

SOUTHWORTH

PalletPal 360 Load Leveler Owner's Manual



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1. Introduction

1.1 Responsibilities of Owner and Users

Basic Principles - Owners/users shall apply sound principles of safety, training, inspection, maintenance, and expected operating environment. It shall be the responsibility of the owner/user to advise the manufacturer where deflection may be critical to the application.

Manuals - Owners/users shall keep and maintain a copy of the operating and maintenance manual(s) and ensure its availability to operating and maintenance personnel.

Inspection and Maintenance - It shall be the responsibility of the users to inspect and maintain the machine as required to ensure proper operation. The frequency of inspection and maintenance shall be based upon the manufacturer's recommendations and be compatible with operating conditions and the severity of the operating environment. Machinery that is not in proper operating condition shall be immediately removed from service until repaired. Maintenance and repairs shall be made by a qualified person and the repairs shall be in conformance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Maintenance Safety Precautions - Before adjustments and repairs are started on the machine, the following precautions shall be taken as applicable:

1. Remove the load from the platform.
2. Follow precautions and directions as specified by the manufacturer.

Replacement Parts - When parts or components are replaced, they shall be replaced with parts or components approved by the original manufacturer.

Maintenance Training - The user shall ensure only qualified personnel inspect and maintain the machine in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations.

Operator Training - An owner/user, who directs or authorizes an individual to operate the machine shall ensure that the individual has been:

1. Trained in accordance with the manufacturer's operating manual.
2. Made aware of the responsibilities of operators as outlined in section 1.4 of this manual.
3. Retrained, if necessary, based on the owners/user's observation and evaluation of the operator.

Modifications - Modifications and additions shall not be performed without the manufacturer's prior written approval. Where such authorization is granted, capacity, operation, and maintenance instruction plates, tags, or decals shall be changed accordingly.

1.2 Responsibilities of Operators

Basic Principles - Operators shall apply sound principles of safety and good judgment in the application and operation of the machine with consideration given to its intended use and expected operating environment. Since the operator is in direct control of the machine, conformance with good safety practices is the responsibility of the operator. The operator shall make decisions on the use and operation with due consideration for the fact that his or her own safety as well as the safety of other personnel on or near the machine is dependent on those decisions.

General Training - Only personnel who have received general instructions regarding the inspection, application and operation of machine, including recognition and avoidance of hazards associated with their operation, shall operate the machine. Such topics covered shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following issues and requirements:

1. A pre-start inspection
2. Responsibilities associated with problems or malfunctions affecting the operation of the machine.
3. Factors affecting stability
4. The purpose of placards and decals
5. Workplace inspection
6. Safety rules and regulations
7. Authorization to operate
8. Operator warnings and instructions
9. Actual operation of the machine. Under the direction of a qualified person, the trainee shall operate the machine for a sufficient period of time to demonstrate proficiency in actual operation of the machine.

Pre-start Inspection - Before use each day or at the beginning of each shift, the machine shall be given a visual inspection and functional test including but not limited to the following:

1. Safety devices (if applicable)
2. Loose or missing parts
3. Nameplates, precautionary and instructional markings and/or labeling
4. Guarding system (if applicable)
5. Items specified by the manufacturer

Problem or Malfunctions - Any problems or malfunctions that affect the safety of operations shall be repaired prior to the use of the machine.

Before Operations - The operator shall:

1. Read and understand the manufacturer's operating instruction(s) and user's safety rules or have them explained
2. Understand all labels, warnings, and instructions displayed on the machine or have them explained.

Workplace Inspections - Before the machine is used and during use, the operator shall check the area in which the machine is to be used for possible hazards such as, but not limited to:

1. Bumps, floor obstructions and uneven surfaces
2. Overhead obstructions and electrical hazards
3. Presence of unauthorized persons
4. Other possible unsafe conditions as noted in the operating manual.

Operator Warnings and Instructions - The operator shall ensure the operation of the machine is in compliance with the following:

1. **Distribution of load** - The load and its distribution on the platform shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's rated capacity for that specific configuration.
2. **Maintaining overhead clearance** - The operator shall ensure that adequate clearance is maintained from overhead obstructions and energized electrical conductors and parts.
3. **Point of Operation** - The operator shall not place any part of their body under the platform.
4. **Precaution for moving equipment** - When other moving equipment or vehicles are present, special precautions shall be taken to comply with the safety standards established for the workplace.
5. **Reporting problems or malfunctions** - The operator shall immediately report to a supervisor any problem(s) or malfunction(s) that become evident during operation. The operator shall ensure all problems and malfunctions that affect the safety of operations are repaired prior to continued use.
6. **Capacity limitation** - Rated capacity shall not be exceeded when loads are transferred to the machine.
7. **Work area** - The operator shall ensure the area surrounding the machine is clear of personnel and equipment before lowering the load enclosure.
8. **Securing the machine** - The operator shall comply with the means and procedures provided to protect against use by an unauthorized person(s).
9. **Altering safety devices** - Safety devices shall not be altered or disabled.
10. **Modifications** or alterations of the machine or the fabrication and attaching of frameworks or the mounting of attachments to the machine or the guarding system shall only be accomplished with prior written permission of the manufacturer.
11. **Assistance to the operator** - If an operator encounters any suspected malfunction or any hazard or potentially unsafe condition relating to capacity, intended use or safe operation the operator shall cease operation of the machine and request further instruction from the owner/user.
12. **Problems or malfunctions** - Any problem(s) or malfunction(s) that affect the safety of operations shall be repaired prior to the use of the machine.

2. Safety

All personnel installing, operating, and maintaining this machine shall read and understand this manual. For questions or concerns contact the manufacturer.

This machine shall be installed, operated, and maintained by trained and/or qualified personnel only.

2.1 Safety Alert Symbols

A symbol that indicates a hazard. It is composed of an equilateral triangle surrounding an exclamation mark. The safety alert symbol is only used on hazard alerting signs. It is not used on safety notice and safety instructions signs.



A – For use with **DANGER** signal word; (safety white triangle, safety red exclamation mark, safety red background)

B – For use with **WARNING** signal word; (safety black triangle, safety orange exclamation mark)

C – For use with **CAUTION** signal word; (safety black triangle, safety yellow exclamation mark)

D – For use with **DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION** signal words; (**D** is a safety yellow triangle with a safety black border and safety black exclamation mark;

2.2 Signal Words



DANGER Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



WARNING Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



CAUTION Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

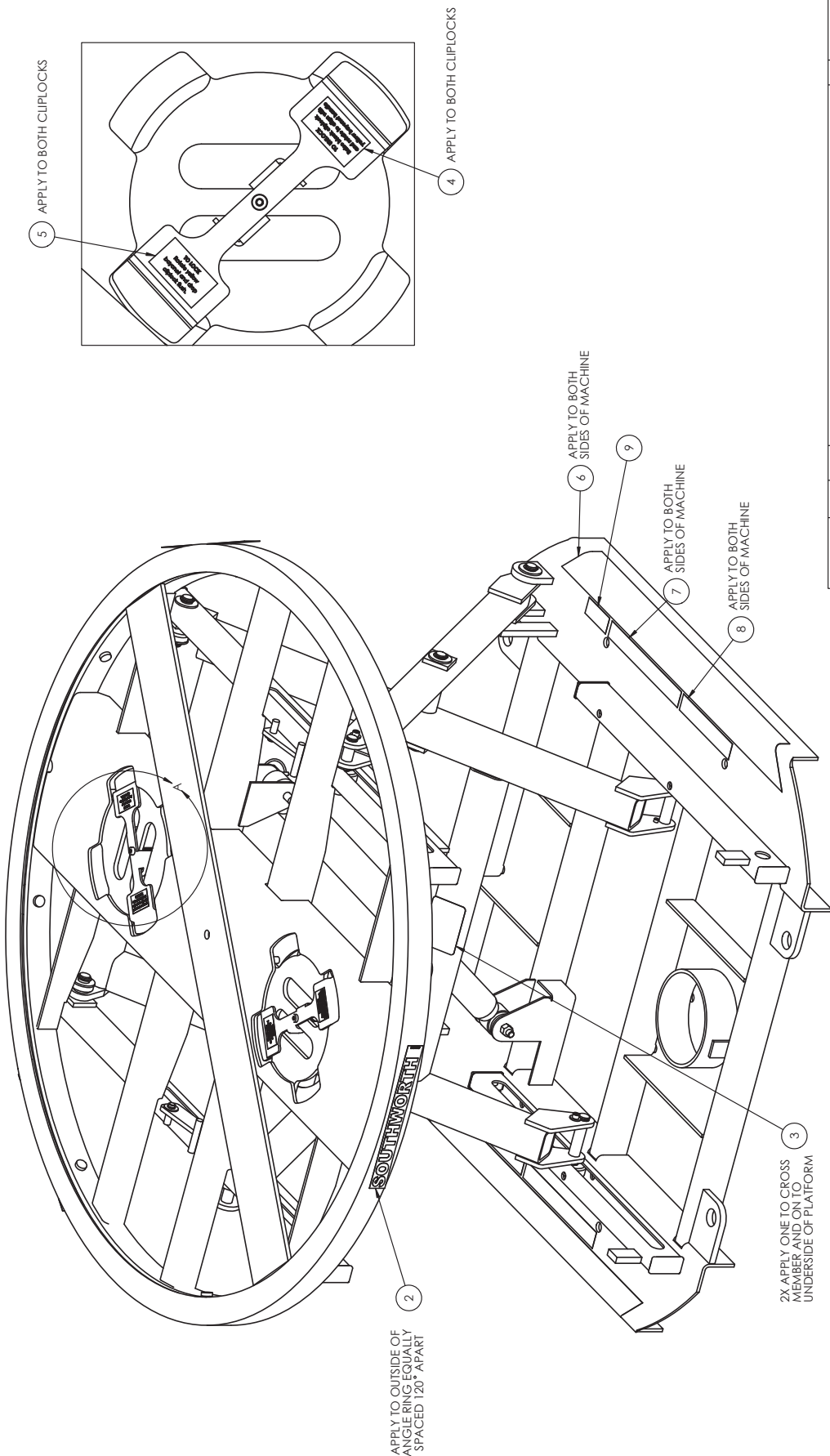


NOTICE Indicates information considered important, but not hazard-related (e.g., messages relating to property damage).

3. Labeling

This machine has labeling to indicate potential hazards this machine may pose when operating and/or maintaining the machine. All labels must be legible. If any label is missing, damaged, or otherwise illegible contact the manufacturer for replacement labels.

3.1 Label Placement Diagram



9	1	EA	LD WARNING CANCER AND REPRODUCTIVE	10095524	
8	2	EA	LD DCL 1.00X6.00 A DANGER TO AVOID BODIL	10089458	
7	2	EA	LD DCL 1.00X8.50 TO AVOID BODILY INJURY,	10089457	
6	6	FT	CAD TAPE 3" BLK/YLW SAFETY	10088222	
5	2	EA	LD DCL 1.75X1.00 TO LOCK	10059853	
4	2	EA	LD DCL 1.75X1.00 TO UNLOCK	10059854	
3	2	EA	LD DCL 2.00X3.00 SOUTHWORTH SERIAL ID BL	10079929	
2	3	EA	BK-LD DCL 1.00X9.00 SOUTHWORTH	5900191	
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ITEM NO.		QTY.	U/M	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.

4. Set Up

Remove all packaging. Inspect the machine for damage. Verify all components were received. If damage is found or components are missing do not continue the setup procedure; contact customer service.

⚠ WARNING To avoid death or serious injury:

Do not enter beneath the platform unless the platform is secured against lowering.

During installation pinch points may exist. Keep hands, feet, and loose clothing away from moving parts.

Do not sit stand or ride on the platform/rotator ring.

Installation of the main (orange) spring requires two people. Do not attempt to set the machine up with only one person.

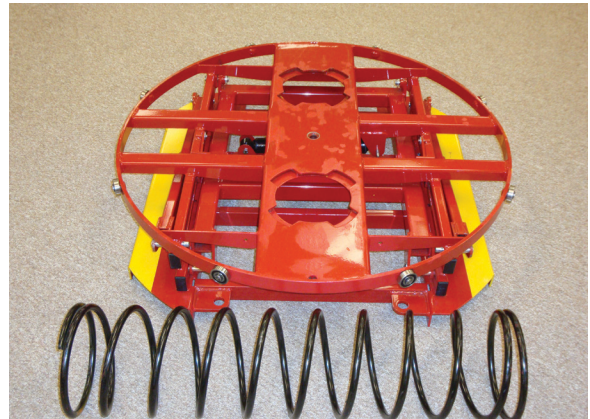
This machine is not designed to be lagged to the floor. Lagging the machine may lead to damage during operation.

The PalletPal 360 is available in five possible spring configurations, or Ranges, with Range 0 having the lowest maximum capacity and Range 4 having the highest maximum capacity.

4.1 Range 1, 2, 3, 4 Setup

This machine will always be supplied with at least one spring. This spring can be identified by an orange mark and larger diameter. This is the main spring of the system (excluding Range 0 machines).

To install the orange spring:



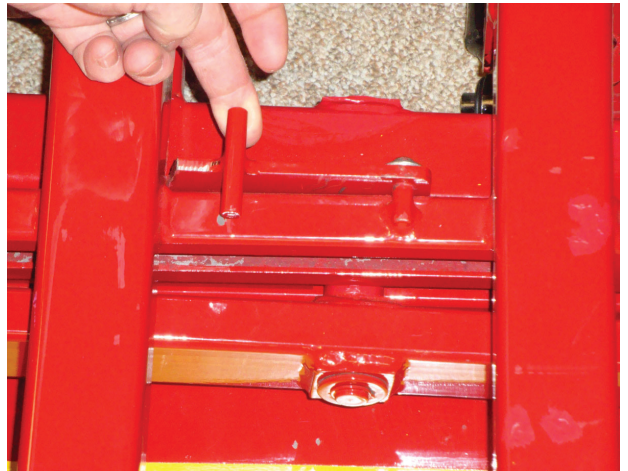
1. Remove the rotator ring by lifting it off of the platform. Set the ring aside in a safe location.
2. Note the position of the motion stabilizer and pin located near the middle of the base from under the platform. Remove the pin securing the motion stabilizer to the platform. Allow the motion stabilizer to rest on the floor.



3. With two people, lift the platform until the roller pins contact the upper latch stops located on the platform on both sides.



4. Lift the latch stops and hold them up. Continue to lift the platform until it reaches its fully raised position.



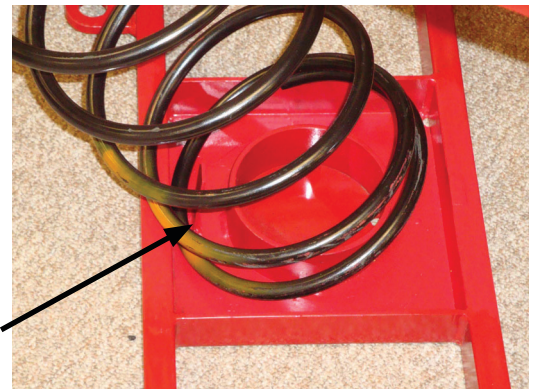
5. While one person holds the platform up the second person places the motion stabilizer pin into the hole in the roller track nearest to the hinge end.



6. Insert either end of the orange spring into the lower spring pocket on the roller end of the base frame. Ensure the alignment tab is inside of the spring.



Alignment
Tab



7. Grasp the spring by the second or third coil down from the top, compress the spring and slide the top of the spring into the upper spring pocket.



Do not grasp the top coil of the spring or your hands/finger may be crushed when sliding the spring into the pocket.



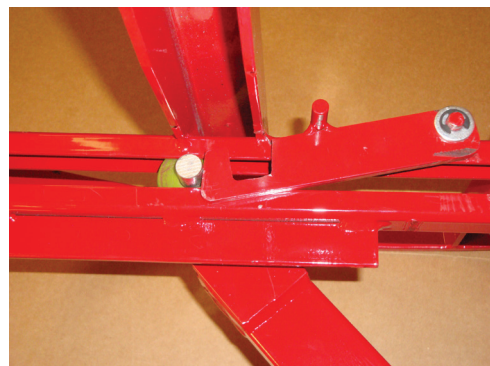
8. Verify the spring is properly seated in the upper spring pocket. The top of the spring should be completely within the pocket.



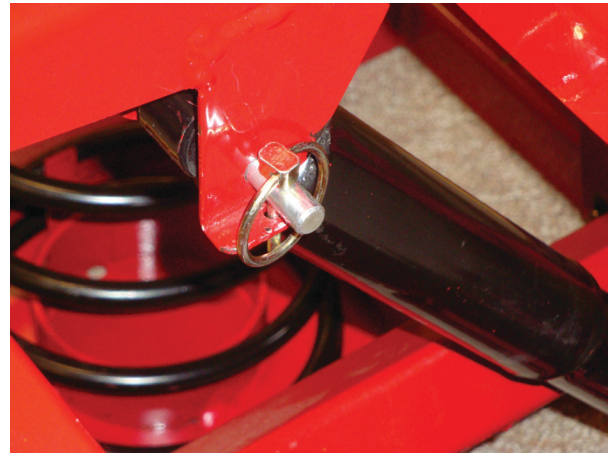
9. Remove the motion stabilizer pin. The spring should hold the platform elevated.



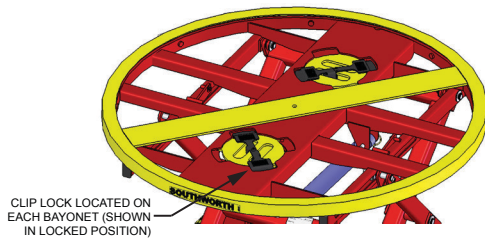
10. Press down on the platform until the two latches fall into place. The latches will fall in behind the roller pins.



11. Reinstall the motion stabilizer and secure with the pin.



12. Additional springs, if needed, can be installed by inserting them into the bayonet openings.
13. Install the yellow bayonet by inserting them into the bayonet openings and turning them clockwise into the locked position. Secure with the black clip locks.



Clip locks not shown in this image

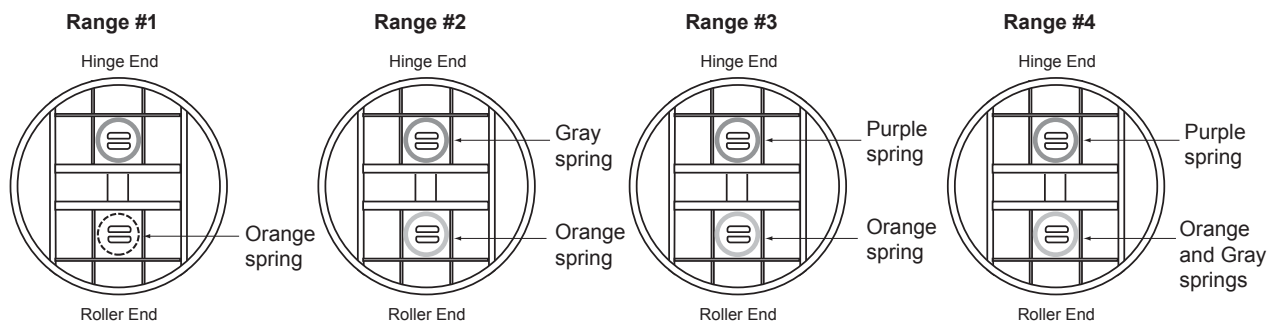
4.2 Range 0 & Machines with Bellows Skirts

Range 0 machines are supplied with a single white spring. This spring is installed at the factory and the machine will be shipped in the raised position. Upon receipt inspect the machine for damage. No further setup is necessary.

Machines equipped with bellows skirts are typically shipped with springs installed and in the raised position. Upon receipt inspect the machine for damage. No further setup is necessary.

4.2.1. Spring Locations

Range 1 machines will have one orange spring located on the roller end of the machine. Springs for ranges 2, 3, and 4 to be located as shown below.



4.4 Spring Selection

Spring configurations are chosen to operate best within a specific load weight/height range. If the load height and/or weight changes, a different spring configuration may be needed. See the **Spring Selection Chart** for springs required for the specific ranges. If necessary, additional springs may be ordered. Contact customer service for more information.

NOTICE

Range 0 machines are not supplied with an orange spring. Instead, one white spring is supplied. This spring is installed at the factory and the machine is shipped in the raised position. No further setup is required.

4.4.1. Spring Selection Chart

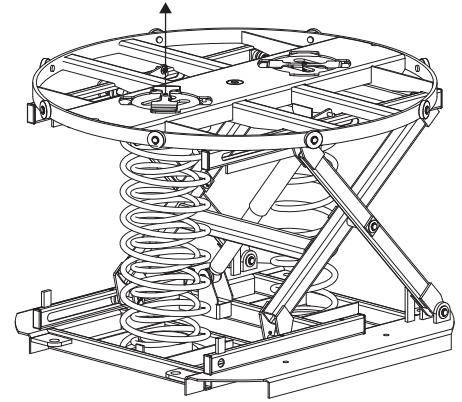
In order to make sure your PalletPal functions properly you must have the proper spring configuration. This simple chart below will allow you to pick the right spring configuration for your application based on the weight of your pallet load and the height of your pallet load.

PalletPal springs are precisely calibrated and will work best within the load weight and height ranges selected. Selection based on higher or lower than actual weight will result in restricted raising or lowering capability. Should pallet weight or height weight requirements dramatically change, PalletPal can be adapted in the field at any time by simply changing the spring combination used.

		Weight of Fully Loaded Pallet											
		0-400 lb. 0-180 kg	400 -800 lb. 80-360 kg	800 -1200 lb. 360-540 kg	1200 -1600 lb. 540-720 kg	1600 -2000 lb. 720-900 kg	2000 -2400 lb. 900-1080 kg	2400 -2800 lb. 1080-1260 kg	2800 -3200 lb. 1260-1440 kg	3200-3600 lb. 1440-1620 kg	3600 -4000 lb. 1620-1800 kg	4000 -4500 lb. 1800-2025 kg	
0	Range 0 White Spring Only	58-60 in. 1473-1524 mm	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3
		56-58 in. 1422-1473 mm	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3
1	Range 1 Orange Spring Only	54-56 in. 1372-1422 mm	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3
		52-54 in. 1321-1372 mm	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3
2	Range 2 Orange & Gray Springs	50-52 in. 1270-1321 mm	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	4
		48-50 in. 1219-1270 mm	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	4
3	Range 3 - Orange & Purple Springs	46-48 in. 1168-1219 mm	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	4
		44-46 in. 1118-1168 mm	0	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	4	4
4	Range 4 Orange, Gray, & Purple Springs	42-44 in. 1067-1118 mm	0	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	4
		40-42 in. 1016-1067 mm	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	4
		38-40 in. 965-1016 mm	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	4	4
		36-38 in. 914-965 mm	0	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	4	4	4
		34-36 in. 864-914 mm	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	4	4	---
		32-34 in. 813-864 mm	1	1	2	3	3	4	4	4	4	---	---
		30-32 in. 762-813 mm	1	1	2	3	3	4	4	4	4	---	---

4.3 Installing & Removing Secondary Springs

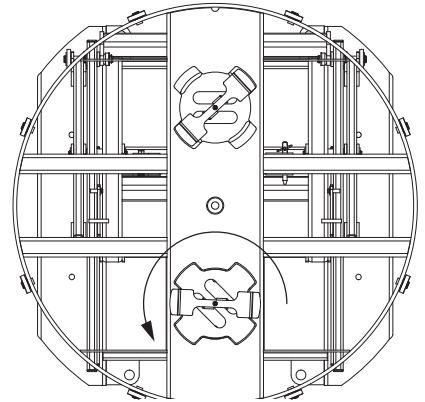
1. Lift up on black clip-lock



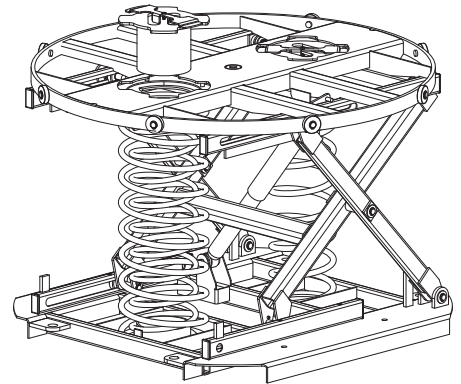
2. Rotate the yellow bayonet and clip-lock assembly counter-clockwise until the tabs of the bayonet line up with the slots on the platform frame.

NOTICE

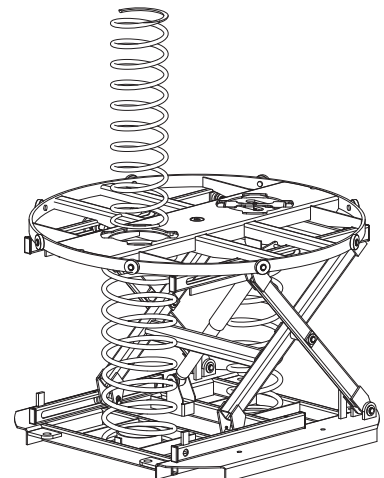
On Range 0 machines there is a small screw located in the platform that will prevent the bayonet from rotating. This bolt will need to be removed before the bayonet can be removed.



3. Lift up on the bayonet and clip-lock assembly until clear of the platform frame. Set assembly aside.

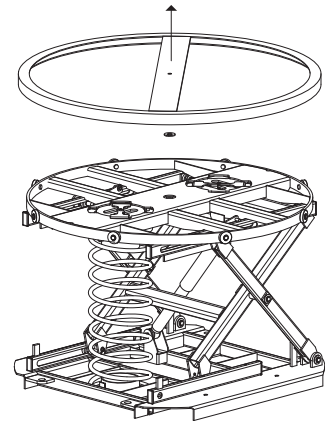


4. The springs can now be removed or added through the bayonet hole as needed.

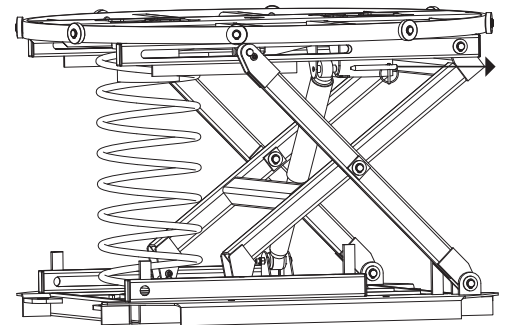


4.5 Removing the Main Spring

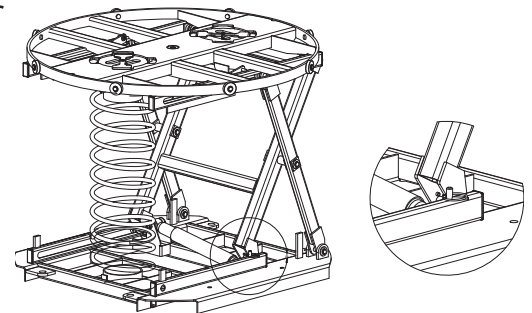
1. With two people, remove the rotator ring by lifting the ring off of the platform. Be careful to not damage/lose the washer at the center pivot.



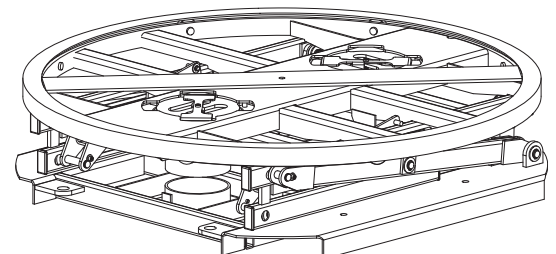
2. Remove the motion stabilizer pin.



3. With two people, push down on the platform to relieve pressure on the latch stops.
4. Lift the latch stops allowing the platform to be raised until it reaches its fully raised position.
5. Place the motion stabilizer pin into the hole in the roller track nearest to the hinge end.



6. Grasp the spring by the second or third coil down from the top, compress the spring and slide the top of the spring out of the upper spring pocket. Remove the spring from the frame.
7. With two people, lift the platform slightly so the motion stabilizer pin can be removed from the roller track. Remove the pin and gently lower the platform down.
8. Re-install the motion stabilizer pin into the bracket to prevent it from being misplaced.



5. Operation

WARNING

To avoid death or serious injury:

- Do not enter under the platform unless the platform is secured against lowering.
- Do not sit, stand, or ride on the platform.
- Keep hands, feet, and loose clothing away from moving parts.
- Do not push/roll a load off the edge of the platform. This may cause the machine to rebound quickly and could lead to injury or damage to the machine.
- The platform should always be loaded and unloaded uniformly in even layers. Uneven loading can cause the load to become unstable and could lead to injury. Uneven loading can cause premature wear or damage to the machine.
- When rotating the load, do not grab the rotator ring or hands/fingers may be caught in the moving parts and you may be injured.

NOTICE

Do not drop load onto the platform or the machine may be damaged.

Do not use this machine with broken pallets. Boards and/or nails in broken pallets may catch on the platform frame and cause damage.

Do not exceed the rated capacity.

The platform should always be loaded and unloaded uniformly in even layers. Uneven loading and unloading may cause the load to become unstable and could lead to injury. Uneven loading can cause premature wear or damage to the machine.

5.1 Loading & Unloading

Manual Loading:

When manually loading, always load the pallet uniformly in even layers. As the pallet is loaded the platform will lower, maintaining the proper working height. Do not reach over the load. Instead rotate the load by pushing or pulling on the pallet.

Manual Unloading:

When manually unloading, always unload the pallet uniformly in even layers. As the pallet is unloaded the platform will raise, maintaining the proper working height. Do not reach over the load. Instead rotate the load by pushing or pulling on the pallet.

Loading with a fork truck or stacker:

When loading with a fork truck or stacker lower the pallet onto the platform slowly until the springs are fully supporting the load or the springs are fully compressed. Only uniform loads should be placed on the platform.

Unloading with a fork truck or stacker:

When unloading with a fork truck or stacker raise the pallet off of the platform slowly until the springs are no longer supporting the load and the pallet is clear of the platform/turntable ring.

NOTICE

Do not drive the fork truck/stacker into the base frame or the machine may be damaged.

Do not slide the pallet onto/off of the platform/rotator ring or the machine may be damaged.

5.2 Transporting the Machine

NOTICE

This machine may be moved while loaded. If moving while loaded, secure the load to the platform before moving. Unsecured loads may fall and cause death or serious injury.

Carefully insert the forks into the fork pockets on the base frame. Carefully raise the machine off of the floor and transport the machine to the desired location. Carefully lower the machine onto the floor and remove the forks from the fork pockets.

6. Maintenance & Repair

WARNING

Do not enter under the platform unless the platform is secured against lowering.

Remove load before performing any maintenance.

NOTICE

All inspections may be performed with the springs installed. Springs must be removed before performing any repair requiring disassembly of the leg assembly.

6.1 Periodic Maintenance

Before each use inspect the machine for damage or wear. If damage or wear is found remove the machine from service and repair before using.

6.1.1. Weekly

- Inspect upper and lower rollers, roller pins and bushings, and roller tracks. Replace as necessary.
- Inspect upper and lower hinge pins and bushings. Replace as necessary.
- Inspect motion stabilizer for signs of leaking and/or damage. Replace as necessary.
- Inspect center pins and bushings. Replace as necessary.
- Inspect rotator ring, rotator ring washer, and bearings. Ensure the rotator rings rotates smoothly without binding. Repair or replace bearings as necessary.
- Inspect base frame, platform, and leg set for wear or damage.

6.1.2. Every Six Months

- Perform weekly maintenance
- Apply PTFE lubricant to all pivot points, rollers, and bearings.

6.2 Ordering Replacement Parts

Southworth has carefully chosen the components in your PalletPal to be the best available for the purpose. Replacement parts should be identical to the original equipment. Southworth will not be responsible for equipment failures resulting from the use of incorrect replacement parts or from unauthorized modifications of the machine.

Southworth offers replacement parts for your Southworth machine. With your order, please include the model number and the serial number of the machine.

To order replacement parts, please call the Parts Department. See Warranty & Contact Information section.

Parts are shipped subject to the following terms:

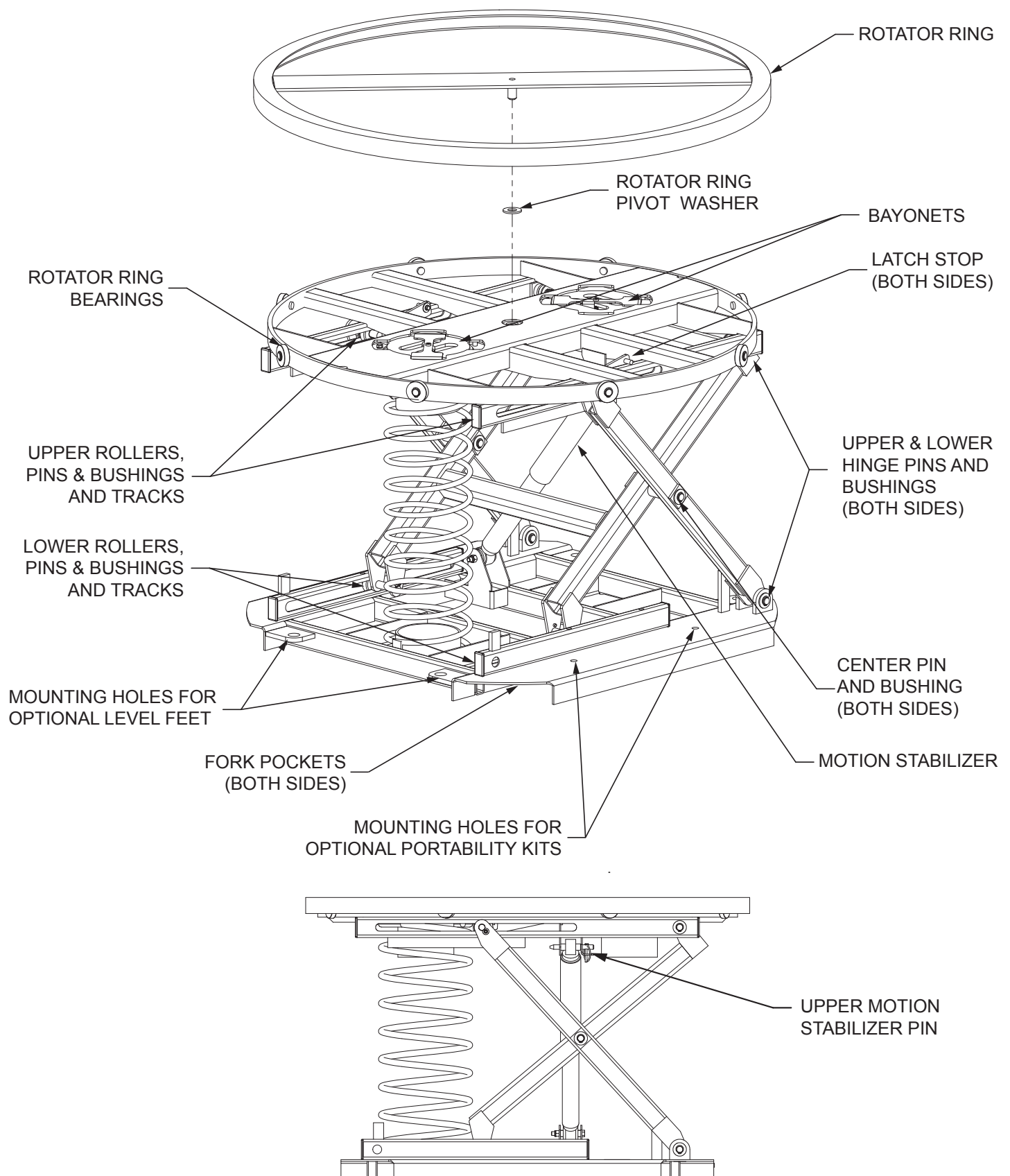
- FOB factory
- Returns only with the approval of our parts department.
- Payment net 30 days (except parts covered by warranty).
- Freight collect (except parts covered by warranty).
- The warranty for repair parts is 30 days from date of shipment.

Parts replaced under warranty are on a “charge-credit” basis. We will invoice you when we ship the replacement part, then credit you when you return the worn or damaged part, and we verify that it is covered by our warranty. Labor is not covered under warranty for Parts orders.

7. Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Check This
The unit lowers too easily (too early).	The spring combination may be too weak for the load.	Check the spring ratings. See Spring Selection Section.
The unit does not lower enough (too late).	The spring combination may be too strong for the load.	Check the spring ratings. See Spring Selection Section.
The top of the unit rotates away from you.	The frame of the unit may not be level.	Move the unit to a level surface or install the optional adjusting feet.
The top of the unit bounces.	The motion stabilizer may be damaged.	Check for leaks or dents. Replace if damaged.
Excessive “rumble” when the ring rotates	Wear or lack of lubrication to bearings under rotating ring.	Remove turntable, lubricate or replace bearings.
Uniform wear or metal flaking from underside of rotating ring.	Normal condition caused by work-hardening of metal.	No repair necessary. This will stop once the rotator ring wears in.

8. Components



9. Warranty & Contact Information

Southworth Products Corp. warrants this product to be free from defects in material or workmanship for the duration of the warranty period. Warranty periods vary and begin on the date of shipment. For specific warranty information, contact Southworth Products with the machine's serial number.

Any claim for breach of this warranty must be received in writing by Southworth within the warranty period. Warranties shall not cover failure or defective operation, caused by misuse, misapplication, negligence or accident, exceeding recommended capacities, or any alteration or repair of the item purchased which has not been authorized by Southworth. Except as set forth herein, Southworth makes no other warranties, express or implied, including THE WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, all of which ARE HEREBY EXCLUDED.

Southworth's obligations under any warranty or for any other damages which may arise under any sale, agreement, or contract, are limited to the replacement or repair of defective components at its factory or another location at Southworth's discretion. This is buyer's sole remedy under any such warranty, sale, agreement, or contract. Southworth will not be liable for consequential, incidental, exemplary, or punitive damages of any kind resulting from a breach of any warranty that it has provided or for breach of any term of any sale, agreement, or contract. Any warranty may be altered only in writing by Southworth.

Southworth meets the labeling requirements of California's Proposition 65. Southworth makes no warranty or representation with respect to the compliance of any product with other State or local safety or product standard codes and any failure to comply with such codes shall not be considered a defect of material or workmanship under this warranty. Southworth shall not be liable for any direct or consequential damages arising out of such non-compliance.

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