# WORLD CLASS WINCHES RELIABLE - DEPENDABLE - UNCOMPLICATED

# Vehicle Recovery Winch - hydraulically driven



**Original User Manual** 

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## 1. Introduction

## 1.1 General

SEPSON's objective, focus and single purpose is to build reliable, dependable and uncomplicated winches that require a minimum of maintenance and are simple to repair if this is ever needed. They are quickly and easily attached on any vehicle chassis.

SEPSON hydraulic vehicle recovery winches from the product groups – SEPDURANCE, SEPMATIC, SEPTRAC, FORCEMATIC as well as the worm gear driven SEPGAIN series, meet all rescue and recovery requirements.

The SEPDURANCE winches represent the core of our range of drum winches and are characterized by the following features.

All drum winches:

- have drum and housing made of nodular cast iron for added strength and structural integrity
- have the free spooling feature to easily allow a manual unspooling of the wire rope. A unique 2-speed feature controlled by a hydraulic valve system is also standard on all models with a pulling force of 150 kN and above
- are equipped with a spring-applied, pressure-release multi-disk brake and the optimal drum-to-wire-rope diameter ratio of minimum 10:1 which significantly increases the useful life of the rope and reduces operating expenses.

The SEPMATIC winches are the next step up on the ladder to higher performance and feature an integrated automatic rope-spooling device.

The SEPTRAC and the FORCEMATIC range is our most advanced family of winches. They have been equipped with a unique feature that maintains a constant pulling force on the wire rope regardless of its layer on the rope drum.

Documentation is available in English, French and German. All required translations into the language of the Purchaser will be the responsibility of the Purchaser; both as regards compliance with the European Union's Machinery Directive and local requirements.



## 1.2 About this manual

This manual contains important data concerning the maintenance, installation and operation of SEPSON winches.

Should anyone assigned the task to attach the winch on a vehicle be uncertain about how to perform the task, please contact SEPSON.

The information in this manual is based on current information available to SEPSON at this time. Under no circumstance, should this information override or replace national or international statutory instructions, regulations and safety precautions.

# -<u></u> Caution

This symbol indicates that the information in a relevant paragraph must be observed and understood. Please contact SEPSON if there is any doubt regarding a "caution" or "warning" frame.

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This warning symbol alerts to a clear and present danger and must be observed and understood at all times. Do not proceed with the winching operation if there is any doubt about the meaning of this warning!

## 1.3 Warranty

#### The warranty is valid in the following cases:

The winch and accessories have been used as intended regarding "Technical data".

All instructions in the manual have been followed.

Maintenance and inspection procedures have been followed.

Repairs have been carried out by skilled personnel.

The installation of the winch is made in accordance with Sepson's instructions.





# 2. Safety

The winch must only be used for vehicle recovery and loading.

## 2.1 Introduction

This introduction describes and explains the safety precautions that must be observed and provides useful and necessary information.

Read this chapter very carefully. It is important to fully understand its content and purpose. It concerns your safety as well as the safety of others around you in the working area of the rescue and recovery operation and the safe utilization of the winch.

Familiarize yourself with the winch by practising its use before attempting to save or rescue a vehicle. This is important and will help you understand its different functions and ensure that you will be able to operate the equipment with optimal safety.



#### Safety

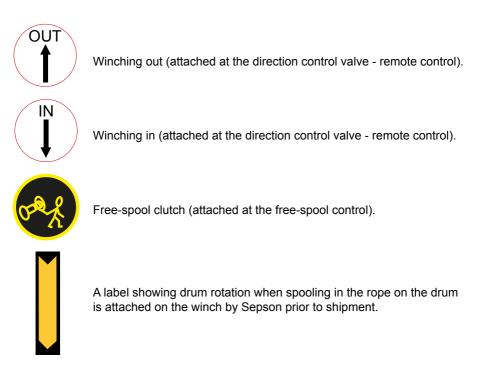
## 2.2 Safety symbols

Signs with the symbols below shall be attached on or near the winch operating device(s). If a remote control is used the symbols shall be attached on the hand held control unit.

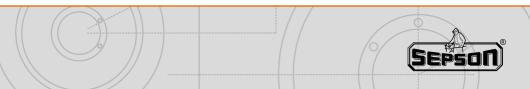




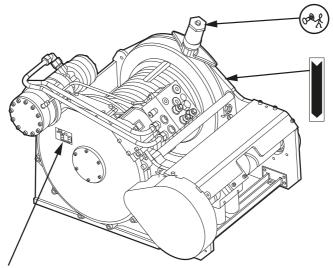




Sepson supplies a sheet with self gluing symbols with the winch to be attached on the operating device by the winch installer. If a symbol is missing or difficult to read replace it with a new one. New symbols can be ordered from Sepson.



## 2.3 Winch markings



Machine plate (See 2.4 Machine plate).

The placement of the markings varies between different winch models.

#### Note

Free spool feature is not available on all winch models



## 2.4 Machine plate

	n	Year	made	10
VEHICLE RE	COVER	WINCH	No	11
Туре	1			
Product No	2		Weight	kg 12
Max oil pressure bar	3	Max pulling bottom layer	kN	13
Max oil flow I/min	4	Max pulling top byer	kN	14
Voltage V	5	Max lifting bottom layer	kg	15
Rope diam. mm	6	Max Ming top bayer	kg	16
Max rope length m	7	Max rope layers 17		17
MBL Rope kN	8	According to IN 14462 1/2006 Yes 18 No 13		s 18 No 19
Winch oil / grease	9			

- 1. Winch model Sepdurance, Sepmatic, Forcematic, Septrac or Sepgain.
- 2. Product number.
- 3. Maximum allowed oil pressure to the winch. A higher pressure can seriously damage the winch and give excessive pulling force. If the pressure is higher than our specification the warranty is not valid.
- 4. Maximum allowed oil flow to the winch. A higher oil flow can seriously damage the winch.
- 5. Required electrical current for the winch if applicable.
- 6. Diameter of steel wire rope.
- 7. Maximum length of steel wire rope on the winch.
- 8. Minimum breaking load (MBL) for the winch wire rope stated by the wire rope manufacturer.
- 9. Recommended oil or grease for the winch.



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- 10. Manufacturing year.
- 11. Manufacturing number.
- 12. Weight of winch excluding steel wire rope.
- 13. Maximum pulling force on the bottom rope layer.
- 14. Maximum pulling force on the top rope layer.
- 15. Maximum allowed load weight when lifting on the bottom rope layer.
- 16. Maximum allowed load weight when lifting on the top rope layer.
- 17. Maximum allowed number of rope layers on the winch drum.
- 18. Complies with EU-standard.
- If No is stated, the specified wire rope does not comply with EU standards and the winch is delivered for use in countries outside the European Union with other safety standard.



## 2.5 General information

WARNING

## Operation of the winch requires a skilled operator.

Any use of the winch may create risks of injuries to the operator and the general safety of people in the area as well as damage to the winch itself and other equipment used in connection with its operation.

It is only the operator's awareness of the necessary safety precautions and his/her sound judgment that can eliminate or reduce the risks of personal injuries.

It is the responsibility of the operator to ensure that all appropriate precautions are taken as required by the working environment and conditions in each individual case.

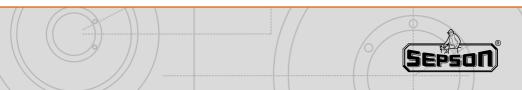
Neither this document nor observing and applying its instructions absolve the operator or owner from their joint responsibilities to ensure the actual implementation of all precautions or the observance of all warnings.

If anyone becomes aware of any SEPSON supplied product or SEPSON originated design that can create a risk to an individual working with or within the vicinity of the product, it is an obligation to contact SEPSON immediately.

It is the user's responsibility to make all relevant hazard identifications and risk assessment of all activities associated with the use of both the product and this document.

It is solely the user's and the owner's joint responsibility to provide a safe working environment and to provide the necessary safety equipment and ensure that everybody who is depending on this document, understands the instructions, warnings and caution and that they are able to operate the equipment in accordance with these instructions.

Should an operator lack the knowledge, experience or skills to work in accordance with the safety or other instructions in this document, immediate assistance should be requested from SEPSON. Technical assistance sought from SEPSON will be subject to SEPSON terms and conditions.



## 2.6 Personal Protective Equipment

It is absolutely essential that the operator uses the appropriate and required safety equipment when working with the equipment.



Protective clothing should protect the operator(s) against oil and shield from accidental contact with the wire rope. Avoid loose clothing that may be caught in the winch or the wire rope and cause serious injury.

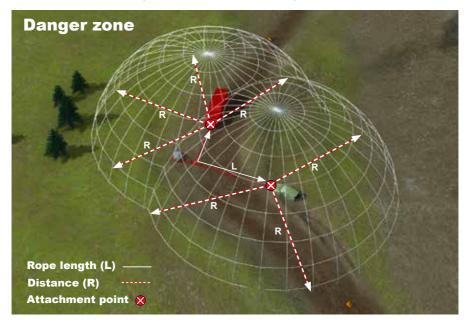
Personal safety equipment does not eliminate the risk of injury but reduces the risk and effects in case of an accident. It is only the user's awareness of all safety risks and his/her own judgment that will provide the necessary safety margins against personal injury.





## 2.7 Precautions

Before starting the winch operation, always make sure that no unauthorized personnel are in the danger zone indicated in the diagram below.



Length L: paid-out rope	Distance R
Smaller than 3 m not permissible	-
3 m to 5 m	2.0 x L
6 m to 30 m	1.5 x L
30 m to max. possible distance	1.1 x L

SEPSON cannot exclude the risk of danger outside the above zone in the event of material breakdown.



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Always follow and observe SEPSON's and the vehicle manufacturer's advice and instructions with regards to the recommended location of the winch.

The hydraulic system and its applications require care and cleanliness. Always observe and respect SEPSON assembly and installation instructions.

Never use the winch to move people and never use it as a hoist to lift objects.

WARNING Keep hands clear of the wire rope and all attaching components during installation, pulling process and when spooling the wire rope in or out of the drum. Always handle the wire rope by the rope end when spooling out the rope by hand.

The first step is to create a safe working environment for each specific pull. There are several aspects to consider depending on restrictions imposed by the surroundings and the locations of the vehicles.

- Remove any objects that may be blocking the operation or prevent a clear view of the pull path.
- Try to place the winch in a straight line in front of the load.
- Never try to pull the load sideways.

WARNING

- If necessary, use snatch blocks or other devices to change the pulling direction or its angle to the winch.
- Take all necessary time to plan the pulling operation and gather available information such as the load (weight) and the surroundings (surface condition) before the operation takes place.
- Consider all important issues that might impact the winching operation and which may be important factors in calculating the pull and in determining the need for special equipment.



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- Always wear heavy duty protective gloves when handling the rope and never let it slide through the palm of your hands while spooling, because wire strands may cause painful injury.
- If a remote control is installed, always keep the control unit with you when leaving the winch unattended.
- Always attach the wire rope to a point on the object that will support the winch's maximum capacity.

Always handle the wire rope with gloves and pull on any device attached to the rope end when spooling in or out by hand.



When pulling out the rope, always leave at least the length of four (4) revolutions on the drum.

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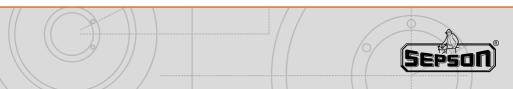
Always pull out the wire rope manually with the drum in the free spooling position. Never run out the rope under power.



Never hook the wire rope on to itself, it will cause damage.



Never fill the hydraulic oil tank with more than 80% of capacity to leave 20% space for heat expansion of the liquid.



Caution

Always put a load on the rope when spooling to the drum otherwise the rope will not spool correctly.



Always inspect the wire rope's attaching point at the load side and its condition before operating the winch.



Damaged wire ropes or attaching devices must be replaced before the pull.



Always stand clear of the rope and respect the danger zone. Make sure everybody is aware of your intention to pull the load, in and outside the danger zone.



Make sure that the rope is slack before unhooking after the pull. There is a clear danger of injury from the rope's rotation.



## 3. Installation

## 3.1 General

The winch is designed for pulling operations in recovery and rescue and is designed for mounting on a vehicle chassis only. Please refer to the technical information for more detailed specification on this particular winch model.

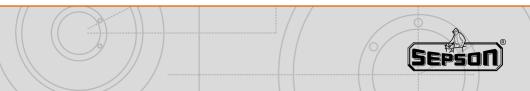
## 3.2 Mounting on vehicle

The winch is either mounted with a mounting plate or directly to the vehicle's chassis. When a mounting plate is required, the plate must support the force of at least 1,25 times the maximum pulling force of the winch.

Refer to instructions about the use and dimensions of a mounting plate in the Technical information for your winch. If in doubt, always seek the advice and instructions from both SEPSON and the vehicle's manufacturer.

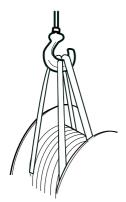
- The emergency stop shall cut out the power supply to the winch(es).
- Never mount an operating device close to the exhaust pipe(s).
- Handholds and platform for maintenance work shall be installed if needed for safe work.

#### SEPSON is not liable for the winch installation on the vehicle.

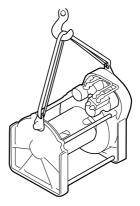


## 3.3 Lifting the winch

#### Lifting straps



Lifting eye



Separate the straps on the drum as much as possible.



The winch is too heavy for handling by hand. Use an adequate lifting device and do not place lifting straps around the hydraulic motor or the hydraulic valve block. Please refer to the technical information to obtain the exact weight of this winch.

- 1. Remove the rope from the drum and refer to instructions under rope installation.
- 2. Create a rope sling around the drum.
- 3. Place the loop sling into the lifting device.
- 4. Check the balance before lifting.
- 5. Lift the winch.

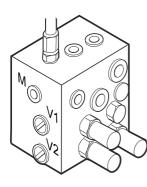
If the winch is supplied with thread bolt holes for lifting eyes use lifting eyes.

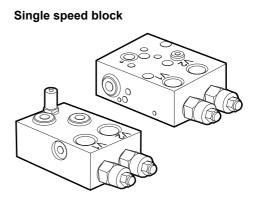




## 3.4 Hydraulic installation

#### Auto 2-speed block







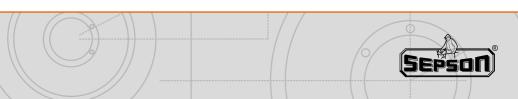
All seals must be in place to protect the operator and anybody else in the area against an escape of high oil pressure.

- 1. Connect the directional control valve and the winch by the ports V1 and V2 on the hydraulic block.
- 2. Inspect and test all tubing, hoses and connection points for oil leakage.

If the directional control valve is attached to the winch, connect the pressure hose/tube to the pressure inlet and the return hose/tube to the oil outlet on the control valve.

For a hydraulic system with fixed pump the directional control valve must have an open centre; otherwise the winch safety brake will not operate properly or not at all. If a load sensing hydraulic system is used contact Sepson for advice on choice of control valve.

Make sure that the hydraulic system is set to not deliver higher oil pressure and oil flow than listed in the technical information section for the winch.

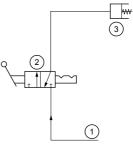


## 3.5 Pneumatic or hydraulic free-spooling control installation

Connect the free-spooling control to the winch according to the circuit. It is a threaded connection on the winch's freespooling cylinder. See table on page 21.

- If the winch has a pneumatic freespooling control, the air pressure shall be 6-10 bar.
- If the winch has a hydraulic freespooling control the oil pressure must not exceed 40 bar.

Check free-spool clutch.



1. Air/oil supply

2. Control valve

3. Free-spooling valve

Art. No.	mm	Art. No.	mm
73.06- 73.07- 73.08- 60.08- 60.15- 60.16-	16	73.09-	9
63.01- 63.02-	21	63.53-	10
63.35-	11	62.56-	12
63.31-	9	63.34-	13

#### Minimum allowed movement of the free-spool clutch



The different connection points for the Sepson winch groups are shown below. The arrow points at the connection point.

Art. No.		Art. No.	
73.06- 73.07- 60.08- 60.15- 60.16-	Pne. 1/8" Hyd. G 3/8"	73.09-	Pne. 1/4"
63.01- 63.02-	Pne. 1/4" Hyd. G 1/2"	63.53-	Pne. 1/4"
63.31- 63.34- 63.35-	Pne. 1/8"	62.54- 62.56-	Pne. 1/4" Hyd. G 1/4"
63.31- 63.34-	Hyd. G 1/4" Pne. M 12x1.5 or 1/4" Pne. 1/8"	73.08-	Pne. 3/8" Hyd. G 3/8"

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## 3.6 Rope installation

Always wear protective gloves when handling the rope.

Never install a wire rope that does not meet the requirements in the technical information for this winch.

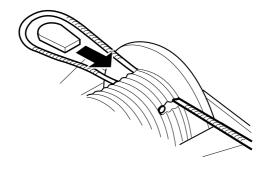
The new rope must be uncoiled from the spool on the ground prior to installation.





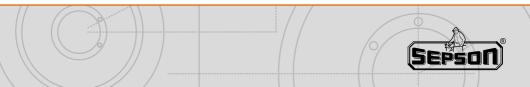
#### Wedge Lock

- 1. Thread the end of the rope through the wedge rope grip from its narrow end.
- 2. Bend the rope end around the wedge rope grip and form a loop.
- 3. Place the rope key inside the loop.
- 4. Insert the rope key inside the rope pocket.
- 5. Hold the rope firmly inside the pocket and pull firmly to insert the rope key and rope loop inside the slot on the drum.
- 6. Make certain that both the rope key and the loop are entirely inserted into the rope pocket on the drum.
- 7. Now wind the rope carefully on the drum while maintaining a pull on the rope itself. Make certain that the rope ends wind up close together.



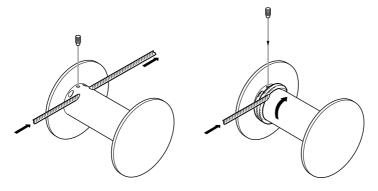


Always keep a pull on the rope when spooling it back on the drum otherwise it will not spool correctly.

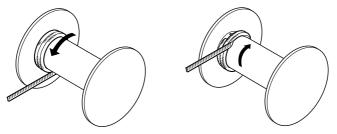


#### Screw Lock

- 1. Thread the end of the rope through the hole furthest from the drum flange and pull about 1 metre through (enough for 3 turns on the drum).
- 2. Wind the free end 3 turns on to the drum toward the flange by hand as tightly as possible.
- 3. Pass the free end through the hole nearest to the flange and make sure it goes right to the end of the hole.
- 4. Secure the end of the rope in this hole by tightening the locking screw.
- 5. Now wind the rope carefully on the drum while maintaining a pull on the rope itself. Make certain that the rope ends wind up close together.



Wind the rope on the drum to exit either above or below as required.



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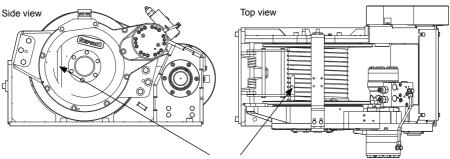
## 3.7 Calibration of automatic rope spooling device

Before mounting the rope on the winch drum, follow the instructions below. The rope must be fitted underwound.

#### Note

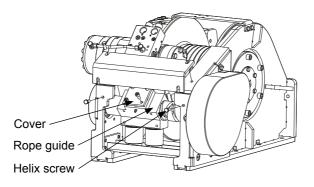
This instruction is only valid when the spooling device is out of range and not working properly.

1. Turn the winch drum until the rope fixation hole or rope wedge pocket is in the rear vertical position.



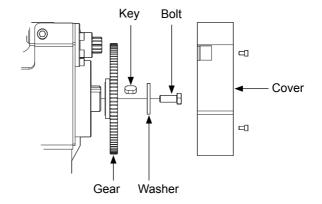
Rope fixation hole/Rope wedge pocket

2. Remove the cover from the rope guide.

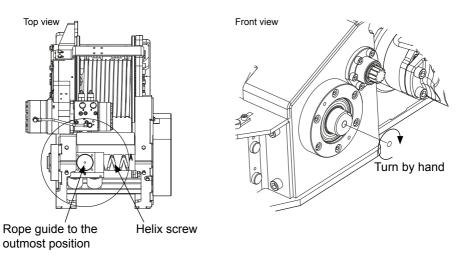




- 3. Remove the cover for the spooling device.
- 4. Remove the bolt, washer, key and gear.



5. Turn the helix screw by hand until the rope guide comes to the outmost position on the same side as the rope wedge pocket.



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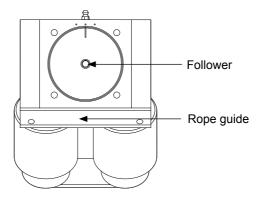


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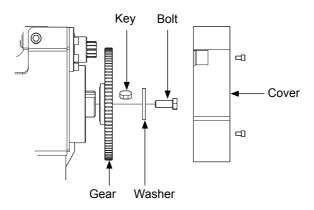
The marking on the follower should now be pointing to the centre spot.

#### Note

The location of the punched marks can be different between different winch models.



- 6. Refit the gear and the cover, secure the center bolt with Loctite.
- 7. Refit the cover on the rope guide.
- 8. Attach the rope in accordance to the instruction, Rope installation.





## 3.8 Electrical installation

WARNING

The emergency stop shall cut out the power supply to the winches.

- For installation of electric components see attached appendix.
- For installation of remote control see attached appendix.

Recommendations:

- Install illumination for the controls at the operation station and working lights.

### 3.9 After installation

Test all functions to see if they work properly before using the winch.

Check:

- Control (moves easily).
- Emergency stop (function).
- Wire rope and attached devices (free from damages).
- Hydraulic system (no oil leakage).
- Level of hydraulic oil in the oil tank (tank filled to 80%).
- Illumination.



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## 4. Winch basics

## 4.1 Hydraulic System Basic Information

### 4.1.1 General

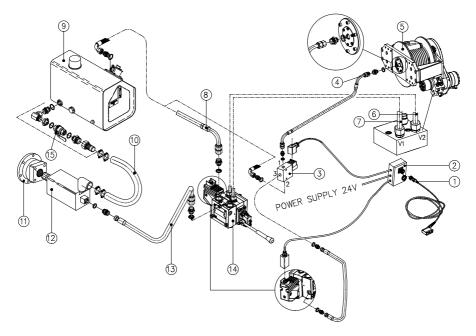
Hydraulics is a topic in applied science and engineering dealing with the mechanical properties of liquids. Fluid mechanics provides the theoretical foundation for hydraulics, which focuses on the engineering uses of fluid properties. These fundamentals of hydraulics apply to SEPSON winches.

#### Note

You cannot obtain maximum oil pressure and maximum oil flow at the same time. This means that maximum pulling force and maximum rope speed cannot occur at the same time.



### 4.1.2 Outline Diagram for Installation of Winch Hydraulics



- 1. Remote control (optional)
- 2. Connection box (optional)
- 3. Switch for pneumatic or hydraulic free-spool clutch
- 4. Connection for pneumatic or hydraulic free-spool clutch
- 5. Winch
- 6. Hydraulic pipe Ø 16 mm or hydraulic hose 1/2"
- 7. Hydraulic pipe Ø 16 mm or hydraulic hose  $\frac{1}{2}$ "
- 8. Return hose 1"
- 9. Hydraulic tank with return filter and air filter





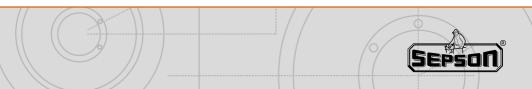
#### 10. Suction hose 2"

- 11. PTO
- 12. Hydraulic pump
- 13. Pressure hose 3/4"
- 14.Directional control valve

If the maximum allowed oil flow cannot be automatically set by either adjusting the maximum rpm for the engine or by a flow control function in the directional control valve, then an oil flow limiting valve needs to be installed in the pressure line before the directional control valve.

If a cable remote control is used the valve must be electro pneumatically or electrically controlled and with Hirschman or Deutsch contact.

15. Ball valve assembly



#### 4.1.3 Hydraulic Oil

#### Temperature

The oil temperature should be between +30 °C and +60 °C during normal operation. Oil life is greatly reduced if its temperature exceeds +60 °C. As a general rule, oil life is halved for each 8 °C its temperature exceeds +60 °C.

If the oil temperature exceeds 80 °C the seals in the hydraulic system can get damaged and the life time for the seals is reduced.

If the temperature is below minus 20  $^\circ C$  disengage the rope drum from the drive chain and run the winch for 5 - 10 minutes.

#### Viscosity

The viscosity for the oil should be between 20 mm<sup>2</sup>/s and 75 mm<sup>2</sup>/s (100 and 370 SUS) when the operating temperature of the system has become stabilised. We recommend the use of an oil type having a viscosity of 35 mm<sup>2</sup>/s (165 SUS) at the actual operating temperature.

#### Filtering

It is necessary to keep the level of oil contamination at an acceptable level to ensure problem-free operation. The recommended maximum level of contamination in the hydraulic winch system is 20/16 (See ISO 4066). In our experience the 20/16 contamination level can be met by using a return 20  $\mu$ m absolute or 10  $\mu$ m nominal filter.

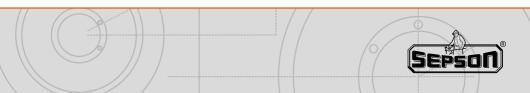




### 4.1.4 Power Supply

The Sepson hydraulic driven winches are designed to be supplied with hydraulic oil at a pressure of 160 - 250 bar and with and oil flow of 50 - 120 litres per minute.

- The oil pressure and the flow must not exceed the maximum indicated values in the data sheets for the winch. An increase in pressure or flow will increase the power and might damage the winch.
- The oil flow must not be below 30 litres per minute. At a lower flow, the winch will not operate properly.
- If a load sensing hydraulic system is used contact Sepson for advice on choice of control valve.
- The hydraulic oil must be of good quality and clean.
- The oil tank must have a capacity adequate for the conditions under which the winch is being used. The ambient temperature is of significant importance and should determine the volume of the tank's capacity



### 4.1.5 Hydraulic Function Diagram

#### Auto-2-speed winches with two or more motors

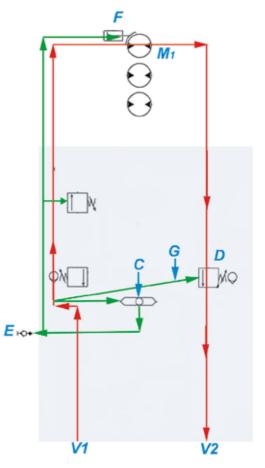
#### Winching in at high speed

Oil in at V1.

The shuttle valve C opens and permits oil flow to measuring point E and to the brake F which releases when the pressure exceeds 30 bar.

The pilot line **G** leads oil to the Over Centre Valve **D**. This valve opens at approximately 60 bar so that oil from the motor can return to the tank.

The oil drives the motor **M1** and passes through the Over Centre Valve **D** and to **V2**.



(Red lines in the circuit diagrams = oil flow. Green lines = only pressure).



#### Winching in at low speed

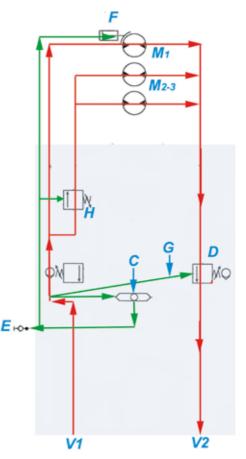
Oil in at V1.

The shuttle valve **C** opens and permits oil flow to measuring point **E** and to the brake **F** which releases when the pressure exceeds 30 bar.

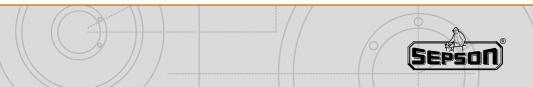
The pilot line **G** leads oil to the Over Centre Valve **D**. This valve opens at approximately 60 bar so that oil from the motor can return to the tank.

The oil drives the motor **M1** and passes through the Over Centre Valve **D** and to **V2**.

When the oil pressure exceeds approx. 90 bar, the sequence valve **H** opens and permits oil flow to all motors.



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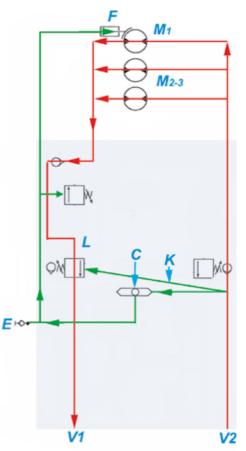
### Winching out

### Oil in at V2.

The shuttle valve **C** opens and permits oil flow to measuring point **E** and to the brake **F** which releases when the pressure exceeds 30 bar.

The pilot line **K** leads oil to the Over Centre Valve **L**. This valve opens at approximately 70 bar so that oil from the motor can return to the tank.

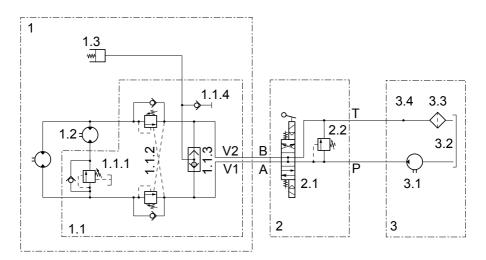
The oil flows to all motors **M1-3** and passes through Over Centre Valve L and out through **V1**.



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### Diagram for 2-speed hydraulic system



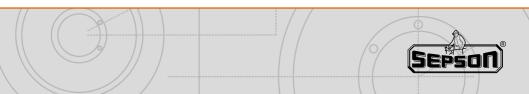
Position	Part	Explanation
1	Winch with hydraulics	
1.1	Hydraulic block	Combining sequence valve, double overcentre valve, shuttle valve and pressure gauge outlet mounted direct on to one of the motors. The ports marked V1 and V2 are for the hydraulic connections from the control valve on the vehicle's hydraulic system. They both have R 3/4" thread.
1.1.1	Sequence valve	This automatically regulates the rope speed and pulling force of the winch. It is adjusted and sealed before leaving the factory.



1.1.2	Double overcentre valve	This allows the load to be spooled out at a controlled rate. It also provides burst hose protection. It is adjusted and sealed in our factory.
1.1.3	Shuttle valve	Supplies pressure for the spring loaded brakes and the pressure gauge outlet on the block.
1.1.4	Pressure gauge outlet	R 1/4" female threaded connection.
1.2	Hydraulic motors	
1.3	Hydraulic spring loaded brake.	This automatically brakes the load when the control valve is put in the neutral position or if the oil pressure is lost.
2	Control valve unit	
2.1	Directional control valve	4-way, 3 position with spring-centred motorised spool and built-in pressure reducing valve. The ports A and B must have at least R 1/2" threaded connections and the ports P and T at least R 3/4".
2.2	Pressure reducing valve	Must be pilot controlled, set to maximum allowed pressure for the winch and be sealed at installation.
3	Hydraulic oil supply unit	
3.1	Hydraulic pump	The pump must be able to deliver required oil flow and oil pres- sure for the winch. The pump is direct mounted to the vehicle PTO. Fixed pump and load sensing or variable pump requires different directional control valve.



3.2	Hydraulic oil tank	
3.3	Return oil filter	Must filter to 10 microns or better and accept required oil flow.
3.4	Pipe, hoses and connectors	Must be approved for min. 25 MPa (250 bar) working pressure and have the following dimensions: - Pump inlet line min. 1 1/4" - Return line min. 1" - Pressure lines hose 1/2" - 3/4" - pipes min. Ø16 x 2 mm - Pilot line, pipe min. Ø8 x 1 mm



### Single Speed Winches with one motor

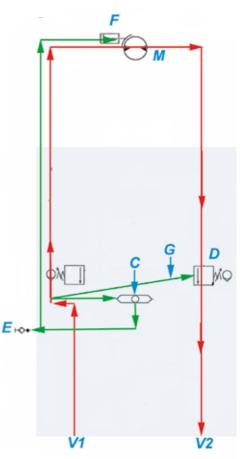
#### Winching in

Oil in at V1.

The shuttle valve C opens and permits oil flow to measuring point E and to the brake F which releases when the pressure exceeds 30 bar.

The pilot line **G** leads oil to the Over Centre Valve **D**. This valve opens at approximately 60 bar so that oil from the motor can return to the tank.

The oil drives the motor **M1** and passes through the Over Centre Valve **D** and to **V2**.



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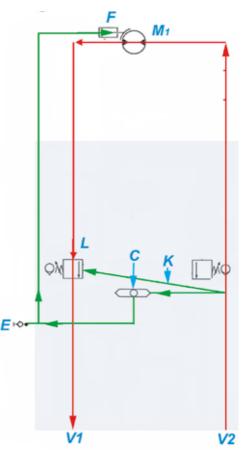
### Winching out

Oil in at V2.

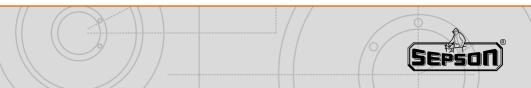
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The pilot line **K** leads oil to the Over Centre Valve **L**. This valve opens at approximately 70 bar so that oil from the motor can return to the tank.

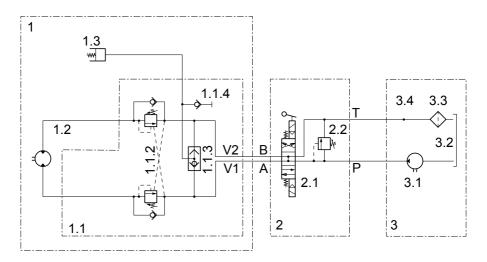
The oil flows to the motor **M1** and passes through Over Centre Valve L and out through **V1**.



(Red lines in the circuit diagrams = oil flow. Green lines = only pressure).



### Diagram for single speed hydraulic system



Position	Part	Explanation
1	Winch with hydraulics	
1.1	Hydraulic block	Double overcentre valve, shuttle valve and pressure gauge outlet mounted direct on to one of the motors. The ports marked V1 and V2 are for the hydraulic connections from the control valve on the vehicle's hydraulic system. They both have R 1/2" or 3/4" thread.
1.1.2	Double overcentre valve	This allows the load to be spooled out at a controlled rate. It also provides burst hose protection. It is adjusted and sealed in our factory.
1.1.3	Shuttle valve	Supplies pressure for the spring loaded brake.
1.1.4	Pressure gauge outlet	R 1/4" female threaded connection. (Not on all winch models).

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1.2	Hydraulic motor	
1.3	Hydraulic spring loaded brake	This automatically brakes the load when the control valve is put in the neutral position or if the oil pressure is lost.
2	Control valve unit	
2.1	Directional control valve	4-way, 3 position with spring-centred motorised spool and built-in pressure reducing valve. The ports A and B must have at least R 1/2" threaded connections and the ports P and T at least R 3/4".
2.2	Pressure reducing valve	Must be pilot controlled, set to maximum allowed pressure for the winch and be sealed at installation.
3	Hydraulic oil supply unit	
3.1	Hydraulic pump	The pump must be able to deliver required oil flow and oil pres- sure for the winch. The pump is direct mounted to the vehicle PTO. Fixed pump and load sensing or variable pump requires different directional control valve.
3.2	Hydraulic oil tank	
3.3	Return oil filter	Must filter to 10 microns or better and accept required oil flow.
3.4	Pipe, hose and connectors	Must be approved for min. 25 MPa (250 bar) working pressure and have the following dimensions: - Pump inlet line min. 1 1/4" - Return line min. 1" - Pressure lines hose 1/2" - 3/4" - pipes min. Ø16 x 2 mm - Pilot line, pipe min. Ø8 x 1 mm



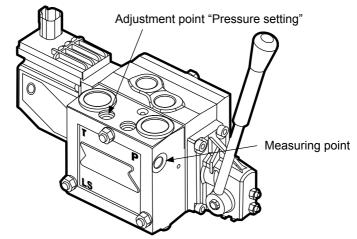
### 4.1.6 Pressure setting of the control valve PVG 32

#### Note

Only authorized personnel are allowed to adjust the Pressure setting.

- 1. Remove the protection cap for the adjustment point.
- 2. Remove the plug and connect a pressure gauge outlet and a manometer at the measuring point.
- 3. Pay out the rope to the first rope layer. Connect the wire rope to a fixed object via a load cell. Pull until the winch stalls. Compare the load cell value to the winch maximum pulling force according to the technical data.
- 4. To increase the oil pressure turn the setting screw clock wise or to decrease the oil pressure turn the setting screw anti-clock wise.

1⁄4 turn = 30 bar 1⁄2 turn = 60 bar Full turn = 120 bar



#### Note

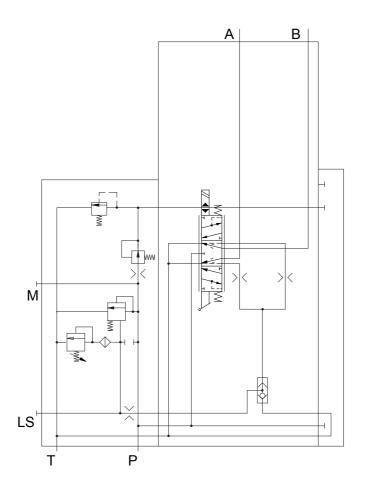
The control valve is preset from the factory and should be adjusted for each installation.





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### Hydraulic circuit for control valve PVG 32



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## 4.2 How to calculate required pulling force

The required pulling force (RPF) can be calculated according the formula:

$$\mathsf{RPF}(\mathsf{kN}) = \frac{\mathsf{M}(\mathsf{sin}\alpha + \mathsf{Rr}) \times (1 + \mathsf{Ff}) \mathsf{g}}{1,000}$$

Where:

M = the load's weight in kg.

 $\alpha$  = gradient stated in degrees.

Rr = roll resistance.

Ff = friction factor for rope sheaves and snatch blocks etc.

g ≈ 10 (correct 9.8).

- M The gross weight in kg of the object that shall be pulled.
- $\alpha$  The surface gradient.

α = 10° (≈ 18%) sinα = 0.17	$\alpha = 25^{\circ} (\approx 47\%) \sin \alpha = 0.42$
α = 15° (≈ 27%) sinα = 0.26	$\alpha = 30^{\circ} (\approx 58\%) \sin \alpha = 0.50$
α = 20° (≈ 36%) sinα = 0.34	

Rr The roll resistance for wheeled and tracked vehicles on different surfaces. (If a tracked vehicle has immobilized tracks, you should increase the values below by 40%.)

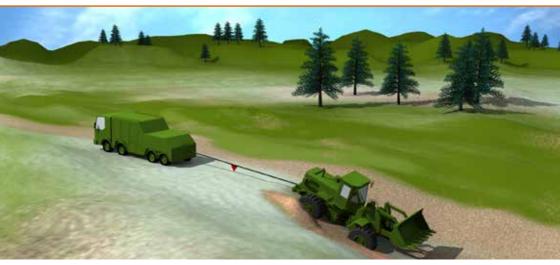
Firm road = 0.050	Sand = 0.325
Grass = 0.175	Shallow mud = 0.425
Gravel = 0.250	Deep mud = 0.625

Ff The friction factor depends on the number of rope sheaves and rope guides. Calculate with a loss of 2% of the pulling force for each 45° turn of the rope. For a snatch block with 180° turn of the rope the loss of pulling force is approx. 8-10%. Add 5% for adverse conditions.



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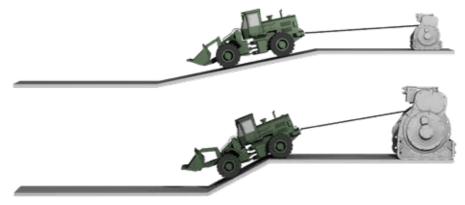


### Example:

A vehicle is stuck in sand in a slope with an inclination of 15°. The Vehicle weight is 10.000 kg.

$$\mathsf{RPF} = \frac{\mathsf{M}(\sin\alpha + \mathsf{Rr}) \times (1 + \mathsf{Ff}) \,\mathsf{g}}{1,000} = \frac{10,000 \,(0.26 + 0.325) \times (1 + 0.05) \,10}{1,000} = 61.4 \,\mathsf{kN}$$

A pulling force of 61.4 kN ( $\approx$  6.1 T) is required.



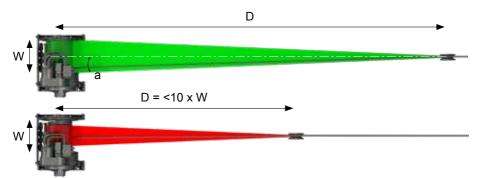
The required pulling force increases if the gradient increases.



## 4.3 How to improve rope spooling

It is very essential that the rope is spooled on with as small angle as possible to a line perpendicular from the centre of the rope drum. The fleet angle (a) in the sketch below should not be much greater than 2° to obtain a perfect spooling. If this angle is bigger than 3.5° good spooling cannot be obtained. The rope will not spool properly and will only spool onto one side of the drum.

The distance (D) from the centre of the rope drum to the first rope sheave or roller fairlead must be 10 times the drum width (W) and absolutely not less than 8 times the drum width (W). If the distance is less than 8 times, it will be impossible to get a good rope spooling. If the distance is less than 8 times the drum width (W), rope spooling problems may occur.



For winches with an **automatic rope spooling device** the fleet angle (a) can be as much as  $7.5^{\circ}$  corresponding to a relation between D/W of 4.



When installing a drum winch, mount the winch as far as possible from the first rope sheave or roller fairlead. Choose a winch with a drum width that allows you to have the smallest possible fleet angle. Observe that a narrow drum needs more rope layers for the same length of rope than a wider drum and that the pulling force is reduced with the number of rope layers unless a constant pulling force device is used. It will always compromise between fleet angle and the least number of rope layers.

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# 4.4 Wire rope selection

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Never use a damaged rope. In doubt contact your rope supplier or Sepson.

During the useful life of a winch, the wire rope replacement costs are often the highest expenditure. It is very important to select a rope that corresponds to the intended use of the winch itself.

The majority of accidents that happen during the use of a winch are also caused by the wire rope and therefore the selection of the appropriate wire rope becomes an important safety precaution.

The wire rope's minimum breaking load must be **at least twice the load** capacity of the winch itself unless national standards and requirements demand a different ratio of rope capacity vs the winch's load limits.

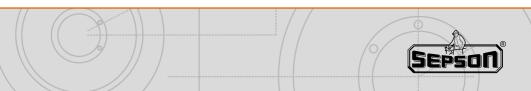
The wire rope will spool on to the winch drum. To lessen the probability of an accident and to minimize the premature wear of the rope, it is important to comply with the rule that the rope does not bend or curve less than ten (10) times the rope diameter.

Where:

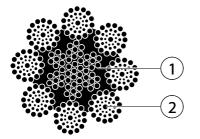
D = Winch drum diameter

d = Rope diameter

To obtain the best rope economy, it is recommended that it has a steel core and is cross-wound.

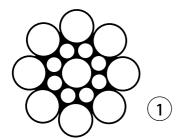


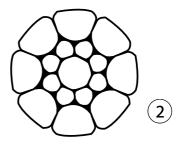
The wire rope should have at least six (6) strands and if it is to pass through several line guides, a higher number of strands are recommended. A wire rope with fewer strands may be more resistant to wear whereas a rope with a higher number of strands is more flexible and bends easier through the guides which will make it more user-friendly.



- 1. Core
- 2. Strands

A compacted rope will have a longer useful life since damage will be avoided because of the rope's smoother surface.





- 1. Conventional
- 2. Compacted



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If a swivel device is installed on the rope end, a rotation resistant design cannot be used and consequently if a non-rotation rope is selected, a swivel device cannot be installed.

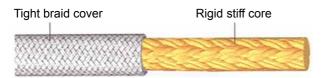
In a case where the wire rope is guided through a number of rope guides, it is important that the guide wheel's diameter is at least ten (10) times the rope's diameter. If minor adjustments of the line path are necessary, a smaller diameter of the guide wheels or rollers can be acceptable.

Avoid large and frequent changes of the line path because this will increase the rope wear and cause a loss of pulling power. Avoid "Z" bends because these will significantly impact the rope's useful life.

Frequent cleaning and lubrication will contribute to good wire rope economy.

Corrosion reduces the rope life.

#### Synthetic ropes – fabric rope – can be used with Sepson winches.



The rope must have a rigid stiff core and tight braid cover to ensure that the rope does not cut into underlying rope layers.

Note that the synthetic rope must be approved by Sepson for Sepson Winch warranty to be valid.

Synthetic rope should have the following characteristics:

- Elongation is 3-5%, steel 0.25%
- heat resistance 80 °C 100 °C, the rope deteriorate and becomes brittle
- synthetic rope snaps in a millisecond at breaking load and the rope ends strike back like a whip.

The minimum breaking load must according to EN 14492 be at least 7 times the nominal load, for steel 2 times the nominal load.

Synthetic ropes are recommended as extension ropes.

Be extremely careful when synthetic ropes are spooled on the drum winch.





## 4.5 Dimensioning of rope sheaves

The rope sheaves in Sepson's snatch block have a ratio of 10 times the rope diameter.

For fixed installation on vehicles where the winch is used intermittently and during short periods the ratio between sheave diameter and rope diameter should be 20 if the rope turns more than  $45^{\circ}$ .

If the change of rope direction is small the ratio can be much smaller but note that the rope will get damaged if the ratio is too small. For dimensioning of rope sheaves diameters see DIN 15020- 1.





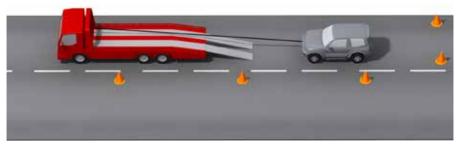
# 4.6 Rigging instructions

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Before starting the recovery, it is important that all safety instructions are observed and that nobody is within the hazard zone.

These guidelines and instructions do not eliminate or replace the operator's full and unlimited responsibility for the safety and protection of both people and material during all rescue and recovery operations.

The following illustrations are examples of rigging recovery operations. Never forget that operations of this kind can cause damage or injury to people not only within the danger zone. If you are in doubt, never hesitate to consult someone with experience from recovery of vehicles in such or similar situations.

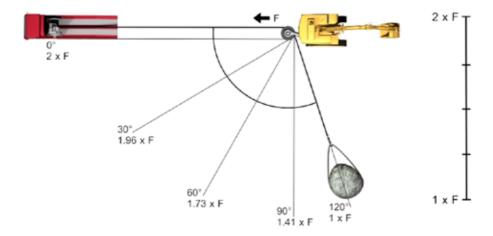


Block the recovery area according to national traffic regulations.

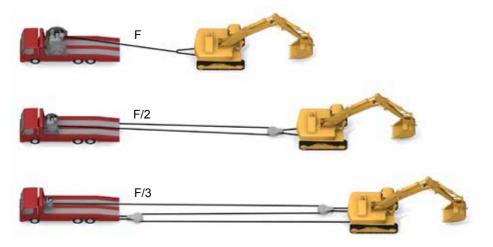
Always try to have the wire rope in an approximately straight line between the recovery vehicle and the object to be recovered.



When using snatch blocks, the load multiplication effect depends on the rope angle. The pulling force (F) increases when the rope angle decrease.



The required pulling force (F) decreases when using snatch blocks.



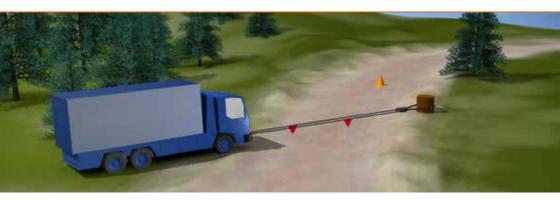
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- 1. Winch
- 2. Snatch block
- 3. Recovery object
- 4. Anchor point

Use double rope to increase the pulling capacity by attaching the free end of the wire rope to a fixed point on the vehicle or another fixed point. Attach the snatch block to the load that shall be recovered and winch in the rope.

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Winch Snatch block Recovery object Anchor point		
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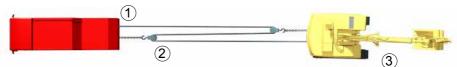
Use a snatch block to reduce the required pulling force and if there is no straight line between the winch and the recovery object. This will also enable better control of the recovery.



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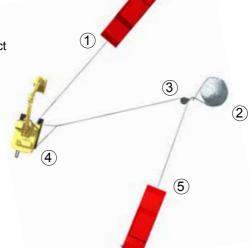
- 1. Winch
- 2. Double snatch blocks
- 3. Recovery object

A relatively small winch can frequently manage to pull significantly heavier loads due to the multiple increase of its power with the use of snatch blocks.





- 1. Pulling winch
- 2. Anchor point
- 3. Snatch block
- 4. Recovery object
- 5. Holding winch



A complicated location of the object to be recovered can require the use of more than one recovery vehicle.





# 5. Operating instructions

Operation of the winch requires a skilled operator.

For how to handle the remote control see additional instructions.

# 🚹 WARNING

Keep hands clear of the rope and all attaching devices during installation, pulling operations and when spooling the rope in.

## 5.1 General

Before a recovery operation is begun, be sure that you have read and understood this manual.

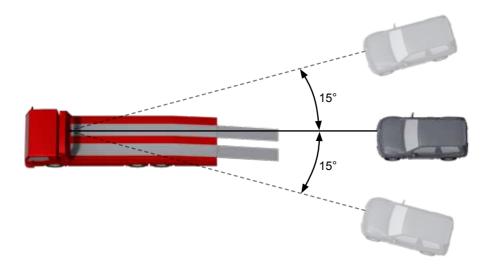
Check:

- Control (moves easily)
- Emergency stop (function)
- Wire rope and attached devices (free from damages)
- Hydraulic system (no oil leakage)
- Level of hydraulic oil in the oil tank (tank filled to 80%)
- Illumination of the working area (if dark)
- That long wire ropes are marked with flag(s)
- That roads are blocked according to national traffic regulation if the winch rope is drawn over a road
- That the hazard zone is clear from people



With heavy loads, always work with the bottom wire rope layer on the drum to avoid loaded rope pushing onto underlying rope layers and causing damage.

Never overload the wire rope. The minimum breaking load applies only to a new and unused rope and remember also that the securing devices may not be designed to withstand the maximum pulling power of the winch.



Never pull at an angle of more than 15 degrees on either side of the drum. Place the winch in a straight line in front of the load if possible or use snatch blocks. Also always use snatch blocks if you are not certain about the weight of the load about to be pulled. This will reduce the pulling force and enable a better control of the operation.

If a bigger angle than 15 degrees is required use a rope sheave or a snatch block.



# 5.2 Pull out rope



Always handle the rope in the hook when spooling in or out by hand. Be careful not to place hands in the rope eye or the attaching hook.

1. Free-spool the winch drum.

### Manual free-spool control.

- Pull out the handle for the free-spool control.

### Pneumatic or hydraulic free-spool control.

- Free-spool the drum by using the electrical control switch.

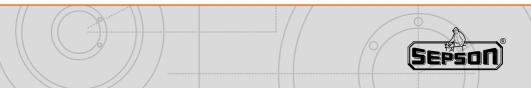
2. Pull out the rope manually.

Always pull out the rope manually with the drum disengaged. Never run the rope while under power.

Always leave enough rope on the drum for at least four revolutions.

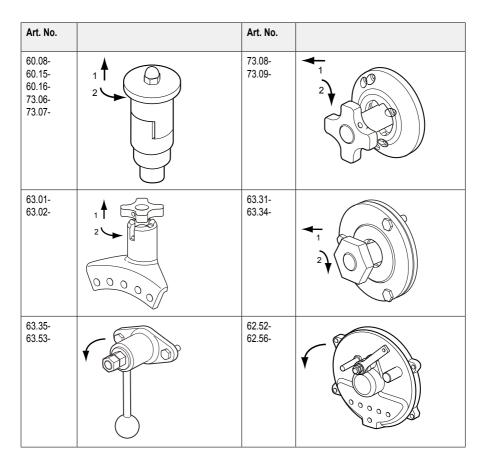
Check the drum brake before attempting to use it. If it does not respond correctly, please refer to the information in the chapter entitled 'Drum brake'.

The purpose of this brake is to prevent the drum from continuing to turn when unwinding the rope in a free spooling operation.



The different manual handles for the Sepson winch groups are shown below.

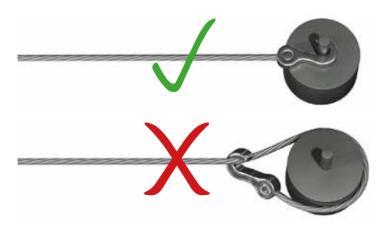
- 1. Pull
- 2. Turn





# 5.3 Attaching the load

Always use adequate equipment that is designed to withstand the maximum pulling force for the winch.



Attach the rope to a secure point on the recovery object. Never hook the wire rope on to itself, it may damage the wire.



# 5.4 Engage the rope drum



Make sure nobody is inside or close to the danger zone of the winch during operation.

#### Disengage the free-spool

#### Manual free-spool control

- Release the handle for the free-spool control.

#### Pneumatic or hydraulic free-spool control.

- Engage the drum by using the electrical control switch.

Activate the control valve and rotate the drum slightly until it is fully engaged.

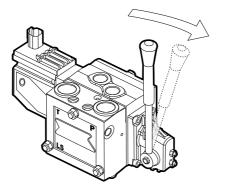
Make sure that the free-spool clutch is fully engaged.

To avoid jamming the free-spool cylinder, regular maintenance is required. See the chapter entitled 'Maintenance'.





# 5.5 Pull the load



- 1. Activate the control valve and continue pulling until the object is secured.
- 2. Stop the winch by releasing the control valve.

The spring loaded brake and the double over centre valves will automatically hold the load in place.

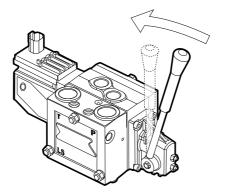
(A worm gear winch will hold the load without a brake and over centre valves as it is self-braking).

### Note

The rope speed varies depending on the load and rope layer on the winch drum.



# 5.6 Unhook the load



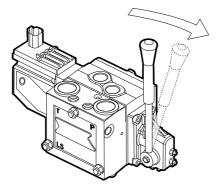


Before unhooking the rope after pulling, make sure it is slack; otherwise there is a significant risk of injury from an uncontrolled rope rotation.

- 1. Spool out the rope and make sure it is slack before unhooking it from the load.
- 2. Unhook the rope from the load.



# 5.7 Spool the rope back on the drum





Always keep a pull on the rope when spooling it back on the drum otherwise it will not spool correctly.

- 1. Spool back the rope on the drum.
- 2. Keep a sufficient load in the rope to keep it stretched.
- 3. Check that the rope spools properly on the drum.



## 6. Maintenance

WARNING

Do not use a high pressure water to clean the winch as it may inject moisture into vital mechanical parts.

It is of utmost importance that the cleanliness and lubrication of all moving parts are observed at all times.

### 6.1 Gear drive

For most Sepson winches, the gear drive is placed inside a closed container filled with grease. If the gear drive needs to be repaired use grease of NLGI 2 grade that has lithium complex soap as thickener. Sepson recommends Mobil Grease XHP 222 or similar. Grease the winch nipples every year.

Sepson winches with planetary gear may leak some oil. The seal between the rope drum and gear housing is a V-ring, to allow the rope drum to rotate. A small amount of oil will leak out from the V-ring seal.

Note that all grease consists of oil and a thickener. If the winch is not used for a long time the grease will bleed and seperate the oil and thickener. The "bleeding" temperature for Mobil Grease XHP 222 is  $30 \degree$ C -  $40 \degree$ C.

On some winches, the gear drive runs in an oil bath and this oil should be replaced every third year.

The position of the drain plug, filler hole and level plug is found in technical information for the winch.

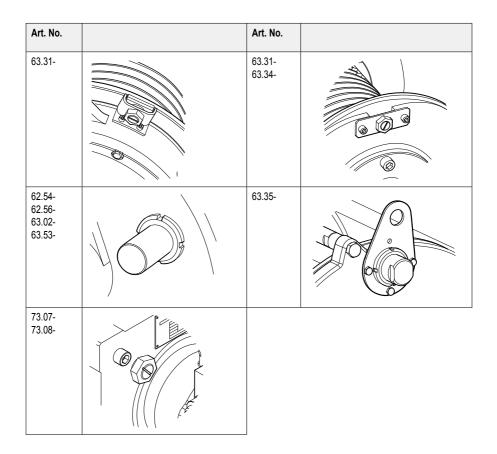
Check that there is no water condensation in the gear housing. Unscrew the draining plug in the bottom of the gear housing once a year and drain. Use protective gloves and collect the liquid in a vessel.



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## 6.2 Drum brake

Schedule a regular check of the friction drum brake components. The purpose of this brake is to avoid and prevent the drum from continuing to turn when unwinding the rope in a free spooling operation. The brake lining shall be replaced when the thickness is less than 1 mm.





To increase the brake effect, follow these steps:

- 1. Loosen the locking nut.
- 2. Turn the adjusting screws clockwise.
- 3. Tighten the locking nut.

To reduce the brake effect, follow these steps:

- 1. Loosen the locking nut.
- 2. Turn the adjusting screws counter-clockwise a quarter turn.
- 3. Tighten the locking nut.



## 6.3 Service and maintenance

Item or Assembly	Notes	Daily service After every use	Minor service Every 2 mths	Medium service 12 mths	Major service 36 mths	Lubricant
Winch, wire rope, rope gui- des and other accessories	1	Ν	N	N		
Emergency stop	2	I	1	I		
Wire rope	3	I	INL	INL		Rocol or eq. SWR lubricant
Winch rope drum and rope wedge	4	I	IN	IN		
Winch drum brake	5	I	IAN	IANG		
Winch pressure roller/ pressure plate	6	I	IN	IN		
Rope guides, rope trumpets and roller fairleads	7	I	INL	INL		Mobil Grease XHP 222 or eq.
Winch drum seal (V-ring)	8	I	IN	IN		
Free-spool clutch	9	I	IL	ILY		Moisture- absorbing oil
Winch gear drain	10	-	E	E		
Winch floating wheel (optional)	11	IN	IN	IN		
Audio visual 4-wrap rope warning (optional)	12	I	IN	IN		
Automatic rope spooling device (helix screw and bellow) (optional)	13	I	IN	IN		
Automatic rope spooling device (helix screw and bellow) (optional)	14	I	IN	INL		Mobil Grease XHP 222 or eq.



Item or Assembly	Notes	Daily service After every use	Minor service Every 2 mths	Medium service 12 mths	Major service 36 mths	Lubricant
Automatic rope spooling device (gear drive) (optional)	15	-	-	L	INL	Mobil Grease XHP 222 or eq
Constant force device (Roller fairlead) (optional)	16	I	INL	INL		
Constant force device (shaft and rope sheave) (optional)	17	IN	IN	IN		Mobil Grease XHP 222 or eq
Winch gear drive	18	-	-	L	INL	Mobil Grease XHP 222 or eq ~150g
Winch gear oil (on some winches)	19	-	-	U	E	6254/6256: SAE 80W/90 or eq. Hor.: 2 litres Vert.: 3 litres 6353: SAE 10W/30 or eq. 26 litres
Winch, rope guides and other accessories fixation points	20	-	-	Y		
Hydraulic tubes, pipes and fittings	21		N	I		
Electrical cables and connectors	22		N	I		
Painting and corrosion	23			U		

N - Clean, O - Overhaul, U - Check and Top Up, Y - Tighten/Free Up



#### Notes:

- 1. Always clean the winch and the accessories after use.
- 2. Check the emergency stop function.
- 3. Pull out the rope and inspect for deformation, damage and wear in accordance with 6.5 Wire rope. Lubricate.

#### Note:

If the wire rope is replaced for a winch equipped with spooling device the automatic rope spooling device is to be calibrated or controlled in accordance with 3.7 Calibration of automatic rope spooling device.

- 4. Inspect the rope drum and rope wedge for correct installation and function.
- 5. Inspect and adjust in accordance with 6.2 Drum brake. Replace the brake lining when the thickness is less than 1 mm.
- 6. Inspect the pressure roller for deformation, damage and wear.
- 7. Inspect the rope guides for deformation, damage and wear. Lubricate.
- 8. Check that the drum seal ring is in place and in good condition.
- 9. Check that the free-spool clutch has an unrestricted full movement in accordance with 6.4 Free-spool clutch. Lubricate moving components.
- 10. Drain the winch gear from moisture.
- 11. Inspect the rope sheave and shaft for deformation, damage and wear.

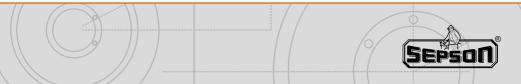


# Do not lubricate the shaft, keep it dry and clean.

- 12. Check the sensor function.
- 13. Inspect the helix screw for deformation, damage and wear.
- 14. Inspect the rope guide. Lubricate.
- 15. Inspect the gear drive. Lubricate.
- 16. Inspect the frame assembly for deformation, damage and wear. Lubricate.
- 17. Inspect the rope sheave and shaft for deformation, damage and wear.

# Caution

Do not lubricate the shaft, keep it dry and clean.



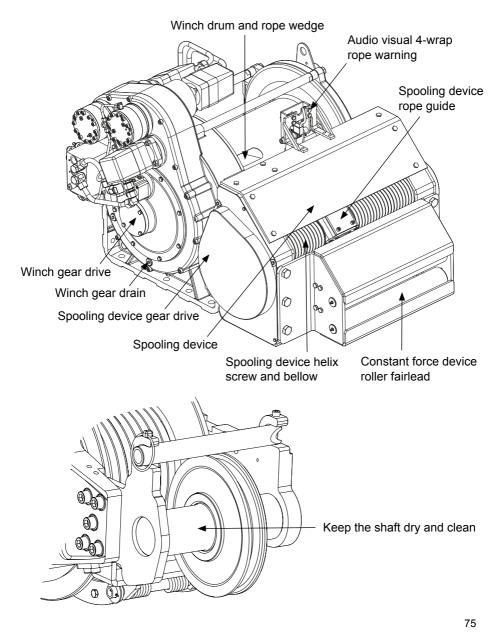
- 18. Inspect the gear drive and grease winches with grease nipple.
- 19. Check the gear oil level. Drain and refill the gear oil.
- 20. Check all fixation bolts. If necessary tighten up.

#### Note:

Ensure that tightening torques are in accordance with the table below or with the manufacturer's specifications.

- 21. Inspect the hydraulic tubes, pipes and fittings for leakage, deformation, damage and wear.
- 22. Inspect the electrical cables and connectors for damage and wear.
- 23. Inspect the equipment for corrosion and paint removal, repaint if necessary.







Vertical mounting

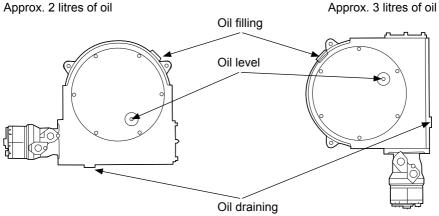


# Do not run the winch without oil!

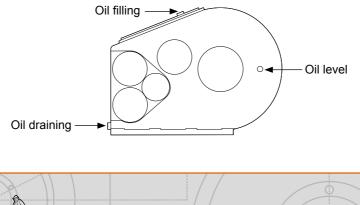
Some winches are delivered with no oil in the gearbox. Before using fill the winch with oil.

For Sepgain H40 and H70 we recommend SAE 80W/90 or similar. Fill the gear box up to the oil level plug.

# Horizontal mounting

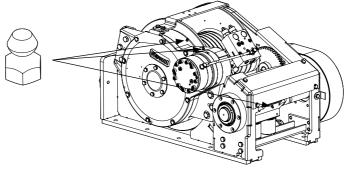


For Sepdurance H300 we recommend SAE 10W/30 or similar. Fill the gear box with approx. 26 litres up to the oil level plug.

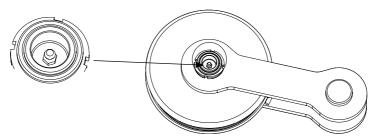


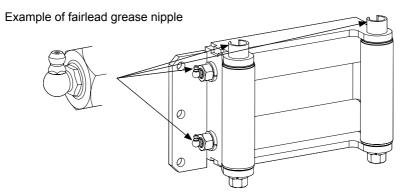


# Example of winch grease nipple



# Example of snatch block grease nipple





Equipment with grease nipple should be greased regulary.

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# **Tightening torques**

According to	C	IN 912, DIN931, DIN933 et	C
Bolt Spec.	8.8	10.9	12.9
Dimension	Tightening torque [Nm]		
M 4	3.1	4.5	5.3
M 5	6.1	8.9	10.4
M 6	10.4	15.3	17.9
M 8	27	40	47
M 10	50	73	86
M 10 x 1.25	53	78	91
M 12	86	127	148
M 12 x 1.25	95	139	163
M 14	137	201	235
M 14 x 1.5	150	220	257
M 16	214	314	369
M 16 x 1.5	229	336	393
M 18	306	435	509
M 18 x 1.5	345	491	575
M 20	432	615	719
M 20 x 1.5	482	687	804



# 6.4 Free-spool clutch

Maintain and inspect free-spool clutch regularly to avoid risk for lost payload.

It is important that the free-spool clutch is subject to regular and scheduled maintenance and that all functions are tested. Should any function fail, the free-spool clutch will jeopardize the connection between the winch's drive chain and rope drum. This creates a significant risk of injury to people as well as serious damage to the equipment and the payload because the operator's control will be completely lost when the drum spins free from the clutch.

The free-spool clutch shall be lubricated on an easy-to-remember schedule such as each time the vehicle is being washed.

### Note

It is extremely important that the winch is not used if the free-spool function is not working properly.

Contact an authorized repair centre of SEPSON immediately.

#### Manual free-spool

Lubricate moving components with thin moisture-absorbing oil.

Check that the free-spool clutch has an unrestricted full movement annually or if suspected to not work properly.

#### Pneumatic free-spool

Check that the free-spool clutch has an unrestricted full movement annually or if suspected to not work properly.

#### Hydraulic free-spool clutch

Check that the free-spool clutch has an unrestricted full movement annually or if suspected to not work properly.



# Minimum allowed movement of the free-spool clutch

Art. No.	mm	Art. No.	mm
73.06- 73.07- 73.08- 60.08- 60.15- 60.16-	16	73.09-	9
63.01- 63.02-	21	63.53-	10
63.35-	11	62.56-	12
63.31-	9	63.34-	13





# 6.5 Wire rope



# A damaged or worn wire rope must be replaced.

The design of the winch does not allow unlimited use of the wire rope. For ropes with 6 or 8 strands the most common wear is superficial thread breakage. Internal thread breakage is most common for rotation-resistant ropes, and this cannot be seen from the outside.

## **Discard criteria (examples)**



Core protrusion



Kink (negative)



Basket deformation



Flattened portion



# 7. Troubleshooting

Symptom	Probable cause	Action
1. Winch does not function	1. No oil flow to winch	- Check hydraulic oil level
		<ul> <li>Check all hydraulic lines, fittings and components for leaks</li> </ul>
	2. PTO not engaged	– Engage PTO
	3. Defective hydraulic motors	<ul> <li>Replace motor or contact authorized service shop</li> </ul>
	4. Emergency stop button is engaged	- Release the emergency stop
	5. No electrical power	<ul> <li>Inspect and repair electrical system</li> </ul>
	6. The free-spool clutch is engaged	- Disengage the free-spool clutch
	7. Hydraulic brake is not releasing	<ul> <li>Check oil pressure at the inlet to the brake (≥ 30 bar).</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Replace the hydraulic brake</li> </ul>
	8. Defect hydraulic pump	<ul> <li>Replace pump or contact authorized repair service</li> </ul>
2. Winch drum does not turn	1. The drive train is not aligned and the free-spool clutch can not connect the winch drum to the drive chain	<ul> <li>Disengage the free-spool clutch and rotate the drum till the drive chain engages</li> </ul>
	<ol> <li>The return spring in the free-spool clutch is damaged</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>Dismantle the free-spool clutch or for some models the winch and re place the return spring.</li> <li>An authorized repair service should be used</li> </ul>
	3. The free-spool cylinder is jammed in the free-spool housing	- Contact an authorized repair service

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# Troubleshooting

Symptom	Probable cause	Action
<ol> <li>The free-spool clutch does not disengage the winch drum</li> </ol>	1. If pneumatic free-spool clutch is used, insufficient air supply can be reason	- Check the compressed air supply
ulum	<ol> <li>If hydraulic free-spool clutch is used, insufficient oil supply can be reason</li> </ol>	- Check the oil supply
	3. The winch is under load	<ul> <li>Spool out the rope and unload</li> </ul>
	4. The free-spool clutch is damaged	- Contact an authorized repair service
4. The winch jerks or is noisy during operation	1. Hydraulic pump is defective	<ul> <li>Replace pump or contact authorized repair service</li> </ul>
	2. Defective hydraulic motor	<ul> <li>Replace motor or contact authorized repair service</li> </ul>
	3. Low hydraulic oil flow	- Increase engine rpm
	4. Hydraulic oil filter is dirty	- Clean or replace filter
	5. Air in hydraulic system	- Ventilate hydraulic oil system
	6. Control valve dirty	- Clean control valve
	7. Hydraulic brake is malfunctioning	<ul> <li>Check oil pressure at the inlet to the brake (≥ 30 bar)</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Replace the hydraulic brake</li> </ul>



Symptom	Probable cause	Action
5. The winch will not reach required rope speed	1. Engine rpm too low	– Increase engine rpm
	2. Hydraulic oil filter dirty	- Clean or replace filter
	3. Defective hydraulic motor	<ul> <li>Replace motor or contact authorized repair service</li> </ul>
	4. Hydraulic oil too hot	- Let the oil cool down
	5. Defective hydraulic pump	<ul> <li>Replace pump or contact authorized repair service</li> </ul>
	6. Directional control valve defect	- Clean or replace valve
6. Hydraulic oil is foaming	1. Suction channel sucks air	- Check connections
	2. Oil return line ends over the oil surface in tank	<ul> <li>Extend the return line</li> </ul>
	3. Ambient temperature too high for the hydraulic oil	<ul> <li>Change to more heat resistant hydraulic oil or let the system cool down</li> </ul>
7. Winch does not pull rated load	1. System relief valve set too low	- Check and set the relief pressure



# 8. Technical information

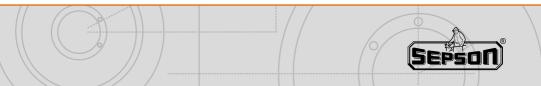
# 8.1 General

# 8.1.1 Noise

The A-weighted sound pressure level at the winch operation place depends on the placement of the winch controls on the vehicle and type of vehicle. The noise level for the winch is  $\leq$  70 dB (A).

## 8.1.2 Vibration

The vibration total value in the winch controls depends on the placement of the controls on the vehicle. The value is less than  $2.5 \text{ m/s}^2$ .



# 8.2 Design standard

# Sepson's VEHICLE RECOVERY WINCHES are designed according to the following standards

Directive 2006/42/EC Machinery

(Harmonised C-standard) EN 14492-1:2006 + AC:2010	Cranes – Power driven winches and hoists Part 1: Power driven winches
(Supporting safety standards) EN ISO 12100:2010	Safety of machinery – General principles for design Risk assessment and risk reduction
ISO 4413:2010	Hydraulic
ISO 4414:2010	Pneumatics
EN 60204-1:2018	Electrical equipment of machines Part 1: general requirement
DIN 15020-1	Strength of gear transmissions
EN 60529/AC2:2019	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP code)
EN ISO 13732-1:2008	Methods for the assessment of human responses to contact with surfaces Part 1: Hot surfaces
EN 13857:2019	Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reach by upper and lower limbs
Directive 92/58/EEC Incl. amd.	Safety and health signs at work
SAE J706	US Standard (applies only to some winches)

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# Sepson's ELECTRICAL CONTROL SYSTEM and CABLE REMOTE CONTROLS are designed according to the following standards.

Directive 2014/53/EU Radio and telecommunications terminal equipment. Directive 2014/30/EU EMC Electromagnetic compatibility.

(Supporting safety standards)	
EN 301489-1:2001	EMC and radio spectrum matters (ERM)
EN 301489-3:2001	EMC and radio spectrum matters (ERM)
EN 300220-3:2000	EMC and radio spectrum matters (ERM)
EN 61000-6-2:C1:2005	EMC immunity
EN ISO 13849-1:2016	Safety related parts of control systems

# **Military applications**

Applicable defence standards on request



# 8.3 EC declaration of conformity

According to directive 2006/42/EC, Annex 2A

## Sepson AB

SE-786 21 Vansbro, Sweden, declare under our sole responsibility that the products:

Hydraulic winches in model series SEPDURANCE, SEPMATIC, FORCEMATIC, SEPGAIN and SEPTRAC from year of manufacturing 2020 and onwards conforms with the following provisions of Directives:

## 2006/42/EC, Machinery

### 2014/30/EU, Electromagnetic compatibility

to which this declaration relates is in conformity with the following standards and other normative documents:

# EN ISO 12100:2010, ISO 4413:2010, ISO 4414:2010,

## EN 14492-1:2006+AC:2010, EN 301489-1:2001, EN 301489-3:2001

This declaration relates exclusively to the machinery in the state in which it was placed on the market and excluding components which are added and/or operations carried out subsequently by final user.

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