

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

TITAN Hydraulic Flange Spreaders NH56 & NH109

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Product Description: Used to loosen or spread pipe flanges.

SPREADERS WITH CYLINDER

| CATALOG NO. | STUD SIZE | SPREAD | | CAPACITY | WEIGHT | MAXIMUM OPERATING PRESSURE |
|-------------|---------------|--------|-------|----------|-------------|----------------------------|
| | | MIN. | MAX. | | | |
| NH56 | .75" - 1.13" | 2.75" | 6.10" | 5 tons | 10-1/2 lbs. | 10,000 PSI |
| NH109 | 1.25" - 1.63" | 4.10" | 8.50" | 10 tons | 24-1/4 lbs. | 10,000 PSI |

POWER OPTIONS

| CATALOG NO. | INCLUDES: |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| UHCH-P16 | Hand Pump, Hose, Gauge |
| UHCH-P19 | Pneumatic Pump, Hose, Gauge |

Before Using

- Carefully inspect all components for shipping damage. If shipping damage is found contact the carrier immediately to report, then contact Gearench.
- These instructions, warnings and cautions should be carefully read and followed. Problems with new equipment are most often caused by improper operation or installation. Gearench cannot be responsible for damage or injury resulting from unsafe product use, lack of maintenance or incorrect product and/or system operation. Contact Gearench when in doubt as to the safety precautions and operations.
- Failure to comply with the following cautions and warnings could cause equipment damage and personal injury.

Safety Explanations

A **CAUTION** is used to indicate correct operating or maintenance procedures and practices to prevent damage to, or destruction of equipment or other property.

A **WARNING** indicates a potential danger that requires correct procedures or practices to avoid personal injury.


A **DANGER** is only used when your action or lack of action may cause serious injury or even death.

Safety Precautions


WARNING: Wear proper personal protective gear when operating hydraulic equipment.

WARNING: Stay clear of loads supported by hydraulics. A cylinder, when used as a load lifting device, should never be used as a load holding device. After the load has been raised or lowered, it must always be blocked mechanically.

WARNING: USE ONLY RIGID PIECES TO HOLD LOADS. Carefully select steel or wood blocks that are capable of supporting the load. Never use a hydraulic cylinder as a shim or spacer in any lifting or pressing application.

 **DANGER:** To avoid personal injury keep hands and feet away from cylinder and workpiece during operation.

WARNING: Do not exceed equipment ratings. Never attempt to lift a load weighing more than the capacity of the cylinder. Overloading causes equipment failure and possible personal injury. The cylinders are designed for a maximum pressure of 10,000 psi (700 bar). Do not connect a jack or cylinder to a pump with a higher pressure rating.

 **Never** set the relief valve to a higher pressure than the maximum rated pressure of the pump. Higher settings may result in equipment damage and/or personal injury.


WARNING: The system operating pressure must not exceed the pressure rating of the lowest rated component in the system. Install pressure gauges in the system to monitor operating pressure. It is your window to what is happening in the system.

CAUTION: Avoid damaging hydraulic hose. Avoid sharp bends and kinks when routing hydraulic hoses. Using a bent or kinked hose will cause severe back-pressure. Sharp bends and kinks will internally damage the hose leading to premature hose failure.

Do not drop heavy objects on hose. A sharp impact may cause internal damage to hose wire strands. Applying pressure to a damaged hose may cause it to rupture.


IMPORTANT: Do not lift hydraulic equipment by the hoses or swivel couplers. Use the carrying handle or other means of safe transport.

CAUTION: Keep hydraulic equipment away from flames and heat. Excessive heat will soften packings and seals, resulting in fluid leaks. Heat also weakens hose materials and packings. For optimum performance do not expose equipment to temperatures of 150°F (65°C) or higher. Protect hoses and cylinders from weld spatter.

 **DANGER: Do not handle pressurized hoses.** Escaping oil under pressure can penetrate the skin, causing serious injury. If oil is injected under the skin, see a doctor immediately.

WARNING: Only use hydraulic cylinders in a coupled system. Never use a cylinder with unconnected couplers. If the cylinder becomes extremely overloaded, components can fail catastrophically causing severe personal injury.

WARNING: BE SURE SETUP IS STABLE BEFORE LIFTING LOAD. Cylinders should be placed on a flat surface that can support the load. Where applicable, use a cylinder base for added stability. Do not weld or otherwise modify the cylinder to attach a base or other support.

 **Avoid** situations where loads are not directly centered on the cylinder plunger. Off-center loads produce considerable strain on cylinders and plungers. In addition, the load may slip or fall, causing potentially dangerous results.

Distribute the load evenly across the entire saddle surface. Always use a saddle to protect the plunger.

IMPORTANT: Hydraulic equipment must only be serviced by a qualified hydraulic technician.

WARNING: Immediately replace worn or damaged parts with genuine GEARENCH parts. Standard grade parts will break causing personal injury and property damage. GEARENCH parts are designed to fit properly and withstand high loads.

Inspection

On a routine basis, prior to use, carefully inspect all components for indications of damage or wear. Also, verify that all components are functioning properly and service as necessary.

Operating Instructions

Refer to chart below for matching flange spreaders to pipe sizes and ASA ratings.

| ASA Rating (psi) | Pipe Size (in) | |
|------------------|----------------|---------|
| | NH56 | NH109 |
| 150 | 5 - 20 | 22 - 42 |
| 300 | 2.50 - 14 | 16 - 28 |
| 400 | 2.50 - 12 | 14 - 24 |
| 600 | 2.50 - 10 | 12 - 20 |
| 900 | .50 - 6 | 8 - 16 |
| 1500 | .50 - 3.50 | 4 - 8 |
| 2500 | .50 - 2.50 | 3 - 4 |

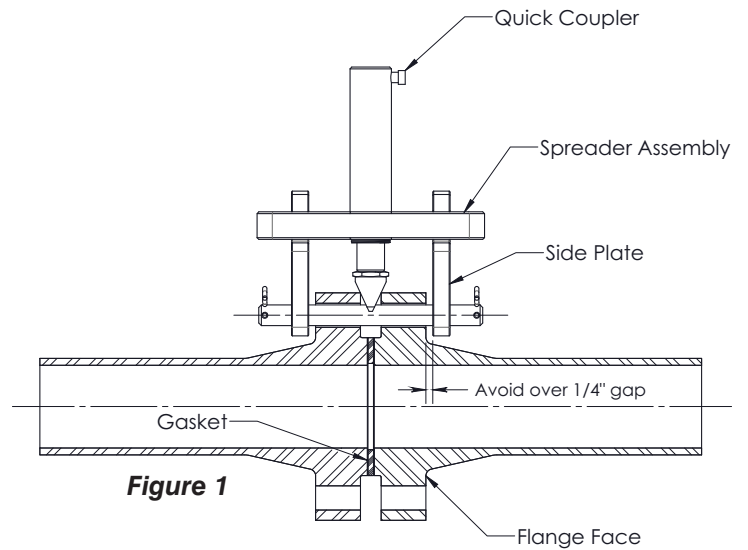


Figure 1

IMPORTANT NOTE: Prepare the flange by loosening all the bolts and removing one bolt for the insertion of the flange pin. Removal of the remaining bolts may be necessary depending on your flange maintenance application. In some cases, leaving one or two loosened bolts in the flange may be helpful for realignment of the flange halves. Qualified personnel should determine the proper method of preparation.

- Slip the assembled spreader onto the flange. Align the holes in the side plates with the flange bolt holes and insert the flange pin through the side plates and bolt holes as shown in Figure 1. Insert the hitch pin clips. Keep the side plates, pin and crossbar centered on the flange.
- Rotate the wedge clockwise allowing the tapered sides to be forced between the flange faces. If the wedge cannot be rotated sufficiently in a clockwise direction for proper alignment, then rotate it counter-clockwise just enough to align it with the flange. See Figure 1.

- Connect the quick coupler on the hose to the quick coupler on the cylinder and hand tighten.
- Apply light pressure with the hand pump and check that all connections fit securely. If so, proceed with the flange spreading operation. If not, make needed adjustments before proceeding.

NOTE: A light coating of grease on the wedge tapers will make it easier for the wedge to be forced between the flange faces.

CAUTION: Do not force the wedge between the flange faces beyond the maximum width of the tapered sides of the wedge or binding may occur.

- If two flange spreaders are to be used to perform the task, they should be positioned 180° apart.
- To remove the wedge, open the release valve of the handpump. If the wedge binds, work the cylinder back and forth to help walk the wedge out of the gap.



WARNING: Keep side plates close to flange face while applying pressure. Exceeding 1/4 inch distance between side plate and flange face could result in personal injury or property damage.

Warranty Information

Complete Gearench product warranty details are available at www.gearench.com/warranty.asp.

Replacement Parts

| NH56 | | | |
|----------|------|-----------|----------------|
| Item No. | Qty. | Part No. | Description |
| 1 | 1 | NH56-1 | Cylinder |
| 2 | 1 | BBM-56-2 | Crossbar |
| 3 | 2 | BBM-56-3 | Side Plate |
| 4 | 1 | BBM-56-4 | Flange Pin |
| 5 | 1 | BBM-56-5 | Adaptor |
| 6 | 1 | DBM-109-6 | Wedge |
| 7 | 2 | DBM-109-8 | Hitch Pin Clip |

| NH109 | | | |
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| Item No. | Qty. | Part No. | Description |
| 1 | 1 | NH109-1 | Cylinder |
| 2 | 1 | DBM-109-2 | Crossbar |
| 3 | 2 | DBM-109-3 | Side Plate |
| 4 | 1 | DBM-109-4 | Flange Pin |
| 5 | 1 | DBM-109-5 | Adaptor |
| 6 | 1 | DBM-109-7 | Wedge |
| 7 | 2 | DBM-109-8 | Hitch Pin Clip |

