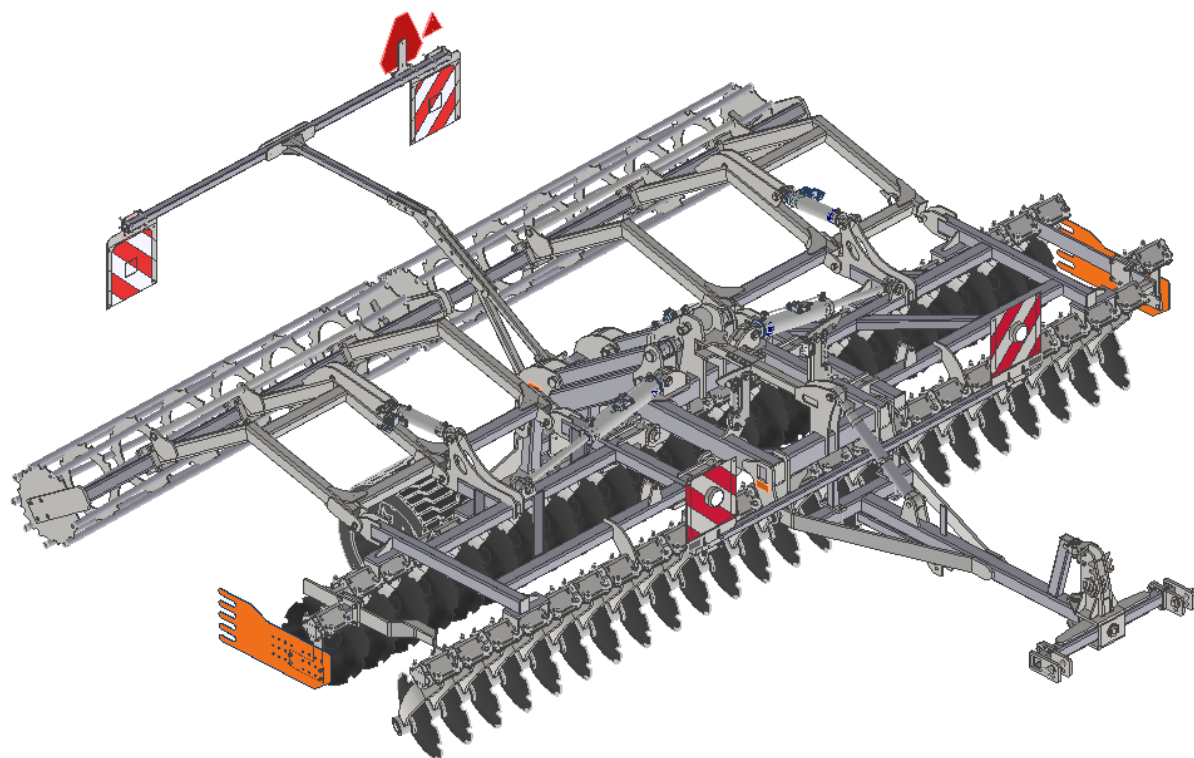




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## INSTRUCTION MANUAL

### GAL-K, GAL-K HD disc harrow



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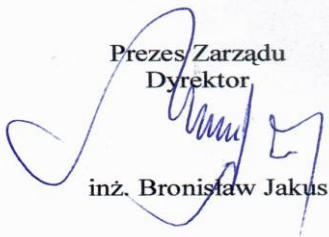
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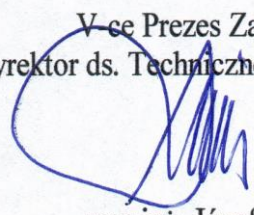
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## 1. Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of the GAL-K disc harrow.

This instruction manual contains the information on hazards that may occur during operation, work with the device, technical data and the most important guidelines and recommendations to be known and applied to ensure a proper operation. Keep this manual for future reference. Should you have any problems with understanding any statement in the instruction manual, please contact the manufacturer.

The following mark indicates the guidelines that are important due to safety reasons:



### Machine identification

Identification data of the GAL-K disc harrow, including basic information on the manufacturer and the machine and CE marking, can be found on the rating plates placed on the load-bearing frame.



**The warranty for the harrow is valid for 12 months from the date of sale.**

The warranty card constitutes an integral part of the machine.

Always provide the serial number when submitting inquiries for spare parts.

For more information on spare parts:

- please visit our website at: <http://mandam.com.pl/parts/>
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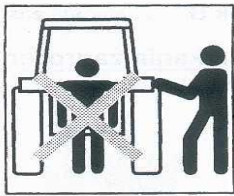

## 1.1. Safety symbols and inscriptions






**CAUTION!** Special care must be taken when using the implement in case of areas marked with special information and warning signs (yellow stickers).

The following symbols and inscriptions can be found on the implement. Secure the signs and inscriptions against loss and make sure they are legible at all times. If lost and illegible, replace the signs and inscriptions with new ones.

Table 1. Information and warning signs

| <i>Safety sign</i>  | <i>Meaning of the safety sign</i>                             | <i>Location on the implement</i>                           |
|---|---|--|
|    | Read the instruction manual prior to operating the implement. | Frame adjacent to the mounting place of the upper fastener |
|   | Danger of toe or foot crush                                   | Frame adjacent to the mounting place of the upper fastener |
|  | Keep clear from lift bars while controlling the lift          | Frame adjacent to the mounting place of the upper fastener |
|  | Keep clear from foldable and moving parts of the implement    | Front part of the mid frame adjacent to side frames        |

| <i>Safety sign</i>   | <i>Meaning of the safety sign</i>                              | <i>Location on the implement</i>  |
|--|--|---|
|   | Do not reach into the crushing zone if the elements might move | Middle frame adjacent to side frames  |
|   | Pressurized fluid - hazard of bodily injury                    | Cylinders   |
|  | Fixing point for transport belts                               | Upper part of the drawbar (upper fastener bolt)<br>Rear part of the frame: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rigid frame (adjacent to the roller depth adjustment)</li> <li>• foldable frame (adjacent to the cylinder bolt on the mid frame)</li> </ul> |

## 2. General information

### 2.1. Construction of the GAL-K disc harrow

The harrows are available in 4,0m; 5,0m; 6,0m; 8,0m; 10,0m; 12,0m working width

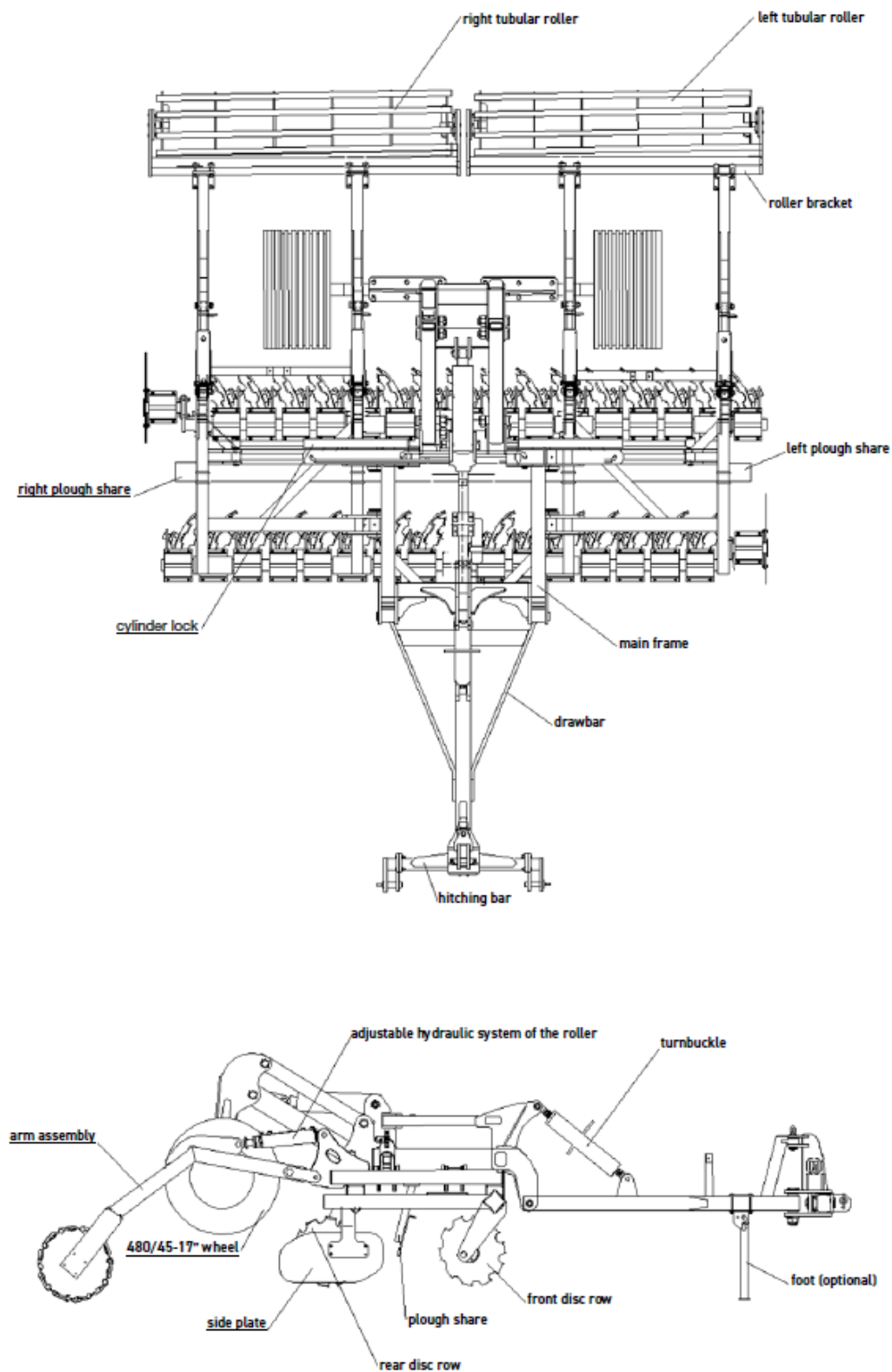


Fig. 1 GÄL-K disc harrow

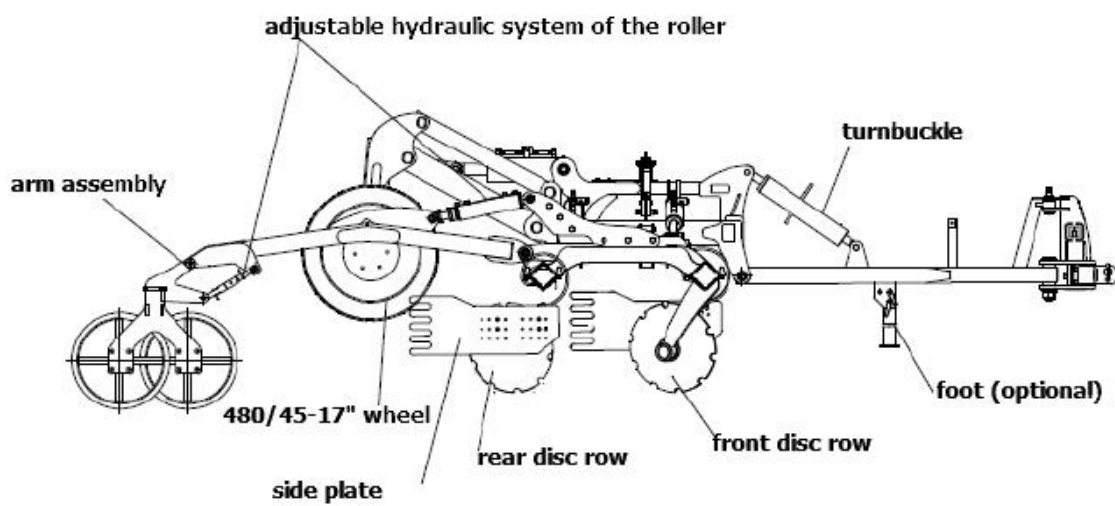
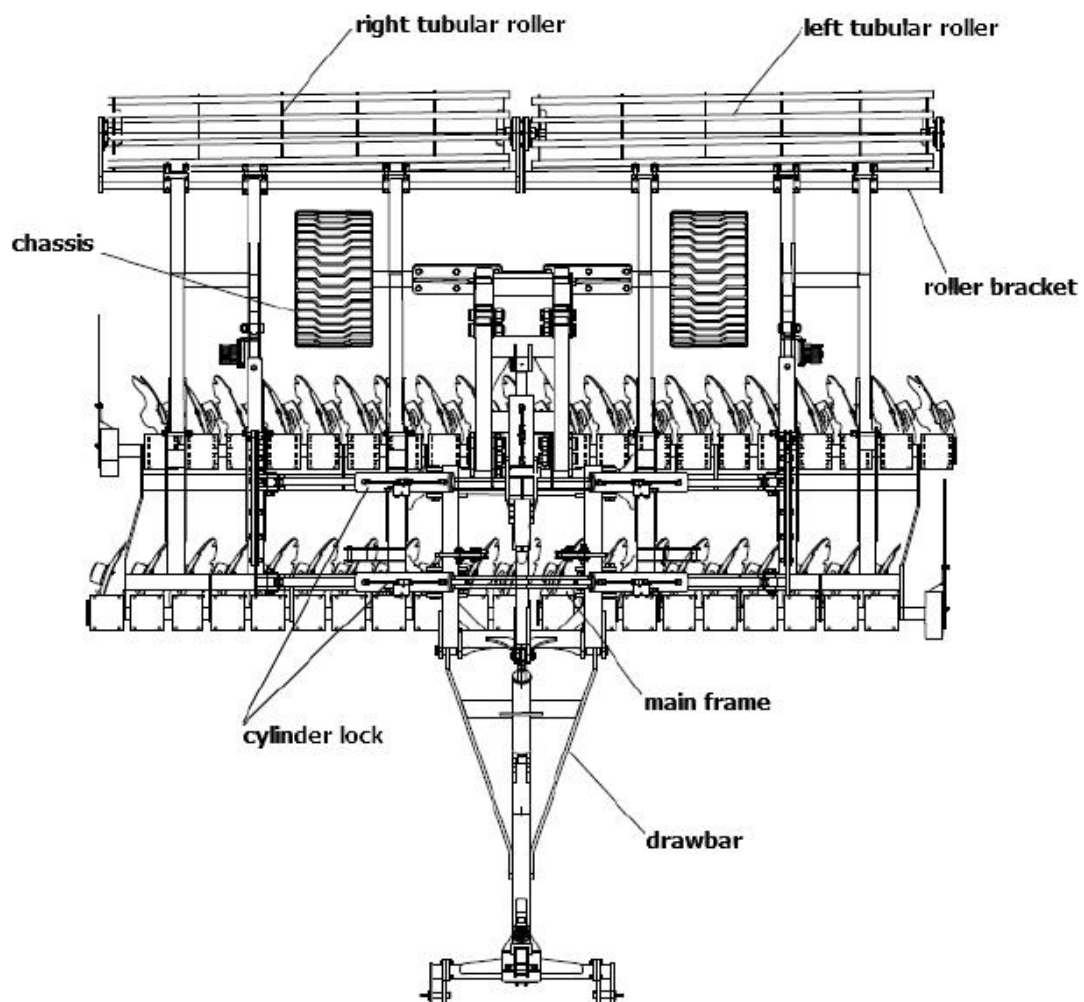


Fig. 2 GAL-K HD disc harrow



Table 2. GAL-K disc harrow type

| Harrow type | Working width [m] | Tined disc diameter [mm] | Number of discs [pcs] | Min. tractor power [hp] | Wheel size | Weight [kg] |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------|
| GAL-K 4.0H  | 4                 | 560                      | 32                    | 150                     | 480/45-17" | 3448        |
| GAL-K 5.0H  | 5                 | 560                      | 40                    | 180                     | 480/45-17" | 3852        |
| GAL-K 6.0H  | 6                 | 560                      | 48                    | 200                     | 480/45-17" | 4314        |
| GAL-K 8.0H  | 8                 | 560                      | 64                    | 220                     | 480/45-17" | 5576        |
| GAL-K 10.0H | 10                | 560                      | 80                    | 680                     | 480/45-17" | 8500        |
| GAL-K 12.0H | 12                | 560                      | 96                    | 420                     | 480/45-17" | 9200        |

Table 3. GAL-K HD disc harrow type

| Harrow type   | Working width [m] | Tined disc diameter [mm] | Number of discs [pcs] | Min. tractor power [hp] | Wheel size | Weight [kg] |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------|
| GAL-K 4.0H HD | 4                 | 560                      | 32                    | 160                     | 480/45-17" | 3699        |
| GAL-K 5.0H HD | 5                 | 560                      | 40                    | 190                     | 480/45-17" | 4195        |
| GAL-K 6.0H HD | 6                 | 560                      | 48                    | 210                     | 480/45-17" | 4574        |

## 2.2. Intended use of the GAL-K and GAL-K HD disc harrow

The disc harrow is designed for post-harvesting (with crushed straw) and pre-sowing cultivation in both plough and ploughless technology. The implement can also be used for mixing aftercrop.

The working elements are tined discs with the diameter of Ø560 mm in two shifted rows mounted on maintenance-free bearings. Equipping each disc with its own bearing allows for an optimum inclination of the disc in relation to the direction of travel and the ground. This allows the stubble to be accurately cut and ensures that the post-harvesting crop residues are evenly mixed and ground. As a result, evaporation of the soil is interrupted, plant residues decompose more quickly and the intensity of phenolic compounds, which have a negative impact on the development of successive crops, is reduced. Disc tines help to penetrate the ground. A roller at the rear of the implement compacts the soil, resulting in faster germination of weeds and self-sown plants. The use of a disc harrow before sowing ensures a precise mixing of fertilizers with the soil, an even surface, and an appropriate soil structure.

The HD version of GAL-K (GAL-K HD) is equipped with a double hydraulic servomotor folding system.

A drawbar-mounted support foot is available as an option for horizontal positioning of the harrow during storage or maintenance operations.

The harrow can also be equipped with a hydropack for coupling with a sower.

GAL-K units are equipped with their own driving system with a braked axle. The pneumatic system is used for this purpose.



**CAUTION!** MANDAM grants a 5-year warranty on maintenance-free hubs subject to the following conditions:

- the principle is observed of the working disc replacement in case of their wear, which may not exceed the diameter of 490 mm for Ø560 mm and 550 mm discs,
- original MANDAM discs are used,
- the permissible working depth, which is 12 cm for Ø560 mm discs and 15 cm for Ø610 mm, is not exceeded,

- the principle is observed of no turning manoeuvre of the harrow when it is in the working position (working discs recessed in the soil).



**CAUTION!** The disc harrow is designed for agricultural use only. Using the implement for tasks that differ from the intended use shall be regarded as misuse, resulting in loss of warranty. Failure to follow the guidelines included in this instruction manual shall also be regarded as misuse.



**CAUTION!** The manufacturer shall not be liable for any damage arising out of misuse.

### 3. General safety information

The disc harrow can be started, operated, and repaired only by persons familiar with its operation and with the operation of the attached tractor as well as knowing the rules of safe operation and maintenance of the implement.

The manufacturer shall not be liable for any unauthorised alternation of the harrow. Only genuine MANDAM spare parts shall be used during the warranty period.

The disc harrow must be operated with all precautionary measures and due care, in particular:

- before every start-up check the disc harrow and the tractor, make sure that their conditions guarantee safety of traffic and operation,
- minors, disabled or intoxicated persons (under the influence of alcohol or drugs) must not operate the machine,
- during operation and maintenance wear working clothes, footwear, and gloves,
- do not exceed the maximum axle loads and transport dimensions,
- use only original cotter pins and pins,
- do not approach the disc harrow while lifting or lowering,
- do not stay between the disc harrow and the tractor when the engine is running,
- drive away with the implement, lift, and lower it slowly and smoothly, without jerking, making sure no outsiders are in the area,
- do not reverse and make U-turns when the implement is lowered to the working position,
- when making U-turns do not use independent tractor brakes,
- during the operation and travel do not stand on the implement and do not put additional loads onto it,
- while making U-turns, pay due caution if anyone is in the vicinity,
- never use the roller on slopes with the inclination exceeding 12° ,
- any repairs, lubrication or cleaning of working components may be performed as long as the engine is not running and the unit is lowered and unfolded,
- there is a hazard of head injury when you perform maintenance or replacement of parts in or under the implement without adequate protection - wear a hardhat,
- during a break in the work, always lower the implement to the ground and stop the tractor engine,
- the harrow with the working width exceeding 3.00 m is equipped with a mechanical lock which blocks the side extensions from uncontrolled opening during standstill and road travel,
- driving and parking the implement on an unstable slope may cause soil slipping, store the implement in a manner preventing injury to people and animals.

### **3.1. Hitching and unhitching to a tractor.**

- Hitch the implement with the tractor according to the recommendations, use pins and protect the pins with cotter pins.
- When hitching the disc harrow, do not stay between the tractor and the attached implement.
- The tractor with the hitched disc harrow must be in good working order. It is forbidden to couple the machine to any tractor with a malfunctioning pneumatic system (if the machine has a braked axle) and hydraulic system.
- Remember to observe the following: balance of the tractor and the suspended implement, tractor steerability and braking performance - the front axle load must not drop below 20% of the total tractor load - a kit of front weights;
- When in resting position and disconnected from the tractor, the machine must be stable all the time.
- Place the support leg on a stable ground. Do not use pads under the leg as this may cause instability.

### **3.2. Tyres**

- Tyre pressure cannot exceed the value recommended by the manufacturer. Transporting the implement when the pressure is too low is prohibited. This may cause damage to the implement or an accident when travelling too fast and on very uneven surfaces.
- Considerably damaged tyres (particularly the tyre profile) must be replaced immediately.
- Protect the implement from rolling away when replacing the tyres.
- The repair works on wheels or tyres must be performed by persons trained and authorised for this purpose. Such works must be performed with properly selected tools.

Following every assembly of wheels, check the tightening of nuts after travelling the distance of 50 km.

### **3.3. Hydraulic and pneumatic systems**

The hydraulic and pneumatic systems are pressurised. Take all precautionary measures, in particular:

- do not connect and disconnect hydraulic hoses when the tractor hydraulic system is pressurised (hydraulics set to neutral),
- regularly check the hydraulic and pneumatic connections and hoses,
- do not use the implement until the hydraulic or pneumatic system is repaired.

### **3.4. Transport safety on public roads**

For the period of transport, the side sections of the disc harrow must be put in transport position using the hydraulic system. Before folding, the machine must be lifted sufficiently high until the folded side sections do not collide with the ground.

The disc harrow must be protected against unfolding by means of the mechanical lock.

Lower the wheels so that the side sections do not collide with the ground during folding.

**While in transport, the clearance under the machine must be at least 30 cm.**

While transporting the implement on public roads, it is absolutely mandatory to use lights, an identification sign and reflective side lights.

Do not exceed the maximum travel speeds:

- up to 20 km/h on smooth (asphalt) roads,
- 6-10 km/h on country roads or cobblestones,
- up to 5 km/h on bumpy roads.

After folding the machine, slide the rollers together and secure them with bolts in the ladders in order to achieve a smaller transport width.

Travelling speed must be adapted to the road and the existing conditions so that the disc harrow cannot jump on the tractor suspension system and excessive loads on the machine frame and the tractor suspension system can be avoided.

Act with due caution when passing and overtaking or travelling at curves. The maximum implement width on public roads is 3.0 m.

Do not drive with the implement if the slope is inclined crosswise to the implement by more than 7°.



**WARNING!** Any failure to observe the above rules may pose hazard to the operator and other people. It may also result in damaging the machine. The user shall be liable for any damage caused by failure to observe the rules!

### **3.5. Residual risk description**

Mandam Sp. z o.o. makes every effort to eliminate the risk of accidents. However, there is some residual risk that may cause an accident. The biggest hazard occurs when/during:

- using the implement for purposes other than described in the manual,
- operating the implement by people who are underage and do not have licences, are ill or intoxicated,
- presence of people and animals within the implement operating range,
- precautionary measures are not taken during transport and maneuvering with the tractor,
- anyone gets between the implement and the tractor while the tractor's engine is running,
- maintenance and when the service recommendations are not observed,
- driving on public roads.

### **3.6. Residual risk assessment**

The residual risk can be minimized by applying the following recommendations:

- operate the implement carefully and without undue haste,
- read the instruction manual carefully,
- keep a safe distance from hazard zones,
- do not stay on the implement and within the implement operating range when the engine is running,
- perform the maintenance in accordance with safety rules,
- wear safety clothes and a safety helmet while working under the implement,
- unauthorised persons, in particular children, are prevented from accessing the machine.

## **4. Information on operation and use**

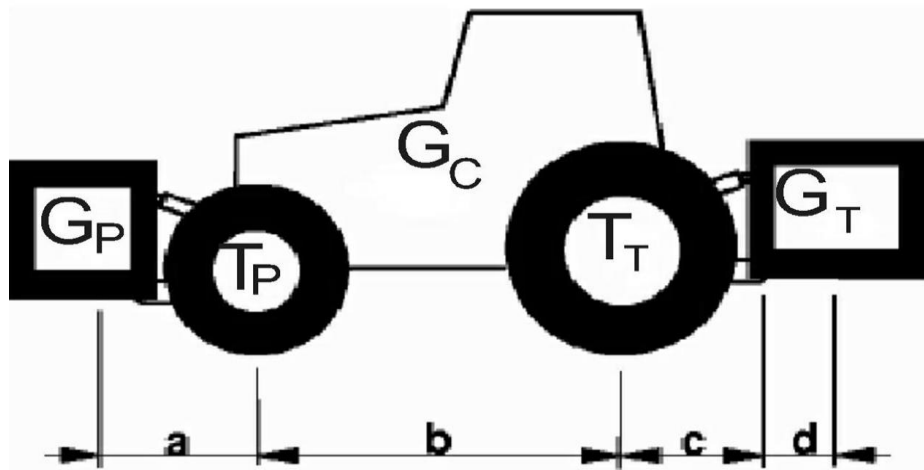
Before the machine is put into operation for the first time:

- read the instruction manual,

- make sure that the machine is in proper operating condition,
- check the condition of the hydraulic and pneumatic system (replace damaged components, e.g. pressure hoses),
- make sure that the hydraulic hose quick-connector of the machine match the tractor sockets,
- check the tightening of bolts and nuts,
- check if the air pressure in tyres is according to the manufacturer's recommendations,
- make sure that all components requiring lubrication are lubricated,
- make that the pressure in the tractor wheels is the same on all axles to ensure smooth operation.



**CAUTION!** The permissible loads on the axles and tyre load capacities must not be exceeded. The front axle load may not be less than 20%.



### Axle load calculations

Key:

$G_C$  - the tractor weight,

$T_P$  - front axle load for the unhitched tractor,

$T_T$  - rear axle load for the unhitched tractor,

$G_T$  - total weight of the equipment attached at the back,

$G_P$  - total weight of the front-mounted machine,

$a$  - distance between the centre of gravity of the front-mounted equipment and the axle centre,

$b$  - tractor wheelbase,

$c$  - distance between the rear axle centre and the centre point of the hitching pin of the rear-mounted implement,

$d$  - distance of the centre of gravity of the agricultural implement from the hitching pins of the tractor,

$x$  - distance of the centre of gravity from the rear axle (assume 0.45 if the manufacturer

does not provide this parameter).

Minimum load at the front in case of a rear-mounted implement:

$$G_{Pmin} = \frac{G_T \cdot (c+d) - T_P \cdot b + 0,2 \cdot G_C \cdot b}{a+b}$$

Actual load on the front axle:

$$T_{Pcal} = \frac{G_P \cdot (a+b) + T_P \cdot b - G_T \cdot (c+d)}{b}$$

Actual total weight:

$$G_{cal} = G_P + G_C + G_T$$

Actual load on the rear axle:

$$T_{Tcal} = G_{cal} - T_{Pcal}$$

#### **4.1. Preparation of the disc harrow**

The disc harrow is usually supplied for sale in a ready-to-operate condition. Due to the limitations of the means of transport, it is also possible to deliver it in a partially disassembled condition - usually by disconnecting the roller.

When preparing the unit for operation for the first time, its components (roller) must be assembled. To this end, place the disc harrow on a flat hard surface in a position where the roller can be maneuvered. A lifting device with a load capacity of at least 500 kg in (700 kg in the case of a rubber roller) must be used for transporting the roller to ensure stability during transport. Position the arms in the harrow holders and connect the arms to the roller bracket using screws (Fig. 4).

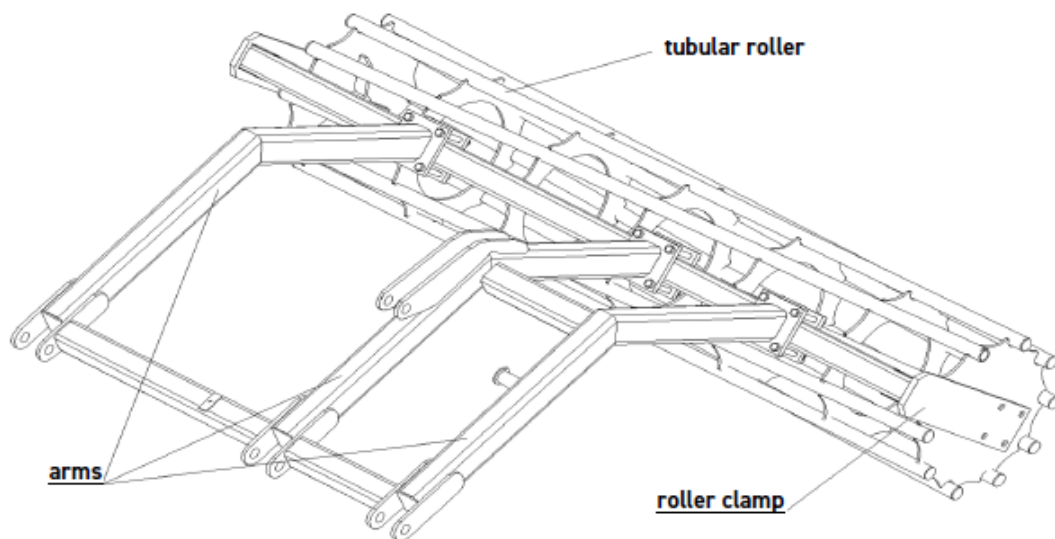


Fig. 4. Arm and roller bracket connection

Prior to operation check the technical condition of the disc harrow, in particular that of the working parts and screw connections.



**CAUTION!** The correct procedure for mounting the rollers in the arm brackets requires that the screws are tightened evenly diagonally so that the entire plane of the arm brackets is flush with the plane of the roller clamp profile. This provides the most secure way of connecting the roller arms to the machine!

#### 4.2. Hitching the harrow with the tractor

Tyre pressure in the tractor wheels must comply with the values recommended by the manufacturer. The lower bars of the three-point hitch should be at the same height, spaced correspondingly to the spacing of the lower points of suspension. While attaching the disc harrow to the tractor, the harrow must be placed on hard and even ground.

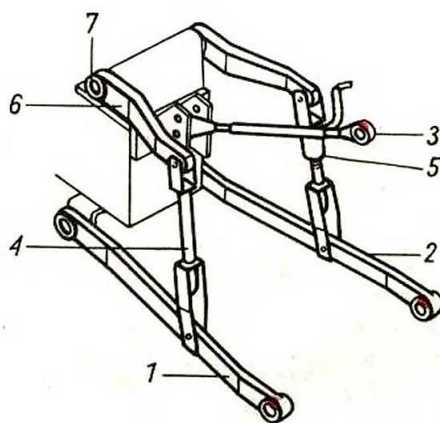


Fig. 3 Three-point hitch of the tractor: 1,2 - lower bars, 3 - upper fastener, 4 - left support rail, 5 - right support rail with adjustable length, 6 - lift arm, 7 - lift shaft

While attaching the disc harrow to the tractor, complete the following steps:

- switch the tractor hydraulic system into adjustment position,
- uncouple the suspension axle from the unit and attach it to the tractor's lower bars,

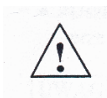
- reverse the tractor to a distance that allows the suspension axle to be connected to the frame plates and the upper fastener and harrow support rail,
- secure the suspension axle in the frame plates using the clamps and pins,
- attach the tractor's upper fastener. During operation of the unit, the hitch point of the upper fastener at the unit must be higher than the attachment point of this fastener at the tractor.
- check the lifting and lowering of the unit.

Each tractor connected to the machine must be equipped with a set of weights and maintain control during transport, i.e. a minimum of 20% of the tractor's weight must be transmitted to the front axle of the tractor.

### ***4.3. Hitching the sower with the disc harrow***

Before attaching the sower, check the weight of the sower and the seed. The load capacity of the hydropack is 1,300 kg. When coupling the sower with the disc harrow, proceed as follows:

- adjust the distance between the hooks to the distance between the sower hitch bolts by placing the hook on the proper side of the arm and putting the spacer,
- lower the lower bars of the coupling below the sower hitch bolts (in case of the coupling on a trolley, insert the bolt into the corresponding hole in the support rails of the bar, then adjust the position using the cylinder),
- reverse the set to bring the sower bolts into the hooks,
- place the protection cover on the bolts and the hook hole and secure with a pin,
- connect the upper fastener with the sower.



**CAUTION!** Before lifting the disc harrow, the sower must be lifted to ensure the stability of the unit.

### ***4.4. Operation and adjustment***

#### **4.4.1 Automatic locking of the machine side extensions (optional)**

As an option, a harrow version with automatic side extension lock is also available, which does not require any additional maintenance. The lock uses a mechanism consisting of a cylinder and a hook (Fig. 5).



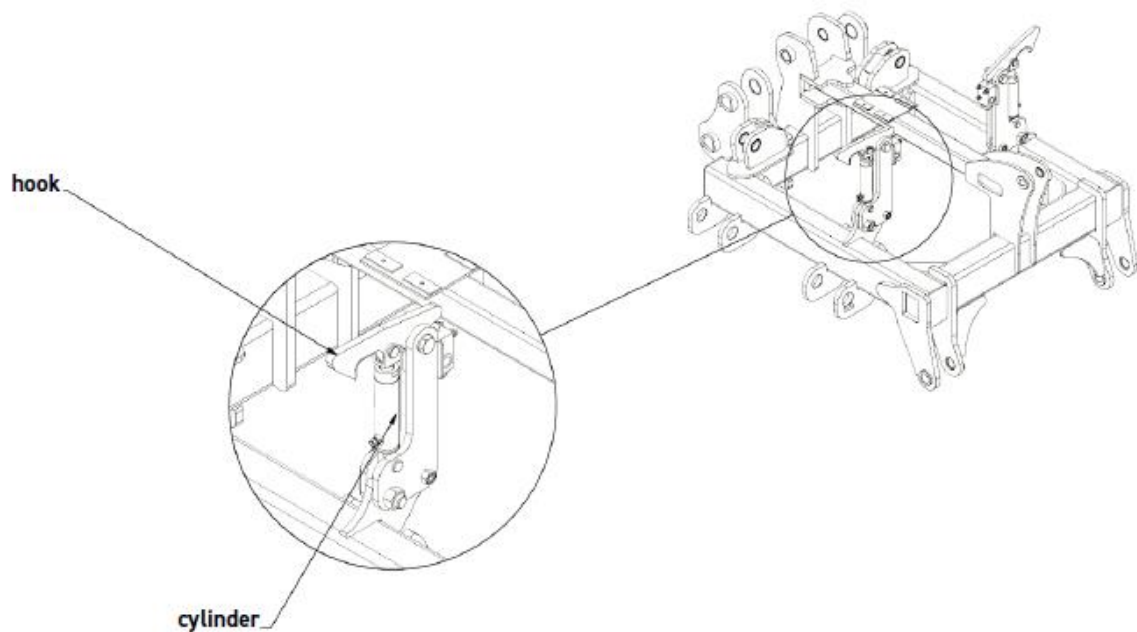


Fig. 5 Main frame with automatic side extensions locking mechanism

#### 4.4.2 Implement opening sequence

Before unfolding the folding side the extensions of the machine, learn the opening sequence to perform this operation correctly.

1. First, raise the implement as much as possible to be able to fold it correctly, avoiding the risk of the folding arms catching on the ground during movement (Fig. 6).
2. Next, fold the implement side extensions hydraulically into the 'closed' position to ensure that the side extension lock mechanism will unlock and allow the implement arms to be opened at a later stage. This operation is necessary each time the arms are opened (Fig. 6).

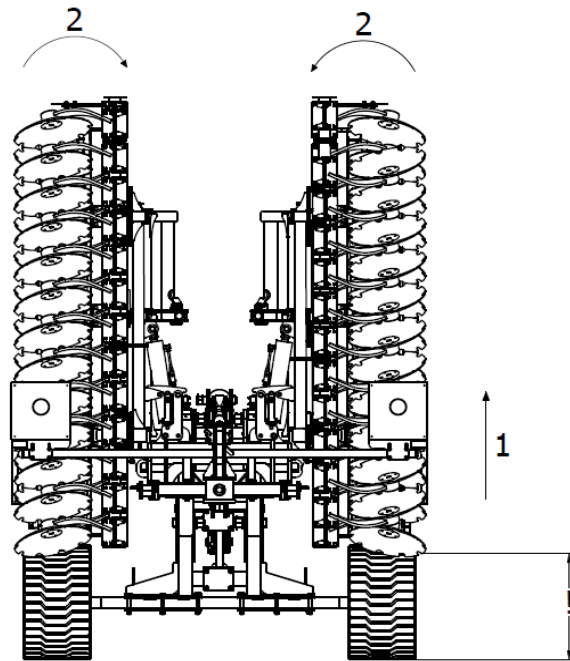


Fig. 6 Implement opening sequence: 1- raise the implement up to the maximum, 2- fold the side extensions into the “closed” position.

3. Then, after making sure that the hook of the hydraulic side extension lock mechanism allows the machine side extensions to be unlocked, proceed to open them fully (Fig. 7).

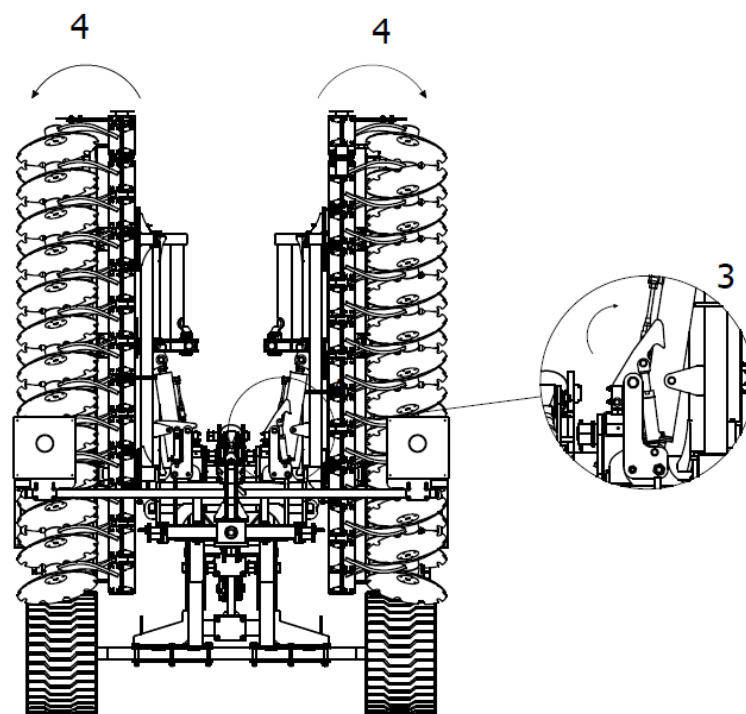


Fig. 7 Implement opening sequence: 3- release the hook of the hydraulic side extension lock mechanism, 4- open the implement side extensions.

4. When opening the implement's side extension arms, make sure that the ends of the arms are at the correct height to prevent them from catching on the ground (Fig. 8).

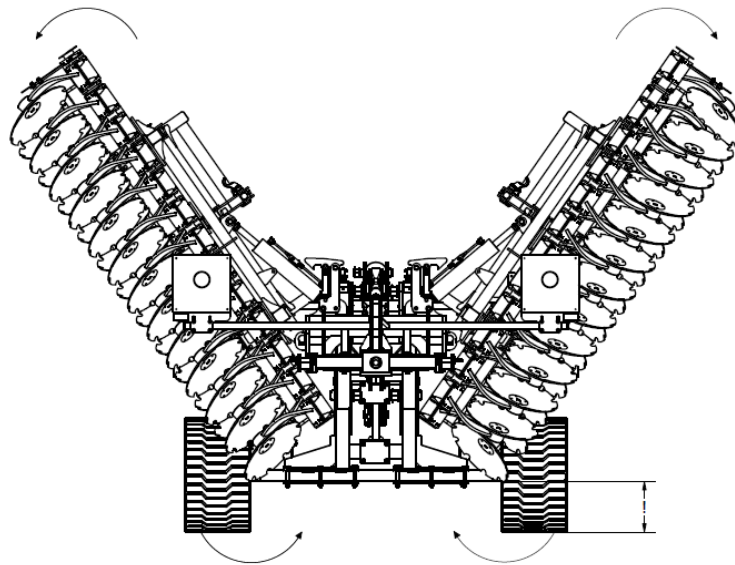


Fig. 8 Implement opening sequence: open the implement paying particular attention to the height of the arm ends from the ground.

5. To complete the opening sequence of the implement side extensions, wait until the hydraulic mechanism opens the arms to their end position. Do not interrupt the opening process of the arm side extensions without ensuring that they are fully open.

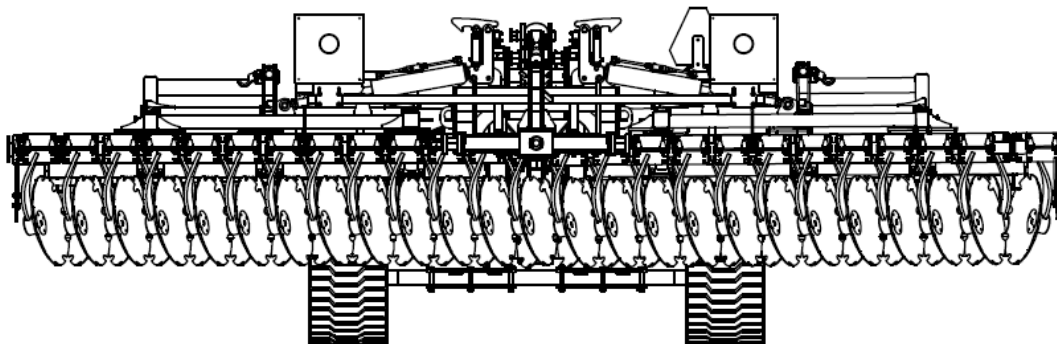


Fig. 9 View of the implement at the completion of the side extension opening sequence. The implement arms are fully open.



**CAUTION!** On implements with folding side extensions, clean the machine thoroughly after use so that excessive soil residues do not put additional strain on the machine side extensions and thus on the cylinders!

### 4.4.3 Setting the working units

Pre-set the positions of the individual working units in the GAL-K disc harrow before working in the field. Also level the machine lengthwise with the tractor upper fastener or with the drawbar turnbuckle and laterally with the support rail of the right lower bar. Then, make the first work passage to set the optimum working speed and to correct the adjustment based on an assessment of the correct operation of the individual units.

#### **Correct positioning of the machine for operation**

Position the machine to be used parallel to the ground (See Fig. 10) The front drawbar must be aligned horizontally. It is forbidden to operate the machine with the drawbar positioned at an angle!

Correct positioning of the machine for operation:

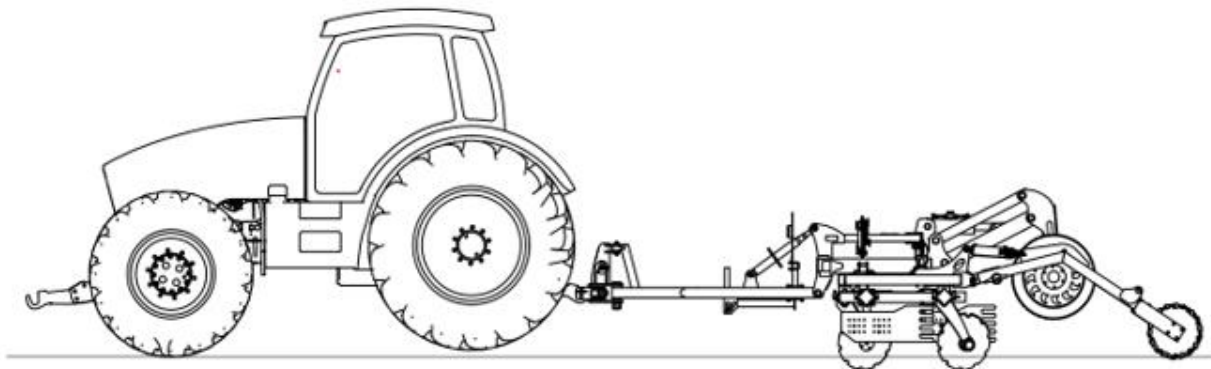


Fig. 10 Implement positioned correctly parallel to the ground.

Incorrect positioning of the machine:

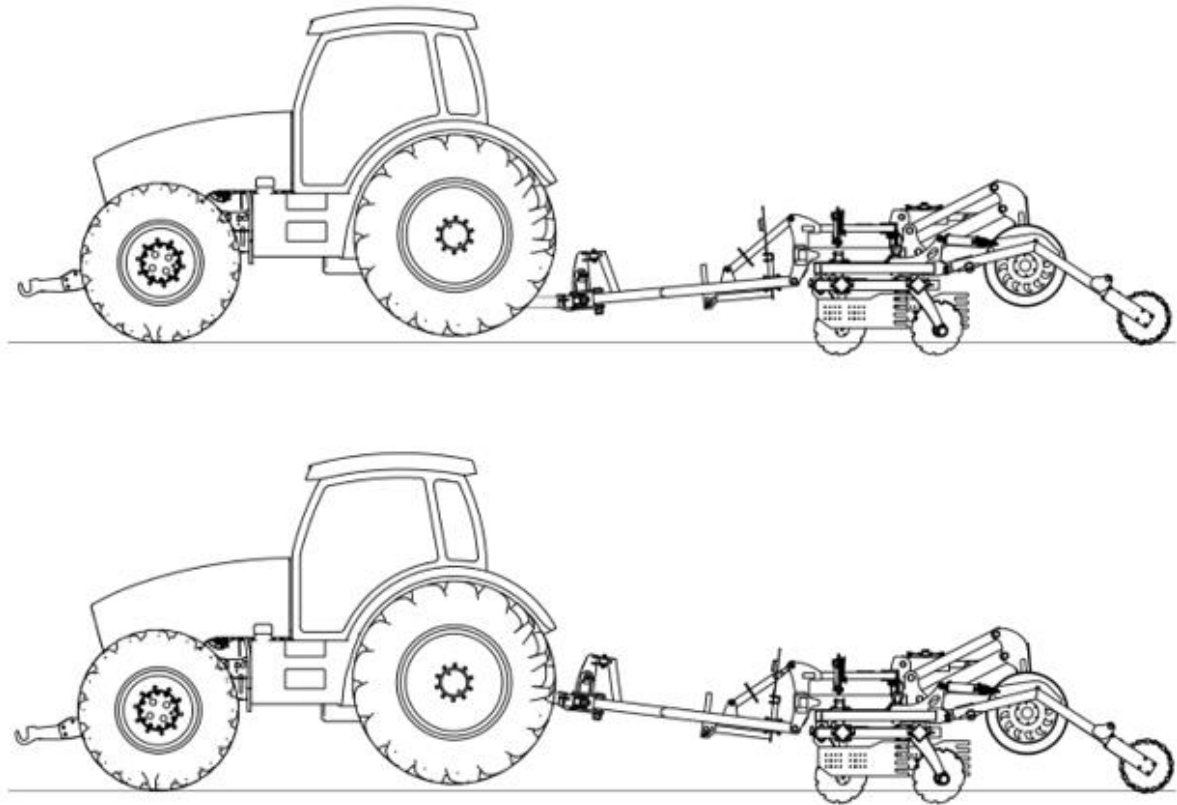


Fig. 11 Incorrect positioning of the machine.

A turning back maneuver at field ends/headlands or U-turning allowed only with the machine raised on the chassis.

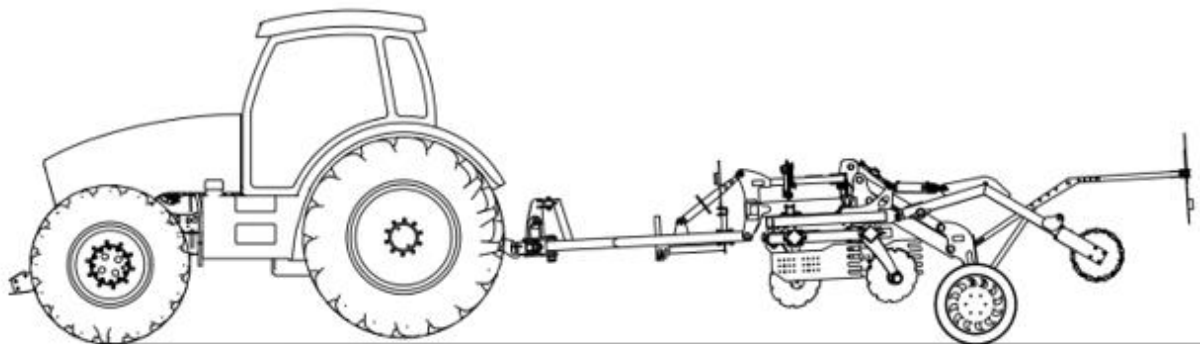


Fig. 12 Correct U-turning manoeuvre.

U-turning maneuver with the discs recessed in the soil or turning on the rollers is not allowed:

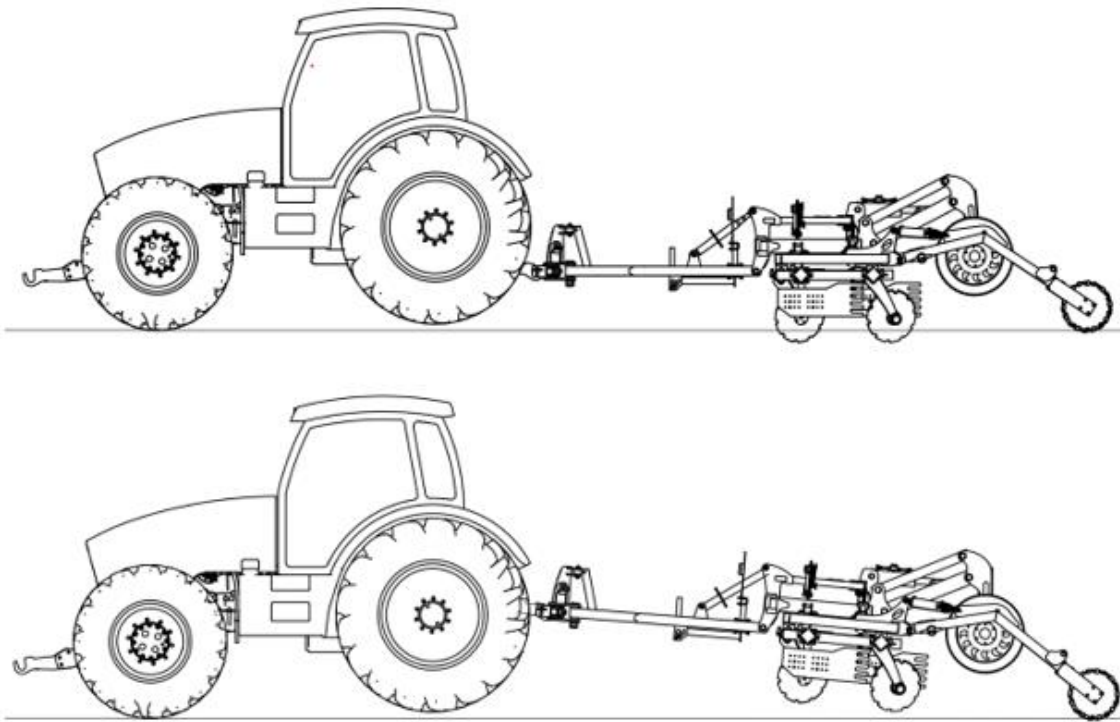
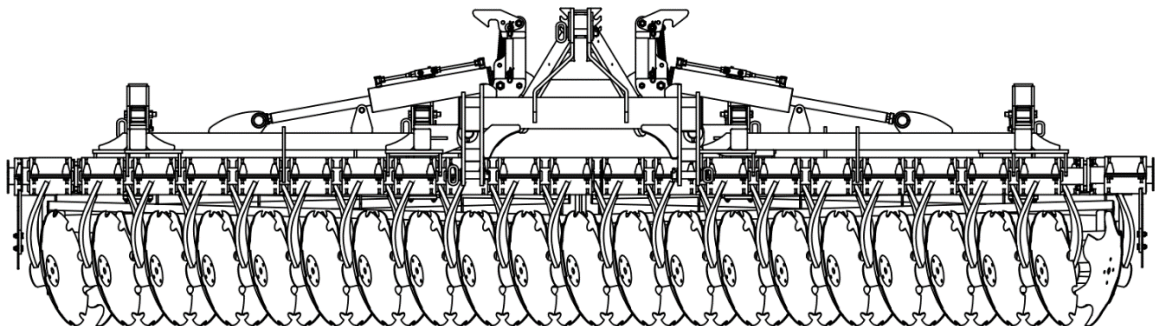


Fig. 13 Incorrect U-turning maneuver.

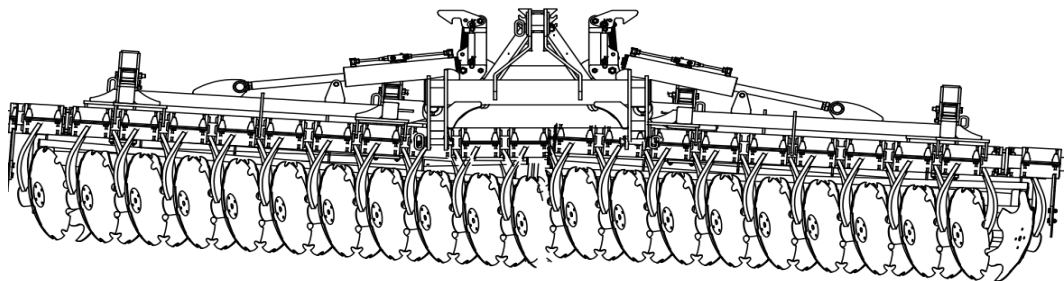
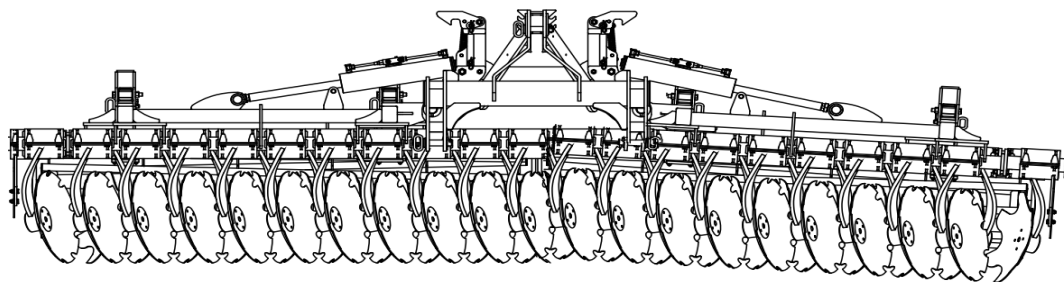
When working with the machine, it is also recommended to use an additional weight on the front of the tractor aimed at enabling more stable and comfortable operation.

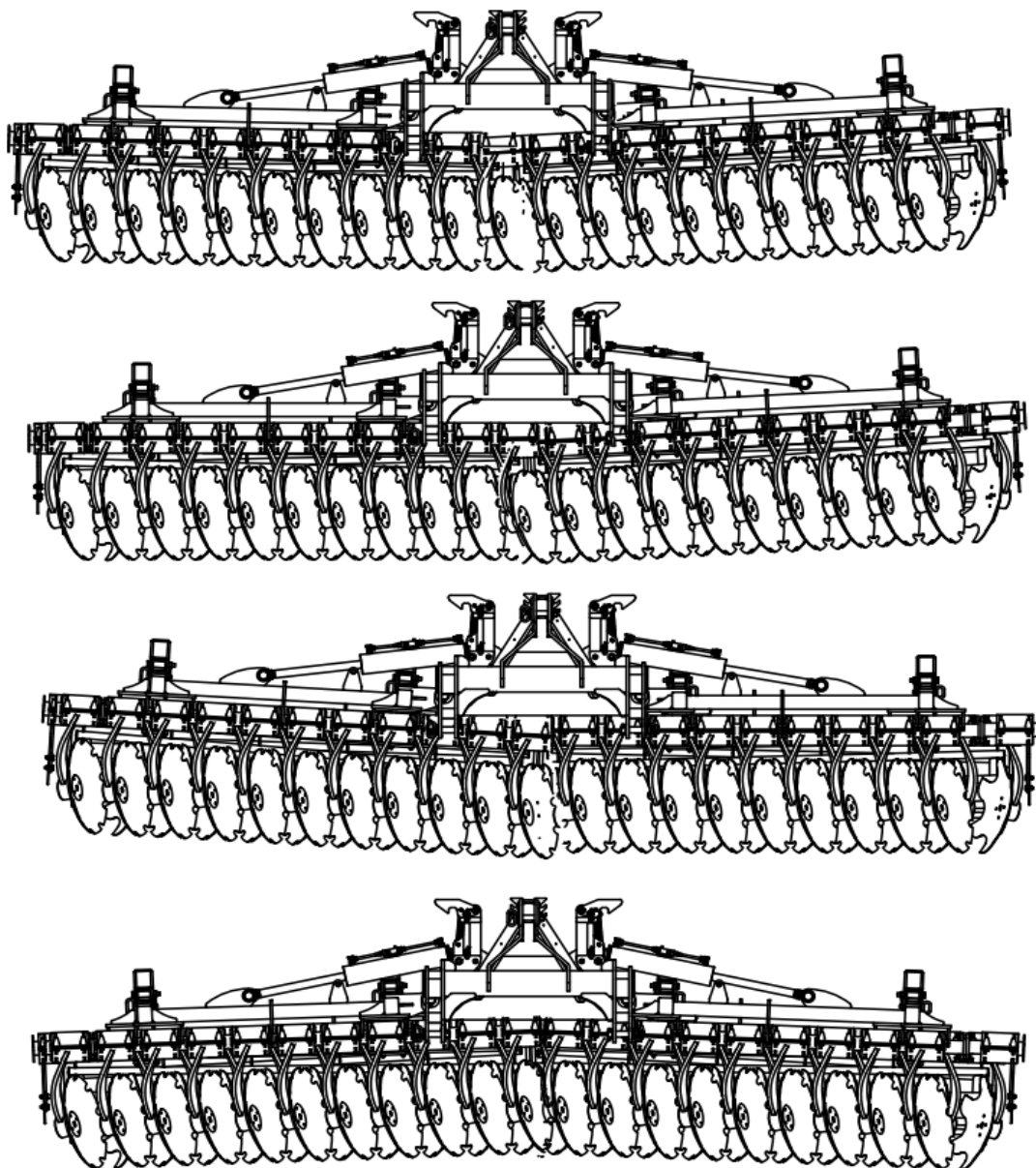
#### **Levelling of the implement.**

Machine levelled correctly:



Machine levelled incorrectly:





### Levelling:

In case of irregularities in the levelling of the machine are noticed, twist or untwist the end of the cylinder. First, loosen the lock nut with a '50' wrench, and then adjust the end of the cylinder with a '41' wrench by placing the wrench on the end of the cylinder piston rod. If the side frame of the machine "descends" the end should be twisted, while if the side frame faces up, the cylinder should be untwisted.



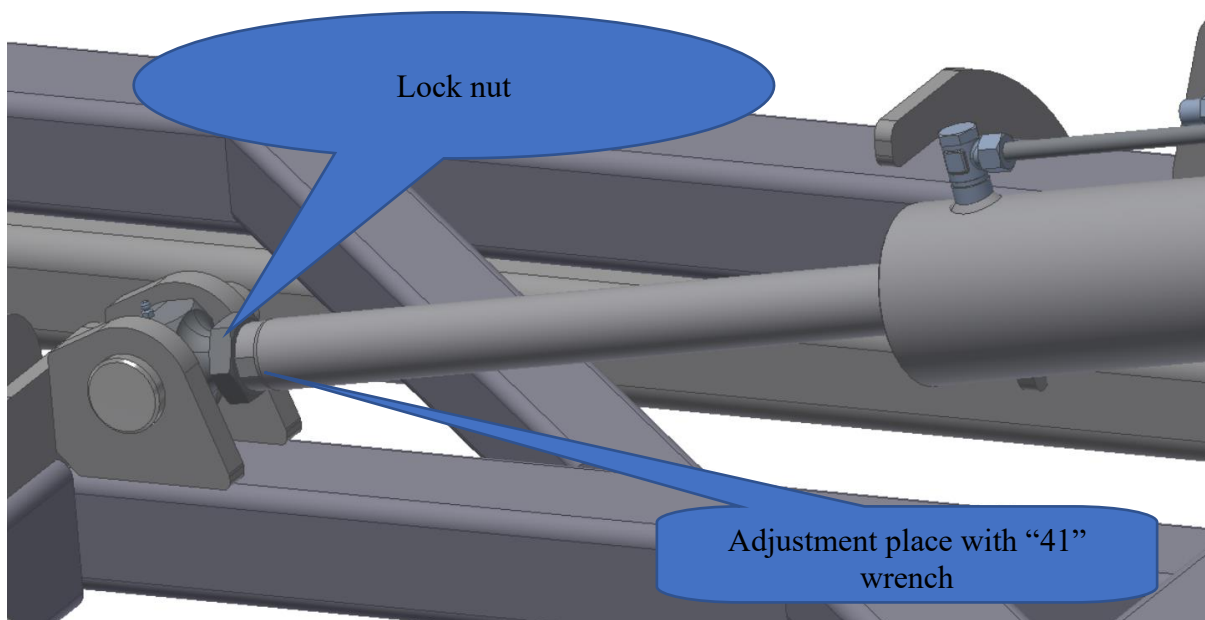
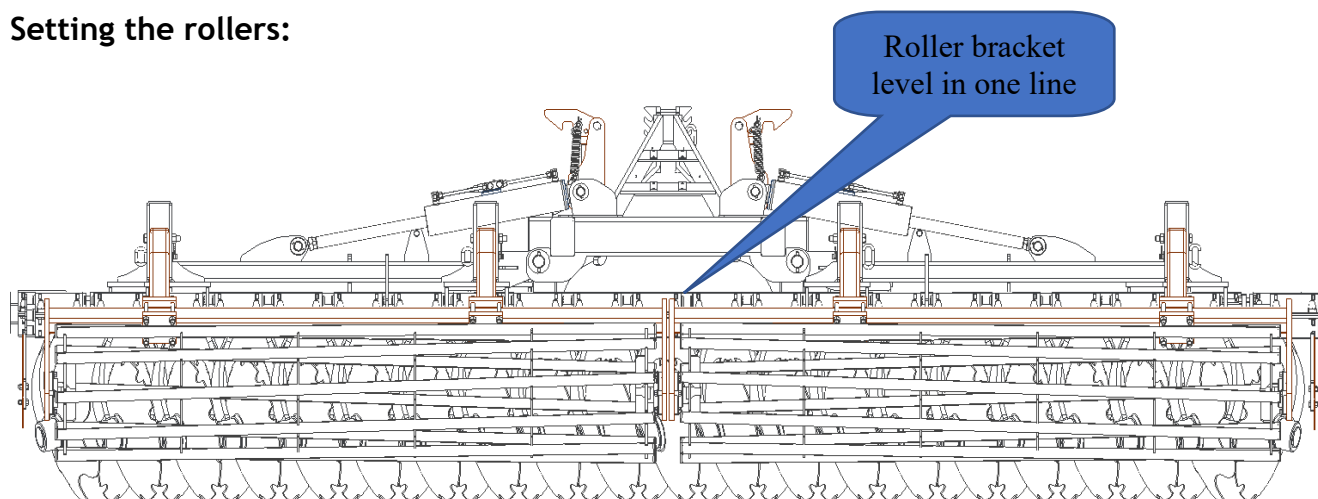


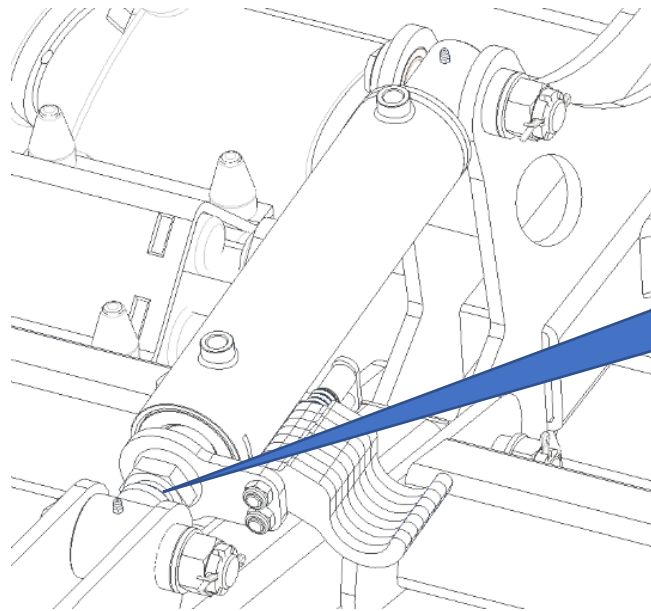
Fig. 14 View of the cylinder with the nut used to level the machine.

### Setting the rollers:



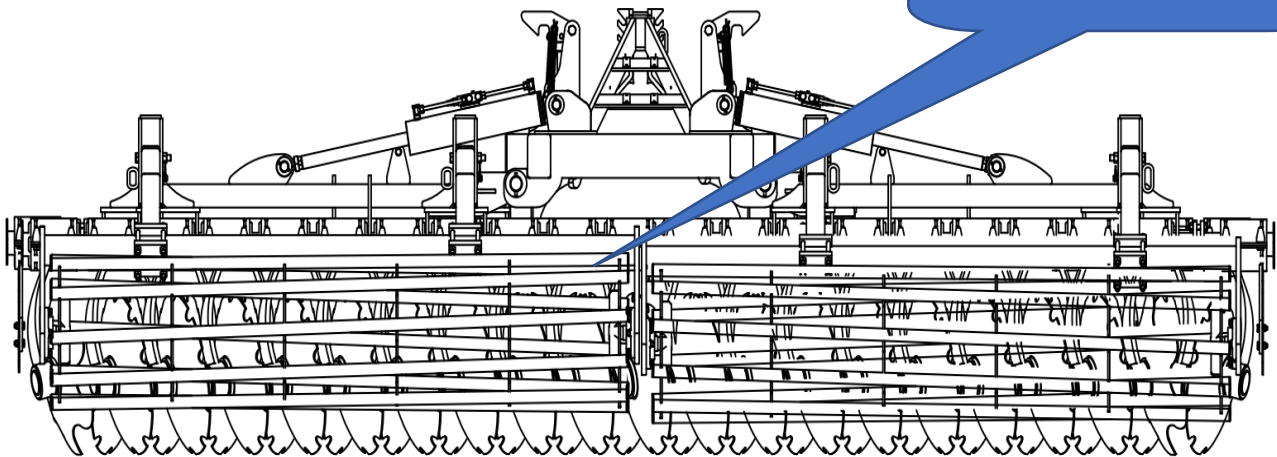
### Roller levelling:

The rollers are levelled on the depth adjustment cylinder in the same way as in case of the side frame cylinders. When the cylinder end is untwisted, the roller is lowered; the roller is raised when the cylinder end is twisted.



Adjustment of the  
working depth  
adjustment cylinder

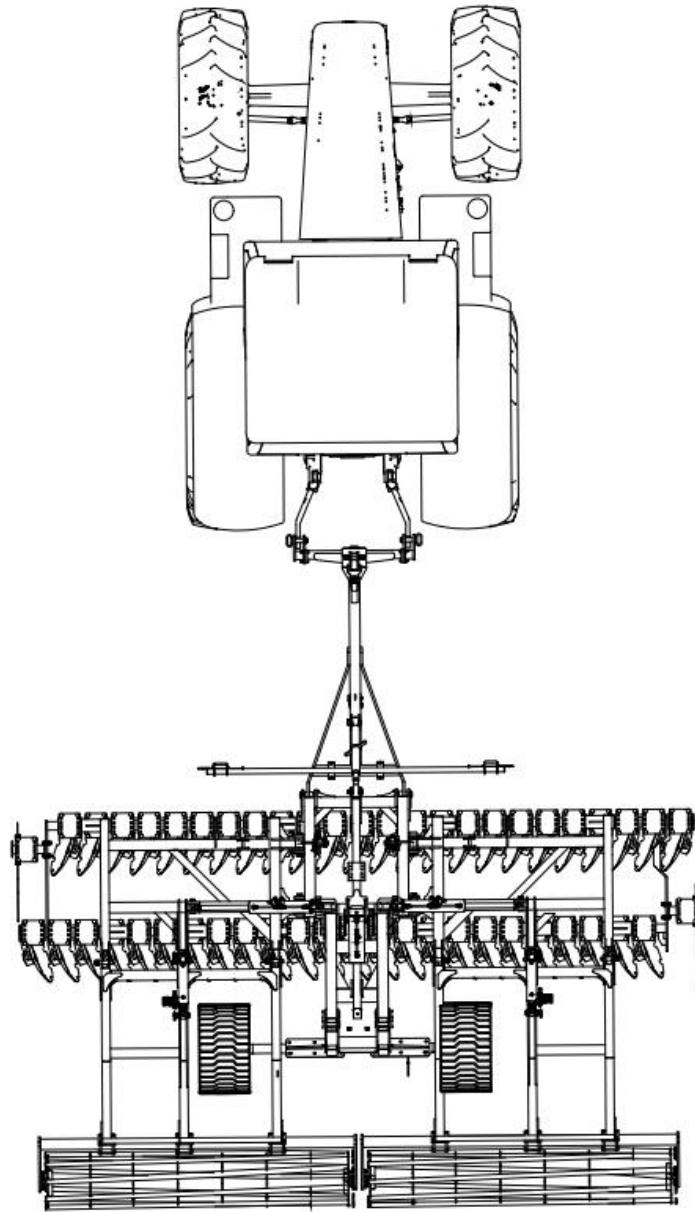
Incorrect positioning of the rollers:



Right roller below left  
roller (and vice versa)

## Irregularities during operation - implement pulling

Machine operating properly:

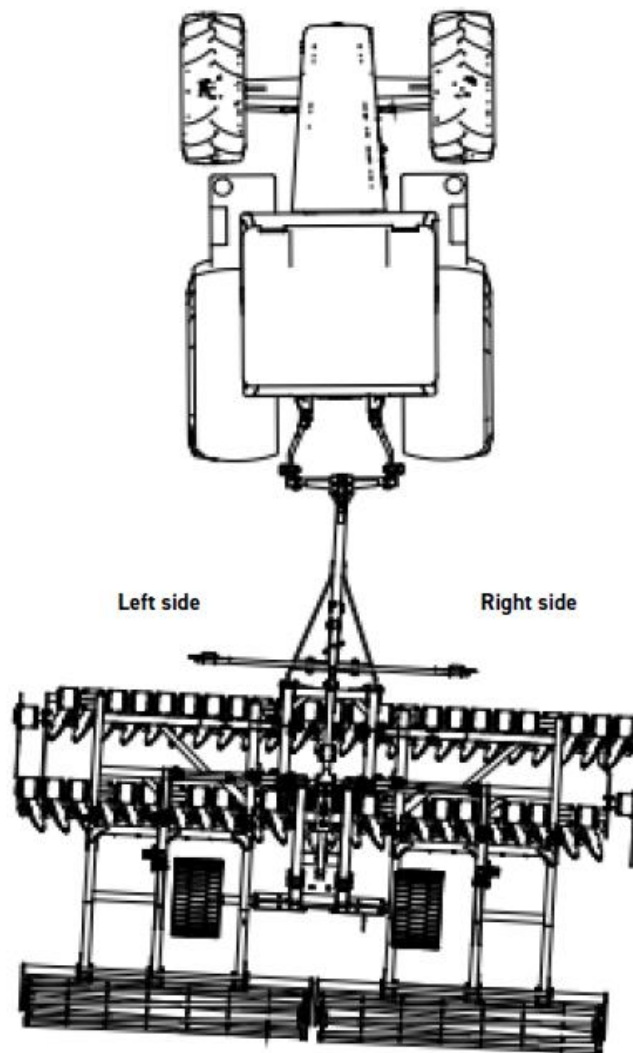


### Pulling the machine to the right side:

If the implement is pulled to the right, first check the level of the machine. If the machine is not levelled correctly, this phenomenon can occur. When the left side is horizontal and the right side is facing upward, the cylinder on the right side should be untwisted.

Also check that the front and back rows of discs are evenly aligned. If the front row is set too deep, the high soil resistance causes the machine to be pulled. It is then necessary to lift the machine on the lift arms and decrease the depth of the front row of the discs.

Check the alignment of the rollers. The rollers should be horizontally aligned. If the right side works deeper and the left side works shallower, machine pulling occurs.

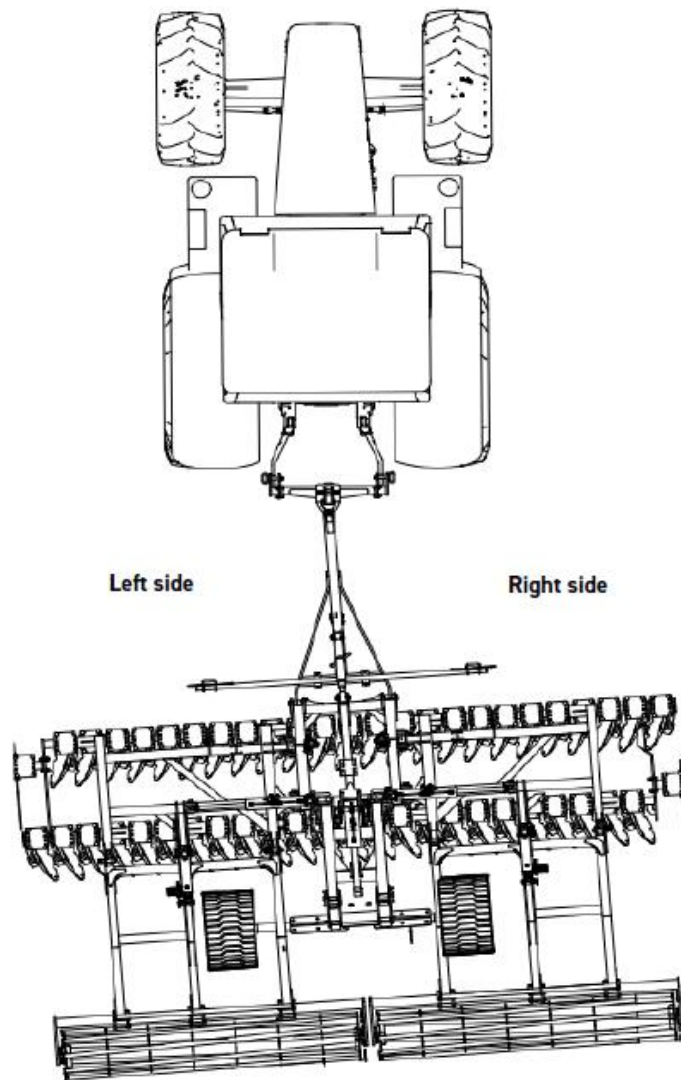


### **Pulling the machine to the left side:**

If the implement is pulled to the left, first check the level of the machine. If the machine is not levelled correctly, this phenomenon can occur. When the right side is horizontal and the left side is facing upward, the cylinder on the left side should be untwisted.

Also check that the front and back rows of discs are evenly aligned. If the front row is set too deep, the high soil resistance causes the machine to be pulled. It is then necessary to lift the machine on the lift arms and decrease the depth of the front row of the discs.

Check the alignment of the rollers. The rollers should be horizontally aligned. If the left side works deeper and the right side works shallower, machine pulling occurs.



The operating speed should be 10 - 15 km/h. In a well-adjusted machine, the frame must be parallel to the ground and all working units must be equally recessed in the soil over the entire working width.

The **side plate** must be positioned and locked with the screw so that it is above the soil surface and is not exposed to stones and sticking out of crop residues. If necessary, also slide it forward or backward (re-mounting on the holes) to stop the soil being thrown by the outermost front disc and to pick up the furrow behind the outermost rear disc.

#### 4.4.4 Working depth of the GAL-K disc harrow

The working depth is determined by the position of the roller, whose arms are adjustable by the cylinders. In order to maintain a constant stable position of the roller (working depth) during operation, clamps are fitted on the cylinder piston (fig. 15). Initially, set the roller and the wheels above the lower disc edge at the height corresponding to the approximate working depth, and correct the position during operation, after taking into account the roller recesses. The maximum permissible working depth is 12 cm for Ø560 mm discs.

Once the required working depth has been determined, take a sufficient number of clamps

from the bracket on the roller arm and place them on the piston of the cylinders. This ensures a constant working depth during operation. The number of clamps on both cylinders must always be equal.

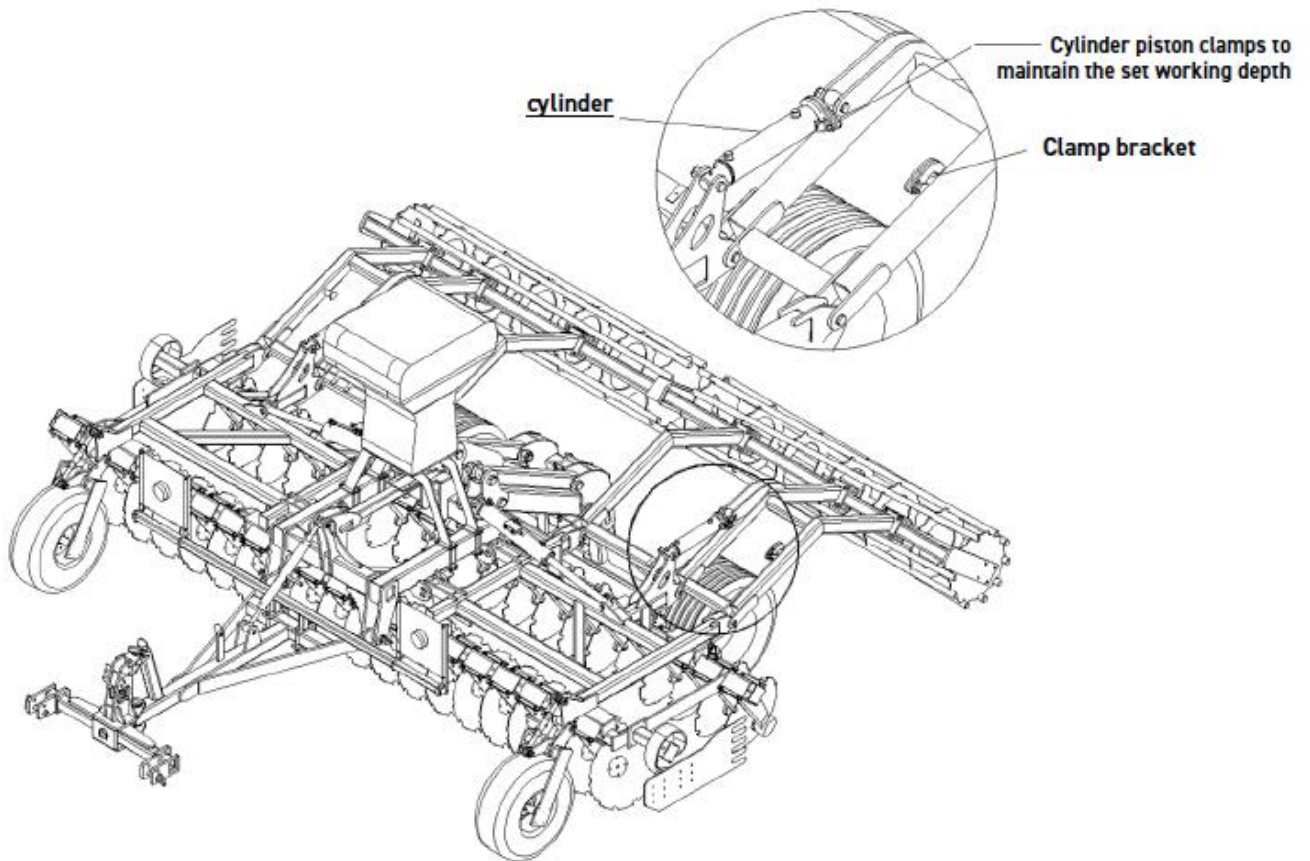


Fig. 15 Hydraulic adjustment of the roller depth

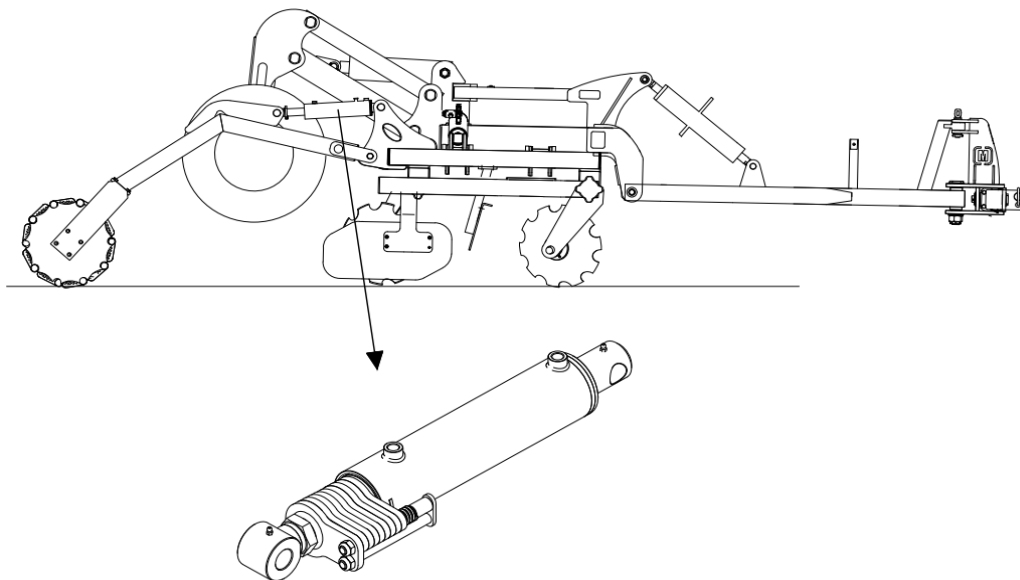


Fig. 16 Cylinder with latches attached to the piston rod to adjust the working depth

The working depth of the implement is set using latches at the piston rod. As more latches are folded, the operation of the implement becomes shallower. In case none of the latches are installed, the implement operates at maximum working depth. Fig. 17 and Fig. 18 show the correct and incorrect way of installing consecutive latch plates on the cylinder.



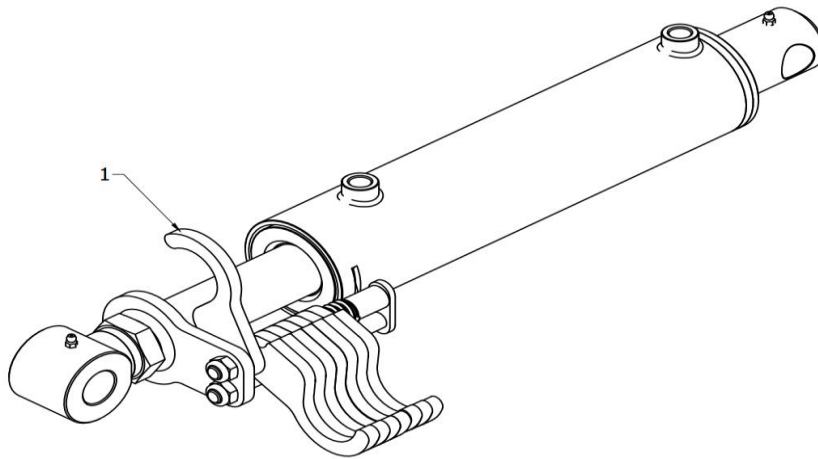


Fig. 17 Correct way to place the first (1) latch on the cylinder piston rod to adjust the implement working depth.

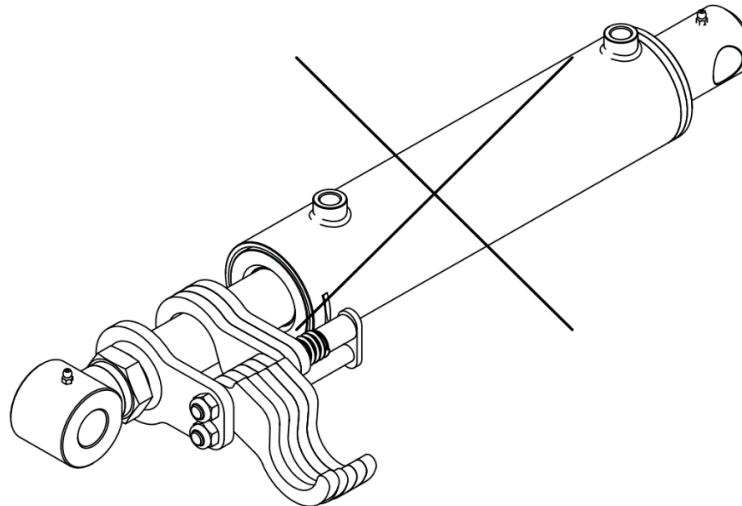


Fig. 18 Latches fitted incorrectly on the cylinder piston rod. If the latches are partially omitted from the cylinder, the forces acting on the piston rod are not evenly distributed and may cause the piston rod to buckle, resulting in damage to the entire piston assembly. This type of regulation is **unacceptable!**

#### 4.5. Rules for transporting the harrow on public roads, lights

According to the road traffic safety regulations (Regulation of the Minister of Infrastructure of 31 December 2002, Journal of Laws No. 32 of 2002, item 262) - an implement consisting of an agricultural tractor and an agricultural implement hitched with the same must meet the requirements identical to those applying to the tractor.



**CAUTION!** The implement protruding outside the rear side outline of the tractor and obscuring tractor rear lights is a hazard for other vehicles driving on the roads. Be sure to observe the transport instructions specified in chapter 3 “General safety information”. Driving on public roads without adequate marking is forbidden.

The implements must be equipped with:

- triangular board for slow vehicles,
- two boards facing front with a white parking light and a white retroreflector,
- two boards facing rear with composite lamp and a red retroreflector. The plates should

be painted in diagonal white and red stripes.

After fixing the plates, connect the electrical cables of the light and signalling device to the tractor's electrical socket.

The manufacturer does not supply warning plates as standard equipment for the machine. Warning plates are commercially available.

Always adapt your driving style to the road conditions to avoid accidents and damage to the driving system. Take into account your own skills and traffic intensity, visibility and weather conditions.

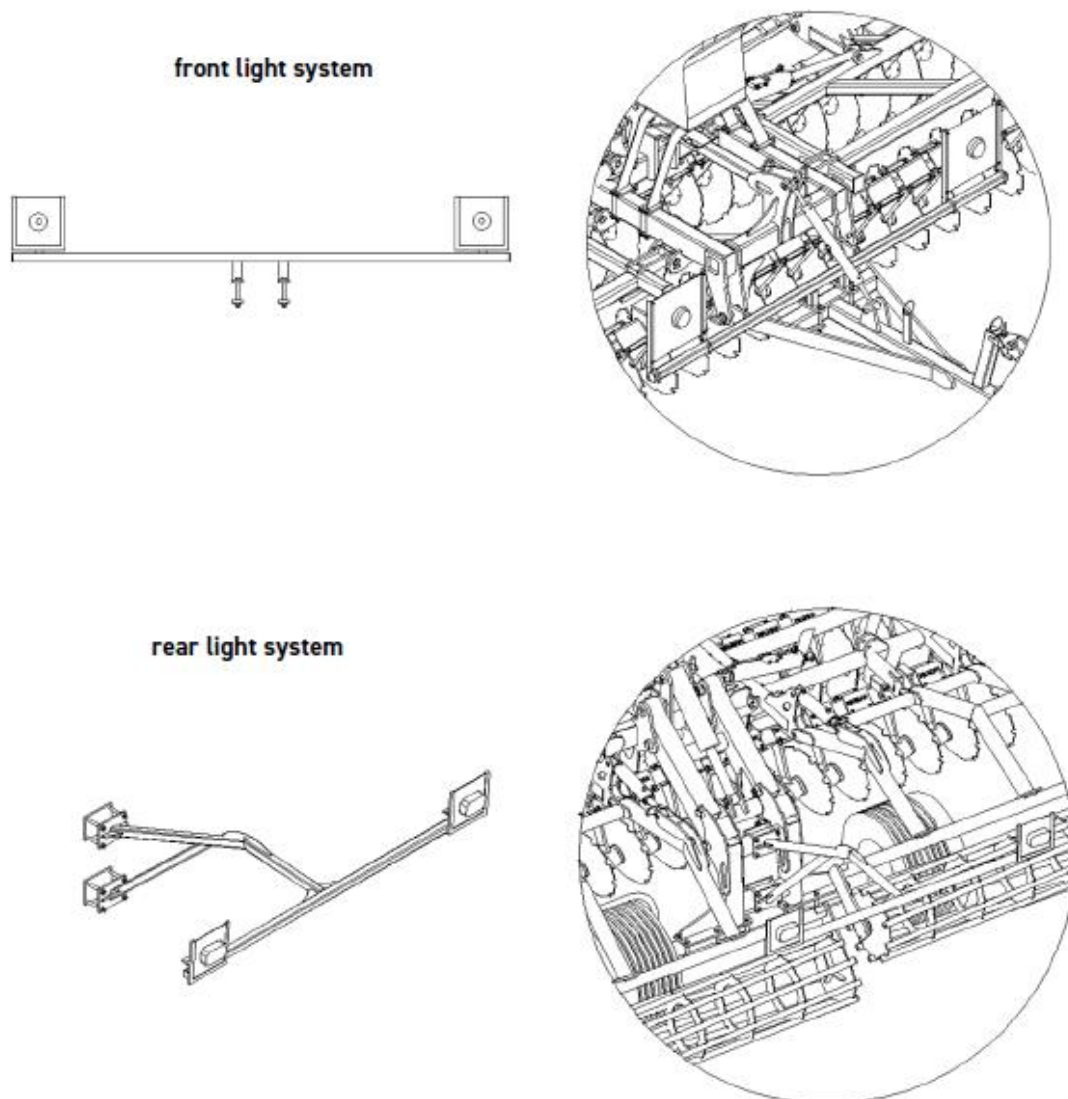


Fig. 19 Front and rear light systems and their position

Clean the implement from soil residues and check the lights before transporting it. Lift the implement and check the clearance between the lowermost part of the implement and the ground which shall be minimum 30 cm. The permissible transport speed of the tractor and machine is 15 km/h. It should be 10 km/h in case of poor road surface and 5 km/h on dirt roads. Special care must be taken when passing and overtaking other vehicles, bypassing obstacles, and crossing large areas of uneven ground and dirt roads.

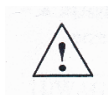


#### 4.6. Maintenance and lubrication

- Clean the disc harrow from soil after each use and inspect the parts and assemblies. **Otherwise, there may be a problem with the folding of the machine if the rollers are clogged with earth and there is an additional load!**
- After the first 4 hours of operation, re-tighten all bolts and periodically check them for tightness. **Failure to do so will exacerbate play and backlash and result in damage to the implement.**
- Lubricate the lubrication points on the hinge bolts daily during the machine's service life. Lubricate the bearings of the tubular roller and the levelling discs every 25 operating hours (not applicable to disc maintenance-free bearings - these bearings do not require maintenance or lubrication).
- Use thread adhesive and only genuine screws and nuts when replacing worn parts.
- Always remember to tighten the screwed joints properly.

**CAUTION! Periodic lubrication guarantees the long service life of the machine.**

The long service life and efficiency of a machine depends to a large extent on regular lubrication. Use mineral greases for lubrication. Clean the lubrication points thoroughly before pressing or applying grease.



**CAUTION! It is forbidden to work on a damaged machine caused by any event resulting in a broken, or deformed frame, roller, or other assembly of the machine!**

Such events should be immediately reported to the retailer's or manufacturer's service department (serwis@mandam.com.pl).

#### 4.7 Screw tightening torque

Screws, bolts and nuts should be tightened in the machine with the appropriate torque depending on the strength class of the bolt and its thread size and pitch. The corresponding torque values for tightening them are shown in Table 4.

Table 4. Screw tightening torque

| Screw, bolt and nut tightening torques [Nm] |     |              |                     |      |      |
|---|-----|--------------|---------------------|------|------|
|   |     |              | Bolt strenght class |      |      |
|   |     | Thread pitch | 8.8                 | 10.9 | 12.9 |
| Size  | M4  | 0,7          | 3,2                 | 4,5  | 5,2  |
|   | M5  | 0,8          | 6                   | 8,4  | 10   |
|   | M6  | 1,0          | 11                  | 15   | 17   |
|   | M8  | 1,3          | 27                  | 34   | 40   |
|   |     | 1,0          | 21                  | 30   | 35   |
|   | M10 | 1,5          | 46                  | 65   | 76   |
|   |     | 1,3          | 41                  | 75   | 67   |
|   |     | 1,0          | 36                  | 50   | 59   |
|   | M12 | 1,8          | 79                  | 111  | 129  |
|   |     | 1,3          | 65                  | 91   | 107  |
|   | M14 | 2,0          | 124                 | 174  | 203  |
|   |     | 1,5          | 104                 | 143  | 167  |
|   | M16 | 2,0          | 170                 | 237  | 277  |
|   |     | 1,5          | 139                 | 196  | 228  |
|   | M18 | 2,0          | 258                 | 363  | 422  |
|   |     | 1,5          | 180                 | 254  | 296  |
|   | M20 | 2,5          | 332                 | 469  | 546  |
|   |     | 1,5          | 229                 | 322  | 375  |
|   | M22 | 2,5          | 415                 | 584  | 682  |
|   |     | 1,5          | 282                 | 397  | 463  |
|   | M24 | 3,0          | 576                 | 809  | 942  |
|   |     | 2,0          | 430                 | 603  | 706  |
|   | M27 | 3,0          | 740                 | 1050 | 1250 |
|   |     | 2,0          | 552                 | 783  | 933  |
|   | M30 | 3,5          | 1000                | 1450 | 1700 |
|   |     | 2,0          | 745                 | 1080 | 1270 |
|   | M36 | 4,0          | 1290                | 1790 | 2020 |
|   |     | 2,0          | 960                 | 1340 | 1500 |

## 5. Maintenance of the GAL-K disc harrow

### Daily maintenance

Thoroughly clean the harrow removing soil and plant residues after each use; inspect the screw and bolt connections and the condition of the operating elements and other parts. When cleaning, remove plant residues and ropes wound at the disc and shaft bearing points. Replace any damaged or worn parts. Tighten any loose screw connections and replace damaged plugs and pins.

### Post-season maintenance

After the end of the working season, thoroughly clean the disc harrow, repair the damaged paint coating and the worn working surfaces of the tines, discs, strings and roller rings as well as the threads of the adjusting screws must be cleaned with 'Antykor' kerosene and protected against corrosion with 'Antykor 1' grease; moreover, a full

lubrication must be carried out. During idle periods, storage under a roof is recommended. However, if this is not possible, check the condition of the protection from time to time and supplement the grease washed away by the rain, if necessary.

### **Maintenance of the GAL-K harrow driving system**

**Regular checks of tyre pressure.** If air leakage in the tyres is considerable, check tightness of the air valve. Next, have the wheel inspected by a specialised company to locate and repair the damage. Considerably damaged tyres (particularly the tyre profile) must be replaced immediately.

### **Setting the axle clearance of wheel bearings.**

It is recommended that this task be carried out by a specialised company. This is done by tightening the nut on the wheel hub once the wheels are dismantled. A clearance of 0.12-0.15 mm is recommended. Inspection and adjustment should be carried out every 2 years.

Procedure:

- Dismount the hub cover and the spring pin securing the spring nut.
- At the same time as spinning the hub, press and tighten the crown nut.
- Stop tightening when with a vigorous manual rotation there is no more than a half-turn of the hub.
- Loosen the nut partially until the hub can rotate freely and repeat the tightening step.
- After repeated rotation locking, loosen the nut by max. 30° until the immediate nut locking with a pin is possible. Mark the position with a line.
- From the marked position unscrew the nut a half turn, and slightly tapping on the hub press the hub onto the nut as far as possible.
- Keep tightening the nut until it reaches the position marked with the line.
- Mount the hub cover.



**CAUTION!** During maintenance, the unit must be secured against rolling away (it must be connected to a tractor with the parking brake on) and unfolded.

### **Hydraulic system maintenance**

Maintenance of the hydraulic system consists in visual inspections to prove leak tightness. Remember to insert pins into quick-fit connectors. If there is an oil leakage from connections of hydraulic hoses, the connector must be tightened. If the oil leakage is not remedied, replace the element or the hose with a new one. If the leakage occurs outside the connector, replace the leaking hose with a new one. Mechanical damage also requires replacement of the subassembly. It is recommended that the hydraulic hoses be replaced every 5 years.

If oil appears on the piston rod of the hydraulic cylinder, check for the nature of the leakage. Check the sealing once the piston rod is fully moved out. Small leakage which results in covering the piston rod with an oil film is acceptable (damaged wiper seal). If the amount of oil is greater or there are oil drops, shut down the unit for the period required to repair the malfunction (damaged sealing).

### **Brake system (pneumatic system) maintenance**

The three-range brakeforce distribution system is not adjustable in normal use. It should be in the middle position. If the braking force differs from that of the tractor's braking force, the braking force distribution system may be adjusted to avoid incorrect behaviour

of the coupled set on the road. When making any alterations, be sure not to cause an accident or damage to the implement.

The water condensed in the tank is drained using a valve located below the tank. Press the pin down and water will be displaced by compressed air. When the pin is released, the valve will automatically close. Unscrew the drain valve once a year (before winter) and clean it.

The test of the pneumatic system consists in checking for leaks, especially at the connection points (during the test the pressure in the system should not be lower than 6 atmospheres). Any hissing indicated the damage of hoses, gaskets, and other components of the system. In the case of small leaks, bubbles will appear (check with a washing liquid). **Damaged components must be replaced.**

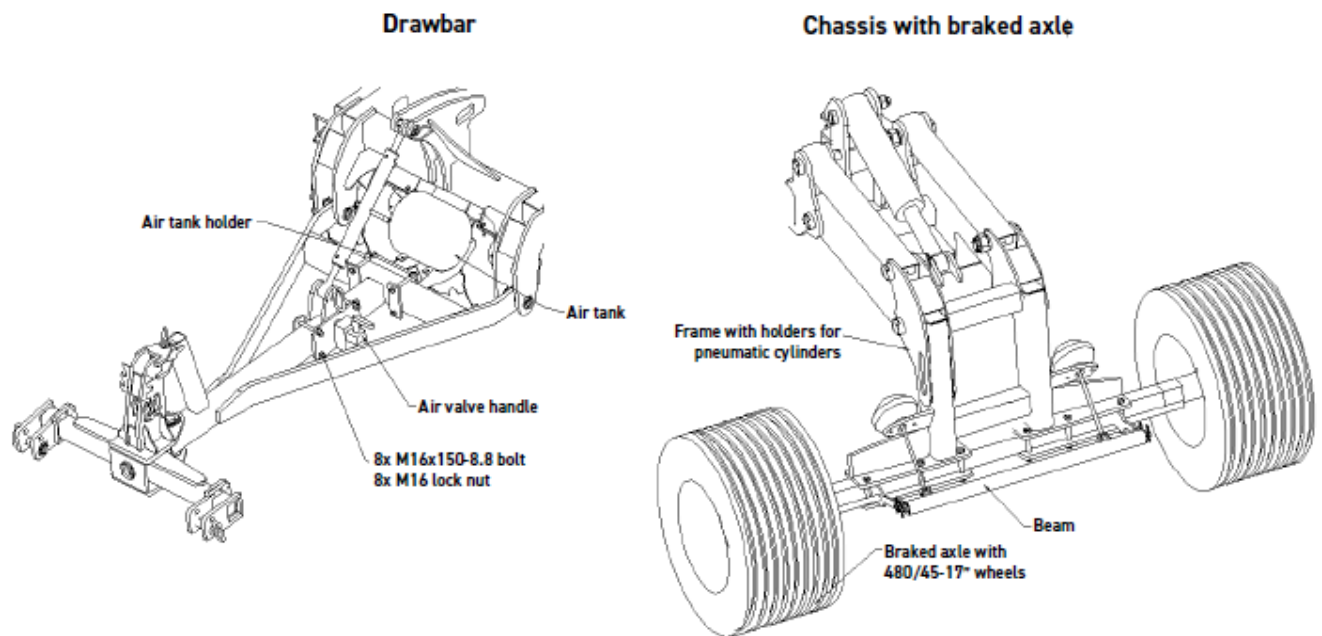


Fig. 20 Pneumatic installation of the brake axle

Brake control - compensation of the braking deceleration that has to be carried out when:

- the braking force decreases during wear and tear of the brake pad lining during operation and as a result of the resulting play,
- wheel brakes brake unevenly and non-simultaneously.

To this end, change the position of the spreader arm to which the piston of the pneumatic cylinder is acting by changing the initial angle of the spreader shaft at the multi-row end of the shaft and adjust the length of the bar on the screw. Adjustments must be made for each wheel separately.

### ***5.1 Hitch damping kit operation guide***

An optional hitch damping kit is available with GAL-K & GAL-K HD machines. Kit includes: hydraulic servomotor, hydro-pneumatic accumulator, pressure manometer, lock valve and connecting hoses. The role of the damping kit is to compensate various vibrations transferred from the tractor to the machine. Such a vibrations may cause machine to resonate, which in worst case, may cause working not effective, or even not possible. Vibrations may damage the machine causing frame deformations and cracks, or any other damages. By proper gas pressure and oil flow adjustments, user can reduce or eliminate any unwanted interactions between the tractor and the machine. Installation of the hydraulic hitch damping kit it a very effective solution to improve the quality of

work and avoid on-field vibrations.

### 5.1.1 Assembly

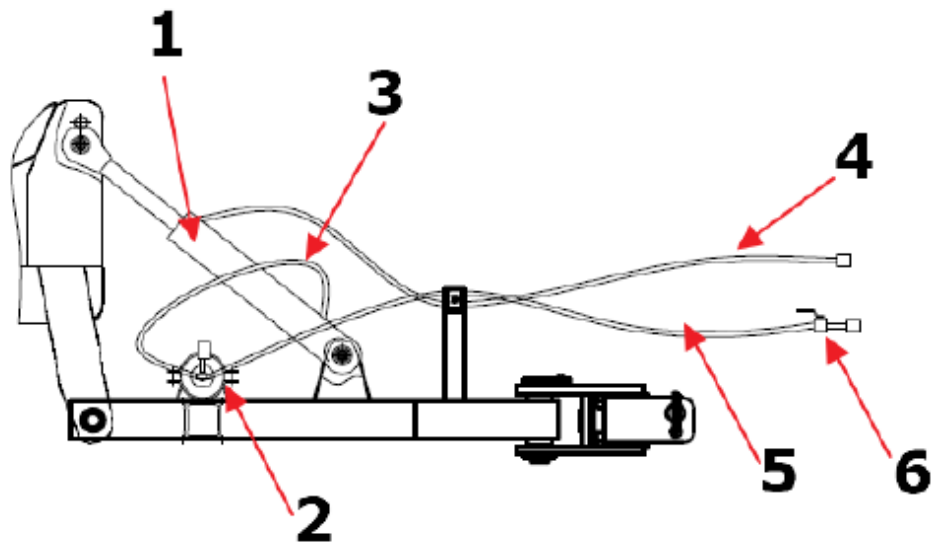


Fig. 21 1-hydraulic servomotor, 2- hydro-pneumatic accumulator, 3- hose (I-L fittings) 90 cm long; 4- hose (I-L fittings) 200 cm long; 5- hose (I-L fittings) 200cm long; 6- M18 ball valve

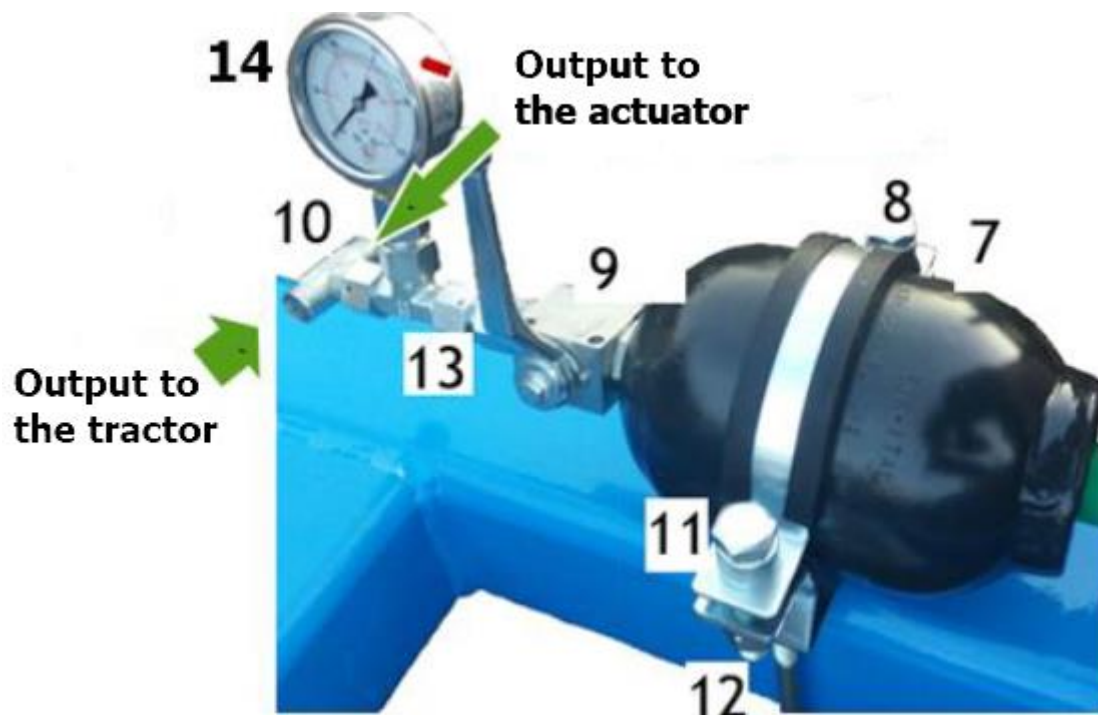


Fig. 22 7- hydro-pneumatic accumulator;; 8- accumulator clamp; 9- M18 ball valve with a copper/rubber washer; 10- T-junction, tee; 11- M12x17 Bolt & M12 nut; 12- fixing plate with M8x130 bolt + M8 nut; 13- adapter; 14- manometer.



**CAUTION!** One must check all elements tightness before work. Loose components are not to work properly, and may cause the machine damage!

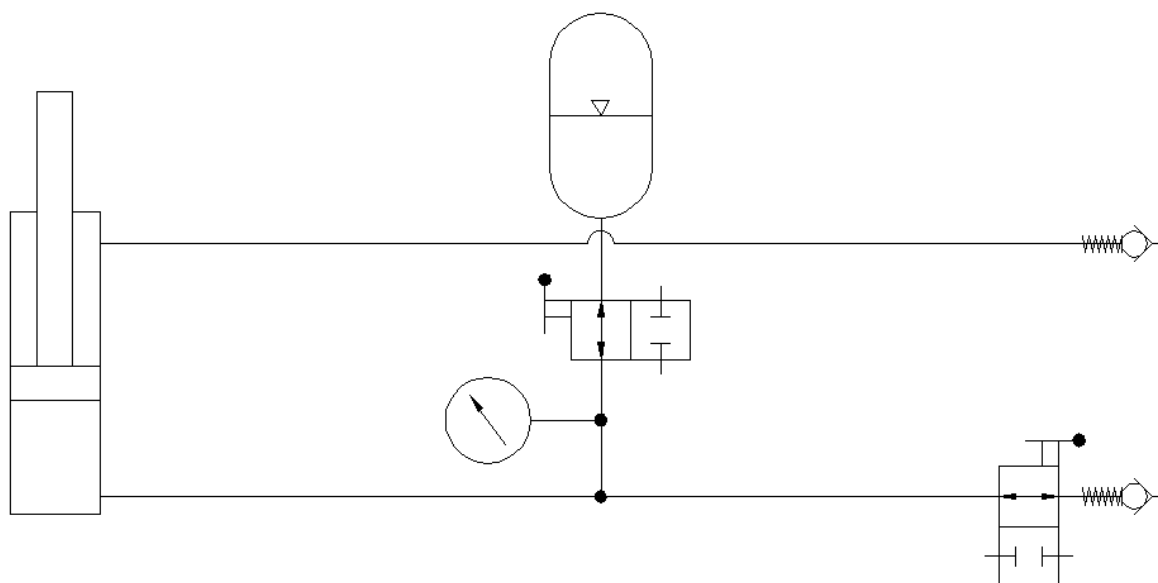


Fig. 23 Hitch damping kit diagram

### 5.1.2 Service

Use the ball valve handle to turn the system on/off (pos.9 dwg.22). The system must be open (on) when in transport on a rough surface (handle parallel to oil flow direction) - in that position, the oil can circulate freely within the system, allowing machine frame suspension to work. After setting appropriate gas pressure, one may close ball valve for hydraulic flow (pos.6 dwg. 21), but still allowing system to work.



**CAUTION!** Tractor draft links shall be in an upper position to avoid machine ground contact when servomotor fails.

First launch of the system

- Unfold the machine to working position. Move transport chassis all the way up. Level the machine by adjustment of draft links and a servomotor
- Check tractor hydraulic couplers for undisrupted oil flow to the hitch damping system.
- There is a factory pre-set 90 BAR pressure for the best efficiency
- Lift the machine by the means of hitch drafts and check servomotor's travel for recommended 30-60mm depending on working conditions.
- When desired piston's travel is impossible to reach, change factory gas pressure in the accumulator. In order to do so, unscrew valve protecting cap, than press with short strokes on to the valve for a gas pressure reduction.
- Check new settings against above directions. If ok, proceed to work.



**CAUTION!** There is a factory pre-set 90 BAR gas (N2 - Nitrogen) pressure in the accumulator. Decreasing gas pressure shall be performed on the open air. Increasing gas pressure shall be performed by qualified operator by means of dedicated tooling only.



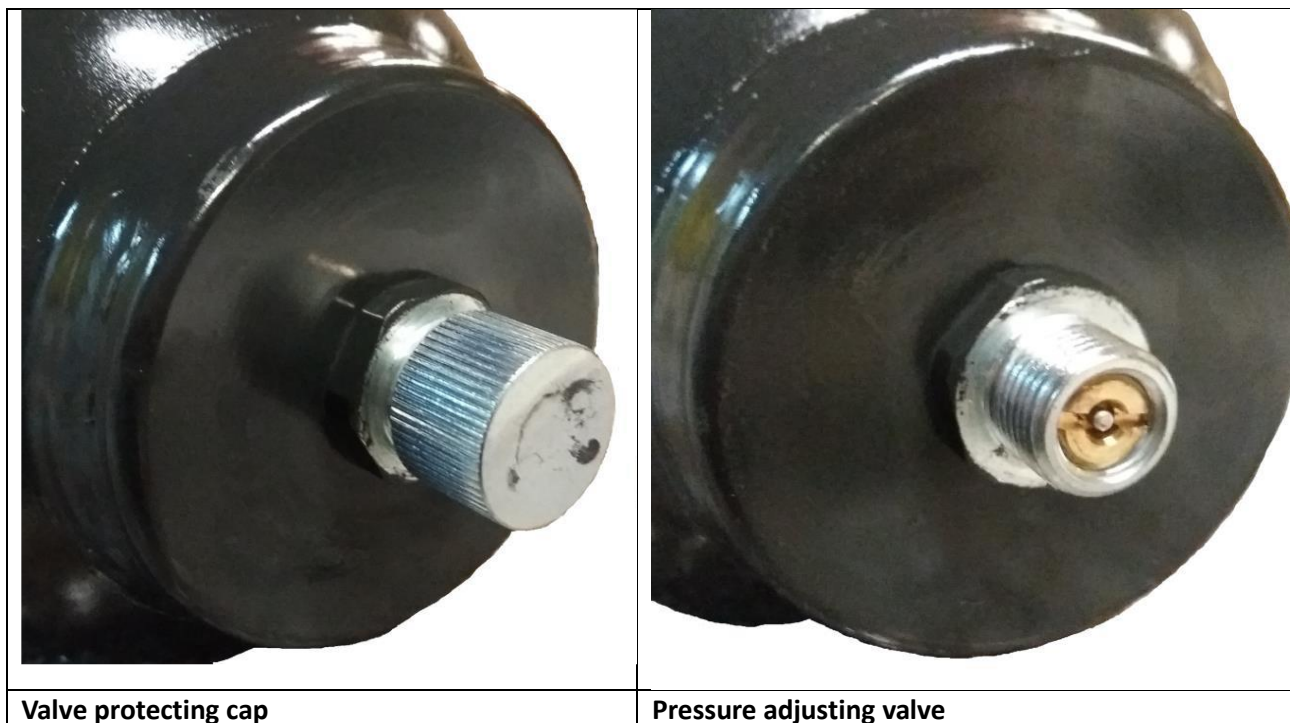


Fig. 24 Accumulator pressure adjusting valve

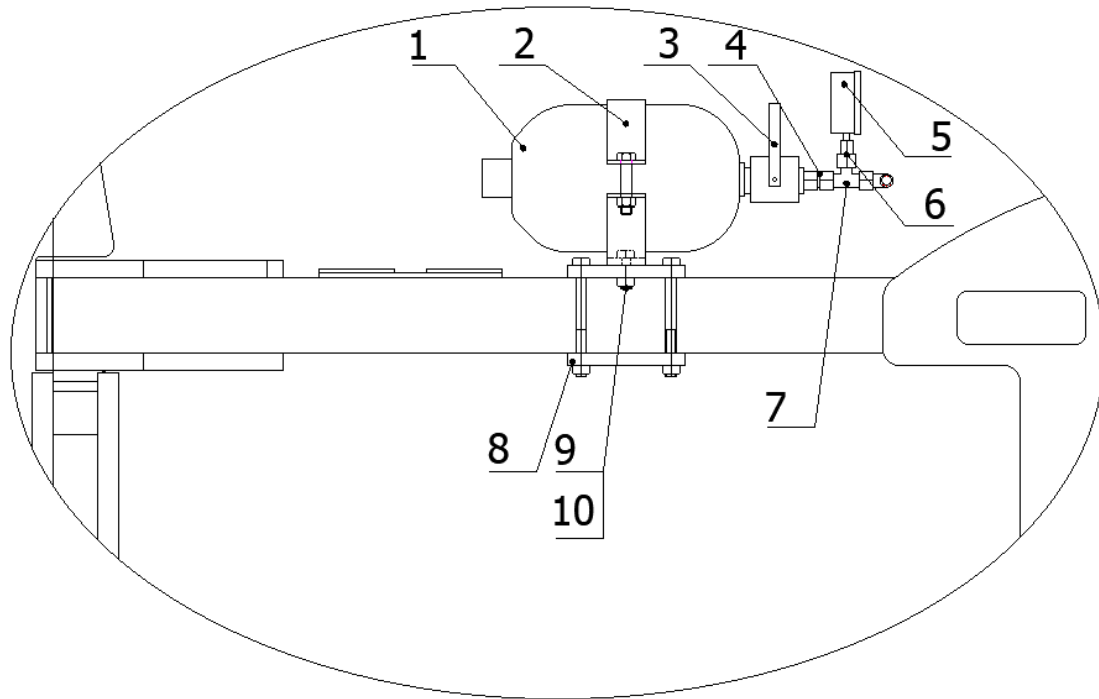
#### Daily operation

- Unfold the machine to working position. Move transport chassis all the way up. Level the machine by adjustment of draft links and a servomotor
- Set the system pressure at 90 BAR
- Check tractor hydraulic couplers for undisrupted oil flow to the chassis damping system.
- Hitch damping kit oil flow ball valve must be open (lever parallel to the oil flow direction)
- Start working
- When in transport on rough surface keep hitch damping system open (unlock)
- One may close (lock) damping system when on smooth surface only.

### ***5.2 Chassis damping system***

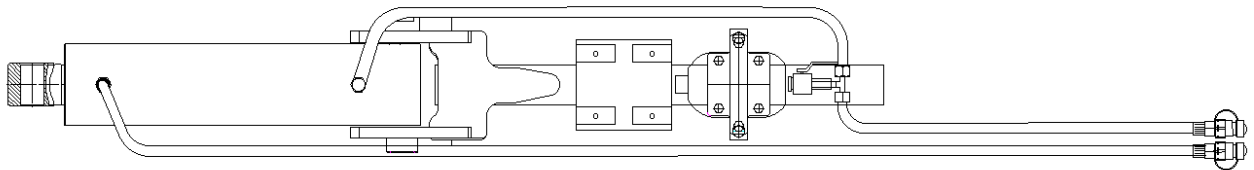
There is a chassis damping system available as a standard in (GAL-K HD range) or an option in (GAL-K range). Kit includes: hydraulic servomotor, hydro-pneumatic accumulator, pressure manometer, lock valve and connecting hoses. The role of the damping kit is to compensate various vibrations transferred from the tractor to the machine during transport. Vibrations may damage the machine causing frame cracks and deformations. By proper gas pressure and oil flow adjustment, user can reduce or eliminate any unwanted interactions between the tractor and the machine, and improve on-road stability.

Side view:



The kit is installed on the machine's middle frame. The kit consists of the following elements: 1- hydro accumulator 2- clamp 3- ball valve 4- adapter 5- manometer, 6- adapter; 7- tee; 8- accumulator clamp; 9- M10x30 bolt; 10- M10 nut.

Top view:



**CAUTION! One must check all elements tightness before work. Loose components are not to work properly, and may cause machine damage!**

Chassis damping system diagram

To activate/deactivate system one must use ball valve. During transport on rough roads, damping system shall be opened (valve lever parallel to the oil flow direction). This allows oil to flow freely within the system, making suspension work.

First launch of the system

- Lift the machine on chassis, and fold wing frame to transport position.
- Lift hydraulic depth adjustments servomotors to avoid contact with chassis frame when setting one (lowering) for transport position



- When machine lifted on the chassis, system pressure gauge may indicate as much as 160 BAR. Lowering chassis for a transport position user shall aim for 90 BAR pressure position.
- When 90 BAR reached, chassis lowered to achieve low center of gravity, one may proceed with transport.
- Always observe machine during transport. Mind road surface and traffic conditions.
- Before unfolding machine to the working position, lift the chassis to the highest possible position. Then follow unfolding procedure.
- Hitch damping valve may remain open during field work.



**CAUTION!** There is a factory pre-set 90 BAR gas (N<sub>2</sub> - Nitrogen) pressure in the accumulator. Decreasing gas pressure shall be performed on the open air. Increasing gas pressure shall be performed by qualified operator by means of dedicated tooling only.

## 6. Replacement procedures

### Replacement of tubular roller bearings

Replace the damaged bearings following the steps below:

- place the machine on a horizontal surface,
- unscrew the four bolts securing ball bearings on each side,
- move the tubular roller away,
- loose both headless bolts in each bearing to be able to pull the bearings out with the use of a puller,
- place new bearings on the roller loosely,
- draw the roller between the bearing plates and screw the bearings to the plates, drive the pins with the use of a thread locking glue,
- do not replace the ball bearings on the disc holders,
- in case of damage, replace the entire disc holder.

### Replacement of workpieces

Excessively worn workpieces hinder the penetration of tools and increase the working resistance. The discs must be replaced when the diameter has been reduced to 510 mm.

Replace the workpieces on the implement when it is lowered to the ground with the tractor engine stopped. Put sturdy and robust supports (e.g. approx. 20 cm thick wooden blocks) under the adjacent workpieces or the roller to prevent contact between the component to be replaced and the ground. In case of the chassis, the wheels lowered to the maximum position may also be used as supports. Upon lowering the harrow, switching off the tractor engine and applying the hand brake, check the stability of the tractor-implement unit. Use only standard screws to fix new parts or workpieces.

If the components of the machine are disassembled several times, it is necessary to inspect and replace (if required) connecting elements such as bolts, washers or nuts, excessive wear of which can lead to uncontrolled loosening of the connected elements, and consequent damage to the same.

Work with extremely worn work tools can cause, for example, bearing damage in the case of a small disc diameter. Tools should be replaced when their wear and tear

exceeds the limits allowed by the manual. Otherwise damage may occur, for which the manufacturer **SHALL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE!**

#### Replacement of cylinders

A malfunctioning cylinder (leakage, etc.) must be replaced. Dismount it to have it inspected by a specialised company. Cylinder replacement must be performed when the implement is unfolded. Connect the cylinder to the system and with one side mounted repeat the operating cycle several times until the cylinder is completely filled with oil. Otherwise, the section being lowered may suddenly fall down.



**CAUTION!** During repairs and maintenance, the implement must be lowered on the ground and be resting on supports ensuring full stability. The tractor engine must be stopped. During repairs and maintenance, use proper spanners and safety gloves.

Table 5 GAL-K / GAL-K HD disc harrow - troubleshooting

| Malfunction, defect                                     | Cause   | Solution  |
|---|---|---|
| - uneven penetration of the workpieces                  | - improper levelling of the implement   | - level and align the implement lengthwise and crosswise      |
| - poor disc penetration                                 | - excessively worn discs<br>- roller lowered too low<br>- too low disc pressure on compact soil | - replace the discs<br>- lift the roller                      |
| - the stubble not accurately cut                        | - too low working depth of the discs  | - increase the working depth of the discs                     |
| - deep groove at the contact point of the work passages | - incorrectly adjusted side plate   | - adjust the position of the side plate                       |
| - soil flowing above the roller                         | - rear plate not present<br>- roller placed too close to the discs                              | - mount the rear plate<br>move the roller away from the discs |
| - clogging of discs                                     | - excessive working depth<br>- excessive humidity   | - reduce the depth  |
| - clogging of the side plate                            | - too much post-harvest residue   | - dismount the side plate                                     |
| - soil poorly pressed by the roller                     | - harrow poorly levelled<br>- roller raised too high  | - extend the upper fastener<br>- lower the roller             |

## 7. Storage of the disc harrow



**CAUTION** Disconnect the unit from the tractor before performing any disassembly activities.

The disc harrow must be stored in a roofed place. If there is no roofed space, external storage is permitted.

**The disc harrow must be stored in a place which does not pose any hazard to persons or the environment.** If the implement is stored outdoors for a long time, repeat the maintenance activities on the workpieces as soon as the preservative layer disappears. When unhitched from the tractor, the implement must be supported on a firm, level surface with a stable balance. All working units should rest on the ground. Lower the implement gently so that it does not come into contact with hard surfaces. When lowering

the implement, unhitch the suspension system and drive away the tractor. Also, the parts that have been disassembled and removed from the implement must be stored securely supported on the ground to prevent uncontrolled movement. It is advisable to store the implement on a hardened firm surface in roofed areas, inaccessible to unauthorised persons, bystanders, and animals.



**Store the machine firmly supported on a hardened firm surface so that no injury is caused to persons or animals.**

## **8. Disassembly and withdrawal from service and scrapping**

When operated in accordance with the guidelines in the instruction manual, the implement will have a long life, however worn or damaged parts must be replaced. In the event of emergency damage (cracks and deformation of the frames) impairing the quality of the machine operation and posing a risk to its further operation, the machine must be withdrawn from service.

Disassembly of the implement should be carried out by persons who are familiar with its construction. These operations must be performed when the machine is placed on level, firm ground. Disassembled metal parts should be scrapped and rubber parts should be handed over to a disposal plant. The oil must be drained into a tight container and disposed of at a disposal plant.



***CAUTION Take all precautions during the disassembly: use appropriate tools and personal protective equipment. Dispose of the disassembled parts in accordance with the environmental protection requirements.***

## **9. GAL-K / GAL-K HD disc harrow - spare parts**

In order to search, find prices and order original spare parts visit our website at [www.mandam.com.pl](http://www.mandam.com.pl), "parts" tab.

There you can find catalogues and spare part sheets in PDF format, containing current part drawings and diagrams for each machine or implement, together with part numbers and prices.

Purchase orders for parts can be placed or enquiries related to the same can be sent directly from this website (tab: "contact/order"), or sent to the following e-mail address: [czesci@mandam.com.pl](mailto:czesci@mandam.com.pl)

A purchase order should contain part numbers and quantities, as well as details of the ordering party/payer together with a contact phone number.

The parts are sent directly to the specified address on the COD basis.

If in doubt, please contact Mandam Spare Parts Department at: +48 32-232-2660 extension 39 or 45 or at + 48 668-66-22-89 (mobile).

Original MANDAM spare parts are also available from all authorised MANDAM distributors.