

# GRAPPLE SAW MANUAL

**275 GS**

**Heavy Duty Grapple Saw**



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## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations on the purchase of a HWP-275GS Grapple Saw from Halverson Wood Products, Inc. This machine was built with the working conditions of the logging industry in mind!

Please take time to read through this manual so you may better understand our commitment to safety and satisfaction.

The HWP-275GS grapple saw is designed to operate with high auxiliary hydraulic flow of 26 to 40 gallons per minute (GPM).

**THIS IS A HIGH  
FLOW ONLY  
PRODUCT!!**

**AND**

**NEVER RUN  
MACHINE  
WITHOUT A  
CASE DRAIN!!**

**Never run the machine without a case drain.**  
**This will cause back pressure to the saw motor**  
**and result in internal damage to the hydraulics**  
**and saw motor.**

The HWP-275GS is designed to operate with hydraulic pressure between 2850 psi and not to exceed 3000 psi. If the pressure is lower than 2850 psi your saw will perform poorly (stall out or chatter). If you exceed 3000 psi you may cause damage to the valve body or to the saw motor. ***Running over 3000 psi and any damage this causes will not be warranted.***

In addition to the High Flow and return lines the HWP-275GS requires a low pressure 3/8" case drain line. The saw motor has a small amount of internal leakage to provide lubrication to the motor's internal moving parts. The leakage collects in a cavity behind the motor shaft seal. If the oil can't escape, it can build enough pressure to damage the saw shaft seal. **Do Not** tee the case drain line into the main return line of your machine. The main return line passes through the hydraulic filter and creates enough back pressure that would cause the saw motor to be damaged. The 3/8" low pressure line must be connected directly to the reservoir of your machine with no restrictions. ***Failure to install a 3/8" low pressure line without restrictions, and any damage this may cause, will not be warranted.***

## GENERAL SAFETY

### GRAPPLE SAW CAPABILITIES AND LIMITS

- Used to process logs, do not use for other purposes.
- Process only wood that is within the recommended size limits.
- Process one log at a time.
- Do not modify the grapple saw except as noted in this manual.
- Make sure all skid steer safety devices are in working order.
- Before exiting cab, shut down the engine on the skid steer.
- When entering or exiting cab, maintain 3 points of contact.
- Before performing any maintenance or inspection, shut down the skid steer engine.

### Operator Requirements

- Operators must be adults and familiar with the operation of the skid steer and grapple
- Never operate while impaired.

### General Safe Operating Practices

- Keep all bystanders at least 50 feet away while operating grapple. Do not allow bystanders directly in front of or directly behind grapple.
- Operate only from within enclosed cab.
- Keep hands and feet away from grapple's moving parts. **WARNING!!** Never load wood into or remove wood from the grapple by hand.
- Make sure all skid steer safety devices are in working order.
- Before exiting cab, shut down the engine on the skid steer.
- When entering or exiting cab, maintain 3 points of contact.
- Before performing any maintenance or inspection, shut down the skid steer engine.

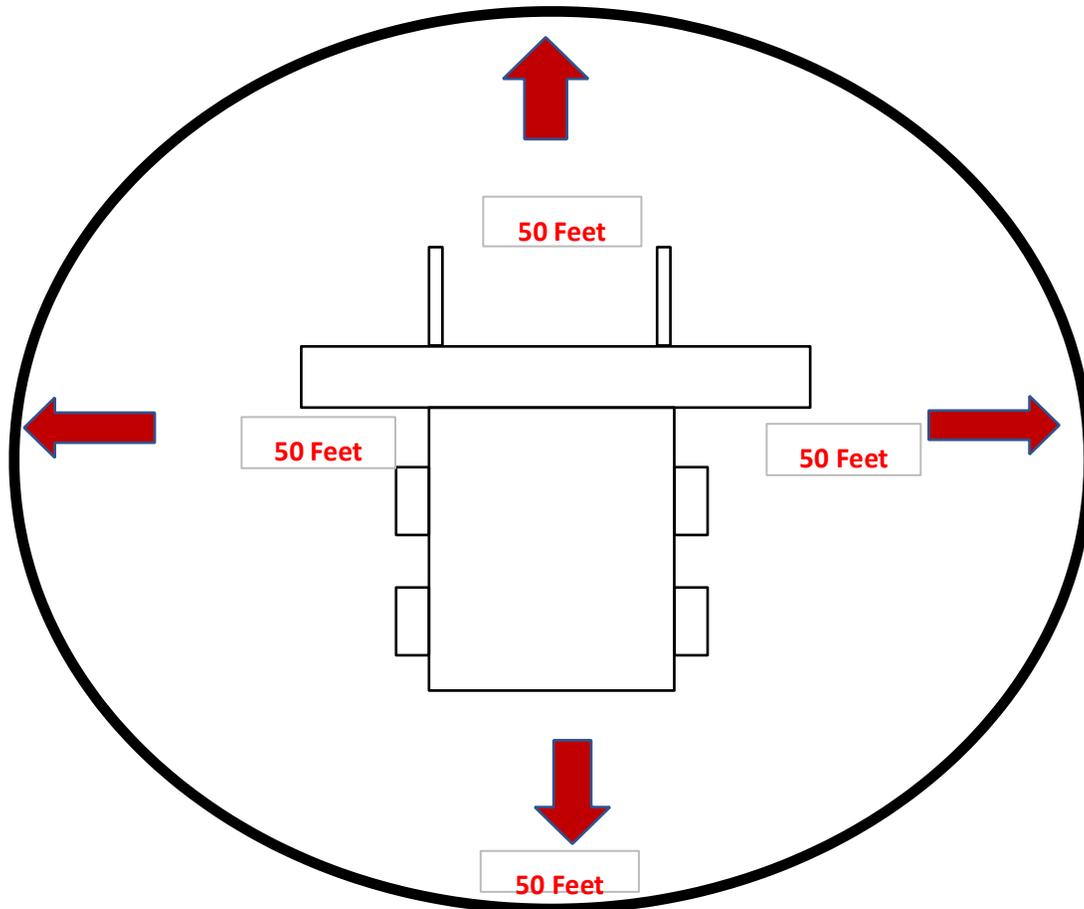
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## GENERAL SAFETY



Keep everyone at least **50 Feet** away from machine while in operation!!

Operating this grapple saw safely is necessary to prevent or minimize the risk of injury. Unsafe operation can create a number of hazards for you. Always take the following precautions when operating this log splitter.



### Precautions

Ensure all personnel are safely out of the way when operating the grapple and make sure that no one is in line with the chain saw.

**THE CHAIN SHOT AREA.** SERIOUS INJURIES AND DEATH HAVE BEEN REPORTED WHEN HIGH SPEED CHAIN SAW COMPONENTS SEPARATE AND BECOME HIGH SPEED PROJECTILES.

Know where all personnel are around the skid steer at all times. The cutting function often produces dangerous flying debris and wood particles. **KEEP PEOPLE AT LEAST 50 FEET AWAY FROM THE MACHINE WHILE RUNNING.**

### Chain Shot

#### What is chain shot

Chain shot is the high velocity separation and ejection of a piece or pieces of cutting chain from the end of a broken chain in mechanized timber harvesting. Chain shot exposes both machine operators and bystanders to a risk of serious injury or death. Chain shot typically occurs near the drive end of the cutting system but can also come from the bar tip area.

Industry research indicates an average of 1 in 50 broken chains had parts missing that may have been the result of a chain shot event.

#### How does chain shot occur?

A chain shot consists of two breaks in a chain.

First, the loop of chain breaks and forms two ends. One end moves past the drive sprocket or bar nose and is rapidly accelerated due to a whip-like motion of the chain end. The “whip action” causes the second break releasing small parts at supersonic speed.

Chain shot can cause chain parts to be thrown in many directions, especially those along the plane of the saw bar.

#### What does a typical chain shot piece look like?

The most dangerous chain shot parts consist of one to four parts as shown:



#### How can operators reduce the risk of chain shot?

- Operators and bystanders must never be in the plane of the bar when the chain is in motion on the bar.
- Appropriate windshield material must be installed.
- Chain speed must be 8000 ft/min(40m/s) or less for .404 pitch Oregon® chain and 7000 Ft/min (35m/s) or less for 3/4 pitch Oregon® Harvester chain.
- A chain shot guard should be installed near the drive sprocket.
- Chains should be inspected frequently and damaged or cracked chains removed from service.
- Always use new Oregon® parts when repairing Oregon® chain.
- Industry groups recommend that chains should be discarded after the second break.
- Remove all dull and/or worn chains from service.
- Always sharpen Oregon® chains to Oregon® factory specifications.
- Maintain proper bar and chain lubrication.
- Maintain proper chain tension. Replace the drive sprocket when it has visible signs of wear for additional information see the Oregon® Mechanical Timber Harvesting Handbook.

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## INSTALLATION

### Fitting the Grapple to the Skid Steer

- 1) Engage the upper portion of the skid steer's quick-attach mount, and then rotate the mount into position against the grapple's main mounting plate.
- 2) Lock the pins or wedges to secure the grapple to the skid steer mount. Make sure the locks, pins or wedges are fully engaged into the slots on the grapple mount. **WARNING!** If you need to raise the boom to check that the locks are engaged, observe from a safe distance. DO NOT allow anyone underneath a suspended grapple.
- 3) SLOWLY rotate the grapple fully back to ensure it does not come into contact with the skid steer or its boom houses and wiring.
- 4) Lower the grapple and detach from the quick-attach mount to allow easier access to the skid steer cab while installing the wiring.

**\*\*CONTACT YOUR DEALER BEFORE ADJUSTING ANY VALVES\*\***

### Adjustments & Control Functions

#### SAW OILER:

It is common to have excess oil dripping off the saw bar, the oiler may need to be adjusted.

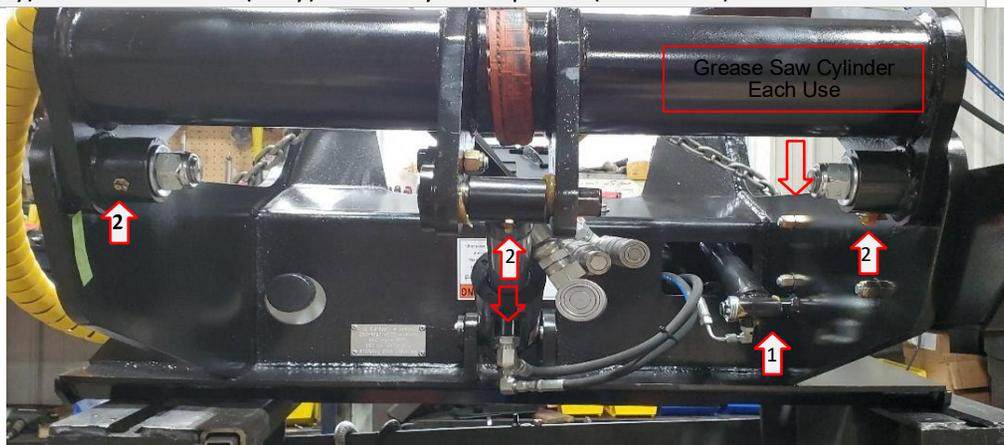
You should see a mist of oil when saw button is pushed.

- Turn adjustment in for less oil
- Turn adjustment out for more oil



#### Lubrication Intervals:

-Saw cylinder pivot points (daily) -saw swivel head(daily) - other cylinder points (as needed)



#### LUBRICATION POINTS:

- 1.Saw cylinder pivot points-Daily as used
- 1.Saw swivel head-Daily as used
- 2.Cylinders-As needed

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## Replacing the Chain

### STEP ONE:

While holding the saw down button, lower bar half way down.

### STEP TWO:

Shut skid steer motor off.

### STEP THREE:

Remove plate. (See picture to right)

### STEP FOUR:

Loosen saw clamp bolts.(See picture below)

### STEP FIVE:

Turn the tension screw 4-5 turns to loosen chain (see below)

### STEP SIX:

Remove Chain(See picture below right)



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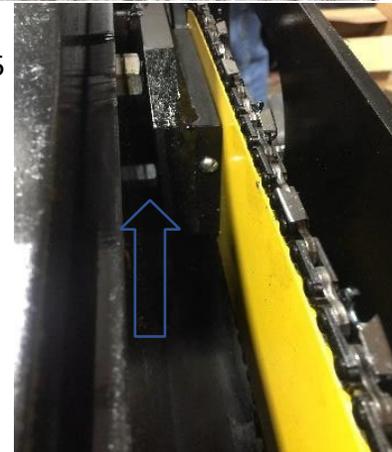
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### SAW CHAIN TENSIONING:

Maintain proper chain tension by adjusting the saw bar tension screw. If the chain runs too loose, it can hit the inside of the guard and become dull.

The chain is properly adjusted when you can pull the tie straps 1/8" from the surface of the bar's rails in the center of the bar. Do not tighten it when it is hot as it will shrink when it cools and will stress the chain and the bar's sprocket nose.

-Regularly monitor the bar oil flow to ensure the chain is being lubricated sufficiently but not excessively. Use only quality bar and chain oil. -Regularly monitor the condition of the chain's cutters and sharpen as required. Failure to do so will result in reduced saw performance.

### MOUNTING NEW CHAIN:

Reverse steps to mount new chain

**Note:**

Chain requires a 5/16" file to sharpen.

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## Trouble Shooting

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
<b>SAW STALLS WHEN LOWERED:</b>		
	-RPM too low -Bar is not getting oil	-Rev the motor -Check; tank, check valve, bar oil canal through the bar holder to the saw bar
	-Too much down pressure	-Adjust counter balance clockwise on the valve body.(see below)

### OILER WILL NOT OIL:

-Low oil	-Fill oil
-Hose to saw bar is kinked or cut	-Straighten or replace
-Oiler is plugged	-Clean check valve or replace

### OIL RESERVOIR DRAINS OUT OVERNIGHT

-Check valve stuck open	-Clean or replace check valve
-Oil delivery hose worn or broken	-Replace hose

### SAW COMES DOWN AND CHAIN IS SPINNING BUT DOESN'T CUT

-Chain dull	-Sharpen Chain
-Bar is rough on the edges	-Replace Bar

### SAW CAVITATES OR BOUNCES WHEN CUTTING

-Not enough down pressure	-Adjust counter balance counter-clockwise (see next page)
-Not getting enough oil flow to processor	-Increase RPM

How to clean or change check valve.

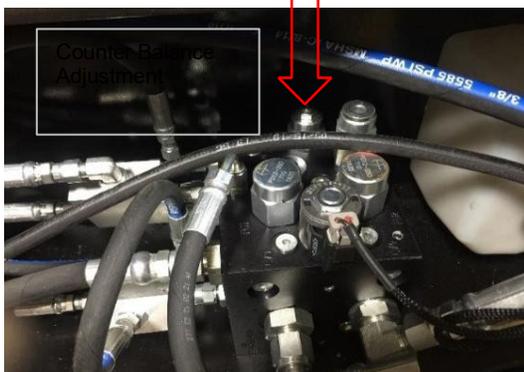


- 1) Remove brass manifold located by bar/chain
- 2) Take out check valve with valve stem core tool.
- 3) Flush out
- 4) Clean the spring area on the valve.
- 5) Return to brass manifold and

**Call our Technical Support at 218-587-2065**

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## VALVE BODY



## 14 PIN CONNECTION



## SPECS

275GS Specs	
OPENING	37.5"
LENGTH	48"
WIDTH	33"
HEIGHT	41"
WEIGHT	1100 LBS.
MATERIAL	3/8"-5/8" Steel
MINIMUM PRESSURE	2850-psi
FLOW	High Flow 26 to 40 GPM
CONNECTIONS	1- Pressure, 1- Return, 1- Case Drain
MAX LOG DIAMETER	36"
SAW BAR	45" Harvester
SAW CHAIN	3/4" pitch
SAW MOTOR	Bent Axis Piston
OILER	Automatic 2 Qt Tank
MAX SAW CUT	36"
IN FEED	Grapple
MOUNTING	Universal Quick Attach SAE Spec J2513

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### Warranty Duration

Unless otherwise provided in writing by Halverson Wood Products Inc., Halverson Wood Products makes the following warranty to the first retail purchaser of each attachment:

6 Months from the date of delivery to the first retail purchaser.

### Warranty Coverage

This warranty applies to the HWP-275GS grapple saw manufactured by Halverson Wood Products, Inc. All parts and components of the HWP-275GS which, delivered to the original purchaser, are found to be defective in materials and/or workmanship, will be repaired or replaced as Halverson Wood Products Inc. elects without charge for parts or repair labor if such defect appears within the warranty period as measured from the date of delivery to the first retail purchaser and if the delivery is reported within 30 days of delivery to:

Halverson Wood Products Inc.  
205 College St, Pine River MN 56474, or  
Phone: 218-587-2065, or  
E-mail: halversonwoodproducts@halversonwp.com

### Obtaining Warranty Service

All Warranty repair work must be authorized by Halverson Wood Products Inc **prior** to having the work performed. Call 218-587-2065 for authorization. At the time of requesting warranty service, the purchaser must be prepared to present evidence of the date of delivery of the HWP-275GS.

**\* Without Halverson Wood Products Inc's authorization the Warranty is Void!**

### Warranty Exclusions

Halverson Wood Products obligations shall not apply to any part or component not manufactured, furnished or installed by Halverson Wood Products nor failures caused by such items.

Specifically excluded are failures of and damage to any vehicle or other piece of equipment either rubber tired or tracked upon which the HWP-275GS is attached and any damage to the HWP-275GS caused by failure on a vehicle or other piece of equipment upon which the firewood processor is attached.

### Purchaser's Responsibilities

- The cost of normal maintenance and depreciation
- Consequences of negligence, misuse or accident involving the HWP-275GS
- Consequences of service performed by someone other than a party authorized to perform warranty service, if such service, in Halverson Wood Products' judgment, has adversely affected the performance or reliability of the processor
- Consequences of any modification or alteration of the machine or the attachment not approved by Halverson Wood Products Inc. These include, but are not limited to hydraulic pressure settings, contamination of the hydraulic system, changes to the main frame, saw pivot and wedge mounts.
- The effects of hydraulic system neglect as manifested in hydraulic motor pitting, scoring, erosion, valve spool sticking and other internal component caused by cavitations, contamination, high oil temperatures and excessive hydraulic pressure
- Consequences of excessive system back pressure within the machine to which the HWP-275GS is attached. Excessive back pressure can cause degraded performance from the processor.
- Any premium for overtime labor requested by the purchaser
- Costs of transporting the processor to and from the location at which the warranty service is performed. Costs incurred in gaining access to the machines or attachments. Overcoming physical barriers such as walls, fences, ditches, streams or similar structures impeding access to the HWP-275GS or rental of cranes or similar construction of ramps or lifts.

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## WARRANTY (continued)

### **Purchaser's Responsibilities, cont.**

- Incidental travel costs including tolls, meals, lodging and similar expense
- Service outlet costs incurred in solving or attempting to solve non-warranty problems
- Services performed by a party other than authorized Halverson Wood Products Inc. Personnel Charges by dealers for initial machine set up, installation, start up and inspection deemed unnecessary by Halverson Wood Products Inc. when operation and maintenance instructions supplied with the HWP-275GS are followed
- Cost of interpreting or translating services

### **No Representation or Implied Warranty!**

Where permitted by law, neither Halverson Wood Products Inc. nor any company affiliated with it makes any guaranties, warranties, conditions, representations or promises express or implied, oral or written, as to the non-occurrence of any defect or the quality of performance of its machines or attachments other than those set forth in the document and DOES NOT MAKE ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OR CONDITIONS OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS otherwise provided in the Uniform Commercial Code or required by any Sale of Goods Act or any other statute. This exclusion includes fundamental terms. In no event will a Halverson Wood Products Inc. authorized dealer or a Halverson Wood Products Inc. authorized service facility, or Halverson Wood Products Inc. or any company affiliated with Halverson Wood Products Inc., be liable for incidental or consequential damages or injuries including, but not limited to, loss of profits, loss of firewood contracts, rental of substitute equipment or other commercial loss or damage suffered by the purchaser as a result of fundamental breaches of contract or breach of fundamental terms unless such damages are caused by the gross negligence or intentional acts of the foregoing parties.

### **Remedy Limitations**

The remedies set forth in this warranty are the purchaser's exclusive remedies in connection with the performance of or any breach of guarantee, condition, or warranty in respect of the Halverson Wood Products Inc. firewood processors and grapple saws. In the event that the above warranty fails to correct purchaser's performance problems caused by defects in workmanship and or materials, purchaser's exclusive remedy shall be limited to payment by Halverson Wood Products Inc. of actual damages in an amount not to exceed the cost of the HWP-275GS grapple saw.

### **No Sellers Warranty**

No person or entity other than Halverson Wood Products Inc. who sells the HWP-275GS grapple saw makes any guaranty or warranty of its own on any grapple saw warranted by Halverson Wood Products Inc. unless it delivers to the purchaser a separate written guarantee certificate specifically guaranteeing the grapple saw, in which case, Halverson Wood Products Inc. will have no obligation to the purchaser. Neither equipment distributors, equipment dealers, nor any other person or entity, has the authority to make a representation or promise on the behalf of Halverson Wood Products Inc. or to modify its terms in any way.

### **Replacement Parts Warranty**

New Halverson Wood Products Inc. parts installed during grapple saw warranty service are warranted for 6 months (certain major parts may be warranted for longer periods) or the remaining warranty period of the grapple saw, whichever is longer. A new grapple saw replacing a failed grapple saw is warranted for the remaining period of the original grapple saw.

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**Manual Release Form**

***By signing below, the Customer (Purchaser) acknowledges the following:***

- I have received the HWP-275GS Operations/Safety Manual
- I have read and understand the HWP-275GS Operations/Safety Manual
- Halverson Wood Products Inc. accepts no responsibility for misuse of the HWP-275GS Grapple Saw.
- Any modifications to the HWP-275GS Grapple Saw not performed by authorized service technicians will void Warranty.

**6 Month Warranty  
Registration**

Model # HWP-275 Grapple Saw

DATE PURCHASED: \_\_\_\_\_

SERIAL # \_\_\_\_\_

WHO PURCHASED:  
COMPANY(IF APPLICABLE): \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Return to:  
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