MECHANIC'S GUIDE

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SNOWPLOWS

Featuring the
ISARMATIC® Hydraulic System

⚠️ CAUTION
Read this manual before servicing the snowplow.
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**PREFACE**

This guide has been prepared to assist the trained mechanic in the service of WESTERN® snowplows. It also provides safety information and recommendations. We urge all mechanics to read this manual carefully before attempting to service the WESTERN snowplow equipment covered by this guide.

Service of your WESTERN snowplow equipment is best performed by your local Western Products outlet. They know your snowplow best and are interested in your complete satisfaction.

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SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING
Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious personal injury.

CAUTION
Indicates a situation that, if not avoided, could result in minor personal injury and/or damage to product or property.

NOTE: Identifies tips, helpful hints and maintenance information the owner/operator should know.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

VENTILATION

HYDRAULIC SAFETY

WARNING
Do not exceed GVWR or GAWR including blade and ballast. The rating label is found on the driver-side vehicle door cornerpost.

WARNING
Vehicle exhaust contains deadly carbon monoxide (CO) gas. Breathing this gas, even in low concentrations, could cause death. Never operate a vehicle in an enclosed area without venting exhaust to the outside.

WARNING
Hydraulic fluid under pressure could cause skin injection injury. If you are injured by hydraulic fluid, get medical treatment immediately.

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PERSONAL SAFETY

FIRE AND EXPLOSION

WARNING
Gasoline is highly flammable and gasoline vapor is explosive. Never smoke while working on vehicle. Keep all open flames away from gasoline tank and lines. Wipe up any spilled gasoline immediately.

WARNING
Be careful when using gasoline. Do not use gasoline to clean parts. Store only in approved containers away from sources of heat or flame.

WARNING
Lower blade when vehicle is parked. Temperature changes could change hydraulic pressure, causing the blade to drop unexpectedly or damaging hydraulic components. Failure to do this can result in serious personal injury.

WARNING
Remove blade assembly before placing vehicle on hoist.

WARNING
Park the vehicle on a level surface, place shift lever in PARK or NEUTRAL and set parking brake.

WARNING
Leave the snowplow mounted on the vehicle and lowered for most service procedures, unless told otherwise.

WARNING
If you work on the vehicle or snowplow in a garage or other enclosed area, be sure to vent exhaust gas directly to the outside through a leakproof exhaust hose.

WARNING
Always inspect hydraulic components and hoses before using. Replace any damaged or worn parts immediately.

WARNING
If you suspect a hose leak, DO NOT use your hand to locate it. Use a piece of cardboard or wood.

WARNING
Always have a fire extinguisher handy, rated BC for flammable liquids and electrical fires.
SAFETY INFORMATION

BATTERY SAFETY

⚠️ CAUTION

Batteries normally produce explosive gases which can cause personal injury. Therefore, do not allow flames, sparks or lit tobacco to come near the battery. When charging or working near a battery, always cover your face and protect your eyes, and also provide ventilation.

Batteries contain sulfuric acid which burns skin, eyes and clothing.

Disconnect the battery before removing or replacing any electrical components.

⚠️ WARNING

LOWER BLADE WHEN VEHICLE IS PARKED.
REMOVE BLADE ASSEMBLY BEFORE PLACING VEHICLE ON HOIST.
DO NOT EXCEED GVWR OR GAWR INCLUDING BLADE AND BALLAST.

⚠️ CAUTION

READ OWNER’S MANUAL BEFORE OPERATING OR SERVICING SNOWPLOW.
TRANSPORT SPEED SHOULD NOT EXCEED 45 MPH.
REDUCE SPEED UNDER ADVERSE TRAVEL CONDITIONS.
PLOWING SPEED SHOULD NOT EXCEED 10 MPH.
SEE YOUR WESTERN OUTLET FOR APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS.

Please become familiar with and make owners knowledgeable of the Warning and Instruction labels on the back of the blade!

Warning Label

Instruction Label

Warning Label

Instruction Label
ISARMATIC® SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

**CAUTION**
Do not mix different types of hydraulic fluid. Some fluids are not compatible and may cause performance problems and product damage.

### Hydraulic System

#### Hydraulic Fluid
- WESTERN® High Performance Fluid to -40°F (-40°C) or other fluid conforming to military specification MIL-H-5606A, such as Mobil Aero HFA or Shell AeroShell® Fluid 4.
- Automatic Transmission Fluid (ATF) Dexron® III to -10°F (-23° C).

#### Electrical System – approximate values:
- Solenoid Valve Coil Resistance = 6.7 Ohms at room temperature

#### Mechanical

### Tools Required for servicing the electrical and hydraulic systems:
- Long/Slender Needle Nose Pliers
- Flat Screwdriver
- Socket and Combination Wrenches: 3/8" thru 7/8", 1-1/16", 1-1/8"
- Deep Socket: 7/8”
- 1/4" Socket or Nut Driver
- 12 V Test Light
- Torque Wrench (in-lb)
- Allen Wrench Set
- 3000 PSI Pressure Gauge w/adapter fittings
- Flashlight
- Pick Set
- Hammer
- Digital Volt/Ohm Meter
- Pencil Magnet

Available from your WESTERN® outlet:
- UniMount® Electrical Tester

### Hydraulic System

<table>
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<th>Plow Type</th>
<th>Crossover Relief Valve Pressure (± 100 PSI)</th>
<th>No. of Turns Crossover Relief Valve Is Backed Off (CCW) From Fully Seated*</th>
<th>Pump Relief Valve Pressure (± 100 PSI)</th>
<th>Max. Motor Amp Draw At Relief Pressure**</th>
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<td>Standard, PRO-PLOW®, LSX</td>
<td>3500</td>
<td>1-1/2 – 2</td>
<td>1750</td>
<td>200</td>
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<tr>
<td>Heavyweight</td>
<td>3500</td>
<td>1-1/2 – 2</td>
<td>1900</td>
<td>210</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sport Utility</td>
<td>2500</td>
<td>2-1/4 – 2-3/4</td>
<td>1550</td>
<td>180</td>
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*Settings are approximate.
**Actual readings may vary due to vehicle battery voltage and oil temperature.

- **CAUTION**
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- **PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS**

- **REQUIRED TOOLS**

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<td>Motor Relay Coil Resistance = 16 - 17 Ohms</td>
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<td>Motor Relay Amp. Draw = 0.7 Amp.</td>
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<td>Headlamp Relay Coil Resistance = 106 Ohms</td>
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<td>Headlamp Relay Amp Draw = 0.1 Amp.</td>
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### Communications

- Harness – 6 Amp. (SFE-6)

### Filters

- Pump Mounting Cap Screws........................................ 175 – 185
- Motor Terminal Nuts.................................................. 50 – 60
- Motor Base Cap Screws ............................................. 180 – 240
- Motor End Cap Screws ............................................... 35 – 45
- Valve Manifold Cap Screws ....................................... 55 – 60
- Solenoid Cartridge Valve ........................................ 120 – 144
- Coil Nut .................................................................... 48 – 60
- Cartridge/Coil Cover Screws .................................... 15 – 20
- Base Lug Cap Screws .................................................. 180 – 240
- O-Ring Boss Plug....................................................... 50 – 70

- **Mechanical**

- **Fastener Torque (in-lb)**

- **Electrical**

- **Safety**

- **Hydraulic**

- **Mechanical**

- **Communications**

- **Filters**

- ** Specifications**

- **Required Tools**

- **MISARMATIC®**

- **LX**

- **Standard & PRO-PLOW®**

- **Sport Utility**

- **Hydraulic Fluid**

- **Solenoid Valve Spool Travel = 0.07” for three- and four-way valves (S2, S3)**

- **Pump Relief Valve Pressure (± 100 PSI)**

- **Max. Motor Amp Draw At Relief Pressure**

- **No. of Turns Crossover Relief Valve Is Backed Off (CCW) From Fully Seated**

- **Pump Mounting Cap Screws**

- **Motor Terminal Nuts**

- **Motor Base Cap Screws**

- **Motor End Cap Screws**

- **Valve Manifold Cap Screws**

- **Solenoid Cartridge Valve**

- **Coil Nut**

- **Cartridge/Coil Cover Screws**

- **Base Lug Cap Screws**

- **O-Ring Boss Plug**

- **Deep Socket: 7/8”**

- **1/4” Socket or Nut Driver**

- **12 V Test Light**

- **Torque Wrench (in-lb)**

- **Allen Wrench Set**

- **3000 PSI Pressure Gauge w/adapter fittings**

- **Flashlight**

- **Pick Set**

- **Hammer**

- **Digital Volt/Ohm Meter**

- **Pencil Magnet**

- **UniMount® Electrical Tester**

- **Settings are approximate.**

- **Actual readings may vary due to vehicle battery voltage and oil temperature.**
ISARMATIC® HYDRAULIC HOSE ROUTING AND FITTING ORIENTATION

- Passenger Side Hydraulic Hose (To Rear 45° Swivel Fitting)
- Lift Frame Hose Loop
- Driver Side Hydraulic Hose (To Front 45° Swivel Fitting)
- 1/4" Street Elbow

Front 45° Swivel Fitting
Rear 45° Swivel Fitting
Driver Side Hose
Passenger Side Hose

1/4" Street Elbow (Typical Orientation Each Side)
ISARMATIC® HYDRAULIC UNIT VALVE IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Motor
Housing
Lift Cylinder Rod
Packing Nut
Valve Manifold Block
Valve Manifold Block
Quill
Passenger-Side Crossover Relief Valve
Passenger-Side Crossover Relief Valve and Solenoid Cartridge Valves Under Cartridge/Coil Cover – see view above
S1 (SV08-2004)
2-Way Cartridge Valve
S2 (SV08-30)
3-Way Cartridge Valve
S3 (SV08-40)
4-Way Cartridge Valve

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VEHICLE HARNESS AND VEHICLE CABLE LOCATION

* On later revision harnesses only. Early revision harness has a single black/orange wire to motor relay only, unless modified to use with hand-held control.
OPERATING THE SNOWPLOW

SOLENOID CONTROL

**WARNING**
The driver shall keep bystanders clear of the blade when it is being raised, lowered or angled. Do not stand between the vehicle and the blade, or within 8 feet of a moving blade. A moving or falling blade could cause personal injury.

**CAUTION**
To prevent accidental movement of the blade, always turn the ON/OFF switch to OFF whenever the snowplow is not in use. The control indicator light will turn off.

Turn the vehicle ignition switch to the ON or the ACCESSORY position. Move control ON/OFF switch to the ON position. The control indicator light (red) should light whenever the control ON/OFF switch and the ignition (key) are both turned ON.

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<th>Action</th>
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<tr>
<td>ON/OFF</td>
<td>Slide the control power switch ON to activate the hydraulic system. Turn the control OFF to lock the blade in place. This will prevent accidental movement of the blade.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Right</td>
<td>Move the control lever right to angle the blade to the right.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Left</td>
<td>Move the control lever left to angle the blade to the left.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Raise</td>
<td>Move the control lever up (forward) to raise the blade to the desired height.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lower/Float</td>
<td>Move the control lever down (back) to lower the blade and activate the FLOAT mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>To Cancel FLOAT</td>
<td>The FLOAT mode can be canceled by either momentarily placing the control in the RAISE position, turning the control off or turning the vehicle ignition off. Angling left or right will not cancel float.</td>
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OPERATING THE SNOWPLOW

CABCOMMAND HAND-HELD CONTROL

**WARNING**
The driver shall keep bystanders clear of the blade when it is being raised, lowered or angled. Do not stand between the vehicle and the blade, or within 8 feet of a moving blade. A moving or falling blade could cause personal injury.

**CAUTION**
To prevent accidental movement of the blade, always turn the ON/OFF switch to OFF whenever the snowplow is not in use. The control indicator light will turn off.

1. Turn the vehicle ignition switch to the ON or the ACCESSORY position. The controller logo area will become illuminated.*

2. Press the ON/OFF button on the control. The control indicator light will glow red indicating the control is on. The control indicator light will glow red whenever the control ON/OFF switch and the vehicle ignition switch are both ON.

3. Pressing the LOWER button for 0.75 seconds will engage the FLOAT mode. The control indicator FLOAT light will glow green.* Cancel the FLOAT mode by momentarily pressing the RAISE button.

**Function Time Outs**
All control functions, except for LOWER, automatically time out – stop – after a period of time. This is to prevent unnecessary battery drain.

The time-out period for the RAISE function is 2.4 seconds, while the angle function is 4.8 seconds.

The control will automatically turn off after being idle for 20 minutes.

**Smooth Stop**
The control automatically allows the blade to coast to a stop. This results in smoother operation, reduces the shock to the hydraulic system and increases hose and valve life.

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<th>Button</th>
<th>Description of Operation</th>
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<td>Right</td>
<td>Press this button to angle blade to the right.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Left</td>
<td>Press this button to angle blade to the left.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Raise</td>
<td>Press this button to raise the plow and to cancel the float mode. NOTE: Plow will automatically stop raising after 2.4 seconds.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lower/Float</td>
<td>Press this button to lower the plow. NOTE: After reaching the desired height, release the button. Holding the button down for more than 3/4 second will activate the float mode, indicated by green FLOAT light.*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cancel Float</td>
<td>The float mode can be cancelled by pressing the RAISE button, turning control off or turning vehicle ignition off. Angling left or right will momentarily cancel float.</td>
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THEORY OF OPERATION

SNOWPLOW HEADLAMPS

The type of headlamp circuit varies, depending on the make/model/year of vehicle and whether or not it is equipped with Daytime Running Lights (DRLs). The headlamp switching circuit uses two or more relays. When combined with the plug-in headlamp harness, plow light harness and vehicle harness, the relays automatically switch between vehicle and snowplow headlamps as the harness plugs are connected and disconnected.

Vehicles with Daytime Running Lights (DRLs) require a DRL kit which is an additional fused pink wire used in place of the brown wire.

SNOWPLOW PARK/TURN LAMPS

In an ordinary installation, the snowplow Park/Turn lamps are wired in parallel with the corresponding vehicle circuits. Some installations on trucks with clearance lights require an optional Park/Turn Relay Kit which allows the snowplow park lamps to operate directly off the battery, using the vehicle circuit to power only the relay. In either case, the vehicle and snowplow park and turn lamps will operate simultaneously.

NOTE: The headlamp wiring schematics and electrical information included in this manual are typical for most 1998 and older vehicles. For 1999 and newer vehicles, refer to the snowplow installation instructions.

SNOWPLOW HYDRAULICS

The snowplow hydraulic system performs four blade movement functions. All functions require the vehicle ignition (key) switch to be in the run position and the cab control to be turned on.

The cab control supplies power to the motor relay and the three solenoid cartridge valves in various combinations to direct hydraulic fluid to the snowplow lift and angle cylinders or back to the reservoir.

Raise and angle functions require both the motor and solenoid cartridge valve(s) to activate, while the lower function only requires activation of a solenoid cartridge valve. The motor and valves are deactivated when the cab control button or lever is released. The high amperage motor power circuit is completed through the battery cables when the motor relay is activated. The motor relay and solenoid cartridge valve circuits are low amperage, high side drive, and are completed when the cab control is activated.

Proper operation of the snowplow hydraulic system depends on the vehicle’s ability to provide adequate electrical power. Electrical loads from the snowplow, vehicle and accessories can substantially reduce the vehicle system voltage if the charging system cannot meet the electrical demand. A low voltage condition can cause intermittent snowplow operation because the magnetic field produced in the solenoid cartridge valve coils may not be strong enough to shift the valves. Because of many variables, it is impossible to determine the point at which the system voltage is too low to consistently operate the snowplow. This condition can be difficult to diagnose because the coil magnetism can still be detected and no problem exists in the hydraulic system. Do not overlook the fact that an apparent problem with the snowplow can actually be caused by low voltage in the vehicle electrical system. Consult a vehicle repair manual for electrical system specifications.
The following section contains hydraulic and electrical schematics to help explain how the hydraulic unit performs the different functions. A schematic is an abstract drawing showing the purpose of each of the components in the system. Each component is represented by a graphical symbol. The hydraulic and electrical legends list and describe each of the symbols used in the schematics for this guide.

The first two schematics show a general overview of the complete hydraulic and electrical systems. The remainder of the schematics have been altered to highlight flow of hydraulic fluid and electrical current for each function the hydraulic unit performs or flow of electrical current for the snowplow and vehicle lights.

- Bold lines represent the circuit being activated only.
- Shaded components are either activated or shifted from their normal position.

The purpose of each of the hydraulic and electrical schematics to help explain how the hydraulic unit performs the different functions. A schematic is an abstract drawing showing the purpose of each of the components in the system. Each component is represented by a graphical symbol. The hydraulic and electrical legends list and describe each of the symbols used in the schematics for this guide.

NOTE:
Left side = Driver side
Right side = Passenger side

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### Wire Color Code

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<th>Wire Color Code</th>
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<td>BLK/ORN</td>
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<td>BLK/RED</td>
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<td>Blue</td>
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<td>Blue w/ Orange</td>
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<td>BRN/GRN</td>
<td>Brown w/ Green</td>
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<td>Motor Relay</td>
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<td>P/T SIG</td>
<td>Park/Turn Signal</td>
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NOTE: DRL kit not shown.

NOTE: All relays are shown in the de-energized state.
**NOTE:** DRL kit shown.

**NOTE:** All relays are shown in the de-energized state.
Blade Movement: Angle Right
Controller: Right
System Response:
1) By moving control lever or pressing the controller button, the circuit board within the cab controls supplies power for the electrical circuit.
2) Electrical current flows through the motor relay, activating the pump motor, and solenoid cartridge valve S2, shifting its spool.
3) Hydraulic fluid from the pump flows through the inlet check valve, solenoid cartridge valve S3 and the poppet check valve, and into the base end of the left cylinder, causing it to extend.
4) The retracting right cylinder pushes the hydraulic fluid out of its base end, through solenoid cartridge valves S2 & S3 back to the reservoir.

BLADE MOVEMENT ANGLE RIGHT
ANGEL LEFT – ELECTRICAL

Blade Movement: Angle Left
Controller: Left
System Response:
1) By moving control lever or pressing the controller button, the circuit board within the cab supplies power for the electrical circuit.
2) Electrical current flows through the motor relay, activating the pump motor, and solenoid cartridge valves S3 & S2, shifting both spools.
3) Hydraulic fluid from the pump flows through the inlet check valve and solenoid cartridge valves S3 & S2, and into the base end of the right cylinder, causing it to extend.
4) Pressure within the hydraulic circuit shifts the spool, opening the poppet check valve.
5) The retracting left cylinder pushes the hydraulic fluid out of its base end, through the open poppet check valve and solenoid cartridge valve S3 and back to the reservoir.
RAISE – ELECTRICAL

Blade Movement: Raise
Controller: Raise
System Response:
1) By moving control lever or pressing the controller button, the circuit board within the cab control supplies power for the electrical circuits.
2) Electrical current flows through the motor relay, activating the pump motor, and solenoid cartridge valve S3, shifting the spool.
3) Hydraulic fluid from the pump flows through the inlet check valve, solenoid cartridge valves S3 & S2 and the internal check valve in solenoid cartridge valve S1, and into the lift cylinder causing it to extend.
RAISE – HYDRAULIC

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<td>M</td>
<td>ON</td>
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<td>ON</td>
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<td>SV08-2004 (2W)</td>
<td>S1</td>
<td>ON</td>
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Blade Movement: Lower / Float
Controller: Lower
System Response:
1) By moving control lever or pressing the controller button, the circuit board within the cab control supplies power for the electrical circuit.
2) Electrical current flows through solenoid cartridge valve S1, shifting the spool.
3) The weight of the plow forces the lift cylinder to retract. The retracting lift cylinder pushes the hydraulic fluid through solenoid cartridge valves S1 & S2 & S3, and back to the reservoir.

NOTE: CabCommand hand-held control only – while in FLOAT, angling right or left will temporarily cancel float (turn off solenoid cartridge valve S1) until the angle button is released.
HOLD IN RAISED POSITION – HYDRAULIC

Blade Movement: Hold in Raised Position
Controller: None
System Response:

1) Hydraulic fluid is trapped in the lift cylinder by the internal check valve in solenoid cartridge valve S1.
Blade Movement: Striking an Object While Plowing
Controller: None

System Response:
1) Hydraulic fluid is trapped in the base end of the cylinders by the relief valves, the poppet check valve and solenoid cartridge valve S2.
2) When the plow contacts an object, the force of the impact increases the hydraulic pressure in the base end of the cylinder. When the pressure exceeds the relief valve pressure setting, the relief valve opens allowing fluid to flow to the base of the opposite cylinder.
Blade Movement: Striking an Object While Plowing
Controller: None

System Response:
1) Hydraulic fluid is trapped in the base end of the cylinders by the relief valves, the poppet check valve and solenoid cartridge valve S2.

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NOTE: DRL kit not shown.

NOTE: Both high beam and low beam are shown.
HEADLAMPS – PLOW NOT CONNECTED – 12-PIN (’98 AND OLDER VEHICLES)

NOTE: DRL kit shown.

NOTE: 3-relay system only.

NOTE: Both high beam and low beam are shown.
HIGH BEAM HEADLAMPS WITH PLOW CONNECTED TO VEHICLE – 12-PIN (’98 AND OLDER VEHICLES)

NOTE: DRL kit shown.

NOTE: 3-relay system only.
LOW BEAM HEADLAMPS WITH PLOW CONNECTED TO VEHICLE – 9-PIN ('98 AND OLDER VEHICLES)

NOTE: DRL kit not shown.
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LOW BEAM HEADLAMPS WITH PLOW CONNECTED TO VEHICLE – 12-PIN (’98 AND OLDER VEHICLES)

NOTE: DRL kit shown.

NOTE: 3-relay system only.
Introduction

This guide consists of a series of tables, diagrams, flow charts and other information. When used properly it will assist the mechanic in identifying and repairing malfunctioning system components. Western Products highly recommends the use of the UniMount® Electrical Tester as a timesaving option for electrical system diagnosis. When using this tester, refer to the supplied instruction manual for proper use of the tester.

Any malfunction of the snowplow can be categorized as either mechanical, electrical or hydraulic. Mechanical issues are generally related to the blade, framework and mount components and are usually identified by visual inspection. Electrical and hydraulic issues can sometimes be difficult to trace to the component level and that is the purpose of this troubleshooting guide.

Read and understand the Theory of Operation before attempting troubleshooting.

How to Use the Troubleshooting Guide

When diagnosing the snowplow electrical and hydraulic systems, many variables need to be eliminated in order to obtain workable test procedures. These variables translate into conditions listed before the tables or flow charts and must be satisfied before proceeding.

If the listed conditions are not met, the procedure can result in inaccurate results and wasted time.

In many cases, satisfying the listed conditions alone will solve the problem.

1. Go to the General Diagnostic Table and satisfy the nine listed conditions. These conditions must be met before proceeding into the table or to any subsequent test.

2. Locate the condition in the table which best describes the problem and check possible causes and actions in the order listed.

3. Proceed to a service procedure, another condition, or a specific test as directed. All tests except the Hydraulic System Test use a flow chart format. To use these flow charts, first satisfy any listed conditions at the top of the page.

   Then begin at the upper left square and proceed as directed.

4. Follow along sequentially through the table and tests, referring to the hydraulic and electrical schematics in the Theory of Operation section and the component Identification and Location diagrams. Eventually the problem will be pinpointed at the component level.

Electrical Testing

Read and understand the Theory of Operation section. A simple 12V test light with a ground lead can be used for circuit testing. When directed to check for 12 volts (12V), ground the test lamp lead and probe the terminal. When asked to check for ground, attach the test lamp lead to positive (12V) and probe the terminal. Note that 12V is a nominal value. If using a voltmeter, actual voltage will vary with the vehicle and presence of loads in tested circuits. Continuity alone does not guarantee a good circuit. Poor connections or damaged wires may have continuity but be unable to carry sufficient current.
GENERAL DIAGNOSTIC TABLE

BEFORE USING THIS GENERAL DIAGNOSTIC TABLE OR PERFORMING ANY TESTS, YOU MUST VERIFY THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. Snowplow is attached to vehicle and all harnesses are connected.
2. Harness connector pins and terminals are free of corrosion, insuring good connections, and coated with dielectric grease.
3. Vehicle battery and charging system are in good condition and battery connections are clean and tight.
4. Hydraulic reservoir is filled to filler plug level with recommended fluid, when lift cylinder is fully retracted. See Product Specifications.
5. There are no fluid leaks from hoses, fittings, cylinders or the hydraulic unit.
6. All built up snow and ice is removed from the snowplow.
7. 6 amp fuse* in vehicle harness is good.
8. Ignition is turned on or engine is running.
9. The control is connected in the cab and turned on.

*Early revision harnesses may have a 10 amp fuse.

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<td>Clean and re-establish connections.</td>
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<td>Motor worn or damaged or pump seized.</td>
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<td>Motor relay inoperative.</td>
<td>Go to Motor Relay Test.</td>
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<td>Open circuit in vehicle wiring harness.</td>
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<td>Motor relay sticking or always energized.</td>
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<td>Adjust lift cylinder packing nut.</td>
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<td>Air in angle cylinders.</td>
<td>Cycle angle functions to purge cylinders.</td>
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<td>Fluid bypassing cylinder relief valve.</td>
<td>Go to Relief Valve Inspection and Adjustment.</td>
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<td>Motor relay primary coil shorted internally.</td>
<td>Check primary coil with ohmmeter. Replace defective motor relay.</td>
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<td>Solenoid valve coil shorted internally.</td>
<td>Go to individual coil test. Replace shorted coils.</td>
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<td>Motor relay or solenoid coil wires in vehicle harness shorted to ground.</td>
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<td>Solenoid coil wires in plow harness shorted to ground.</td>
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<td>Excessive load on vehicle electrical system while using snowplow.</td>
<td>Poor connections in battery cables.</td>
<td>Inspect battery cables, clean and re-establish all connections.</td>
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<td>Angle or lift cylinder packing nut too tight.</td>
<td>Adjust cylinder packing nut.</td>
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<td>Worn or damaged pump or motor.</td>
<td>Go to Pump Pressure Test/check motor.</td>
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<td>Snowplow headlamps operate irregularly or not at all – snowplow attached.</td>
<td>Burned out bulbs or corroded sockets.</td>
<td>Replace bulbs, clean contacts.</td>
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<td>Wires improperly connected to relays.</td>
<td>Review and correct wire installation. See Headlamp Test Diagram.</td>
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<td>Headlamp relay inoperative.</td>
<td>Go to Plow Headlamp Test or Vehicle Headlamp Test.</td>
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<td>Vehicle daytime running lamps (DRLs) do not work – snowplow removed. ('98 and older vehicles)</td>
<td>Parking brake on.</td>
<td>Fully release parking brake.</td>
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<td>Power in DRL circuit has been interrupted.</td>
<td>Turn lamp and/or ignition switch on and off to cycle the DRL circuitry.</td>
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<td>No output from DRL module.</td>
<td>Repair vehicle electrical system.</td>
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<td>Blade will not hold position.</td>
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<td>Go to Hydraulic System Test.</td>
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<td>Snowplow Park or Turn lamps operate intermittently or not at all – snowplow attached.</td>
<td>Burned out bulb, corroded socket(s) or poor electrical connection.</td>
<td>Replace bulbs/clean contacts. If necessary, go to Park/Turn Lamp test.</td>
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PACKING NUT ADJUSTMENT

Periodically verify the lift cylinder and angle cylinder packing nuts have not loosened. If a packing nut is loose or excessive leakage appears when activating the cylinder, tighten the packing nut 1/4 turn maximum after you feel the packing nut contact the packing.

⚠️ **CAUTION**

*Do not overtighten the packing nut. Over-tightening affects plow operation and the life of the packing.*

**NOTE:** A small amount of leakage is necessary to properly lubricate the cylinder rod.

The lift or angle cylinder packings may dry out if the plow is not used for a period of time. If the lift arm is difficult to push completely down when the control is in float, or the plow angles slowly and causes excessive load on the motor, loosen the lift or angle cylinder packing nuts, lubricate the cylinder rods with oil and cycle the plow using the control. When the packings are lubricated, tighten the packing nuts and recheck operation.
Refer to the Motor and Motor Relay Test Diagram.

**WARNING**

The driver shall keep bystanders clear of the blade during this test. Do not stand between the vehicle and the blade. A moving or falling blade could cause personal injury.

Momentarily attach jumper cables from the battery to respective (+) and (-) motor terminals. Does motor run?

- **YES**
  - Retest with jumper cable from battery (+) to (+) motor terminal. Does motor run?
    - **YES**
      - Momentarily attach (+) jumper cable between battery and motor side of motor relay secondary. Does motor run?
        - **YES**
          - Go to Motor Relay Test.
        - **NO**
          - Repair positive (black/red) wire in vehicle battery cable or plow battery cable.
    - **NO**
      - Repair ground (black) wire in vehicle or plow battery cable.
- **NO**
  - Check for binding in pump. Replace pump, or repair or replace motor.
DIAGRAM INSIDE COVER

* Later revision harness only. Early revision harness has a single black/orange wire to motor relay only, unless modified for use with hand-held control.

** Early production motors use cap screw and star washer. Current production motors have a stud.
MOTOR RELAY TEST

**WARNING**

The driver shall keep bystanders clear of the blade during this test. Do not stand between the vehicle and the blade. A moving or falling blade could cause personal injury.

1. Jumper power and ground directly from battery to motor to verify that the motor runs. Make final connection at the motor.
2. Refer to the Motor and Motor Relay Test Diagram, and Vehicle Harness and Vehicle Cable Location Diagram.

**Motor does not run:**

- Momentarily attach a jumper cable across the motor relay secondary terminals. Does motor run?
  - NO: Repair or replace red (+) cable from battery to motor relay.
  - YES: Go to Vehicle Harness Test - Motor Relay. If OK, go to Control Test.

**Motor runs continuously:**

- Disconnect brown/red wire from motor relay primary terminal. Does the motor stop?
  - NO: Replace motor relay.
  - YES: Verify correct polarity of cables from battery to motor.

- Leave (+) jumper wire attached and verify correct polarity of cables from battery to motor. Does motor run?
  - NO: Reverse leads or replace cable if manufactured incorrectly.
  - YES: Go to Control Test.

- Leave (+) jumper wire attached and attach a ground jumper wire from battery (-) to relay primary terminal with black/orange or orange/black wire. Does motor run?
  - NO: Replace motor relay.
  - YES: Black/orange wire in plow harness is open. Repair wire or replace harness.

- Is the primary terminal ground wire black/orange (early revision harness)?
  - NO: Leave (+) jumper wire attached and remove ground jumper wire. Unplug vehicle harness connector and apply ground to socket #5 on vehicle side. Does motor run?
    - NO: Black/orange wire in vehicle harness is open. Repair wire or replace harness.
    - YES: Go to Vehicle Harness Test - Motor Relay. If OK, go to Control Test.
  - YES: Repair or replace orange/black wire between motor relay and battery (-).
VEHICLE HARNESS TEST – MOTOR RELAY

1. Perform the Motor Test and Motor Relay Test first.
2. Disconnect the control in the cab.
3. Refer to the 6-Pin Connector diagram. Test the vehicle side of the connector in the cab as follows.

Is there 12V at socket #1? [YES / NO]

- NO: Verify vehicle power source and 6 amp fuse* in red wire. Repair red wire or replace harness.
- YES: Install a jumper wire between sockets #1 and #4. Does motor run? [YES / NO]
  - NO: Brown/red wire to motor relay is open. Repair wire or replace harness.
  - YES: Brown/red wire to motor relay is open. Repair wire or replace harness.

*Early revision harnesses may have a 10 amp fuse.
CONTROL TEST

Test Procedure for Hand-Held or Solenoid Control

1. Disconnect the control in the cab and remove to work bench.
2. Refer to the 6-Pin Connector diagram and the chart.
3. Using a 12V power source with a 6 amp fuse in the positive lead, carefully apply +12V to pin #1 and ground to pin #3 of the 6-pin connector.

4. Turn the control on. Power indicator lamp should be lit. Using a grounded test light, check for 12V at each of pins #2, 4, 5, 6 when the control is activated for each function. Footnotes in the chart indicate special conditions of control operation.

5. Compare the control outputs for all functions with the chart and proceed to the flow diagram.

### Pin No. | Purpose | Angle Right (c) | Angle Left (c) | Raise (d) | Lower/Float (e)
---|---|---|---|---|---
1 | 12V Input | | | | |
2 | S2 Output (3-Way) | ON | ON | | |
3 | Ground | | | | |
4 | Motor Relay Output | ON (b) | ON (b) | ON (b) | |
5 | S3 Output (4-Way) | ON | ON | | |
6 | S1 Output (2-Way) | (a) | (a) | | ON |

a. S1 output will be ON if control is in float. Activate raise function to cancel float. If hand-held control is in float, S1 output will turn off while angle button is pressed and on when the button is released.

b. For hand-held control, motor relay output turns off before solenoid coil outputs when button is released.
c. For hand-held control, outputs turn off after button is held for approximately 5 seconds.
d. For hand-held control, outputs turn off after button is held for approximately 2.5 seconds.
e. Solenoid control activates S1 output in float when lever is moved to lower position. Hand-held control activates float when lower button is held for .75 second.
CONTROL TEST

Do control outputs match chart for all functions?

Yes

Control is OK. Verify vehicle harness ground and power source for red wire.

No

Solenoid Control: replace PCB or control assembly

Hand-Held Control: follow handling instructions. Remove handle half. Is the white cord connector fully seated on the PCB?

Yes

Seat the cord connector fully on the PCB. Retest Control.

No

Carefully disconnect white cord connector from PCB. Test the cord for continuity according to electrical schematics. Note internal connection in the cord. Does continuity match schematic?

Yes

Replace PCB

No

Replace coil cord

To Safely Handle Hand-Held PCB:

⚠️ CAUTION

Printed circuit board (PCB) is subject to damage from static electricity. Follow instructions below to safely handle PCB.

1. Disconnect the control in the cab and remove to a workbench.

2. Place control on its left side and remove right side of handle, leaving the keypad/circuit board assembly in left half.

3. Touch hand to any grounded metal object to discharge possible static buildup.

4. Remove keypad/circuit board assembly from housing by only touching the edges of the keypad/circuit board assembly.

5. The keypad/circuit board assembly can be handled safely as long as contact with it is maintained.

NOTE: For hand-held control, poor ground connections or high or low voltage will shut the control off.
1. Lower blade to the ground and fully collapse the lift cylinder.

2. Carefully remove the 1/4” pipe plug from the lift cylinder test port in the housing above the manifold block. Be aware of possible residual pressure in the lift cylinder.

3. Using a suitable adapter fitting, attach a 3000 psi hydraulic pressure gauge to the lift cylinder test port.

4. Activate the raise function with the control and read the pump relief pressure when the blade is fully raised.

5. Refer to the illustration below for pump relief valve screw and lift cylinder test port location. The chart lists relief pressure settings.

6. Proceed to the flow chart on the following page.

**WARNING**
The tester shall keep bystanders clear of the blade during this test. Do not stand between the vehicle and the blade. A moving or falling blade could cause personal injury.

**NOTE:** Adjusting pump relief valve screw clockwise 1/4 turn increases relief pressure approximately 225 PSI. Early 2-piece die-cast pumps may require removal to adjust.

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<td>200</td>
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<td>Heavyweight</td>
<td>210</td>
<td>1900</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sport Utility</td>
<td>180</td>
<td>1550</td>
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**PUMP PRESSURE TEST**

1. **Does pump relief pressure match value on chart?**
   - **YES**
     - **Is the pump pressure zero?**
       - **YES**
         - Go to Cartridge Coil Activation Test. Repair as necessary and re-check pump pressure.
       - **NO**
         - Turn pump pressure relief screw clockwise to increase pressure. Can pressure be adjusted to value in chart above?
   - **NO**
     - Repair or replace motor.

2. **Does pump relief pressure match value on chart?**
   - **YES**
     - On 3-piece pumps, verify the relief valve screw cannot be turned by hand. If it can, adjust to chart value after applying medium strength thread locking compound to screw heads or stake pump body with punch around threads to prevent screw loosening.
   - **NO**
     - Replace pump.
CARTRIDGE COIL ACTIVATION TEST

1. Disconnect the black/red (+) battery cable from the motor and isolate it.

2. Verify wires are properly attached to solenoid coils. Refer to Wire Connection Table, Electrical Schematic, and Solenoid Cartridge Valve Identification and Location.

3. Activate the control for each function and check for magnetic pull at all three solenoid valve coils. Only the coils designated as "ON" in the table should activate for each function. After noting which coils are energized, proceed to the flow chart.

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### Cartridge Coil Wiring and Activation – Wire Connection Table

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<td>White/ Yellow</td>
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<td>*</td>
<td>ON</td>
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<td>S2 (3-Way)</td>
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<td>Light Green</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>ON</td>
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<td>S3 (4-Way)</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Light Blue</td>
<td>ON</td>
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*S1 output will be “ON” for all functions if control is in “FLOAT”. Activate “RAISE” function to cancel “FLOAT”.

Hand Held Control Only – While in “FLOAT”, pressing and holding the “RIGHT” or “LEFT” button will turn off the solenoid cartridge valve S1 until the button is released.

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**Diagram and Flowchart**

- Do activated coils match the chart for all functions? NO
- Verify battery cables are connected. Is there ground at all black/orange wires attached to coils? NO
- Repair black/orange wires to coils, check ground connections at motor, battery cable connector and battery (-) terminal. Retest.
- YES
  - Go to Hydraulic System Test.

- Disconnect 9- or 12-pin harness at front of vehicle. Apply 12V to the white/yellow, light blue and light green wires at coils S1, S2 and S3. Does each coil activate? NO
- Go to Individual Coil Test. Replace open coils.
- YES
  - Go to Vehicle Harness Test for Cartridge Coils.

- Apply 12v to pins #1,3 and 4 of the plow harness connector. Do the respective coils activate according to the chart? NO
- Respective wire is open or has bad connection. Repair wire or replace plow harness.
- YES

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VEHICLE HARNESS TEST – CARTRIDGE COILS

1. Disconnect the black/red (+) battery cable from the motor and isolate it.

2. Perform Cartridge Coil Activation Test.

3. Connect all harness connectors at the front of the vehicle.

4. Refer to the 6-Pin Connector diagram for socket location.

White 6-Pin Connector on vehicle harness—located in cab (end view)

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<tr>
<th>Pin #</th>
<th>Wire Color</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Red</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Lt Green</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Orange/Black</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Brown/Red</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Lt Blue</td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>White/Yellow</td>
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Is there ground at socket #3?

YES: Is there 12v at socket #1?

NO: Orange/black wire is open between connector and motor relay or battery (-). Repair wire or replace harness.

YES: Verify 6 amp fuse* and red wire connection to vehicle circuit. Repair wire or replace harness. Replace fuse as needed.

NO: Attach a jumper wire between terminal #1 and terminals #6. Does solenoid coil S1 activate? Repeat process between terminal #1 and #2, and between terminal #1 and terminal #5. Do solenoid coils S2 and S3 activate respectively?

YES: Go to Control Test

NO: Corresponding wire is open or has poor connection. Repair wire or replace vehicle harness.

*Early revision harnesses may have a 10 amp fuse.
This test consists of trying all the plow functions and comparing the plow reaction to the action requested in the following table. The table will pinpoint a solenoid valve or poppet check valve problem accurately if only one component is malfunctioning. If the plow reaction for a given function is not listed in the table, there may be a crossover relief or poppet check valve which is stuck open or contaminated, missing or damaged O-rings or backing rings on cartridge, crossover relief or poppet check valve spool, or there may be two or more malfunctioning components. In this case, use the specific function hydraulic schematic and carefully inspect each component in the flow circuit. If contamination is evident in more than one component, the hydraulic unit, hoses and cylinders must be completely disassembled, inspected and cleaned.

1. Perform Cartridge Coil Activation Test first.
2. Verify hydraulic hose installation is correct. Refer to the Hose Routing diagram.
3. Test all of the plow functions.
4. Inspect and clean or replace the suspected component. Refer to the Hydraulic Unit Parts Diagram.
5. Refer to the sections following the table for inspection and adjustment of solenoid cartridge valves, poppet check valve and crossover relief valves.

**IMPORTANT:** When testing the plow functions, be sure the control is not in “float.”

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<th>ACTION REQUESTED</th>
<th>PLOW REACTION</th>
<th>POSSIBLE CAUSE</th>
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<tr>
<td>Angle Right</td>
<td>Angle Left</td>
<td>S3 stuck shifted</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>None</td>
<td>S2 not shifted</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Poppet check valve not opening</td>
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<td>Angle Left</td>
<td>Angle Right</td>
<td>S3 not shifted</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Raise</td>
<td>S2 not shifted</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>None</td>
<td>S2 and S3 not shifted</td>
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<td>Poppet check valve not opening</td>
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<tr>
<td>Raise</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>S3 not shifted</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Angle Left</td>
<td>S2 stuck shifted</td>
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<tr>
<td>None (blade raised)</td>
<td>Lowers</td>
<td>S1 stuck shifted or has leaking internal check valve</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lower</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>S1 not shifted</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>S2 stuck shifted</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>None</td>
<td>Drifts Right</td>
<td>S2 stuck shifted</td>
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<td>Contamination or damaged O-rings in crossover relief valve</td>
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CROSSOVER RELIEF VALVE INSPECTION AND ADJUSTMENT

Crossover Relief Valve Inspection

1. Remove the valve stem, ball, spacer and spring.
2. Look for broken or damaged parts, contamination or missing or damaged O-rings.

**CAUTION**

Be careful to strike the stem squarely. You can bend the stem if you do not strike it squarely.

3. If parts are in good condition, place ball on hard wood block, hold stem seat on ball, and strike stem lightly with a hammer. This will re-conform the seat to the ball.
4. Apply a light coat of anti-seize or grease to stem threads. Lubricate O-ring with hydraulic fluid. Reassemble components into valve block.

Adjustment

1. Adjust by tightening the relief valve stem until it bottoms out (until spring is fully compressed).
2. Back off valve stem (rotate counterclockwise) the number of turns indicated in the Crossover Relief Valve Settings chart.

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<td><strong>Plow Type</strong></td>
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<td>Standard, PRO-PLOW®</td>
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<tr>
<td>Heavyweight</td>
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<td>Sport Utility</td>
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* Settings are approximate.
1. Remove O-ring boss plug, spring and poppet.

**NOTE:** Strike boss plugs squarely with a hammer to facilitate removal.

2. Remove O-ring boss plug, spring and spool with O-ring. Use long/slender needle-nosed pliers to remove spool.

3. Inspect springs, poppet, spool, O-rings and poppet seat* for wear, damage or contamination.

4. If the valve manifold block has a steel poppet seat, use a strong pencil magnet to push and pull on the seat. If the seat moves at all, replace the valve block.

5. Re-oil O-rings, install spool fully into bore. Spool must insert smoothly.

6. Install poppet, springs and O-ring boss plugs. Torque O-ring boss plug to 60 in-lb.

* Early valve manifolds have the poppet seat machined into the block. Current valve manifolds use a pressed-in steel poppet seat.
INDIVIDUAL SOLENOID COIL TEST

1. Remove both wires from coil terminals.
2. Attach an ohmmeter across the coil terminals.
3. A reading of approximately 6.7 ohms indicates the coil is good.

NOTE: A good coil will draw approximately 1.5 amps.

SOLENOID CARTRIDGE VALVE INSPECTION

1. Remove coils from the solenoid cartridge valves and remove the cartridge valves from the manifold. Look for visible contamination or damaged seals. Check for stuck spools with a plastic, aluminum, or soft brass probe by pushing on the spring loaded internal spool from the end of the valve. The spool should move freely through its entire travel. Spool travel is approx. 0.070".

NOTE: Using probe to move spool may shear contamination which was affecting spool movement.

2. Bench test the cartridge valve by installing a coil on the stem and applying 12V and ground. Watch through the side ports for internal spool travel.
   If the cartridge valve spool is stuck or its travel is restricted, replace the cartridge. If the cartridge valve appears to be in good condition, clean it with parts cleaning solvent and dry with compressed air, being careful not to damage the seals. Check the spool travel again in case any internal contaminants were dislodged during cleaning. Re-oil the cartridge valve seals and o-rings and reinstall the cartridge valve, torquing to 10 ft-lb. Install the coils and torque the retaining nuts to 4 ft-lb.

NOTE: If contamination is seen in more than one component, it can reasonably be assumed that the entire system is contaminated. In order to perform a proper repair, the entire hydraulic unit, including hoses and cylinders, must be disassembled and cleaned. The source of the contamination must be located and repaired before reassembly.
HEADLAMP TEST DIAGRAM – 9-PIN HARNESS (’98 AND OLDER VEHICLES)

NOTE: DRL applications require a DRL kit. DRL kit not shown.
VEHICLE HEADLAMP TEST – 9-PIN HARNESS

1. Verify correct harness and wire installation to relays and vehicle headlamps. See the Headlamp Test Diagram – 9-Pin Harness. The specific wiring diagram for the vehicle can be found in the plow installation instructions, the WESTERN® UniMount® Service Manual Vol. 2., or (for '98 and older vehicles) the manual Headlamp Electrical Schematics for Straight Blades.

2. Turn ignition and headlight switch on.

3. Disconnect all harnesses at the front of the vehicle.

4. All bulbs must be good.

At each relay, is there 12V at terminal 30 with green (high beam) or yellow (low beam) wires?

YES

Is there 12V at terminal 87a with red (high beam) or orange (low beam) wires?

YES

Unplug plug-in harness connectors at each vehicle headlamp. Is there 12V at the red wire (high beam) and orange wire (low beam)?

YES

Blue ground wire in plug-in harness is open. Repair wire or replace harness.

NO

NO

Carefully disconnect the black/orange wire from terminal 85 of both relays. Is there now 12V at terminal 87a?

NO

Replace relay

YES

Black/orange wire in vehicle harness is shorted to ground. Repair wire.

NO

Red or orange wires open in plug-in harness. Repair wire or replace harness.
**PLOW HEADLAMP TEST – 9-PIN HARNESS**

1. Verify correct harness and wire installation to the headlamp relays.
2. All bulbs must be good.
3. Connect all harnesses at the front of the vehicle.

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<th>At each headlamp relay, is there 12V at terminal 30 with green (high beam) or yellow (low beam) wires?</th>
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<tr>
<td>YES</td>
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<td>Check vehicle output from headlamp connector to plug-in harness. Repair vehicle electrical system or open wires in plug-in harness.</td>
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<th>Is there 12V at terminal 87? With white (high beam) or black (low beam) wires.</th>
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<td>YES</td>
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<td>Is there 12V at each relay terminal 86 with brown or (DRL) pink wire?</td>
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| YES |
| NO |
| Attatch a ground jumper wire to relay terminal 85 with black/orange wire. Is there now 12V at relay terminal 87? |

| YES |
| NO |
| Replace headlamp relay. Do plow lights work? |

| YES |
| NO |
| Black/orange ground wire in plow harness is open. Repair wire or replace harness. |

4. Turn vehicle headlamp switch on. For vehicles with Daytime Running Lamps (DRLs), turn ignition on. DRL equipped vehicles have a pink wire instead of a brown wire on relay terminal 86.

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<th>Is there 12V at the black or white wires in the plow headlamp connectors at the bulb?</th>
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<td>YES</td>
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<td>NO</td>
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<tr>
<td>Disconnect 9-pin connector. Attach ground jumper to relay terminal 85. Is there 12V at socket #6 (high beam, white wire) or socket #2 (low beam, black wire) on vehicle side?</td>
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| NO |
| YES |
| Replace headlamp relay. Do plow lights work? |

5. Refer to the 9-Pin Electrical Schematic Headlamp Test Diagram – 9-Pin Harness, and Connector diagram. The specific wiring diagram for the vehicle can be found in the plow installation instructions, the WESTERN® UniMount® Service Manual Vol. 2., or (for ’98 and older vehicles) the manual Headlamp Electrical Schematics for Straight Blades.

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<th>Is there 12V at each relay terminal 86 with black/orange wire? Is there now 12V at relay terminal 87?</th>
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<td>NO</td>
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<tr>
<td>Remove jumper wire from relay. Disconnect 9-pin connector. Attach ground jumper wire to socket #5 on vehicle side. Is there 12V at socket #6 (high beam) or socket #2 (low beam)?</td>
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| NO |
| YES |
| Black/orange ground wire in vehicle harness is open. Repair wire or replace harness. |

| YES |
| NO |
| Black/orange wire in plow harness is open. Repair wire or replace harness. |

| NO |
| YES |
| Poor ground between battery and motor (-) terminal. Repair vehicle or plow (-) battery cable. |
1. Verify plow park/turn (P/T) bulbs and contacts are good.
2. Turn parking lamps and ignition on.
3. Connect all harnesses at the front of the vehicle.
4. Refer to the Vehicle Harness 9- or 12-Pin Connector diagram.

**PARK/TURN LAMP TEST – 9-PIN OR 12-PIN HARNESS**

**Do vehicle park lamps work?**

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<th>YES</th>
<th>Disconnect 9 or 12-pin connector. Is there 12V at socket #11 on the vehicle side?</th>
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<td>NO</td>
<td>Is there 12V at each brown wire terminal in the sockets?</td>
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<td>NO</td>
<td>Poor ground connection between bulb and socket or black/orange ground wire is open in plow harness. Repair wire or replace harness.</td>
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<td>YES</td>
<td>Repair vehicle electrical system.</td>
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**Do vehicle turn signals work?**

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<th>Disconnect 9 or 12-pin connector. Is there 12V at sockets #10 for right turn and #9 for left turn?</th>
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<tr>
<td>NO</td>
<td>Reconnect 9 or 12-pin connector. Remove P/T bulbs from plow lights. Is there 12V at each red wire terminal in the sockets? (The purple and gray wires are spliced to red wires in the P/T sockets.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>NO</td>
<td>Poor ground connection between bulb and socket or black/orange ground wire is open in plow harness. Repair wire or replace harness.</td>
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<td>YES</td>
<td>Repair vehicle electrical system.</td>
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**Vehicle Harness 9- or 12-Pin Connector**

- **Ground**
- **Left Turn**
- **Right Turn**
- **Park**

- **1**
- **2**
- **3**
- **4**
- **5**
- **6**
- **7**
- **8**
- **9**
- **10**
- **11**
- **12**
OPTIONAL PARK/TURN RELAY KIT TEST

1. Turn signal applications use both gray and purple relay circuits.
2. Park lamp applications use gray relay circuit only. If gray relay circuit fails, purple relay circuit can be used instead.
3. Refer to the Optional Park/Turn Relay Kit schematic.
4. Verify relay kit red and black wires are connected to battery (+) and (–) respectively.
5. Verify in-line 10 amp fuse in red wire is good.
6. Disconnect long and short gray and purple wires to isolate relay circuits.

Note: If the snowplow park/turn lamps are on when the vehicle park/turn lamps are off, replace the relay kit.

Apply 12V to long gray wire. Is there 12V at short gray wire? YES
NO
Gray relay circuit failed. Use good purple relay circuit or replace relay kit.

Apply 12V to long purple wire. Is there 12V at short purple wire? YES
NO
Purple relay circuit failed. Replace relay kit.

Relay kit is OK. Check bullet connectors on vehicle park/turn circuits.
OPTIONAL PARK/TURN RELAY KIT SCHEMATICS

WIRED FOR PARK LAMPS

WIRED FOR TURN SIGNALS

SEALED RELAY KIT

10 AMP FUSE

VEHICLE BATTERY

GRY  BRN  VEHICLE HARNESS WIRE

PUR  GRY  TO PARKLAMP BULLET

PUR  PUR  VEHICLE HARNESS WIRES

PUR  GRY  TO RIGHT TURN LAMP BULLET

PUR  GRY  TO LEFT TURN LAMP BULLET

BLK  RED  10 AMP FUSE

VEHICLE BATTERY
VEHICLE HEADLAMP TEST – 12-PIN HARNESS – 3 RELAY SYSTEM ONLY

1. Verify correct harness and wire installation to headlamp relays, vehicle headlamps, and vehicle headlamp connectors.
2. All bulbs must be good.
3. Disconnect all harnesses at the front of the vehicle.
4. Turn vehicle headlamp switch on. For vehicles with Daytime Running Lamps (DRL’s), turn ignition on. DRL equipped vehicles have a pink wire instead of a brown wire on relay terminal 86.
5. Verify power for both high and low beam and ground are present at the original vehicle headlamp connectors.
6. Refer to the Electrical Schematic – 12-Pin Harness, and the Headlamp Test Diagram – 12-Pin Harness. The specific wiring diagram for the vehicle can be found in the plow installation instructions, the WESTERN® UNIMOUNT® Service Manual Vol. 2., or (for ’98 and older vehicles) the manual Headlamp Electrical Schematics for Straight Blades.

* Repair wire or replace harness for all open or shorted wires.
VEHICLE HEADLAMP TEST – 12-PIN HARNESS – 3 RELAY SYSTEM ONLY

Is there ground at the Lt blue/white wire socket in the right connector and Dk blue/white wire socket in the left connector?

YES

Check for poor or corroded connections in the headlamp harness and at relays.

YES

Disconnect the black/orange wire from the relay. Does the headlamp work?

YES

Relays are activated. Black/orange wire in vehicle harness is shorted to ground.

NO

Replace relay.

NO

Dk blue/white or Lt blue/white wire in headlamp harness is open.

YES

Dk blue/white or Lt blue/white wire in headlamp harness is open.

* Repair wire or replace harness for all open or shorted wires.

NO

Left side headlamp: Attach a ground jumper wire to terminal 87a with the Lt blue/white wire on the driver side relay. Does the headlamp work?

YES

Left side headlamp: Attach a ground jumper wire to terminal 87a with the Dk blue/white wire on the curb side relay. Does the headlamp work?

NO

Right side headlamp: Attach a ground jumper wire to terminal 30 with the Dk blue/white wire on the curb side relay. Does the headlamp work?

YES

Right side headlamp: Attach a ground jumper wire to terminal 30 with the Lt blue/white wire on the driver side relay. Does the headlamp work?

NO

Dk blue/white or Lt blue/white wire in headlamp harness is open.
1. Verify correct harness and wire installation to headlamp relays, vehicle headlamps, and vehicle headlamp connectors.

2. All bulbs must be good.

3. Connect all harnesses at the front of the vehicle.

4. Turn vehicle headlamp switch on. For vehicles with Daytime Running Lamps (DRL’s), turn ignition on. DRL equipped vehicles have a pink wire instead of a brown wire on relay terminal 86.

5. Verify power for both high and low beam and ground are present at the original vehicle headlamp connectors.

6. Refer to the Electrical Schematic – 12-Pin Harness, and the Headlamp Test Diagram – 12-Pin Harness. The specific wiring diagram for the vehicle can be found in the plow installation instructions, the WESTERN UNIMOUNT Service Manual Vol. 2., or (for ‘98 and older vehicles) the manual Headlamp Electrical Schematics for Straight Blades.

* Repair wire or replace harness for all open or shorted wires.
PLOW HEADLAMP TEST – 12-PIN HARNESS – 3 RELAY SYSTEM ONLY ('98 AND OLDER VEHICLES)

Brown or pink wire is open. Check brown wire connection to vehicle park lamp circuit or fuse in pink wire.

NO

Move ground jumper wire to terminal 30 with Dk blue wire at curb side relay. Does right plow headlamp work?

NO

Lt blue/orange wire in vehicle harness is open.

YES

Lt blue wire in headlamp harness is open.

YES

Attach a ground jumper wire to terminal 85 with black/orange wire at the relays. Do plow headlamps work?

NO

Replace relay.

Dk blue wire in headlamp harness open.

YES

Reconnect all harness connectors. Attach a ground jumper wire to terminal 87 with the Dk blue/orange wire at the curb side relay. Does the left plow headlamp work?

NO

NO

Lt blue/orange wire in vehicle harness is open.

NO

Dk blue/orange wire in vehicle harness is open.

YES

Black/orange ground wire in plow harness is open.

YES

Remove ground jumper wires. Disconnect the 12 pin harness connector. Touch socket 5 of the vehicle harness connector with a ground jumper wire. Do the relays make a clicking sound indicating they are activating?

YES

* Repair wire or replace harness for all open or shorted wires.
HEADLAMP TEST DIAGRAM – 12-PIN HARNESS – 3 RELAY SYSTEM ONLY (‘98 AND OLDER VEHICLES)

NOTE: DRL applications require a DRL kit. DRL kit not shown.