

Aluminum Gantry Safety Manual

All A frame models that end with the letter “F”

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Foreword

This manual has been prepared for the owner and those responsible for the operation of our aluminum gantries.

Its purpose, aside from operation, is to promote safety through the use of accepted correct operating and maintenance procedures. Read the safety and maintenance instructions thoroughly before operating and servicing the gantry or any rigging equipment.

In order to obtain maximum life and efficiency of your gantry and to aid in operating and maintaining the gantry with safety, read this manual thoroughly and follow all instructions carefully.

The specifications put forth in this manual were in effect at the time of publication. However, owing to EC&MW policy of continuous improvement, changes to these specifications may be made at any time without obligation on the part of EC&MW, Inc.

This information and recommendations contained in the publication come from sources believed to be reliable and to represent the best current practice. EC&MW, Inc. does not intend this manual to be a complete course of instructions on how to use this gantry with safety and does not guarantee or represent that the information is absolutely correct or sufficient. In addition, it cannot be assumed that all acceptable safety measures are listed or that other additional measures are not needed under particular or exceptional circumstances or conditions.

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SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Read these safety instructions in its entirety before using!

You must understand these instructions and warnings prior to use. If you, as the owner or user, do not understand English, it is your responsibility to have all the instructions and warnings interpreted into your native language for full and total comprehension.

Debe comprender estas instrucciones y advertencias antes de su uso. Si usted, como propietario o usuario, no comprende el inglés, es su responsabilidad tener todas las instrucciones y advertencias interpretadas en su idioma nativo para una comprensión total y completa.

Warning! It is your explicit responsibility to consider all risk factors prior to using this or any rigging device or product. To avoid injury, read and fully understand this information before using this product. Follow all OSHA and ANSI standards and guidelines. Owner must ensure that all users are trained on the use of this or any rigging product. Use by untrained persons is not only hazardous but extremely dangerous. Improper use could result in serious injury or death and or property damage. All rigging products will fail if damaged, abused, misused, overused or improperly maintained.

Never

1. Never use gantry for lifting or supporting humans or lifting or supporting loads over humans.
2. Never lift more than rated capacity (Capacity labeled on both sides of I Beam)
3. Never use gantry without all hitch and lynch pins secured in place.
4. Never lift load while height adjustment cable winch or lever hoist is in place.
5. Never make height adjustments while loaded.
6. Never remove hitch or lynch pins when in use.
7. Never apply a load on the top flange of I beam or slings loads over top of I beam.
8. Never leave any load suspended in the air unattended.
9. Never roll loaded gantry over any uneven surfaces or on any inclines.
10. Never push or pull the gantry with a lift truck or any other vehicle.
11. Never work under a suspended load.
12. Never allow load to swing or come in contact with side supports.
13. Never position trolley or hoist assemblies on outside of gantry legs.

14. Never position gantry legs where loaded or unloaded gantry can become unstable. When in motion or motionless. (*Keep legs adequately apart, so gantry will not upset.*)
15. Never use any product exhibiting deformities, unusual wear or deterioration. Gantry must be immediately replaced or repaired.
16. Never store gantry where corrosives chemical or solvents are kept.
17. Never force or hurry your work or equipment.
 - You and your equipment will do better and be safer at the rate for which it was intended.

Always

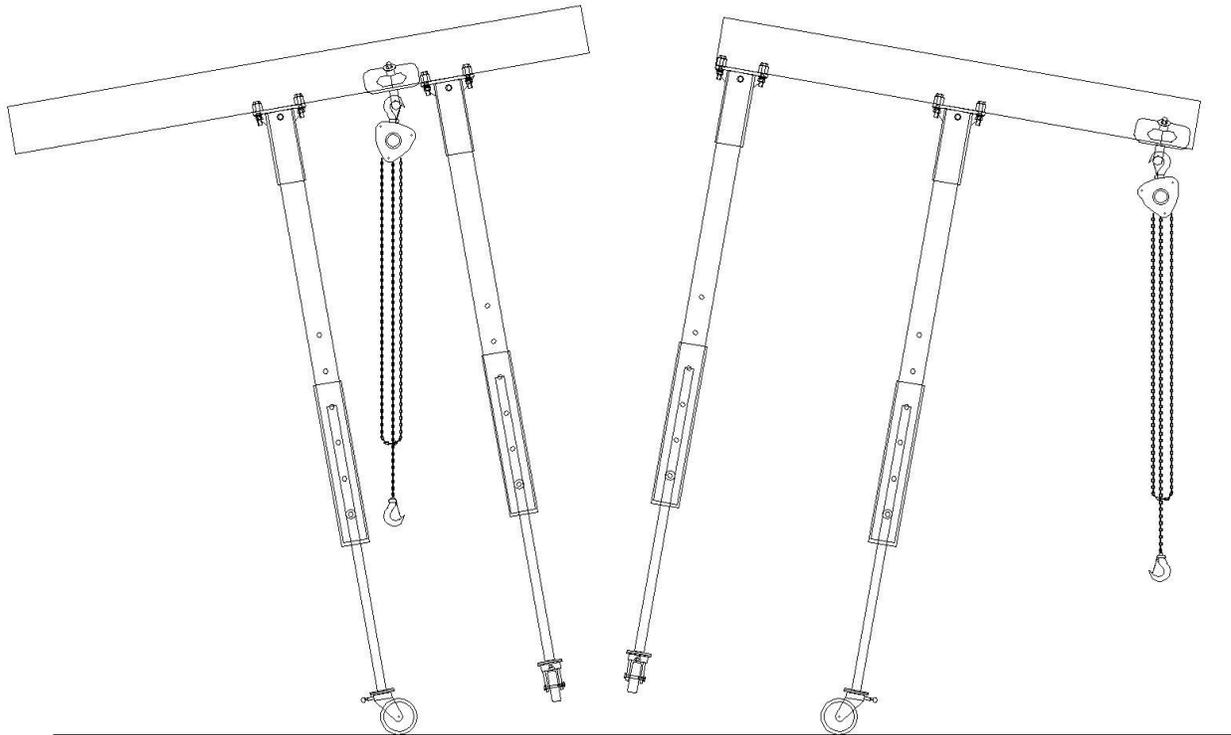
1. Always remove cable height adjustment winches after adjustment is made.
2. Always verify that all I Beam clamps are positioned correctly, and that the bolts are torque to the proper specifications:
 - 1/2" 13 thread to 51 ft lb. each or 69 nm.
 - 5/8" 11 thread to 108 ft lb each or 146 nm.
 - Only use EC&MW O.M.E. Clamps
 - Only use proper sized I beams. Height and flange widths.
 - I Beams are called: *S Shapes* aka *American Standard & Tapered Flange*.
3. Always when moving the loaded gantry push/pull simultaneously on both gantry legs, not on the load.
4. Always when moving the loaded gantry, keep load as close to the floor as possible and positioned in the center of the I- beam when possible.
5. Always position: I Beam and Hoist & Trolley directly over center of load before lifting.
6. Always remove trolley and hoist when assembling or disassembling gantry.
7. Always make certain that the load is not attached to the ground and any obstacles that may impede lifting have been removed.
8. Always make any adjustments and or repairs in an area where it will have the least interference with the operation.
9. Always before each use make certain that all operating and safety instructions for all rigging equipment have been read and fully understood. *Note: Operating and safety instructions for other rigging equipment such as hoists, trolleys and slings, you should seek OEM instructions.*
10. Always before each use make certain all caution/warning labels are in place and legible.
11. Always before each use verify that the rated capacity of the gantry is clearly marked on each side of the I-Beam.
12. Always keep all visitors a safe distance from work area.
13. Always keep work area clean, floors especially. Cluttered areas invite accidents.

14. Always stay alert:
 - Watch what you are doing.
 - If using outside (roof tops) note weather conditions.
 - Use common sense.
15. Always store gantry in a safe and dry area, which will be free from weather and foreign materials.

Additional Safety Instructions

1. **Warning!** Gantry will conduct electricity.
 - Never use gantry where power lines or open circuits are present.
 - Roof top use, note weather conditions for the chance of electrical storms.
2. It shall be the owner's responsibility to maintain all warnings and instructions and to see that they are intact, as well as legible.
3. All users must know and understand OSHA regulations, ANSI standards and any other relevant regulations.
4. **Destroy!** Do NOT attempt to repair gantry if exposed to flames/fire or corrosives chemicals, either could have a detrimental effect on the molecular characteristics of the aluminum. *Specifically the strength.*
5. When moving loaded gantry, observe that all wheels are rolling freely.
 - Excessive force should never be used when moving gantry.

WARNING



Gantry will upset if used in either of these manners!

1. Never position gantry legs closer than 50% of the total length of the I Beam.
 - a. If your beam is 10 feet in length, than the legs should not be closer than 5 feet.
2. Never position trolley or hoist outside of legs.
 - a. Never cantilever your gantry.

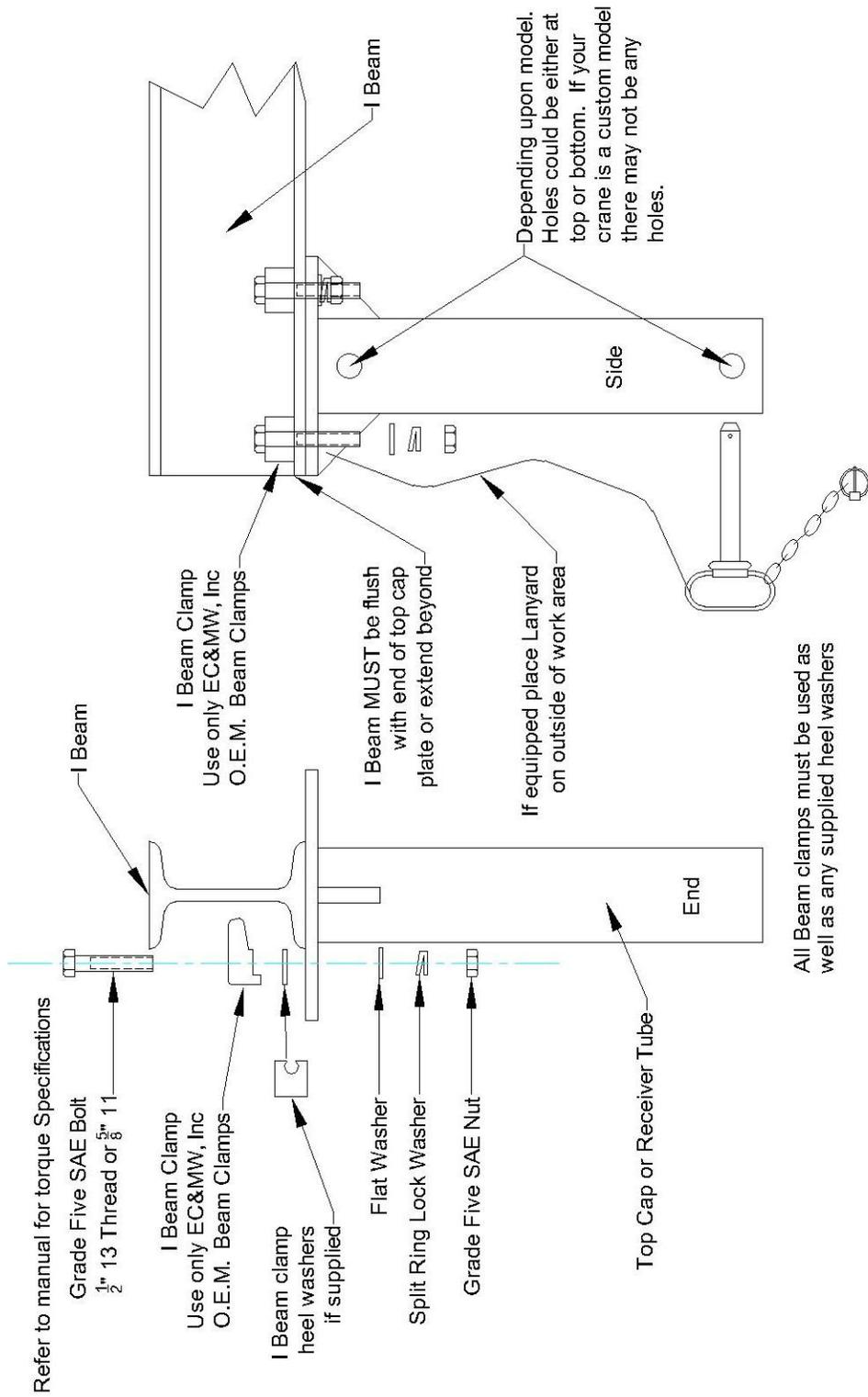
Inspection, Maintenance & Testing

A maintenance schedule should be implemented for your gantry. Intervals are dependent upon amount of use. We would suggest starting with every 3 months.

1. *Before each use:* Check that all caster locking pins are in proper working order and all caster mounting hardware are in place and secure.
2. *Before each use:* Check welds for any signs of stress or cracks.
3. *Before each use:* Check structure for any signs of deformities/fatigue.
4. *Before each use:* Check that all mounting hardware holding top caps to I Beam are positioned correctly and torque to the proper specification.
5. *Before each use:* Check trolley alinement etc. *Refer to O.M.E. Literature.*
6. *Before each use:* Check hoist hook clasps etc. *Refer to O.M.E. Literature.*
7. *Before each use:* Check any and all other lifting apparatus such as, nylon slings, cables etc. for their lifting integrity. Replace immediately if necessary. *Do Not Use!*
8. *Before each use:* Check that all warning labels are intact and legible.
9. Check casters to see that they roll freely, grease caster wheels *Only* when necessary. *“Do Not Over Grease!”*
10. Check lynch pins for proper working order.
11. Check to see that extension tubes and receiver tubes are clean. Dirt will impede the performance of your gantry. If necessary clean with soap and water only. Then apply a thin coat of furniture paste wax to female sections of both the bases and top caps.
12. Check load beam. When wear exceeds 10% of the original stock beam, it should be replaced.
13. ***Destroy!*** Do NOT attempt to repair gantry if exposed to flames/fire or corrosives chemicals, either could have a detrimental effect on the molecular characteristics of the aluminum. *Specifically the strength.*
14. Clean gantry with soap and water. *Never use cleaning solvents!*
15. If gantry is used near coastal communities, salt air can act as a corrosive. Wash down gantry more frequently with fresh water.
16. **Testing:** Your new gantry has been designed and constructed to meet or exceed our interpretation of ANSI B30.17 as well as other principal agencies. A qualified person should be chosen with knowledge pertaining to cranes to perform a load test of no more than 125% of its rated capacity and no less than 100% of its rated capacity, before it is placed into service. For more information regarding this, see the latest edition of ANSI B30.17 for explanation and particulars regarding testing.

- O.M.E. Original Manufacture Equipment

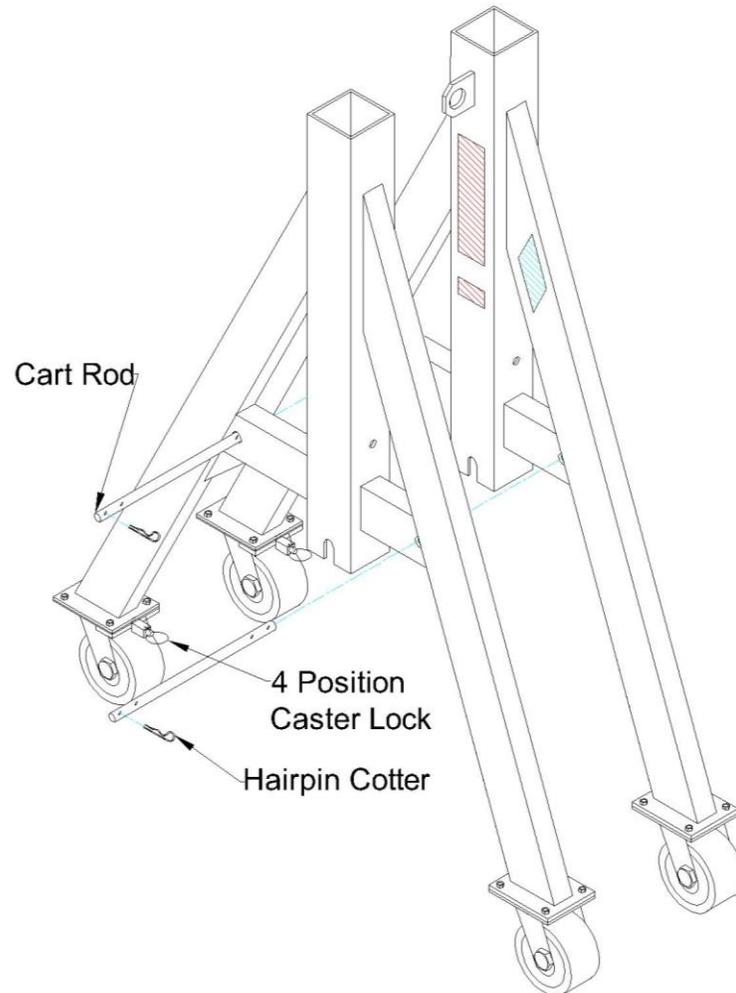
Top Cap Receiver Tube / I Beam Assembly



Gantry Assembly & Height Adjustment

- A. First and foremost NEVER force extensions. Both of your gantries extension tubes were tested prior to shipping to ensure a proper fit.
 - B. Use lift truck when possible to assemble and disassemble unit. Never attempt to assemble or disassemble gantry manually and without at least 2 or 3 persons. *Think safety first!*
1. Insert extension tubes to lowest position into main bases. Attach hitch pins and lynch pins.
 2. Widen lift truck blades completely and place I beam in center of blades.
Note: Lift truck blade width should be of great consideration at this point depending on I beam length. Attach receiver tubes to I beam as shown in diagram on page 6. With top cap/receiver tubes facing down, raise top caps/receiver tubes above extension tube. Lock casters parallel with base and roll main base under top cap/receiver tube and lower blades so as to insert extension tubes. Pin assembly with hitch and lynch pin. While retaining the I Beams weight on lift truck remove height adjustment pin from that base. Carefully raise fork allowing first extension to rise. Then assemble other side as before. NOTE: Take care when lowering fork blades that extension doesn't bind!
 - If lift truck is not available follow above procedure with exceptions. Lean base over while workmen raise one of beam onto extension tube. Attach hitch and lynch pins then again rise other side of I beam and roll base underneath and attach hitch and lynch pins
 3. Adjusting heights: *Extreme care should be taken when using lift truck* not to raise extension tubes/I beam so far as to remove them completely from the main bases.
 - If trolley and hoist are attached it is best to remove, otherwise secure from moving. (If Supplied) Attach cable winch to height adjusting tab(s) and other end into bottom of extension tube. Raise to desired height *one hole at a time*. When completed attach both hitch pins and lynch pins.
 4. Attach trolley and hoist. Refer O.E.M. Manuals
 5. *Remove cable winch!*
 6. To disassemble do the following procedure in reverse.

Cart Assembly



1. Lock all casters parallel with bases as shown with 4 position caster locks.
2. Position bases as shown above approximately the length of the cart rods apart from each other.
3. Push one cart rod through one base and then in to the other.
4. Attach hairpin cotters to outer holes on cart rod.
5. Slide other card rod through and attach outer pins.
6. Then maneuver bases accordingly to attach the 4 inside pins.
7. Place I beam and extension tube between the 2 bases. Making sure you the center of gravity of the I Beam and extension tubes is centered between the two cart rods.
8. Secure in place with the two bungee cords supplied.
9. Unlock two casters which are side by side **ONLY!**
10. Using whichever is longer I Beam or tubes. Use them to steer cart.

Warranty

EC&MW, Inc. warrants to the original buyer that this product shall be free from all defects in material or workmanship for a period of 10 years from date of purchase.

This warranty is the only written or express warranty given by EC&MW, Inc.

This warranty does not apply to any product, which has been subjected to Abuse, Misuse, Negligence, Modification, Overuse, Accident or Normal Wear. We are also not responsible for cost of inconvenience or damage due to product failure. EC&MW, Inc. cannot be responsible for any unlawful sale(s) by unlawful dealers and or any other 3rd party resellers. This includes ALL resale's by either online or yard auctions. This warranty is not transferable and is valid only for the original buyer and does not include any subsequent resales. In no event shall EC&MW, Inc. be liable for incidental or consequential damages. Upon its return (Freight Prepaid) to our factory, EC&MW, Inc. will if found defective, refund, repair or replace any part or the entire unit, with one of it or like model. Other manufactures warranties will apply and supersede any warranty given by ECMW, Inc. For those warranties and repairs you must contact the individual manufactures directly. Any alterations or misuse of this product will void all warranties and liabilities. **Customer assumes all liability and risks resulting from the use of this product.**

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may have other legal rights, which vary from state to state.

Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, or allow the exclusion or limitations of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you.

Troubleshooting

EC&MW, Inc. strive so that your gantry is free of all defects in material and workmanship. All of our gantries are inspected before they are shipped. If you continue to have trouble, please read the following instructions before calling for assistance. 775-778-9112

If hitch pins do not line up:

Make sure you have extension tubes in right direction.

Check that no dirt or debris has fallen into receiver tubes.

Check that no fragments are stuck to the ends of the extension tubes.

Make sure you're using pins supplied with gantry.

Make sure the proper pin is used. Some models use 2 different dia. pins

Some gantry models are designed so that the load is to be supported on pins. Lift up extension tubes or main beam about 1/8" to line up holes.

Hitch pins fall out:

Check to see that lynch pin has not been lost and is seated properly.

Swivel caster won't swivel:

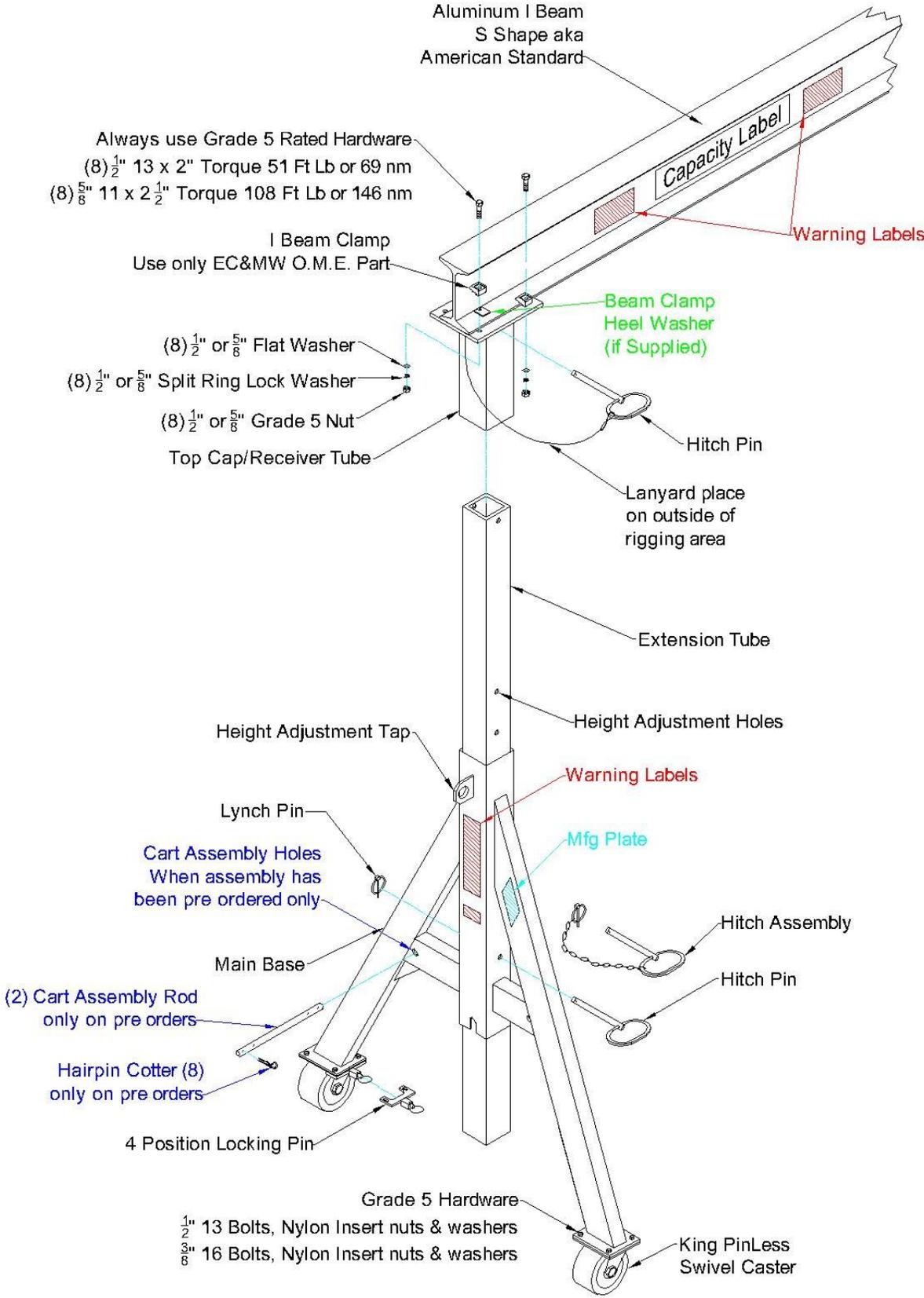
See if caster has been damaged. Grease caster.

Extension tubes bind when Raising and lowering

Check to see that burrs have not formed on extension tubes. Carefully file or sand out burrs.

Apply a thin coat of furniture paste wax to female sections.

Gantry Reference Guide



Packing List "A_PF"

Date _____

Gantry Model # _____ Serial # _____

Two bases with casters, hitch & lynch pins attached. _____

Two extension tubes. _____

Two top caps/receiver tubes with hitch & lynch pins attached. _____

Eight 5/8" or 1/2" bolts, nuts, lock, flat washers & Beam Clamps _____

One main I beam w/ labels attached. _____

One safety instructions manual. _____

Optional cart assembly (8) pins, (2) cross Bars & (2) bungees _____

Optional (2) height adjustment cable winches. _____

Optional lifting tab adapter _____

Safety labels # _____ attached.

Hoist _____ Ton Trolley _____ Ton

Nylon slings _____ Ft. Nylon slings _____ Ft.

Comments: _____

Packaged By: _____