplate. Replace the nameplate if it is missing. ▪ Don't block or override the self-closing feature of the lift controls.

Lift Types

Surface Mounted

One of the most commonly seen lifts is the surface mounted lift. Surface-mounted lifts are bolted to the floor and powered by an electric motor. The motor runs either a screw drive or a hydraulic pump and cylinders. The drive and synchronization systems can be located across the floor or overhead.

Two Post Lifts

Pictured below is a typical two-post drive through frame engaging lift with asymmetric arms. A hydraulic pump with lines internal to the lift powers this particular model. The power unit may also be positioned on either side of the lift.



The lift arms ride up each column and may be synchronized:

- Hydraulically
- Electronically using synchronized motors
- Mechanically with steel roller chains or cables

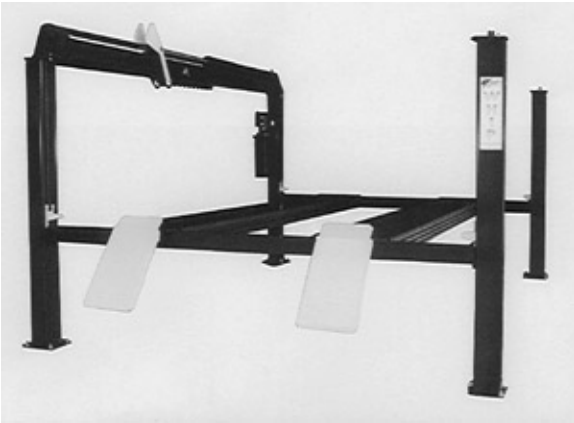
Lifting power comes from the hydraulic pump and cylinders often using cable systems or leaf chains. Rotating screw pillars lift the arms of the screw type lift.

Low Rise Lifts

The Low Rise or Short Rise lift is another common surface mounted lift. Compressed air or an electric hydraulic power unit powers this drive on lift. Commonly used for brake, tire and body work, these lifts usually engage the vehicle frame.



Four Post Lifts



The four post surface mounted lift is most often used for oil changes, muffler and transmission work and wheel alignment. The vehicle is driven up the ramps and lifted so work can be done beneath it.

Scissors Lift

This lift may be either a drive-on or frame engaging lift. Unlike a parallelogram-style lift, this one raises and lowers the vehicle straight up and down without a shift either forward or backward.



The Human Factor

Personal Safety

Heavy Lifting

Make sure you know how to lift heavy object so you do not injure your back. If an object is too heavy for one person to lift stop and get more people to help. The more people the better the weight is distributed between them. Lift using your leg muscles instead of those in your arms or back. Carry the object in the area between your shoulders and waist and keep the weight as close to you as possible. Do not snap or jerk the weight but lift it smoothly. If the weight is on the floor lift from a bent knee position and do not be afraid to set the object on a table or bench mid way up. Before you pick up the object make sure you have a clear path to your destination and the floor is not slippery or slick. For long objects carrying on your shoulder is fine as long as you are aware of your height clearance before you start. The bottom line is don't take chances with your safety.

Gear

Simple gear like safety glasses, shoes, caps, gloves, and earmuffs can help you avoid many accidents in your shop. Safety glasses can keep your eyes clear of anything that may come from the vehicle above you. Non-slip shoes can help you keep you footing while working around various liquids that may be on the floor. The cap will keep you from hitting your head on protruding parts of the car as you work underneath it and gloves protect your hands from heat, sharp objects, and caustic liquids. Earmuffs will protect your ears from noise damage that might be produced by tools like air chisels.

Hazardous Chemicals

Working around autos and other complex mechanical devices can also expose you to some very dangerous substances. Hazardous chemicals must be clearly labeled and information sheets on each must be maintained. The OSHA Hazard Communication Standard explains in depth the training and information required on working with or just around hazardous chemicals. You should know how to handle and identify these chemicals as well as any health risks associated with working their use. Make sure this information is available to all your shop employees.

Accidents

You and your employees are, after all, only human. People make mistakes and get hurt but you can minimize these accidents by paying attention and having safety in mind. Are there hoses strewn about that anyone could trip over? Are people trained in use of protective gear? Is there a plan for how to deal with burns, sprains or abrasions that happen on the job? Are emergency phone numbers posted someplace accessible? A First Aid kit is only useful if everyone knows where it is located and that it is kept well stocked. Thinking through these scenarios before you need them can be a life saver-literally!

Your Lift Site

If you are having a lift installed, use someone you trust and can communicate with freely. Check the installer's references or talk to other shops around you to see whom they use. Just as word of mouth can help you find a good installer it can save you dealing with an inferior one as well.

Spaces and Floors

Before your lift is installed there are several factors you need to think about. Carefully review the specifications for the lift and make sure the lift and its load will be clear of any obstructions. Pay particular attention to the space above the lift. Within a shop this means things like ceilings, lamps, overhead doors, beams, ductwork, pipes or other structures that might get in the way of a vehicle at the top the lift.

Consider also the space beneath your lift. What is the quality of your floor? Pay attention to the manufactures' instructions on the anchor bolts, floor thickness and concrete strength to make sure you comply from the start.

If your shop contains several lifts be sure you have enough workspace around each one for your employees workstation. Also make sure the lift controls are labeled clearly so there can be no confusion about which controls go to which actual lift.

The bottom line here is pay attention to the lift site before and after the install. Plan for the space issues beforehand and check for cracks or leaks afterwards. Keeping a close eye out can help you spot the small things that can be big trouble later.

The Last Word

The Basics

As soon as you say, "That won't happen to me" it usually does. The best way to make sure trouble doesn't find you is to remember the basics.

Take care of your lift as you would any other tool you use. Spotting possible trouble can save you much time and expense. Make sure you maintain, inspect and repair your lift so it will be in tip-top shape. The better you care for your tools the better they care for you.

Know how to use your lift before you begin. Make sure you and your employees have spent enough time training before you start using your lift. You wouldn't want a mechanic working on your automobile if he only had a vague idea of how it worked. The time you take now could save you more time and money later.

Use basic safety around your lift. Remember that the lift may be holding tons of metal right over your shop and your employees. Respect that danger and don't play games near the lift.

Operation Safety Requirements “OSR”

Here is a list of Operation Safety Requirements that you can reference, to ensure a safe lift workplace for yourself or fellow employees:

1. Proper training is required of the operator prior to operating lift. Proper positioning of the support points onto the lifting points of the vehicle is mandatory. Never operate the lift with out proper training.
2. As true on most equipment, electric switches and hydraulic valve controls on vehicle lift are designed in a “dead man mode”. Releasing the controls will cause operations to cease. Never override controls by tying the controls in place or rerouting wire.
3. Vehicle lift should be inspected daily, and maintained in accordance with the manufacture’s recommended procedures. If a malfunction occurs discontinue use of the equipment immediately. Misplaced accessories and spare parts are available from the manufacturer.

4. Prior to positioning vehicle into the lifting area, ensure that lifting arms have been pulled back to their full drive thru dimension. Confirm that the area is clear of any foreign obstacles, lubricants, refuse, tools or mobile equipment. Damage to the automobile or lift will likely occur if the automobile comes into contact with any portion of the lift or foreign object.
5. The manufactures' recommended lifting locations allow for the proper positioning of the center of gravity of the specific vehicle. Never remove or add anything from a vehicle that may cause a drastic relocation of the center of gravity. It is possible that a change in the center of gravity could create a hazardous situation. Check with the vehicle manufacturer for specific information.
6. Lift is never to be overloaded. Rated lift capacity is posted to the lift. When lifting trucks or service vehicles be certain that the total weight of the vehicle and any cargo. Do not exceed the rate capacity.
7. Prior to raising the vehicle, confirm that the vehicle is not occupied. Check the area immediately surrounding the lift for unauthorized personnel and have them vacate the area prior to operation.
8. Exercise caution when placing the lifting arms or support brackets against the vehicle frame. Follow the vehicle manufactures' recommendations for the proper contact locations on the frame. After initial contact with the vehicle, walk around the vehicle and check all points of contact prior to raising the vehicle off the floor. Never place any part of your body underneath the lift until the lift has been raised to the minimum locking height and you have engaged the safety locks. No one should ever work underneath the lift at any time without the lift in the fully locked position.
9. When preparing to remove the vehicle from the lift, check again for unauthorized personnel or items that may have been left under the lift. Follow the manufactures' instructions for releasing any locking devises.
10. Before final drive away, return lifting arms back to their full drive thru dimension. Clear drive path of any obstruction and be aware of any unauthorized personnel that may step into the vehicle path.

Note: "OSR" should always be kept in mind when lift operators are around lift areas or operating lifts.