# Challenger Lifts, Inc. MODELS 15000 & 18000

### TWO POST SURFACE MOUNTED LIFT

### OPERATION, INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE MANUAL



#### **General Specifications**

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Maximum Capacity* (Model 1500	0) 15000 US Pounds (3750 Pounds Per Arm)			
Maximum Capacity* (Model 1800	0) 18000 US Pounds (4500 Pounds Per Arm)			
Lifting Time**	Approximately 1 1/2 Minutes			
-	Approximately 60 Seconds			
	ional-2HP, 208 or 240 or 480 Volt, 3 Phase, 50/60 Hz.			
Dimensions				
Overall Width				
Overall Height				
-	198 Inches (15002 & 18002)			
Height at Full Rise				
	191 Inches (15002 & 18002)			
Drive Through Clearance				
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* Lift capacity ratings are based on loads equally distributed on all four arms.				

\*\* Lifting and lowering speeds may vary depending on the type and viscosity of the oil in the system and the temperature of the oil.

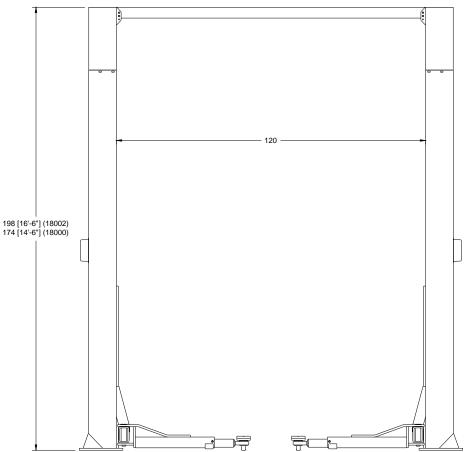


Figure 1

### **COMPONENT PACKING LIST**

PART #			
15000	18000	#/LIFT	DESCRIPTION
12001	12001-18	1	POWER COLUMN ASSY
12002	12002-18	1	IDLER COLUMN ASSY
12004		1	OVERHEAD PACK
12	005	1	HARDWARE BOX
12	006	1	ARM PACK
12	102	2	COLUMN EXTENSION (14'-6" O.A. Ht.)
12	022	2	COLUMN EXTENSION (16'-6" O.A. Ht.)
12	074	1	OVERHEAD SHUTOFF BAR ASSY
12	045	1	MERCURY SWITCH
12	019	2	SYNCHRONIZER CABLE ASSY (16'-6" O.A. Ht.)
12	2100		SYNCHRONIZER CABLE ASSY (14'-6" O.A. Ht.)
12	069	4	ADAPTER EXTENSION (4")
12	068	2	ADAPTER EXTENSION (8")
12	071	2	ADAPTER RACK
12	093	4	ARM RESTRAINT ASSEMBLY
12119	12087-19	1	POWER UNIT - SINGLE PHASE
12089	12089-19		POWER UNIT - THREE PHASE
12	090	1	LITERATURE PACK

## Important!

- **Before You Install**
- 1. Before installing your Challenger 2-Post lift, read the manual(s) thoroughly. Inspect the lift to insure that it is complete and undamaged. Challenger 2-Post lifts are shipped ready to assemble to facilitate shipping and reduce damage. If it is apparent that the lift has been mishandled in shipment, or if parts or assemblies are missing, note the damage or missing part(s) on the shipping papers and notify Challenger Lifts, Inc. Immediately.
- 2. Be certain that the wiring in your building will handle the current required to operate this unit (Fig 9).
- 3. Check with the local building inspectors and/ or Permits office for any special instructions or approvals required for your installation.

#### **VERTICAL CLEARANCE**

Check the height of the area where the lift is to be installed. Clearance should be calculated

based on the full raised height of the lift.



Failure by purchaser to provide adequate

clearance could result in unsatisfactory lift performance, property damage, or personal injury.

#### FLOORING

Be certain you have the proper concrete floor to properly handle the loaded lift. Floor should be in generally good condition with no large cracks, spalling or deterioration.

Minimum requirements for concrete are 4 inches minimum depth, with steel reinforcement, 3500 psi, cured for 28 days per local commercial practice. Floor should be level within 3/8 inch over the installation area. No anchors should be installed within 8 inches of any crack, edge, or expansion joint. If these conditions cannot be met, a pad may be poured to accommodate the lift.

Check with local building inspectors and/or permits office for any special instructions or approvals required for your installation.



Failure by purchaser to provide the recommended mounting

surface could result in unsatisfactory lift performance, property damage, or personal injury.

#### LOCATION

This lift has been evaluated for indoor use only with an operating ambient temp. range of  $5 - 40^{\circ}$ C (41-104°F)

#### **ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS**

For lift installation and operation for single phase units, it is necessary to have a dedicated circuit with a double pole 25 amp circuit breaker or time delay fuse.

#### **SAFETY NOTICES AND DECALS**

For your safety, and the safety of others, read and understand all of the safety notices and decals included here.

**READ ENTIRE MANUAL BEFORE ASSEMBLING, INSTALLING, OPERATING, OR SERVICING THIS EQUIPMENT.** Proper maintenance and inspection is necessary for safe operation.

DO NOT operate a damaged lift.

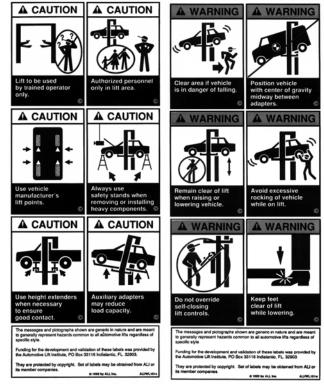
Safety decals similar to those shown here are found on a properly installed lift. Be sure that all safety decals have been correctly installed on the Power Unit reservoir. Verify that all authorized operators know the location of these decals and fully understand their meaning. Replace worn, faded, or damaged decals promptly.

> Do not attempt to raise a vehicle on the lift until the lift has been correctly

installed and adjusted as described in this manual.

WARNING





#### **Installation Procedure**

- 1. Break down the packaging with the columns by supporting the upper column and using a 3/4" wrench, remove the bolts at the top and bottom of the column. Carefully remove the top cap.
- 2. Layout the service bay according to the architect's plans or owner's instructions (see Fig 2). Be certain that the proper conditions exist per the section entitled "Before You Install".

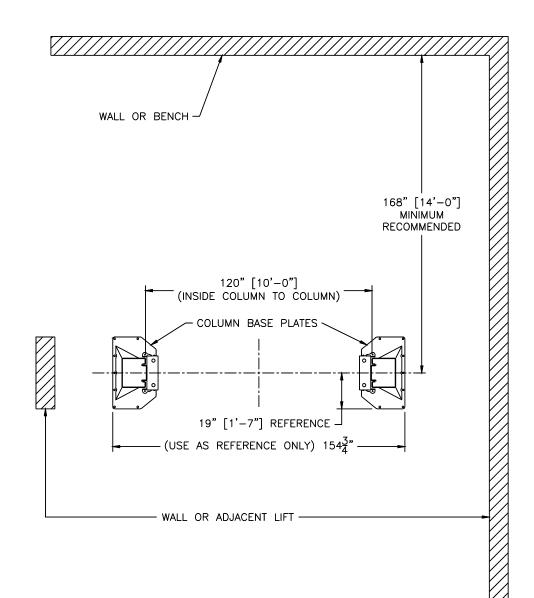
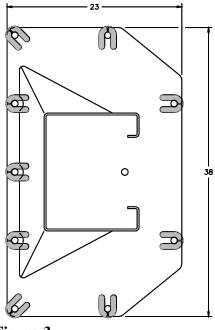


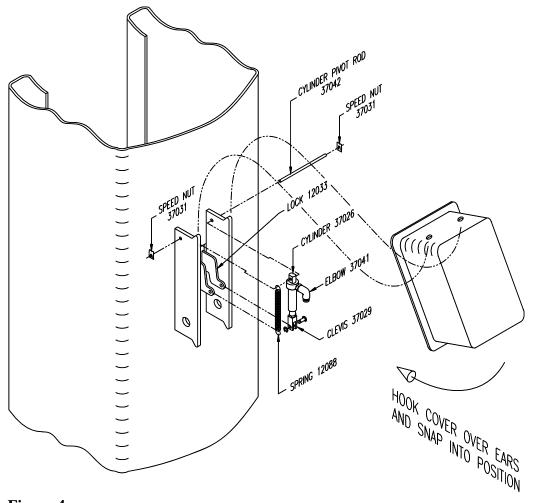
Figure 2

- 3. Assemble a column extension to each column using 3/8 x 1 bolts, flat washers, lock washers, and nuts.
- 4. Erect both column assemblies. Align the columns with the installation lines and drill the holes for the anchors using the base plate as a template. Clean the dust from the holes. Obtain the anchor bolts from the hardware box and assemble the nut and washer to the bolt, leaving about 1/4" of thread above the nut. Insert the anchors into each hole as it is drilled and tap it down to the base plate. If the floor is excessively uneven, you may wish to leave more thread exposed.
- 5. Shim both columns to plumb using the shims provided (Fig. 3). Do not shim more than  $\frac{1}{2}$ " at any point. Use a level no less than 24" in length to plumb the columns.



- Figure 3
- 6. Back the nuts on the anchors up until the threads are flush with the top of the nut and tap them down against the base plate. Using a torque wrench, tighten the anchors to 150 ft-lbs to set the anchors. Check the columns for plumb after torquing the bolts and adjust by shimming if necessary.
- 7. Lift the overhead up into position and install with 3/8 x 1 bolts, flat washers, lock washers, and nuts.
- 8. Place the mercury switch inside the switch tube by folding the pigtail along side the switch housing and placing the cord end of the switch into the tube. Then attach the tube to the bracket on the power column side using the  $3/8 \ge 1\frac{1}{2}$  shoulder bolt and 5/16-18 Keps nut. Obtain the 1 3/8 snap bushing from the hardware box and place it into the hole in the top of the column to protect the wires. Run the free end of the wire up through the overhead and through the hole in the top of the column.

- 9. Take the shutoff bar to the idler column side and first insert the end of the bar into the open end of the switch tube, then attach the other end to the bracket on the idler side of the overhead using the  $3/8 \ge 1 \frac{1}{2}$  shoulder bolt, 5/16 dia. washer and 5/16-18 Keps nut.
- 10. Install the locking pawl, actuator and spring (Fig. 4). Adjust air cylinder clevis to retract lock against inside back of column when air cylinder is fully extended. Tighten air cylinder clevis jam nut against clevis.





11. At each sheave location disassemble and reassemble the cable trapping bolt to install the cable onto the sheave.

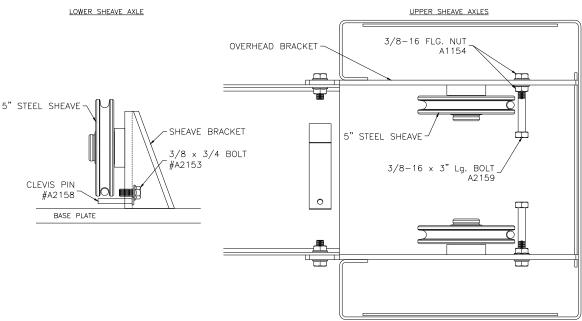


Figure 5

12. Manually raise the carriages to a comfortable working height and set in locks at equal heights. Route the synchronizer cables (Fig. 6).

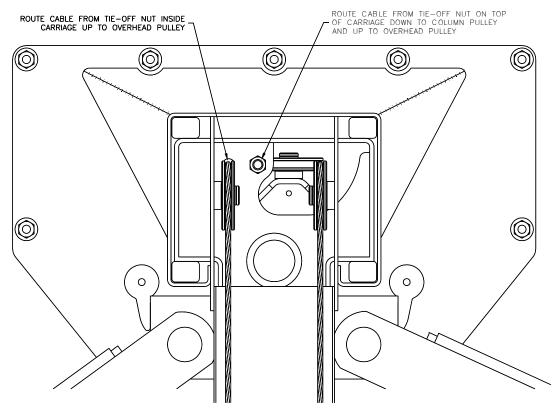
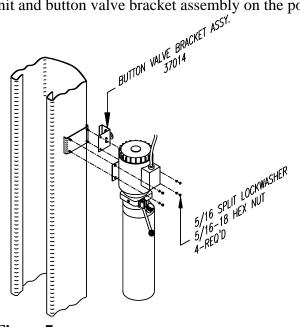


Figure 6

13. Install the power unit and button valve bracket assembly on the power column (Fig 7).





14. Connect the extension hydraulic lines to the cylinder lines in each column. Install the overhead line with a 90 degree elbow on the idler side and a tee on the power side (Fig. 8). Install the power unit line to the tee in the top of the power column and to the power unit outlet port. Make sure the cables clear during operation.

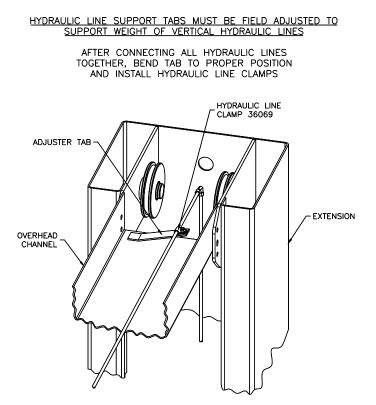
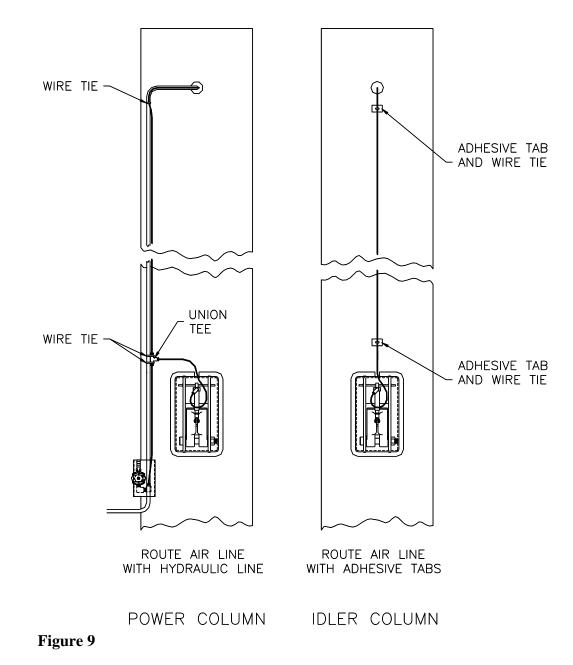


Figure 8 *Idler Side* 

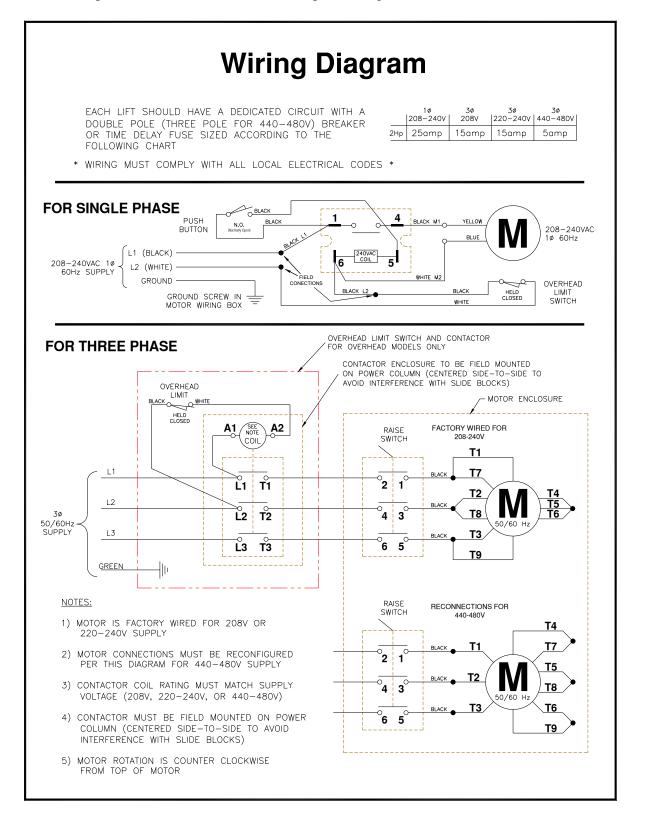
# 15. **BE CERTAIN ALL FITTINGS AND CONNECTIONS ARE TIGHT.** Fill the power unit with four (4) gallons of clean 10wt anti-foam anti-rust hydraulic oil or Dexron III ATF. **DO NOT USE OILS WITH DETERGENTS.**

16. Route the 1/8" air line (Fig. 9). Be certain not to kink or pinch the hose. Connect the button valve to a source of **clean**, **dry air** using the hose barb and clamp provided. Snap the covers onto the column.



16. Center one adapter rack on the back of each column 28" up from the top of the column base. Using the adapter rack as a template, mark and drill mounting holes. Use 3/8 x 1 bolts, flat washers, lock washers, and nuts to mount racks.

- 17. Connect the overhead shutoff switch to the power unit (Fig. 10).
- 18. Connect the power unit to a suitable electrical power (Fig. 10).



#### Figure 10

- 19. Energize the power unit until the carriages are lifted and run them up about 3 feet. <u>Caution!</u> <u>Wear eye protection while bleeding the cylinders!</u> Slowly and carefully loosen the bleed plug to allow the entrapped air to escape from the cylinder, first on the idler side and then the power side. Energize the power unit again to raise the carriages about 1-2 inches and loosen the plugs to bleed again. Repeat until no air comes out of the plug.
- 20. Lower the lift completely and top off the hydraulic oil (5 gallon total tank capacity). Raise the lift until both carriages are in the locking range and engage the safety latches. Make certain that the carriages are at the same height. Adjust the synchronizer cables so that the tension is equal in both cables and both carriages are firmly on the locks. Cycle the lift to ensure that the latches operate simultaneously.
- 21. Lubricate the arm pin or carriage arm pin hole with "anti-seize" lubricant and install the arms (Fig. 11). Install spacer washers above the restraint lock mechanism for proper alignment of the link rod. Insure that the arm restraint gears engage and disengage properly. Arm restraints should disengage when lift is fully lowered. If any binding occurs, insure that the large gear mounted to the arm has been factory installed tight against the arm pin.
- 22. Extend the foot pad to both extents and apply "anti-seize" lubricant to the retaining ring and where the threaded insert makes contact with the base of the foot pad.

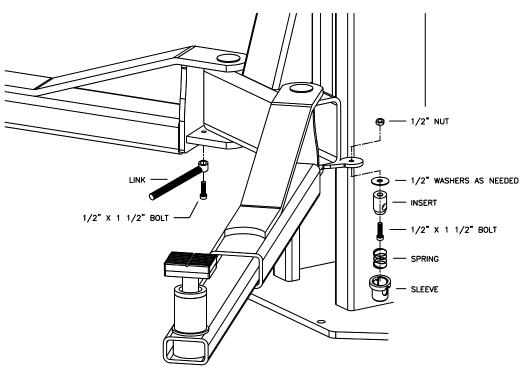


Figure 11

#### **OWNER/OPERATOR CHECKLIST**

- Demonstrate the operation of the lift to the owner/operator and review correct and safe lifting procedures using the <u>Lifting It Right</u> booklet as a guide.
- Complete the Installation Checklist/Warranty Validation questionnaire with the owner. Review the terms of the warranty registration card, and return the card and a copy of the questionnaires to:

#### Challenger Lifts, Inc.

200 Cabel Street

Louisville, KY. 40206

#### **OPERATION PROCEDURE**

#### SAFETY NOTICES AND DECALS

This product is furnished with graphic safety warning labels, which are reproduced on page 3 of these instructions. Do not remove or deface these warning labels, or allow them to be removed or defaced. For your safety, and the safety of others, read and understand all of the safety notices and decals included.

#### **OWNER/EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES**

This lift has been designed and constructed according to ANSI/ALI ALCTV-2006 standard. The standard applies to lift manufactures, as well as to owners and employers. The owner/employer's responsibilities as prescribed by ANSI/ALI ALOIM-2000, are summarized below. For exact wording refer to the actual standard provided with this manual in the literature pack.

**The Owner/Employer shall** insure that lift operators are qualified and that they are trained in the safe use and operation of the lift using the manufacturer's operating instructions; ALI/SM 93 -1, ALI Lifting it Right safety manual; ALI/ST-90 ALI Safety Tips card; ANSI/ALI ALOIM-2000, American National Standard for Automotive LiftsSafety Requirements for Operation, Inspection and Maintenance; ALI/WL Series, ALI Uniform Warning Label Decals/Placards; and in case of frame engaging lifts, ALI/LP-GUIDE, Vehicle Lifting Points/Quick Reference Guide for Frame Engaging Lifts.

**The Owner/Employer shall** establish procedures to periodically inspect the lift in accordance with the lift manufacturer's instructions or ANSI/ALI ALOIM-2000, American National Standard for Automotive Lifts-Safety Requirements for Operation, Inspection and Maintenance; and the employer shall insure that the lift inspectors are qualified and that they are adequately trained in the inspection of the lift.

**The Owner/Employer shall** establish procedures to periodically maintain the lift in accordance with the lift manufacturer's instructions or ANSI/ALIOIM-2000, American National Standard for Automotive Lifts-Safety Requirements for Operation, Inspection and Maintenance; and the employer shall insure that the lift maintenance personnel are qualified and that they are adequately trained in the maintenance of the lift.

**The Owner/Employer shall** maintain the periodic inspection and maintenance records recommended by the manufacturer or ANSI/ALI ALOIM-2000, American National Standard for Automotive Lifts-Safety Requirements for Operation, Inspection and Maintenance.

**The Owner/Employer shall** display the lift manufacturer's operating instructions; ALI/SM 93 -1, ALI Lifting it Right safety manual; ALI/ST-90 ALI Safety Tips card; ANSI/ALI ALOIM-2000, American National Standard for Automotive Lifts-Safety Requirements for Operation, Inspection and Maintenance; and in the case of frame engaging lift, ALI/LP-GUIDE, Vehicle Lifting Points/Quick Reference Guide for Frame Engaging Lifts; in a conspicuous location in the lift area convenient to the operator.

#### 1. Lifting a Vehicle

Ensure that the lifting arms are parked, out of the way of the vehicle. Position the vehicle in the service bay so that the vehicle=s center of gravity is on a line between the two columns, and so the vehicle is centered between the two columns.

#### Do not place the vehicle in the service bay backwards.

#### Do not attempt to lift the vehicle with only two arms, as this will void the warranty

Refer to the vehicle manufacturer=s service manual, technical bulletins, or other publications to locate the recommended lifting points.

Position the arms so that all four pads contact the vehicle simultaneously.

#### The vehicle should remain level during lifting.

Raise the lift until all four wheels are off the ground. Test the stability of the vehicle by attempting to rock the vehicle. If the vehicle seems unstable, lower the lift and readjust the arms. If the vehicle is stable, raise the vehicle to a height a few inches above the desired working height.

When the vehicle has reached the desired working height, release the power pack button, and lower the vehicle until the safety latches on both columns engage. The vehicle should remain level when both latches are engaged. If one side engages and the other continues to descend, stop lowering the vehicle, raise it several inches, and try again to engage both latches.

Always lower lift into locks before entering the area beneath the vehicle.

Removal of large components of the vehicle could cause a change in the center of gravity resulting in an unsafe condition. If this is intended, vehicle support stands are recommended.

#### 2. Lowering a vehicle

Ensure that the area under the vehicle is clear of personnel and tools.

Raise the vehicle until both latches are free.

Disengage the latches by depressing the palm button and holding it.

Lower the vehicle by depressing the lowering valve handle.

Continue to lower the vehicle until the carriages stop against the base plate. Retract the extension arms, and park them. It is important to fully lower the lift to release hydraulic pressure on the system.

#### Maintenance

To avoid personal injury, permit only qualified personnel to perform maintenance on this equipment. Maintenance personnel should follow lockout/tagout instructions per ANSI Z244.1.

The following maintenance points are suggested as the basis of a preventive maintenance program. The actual maintenance program should be tailored to the installation.

Daily

Inspect the lift for loose anchor bolts (If loose tighten to 80 ft-lbs), fluid leaks, and loose connections. **All anchor bolts should take full torque.** Check for fluid leaks and loose connections. Check for broken parts

#### Weekly

Check fluid level in power pack reservoir. Check for lock release activation.

#### Monthly

Check synchronizer cables for wear and tension, adjust if necessary. Lubricate cable sheaves or chain sprockets with light oil to reduce drag. Lubricate carriage slide tracks with heavy viscous grease.

#### Appendix A

#### Hydraulic Fitting Assembly

Hydraulic line sets are prefabricated to allow easy assembly in the field. Follow the steps outlined below for reliable, leak-free joint:

- 1. Remove any shipping plugs or caps, insuring that no remnants of the plugs or caps remain in the tube.
- Lubricate the threads and seat of the fitting with hydraulic oil or a compatible lubricant.
  Do not use pipe dope or Teflon tape on these fittings.
- 3. Align the tubing joints so that the tubing and sleeve assemblies can be inserted easily into the fitting.
- 4. Insert the tubing and sleeve assemblies into the fitting and start the fitting nut by hand.

# CAUTION: If the fitting nut cannot be started by hand, the joint is not aligned properly. Attempting to start a misaligned fitting with a wrench is likely to damage the fitting and result in a leaking joint.

- 5. Tighten the fitting nut until the force required to turn it rises sharply.
- 6. Tighten the fitting nut 1/4 turn past the point noted in the previous step. Only if the joint leaks in operation should the joint be tightened further.

#### **CAUTION:** Do not over tighten the hydraulic fittings.

#### Appendix B

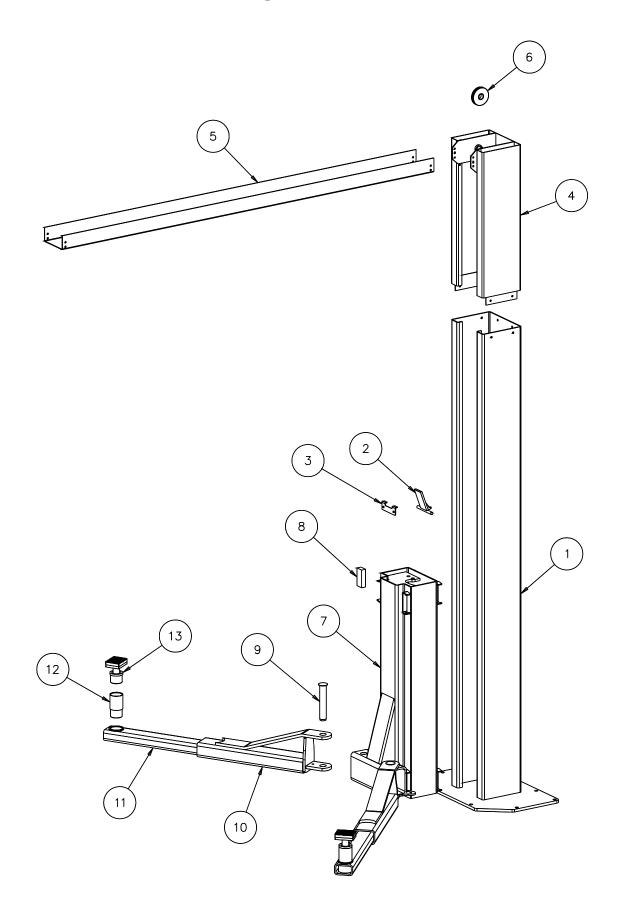
#### Anchor Bolt Installation

- 1. Insure the concrete has had sufficient time to cure 28 days minimum.
- 2. Always wear safety glasses.
- 3. Follow the drill manufacturers safety instruction.
- 4. Use only solid carbide-tipped drill bits meeting ANSI B94 tip diameter standards.
- 5. Drill the anchor bolt holes perpendicular to the work surface. To assure full holding power, do no ream the hole or allow the drill to wobble.
- 6. Drill the hole at least as deep as the full length of the anchor, completely through the slab if possible.
- 7. Clean the hole, using compressed air and a wire brush. A clean hole is necessary for proper performance.
- 8. Assemble the washer and nut on the anchor bolt so that the anchor protrudes slightly beyond the nut.

## The anchor should drop easily into the hole, requiring no more than a slight tap to seat it fully.

- 9. Tap the anchor through the fixture (lift base plate) and into the hole, making sure that the nut rests solidly against the fixture.
- 10. Tighten the nut to 150 ft-lbs for 3/4 inch diameter bolts and to 75 ft-lbs for 3/8 inch diameter bolts.

Models 15000 & 18000 Installation, Operation and Maintenance



## PARTS BREAKDOWN MODEL 15000/18000

ITEM #	PART # 15000 18000	#/LIFT	DESCRIPTION
1	12025	1	POWER COLUMN WELD
	12026	1	IDLER COLUMN WELD
2	12033	2	LOCK WELD
3	12037	2	LOCK RETAINER
	12073	4	5/16-18NC BUT.HD.CS X 1/2 LG
	37025	2	AIR CYLINDER ASSEMBLY
	12088	2	EXTENSION SPRING
4	12102	2	COLUMN EXTENSION WELD (14'-6" O.A. Ht.)
	12022	2	COLUMN EXTENSION WELD (16'-6" O.A. Ht.)
	31035	28	3/8-16NC X 1 HEX HD. CAP SCREW
	31036	28	3/8 FLAT WASHER
	31038	28	3/8-16NC HEX NUT
5	12038	1	OVERHEAD WELD
	12074	1	OVERHEAD SHUTOFF BAR ASSY
	12045	1	MERCURY SWITCH
	12019	2	SYNCHRONIZER CABLE ASSY (16'-6" O.A. Ht.)
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6	31019	6	CABLE PULLEY
	31020	6	WASHER
	31021	6	RETAINER RING
7	12007 12007-18	2	CARRIAGE WELD
8	12021	16	SLIDE BLOCK
9	12046	4	ARM PIN WELD
10	12049	4	FEMALE ARM WELD
11	12054	4	MALE ARM WELD
	12072	4	1/2-13NC SHCS X 5/8 LG
12	12069	4	EXTENSION (4")
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13	B12062	4	ADAPTER ASSEMBLY
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Replace worn or broken parts with genuine CHALLENGER LIFTS INC. parts Contact your local Challenger Lifts Parts Distributor for pricing and availability (Call CHALLENGER LIFTS INC. (502) 625-0700 for the Parts Distributor in your area)