

# KELLY 12X **OPERATING MANUAL**

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**Read all operating instructions and study all photographs thoroughly before operating the unit.**

**Please note:**

Left and right is determined by standing behind the machine and looking to the front.



## Signal words

When you see these symbols on your machine or in this manual, be alert to instructions involving your personal safety and the safety of others. Failure to follow these instructions can result in injury or death.



**DANGER** – Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in **DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY**



**WARNING** – Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in **DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY**



**CAUTION** – Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in **MINOR OR MODERATE INJURY**



**NOTICE** – Is used to address practices not related to **PHYSICAL INJURY**



**SAFETY INSTRUCTION** – (or equivalent) signs indicate specific safety-related instructions or procedures

Carefully read all safety points in this manual and on your machine. Keep all safety decals in good condition and replace ones that have been worn or lost. Replacement decals are available by contacting your local dealer.

## Safety Guidelines

- This equipment is dangerous to persons unfamiliar with its operation.
- Do not attempt to operate or assemble this unit without reading this manual and developing a thorough understanding of the safety precautions.
- Do not attempt to operate this equipment under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Review the safety instructions with all users annually.

## General operation

- Proceed cautiously under overhead powerlines and around power poles - contact may result in the operator suffering a severe electrical shock.
- Never allow anyone within the immediate area when operating machinery.
- Stand clear of frame when it is being raised or lowered.

## Transport

- Always travel at a safe speed. **NEVER EXCEED 25kph/16 mph.**
- Ensure your speed is low enough for an emergency stop to be safe and secure and reduce speed prior to turns.
- Ensure safety chain is attached correctly to the towing vehicle.
- Please refer to your own country, state, provincial, county or municipality laws on the rules of transporting farm machinery on roads.
- Chains should be clear of the ground.
- Beware of obstacles and overhead powerlines.
- Use approved accessories and necessary warning devices at all times when transporting on the road.

## Hydraulics

- **NEVER** remove hydraulic hoses or ends unless the machine is in either transport position or fully extended in working position. Relieve all hydraulic pressure before disconnecting hydraulic hoses and fittings.
- Ensure all fittings and hoses are in good condition.
- Wear appropriate face and hand protection or PPE when checking hydraulics under pressure to avoid injury.
- Double check that all is clear before operating hydraulics.
- Maintain proper hydraulic fluid levels and pressure.

## Maintenance and Inspection

- Good maintenance is your responsibility.
- Regular maintenance and inspection are imperative.

**Maintenance guidelines can be found in Section 4**



**If any safety decals are missing, please contact your local dealer immediately and do not use the machine**



**SECTION 1**  
WARRANTY

## SECTION 1 WARRANTY

### Thank you for choosing a Kelly Tillage product

We trust that you find the following manual clear and easy to follow. If you should require additional customer support or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Spare parts can be purchased, as required, through your local dealer or by contacting the Kelly team directly.

Kelly welcomes feedback. Should you have any difficulties that you wish to raise, suggestions for improvement or modifications that you feel would enhance our products we look forward to hearing from you.

#### Contact Information

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**Springfield MO**

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**Email:** [parts@hoodco.com](mailto:parts@hoodco.com)

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**Swift Current SK**

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**Email:** [parts@adairreps.co](mailto:parts@adairreps.co)



## Warranty Policy

Kelly guarantees its products against faulty workmanship and materials for twelve (12) months from date of purchase. Disc Chain, Prickle Chain and Swivel Bearing units are considered to be wear items and it's reasonable to expect that these parts may need to be replaced over time. We do however guarantee the Swivel Bearing units for a period of twelve (12) months or 10,000 acres, whichever occurs first.

Ground engaging tools are warranted against faulty material and workmanship for 50 000 acres. Replaceable cutting disc blades are warranted against faulty materials and workmanship only. All other ground tools carry a 50 000 acre wear warranty.

Kelly is offering an additional 12 month warranty if the machine is registered within 2 months of purchasing the machine. Machine registrations can be completed by the customer or dealer on the Kelly website or by the warranty registration form in the operator manual.

Kelly's warranty policy does not cover misuse, modifications, damage during transit or product that has not been maintained per the Kelly maintenance procedures outlined in the relevant product manual. Failure to properly maintain the machine or blatant misuse shall result in the warranty being null and void.

The warranty for the machine will be voided immediately if any non-Kelly OEM (Kelly original equipment manufacturer) part is used on the machine.

Kelly reserves the right to request written, photographic, or video documentation prior to any warranty authorisation. All warranty queries and requests for authorisation can be directed to [\*\*warranty@kellytillage.com\*\*](mailto:warranty@kellytillage.com).

Any warranty repair, service or modification to products must be pre-approved by Kelly in writing and performed by an authorised Kelly dealer. If there are service parts needed this must be ordered through Kelly parts distribution and Kelly will issue a Returned Goods Authorization (RGA) for any faulty parts that are to be returned.

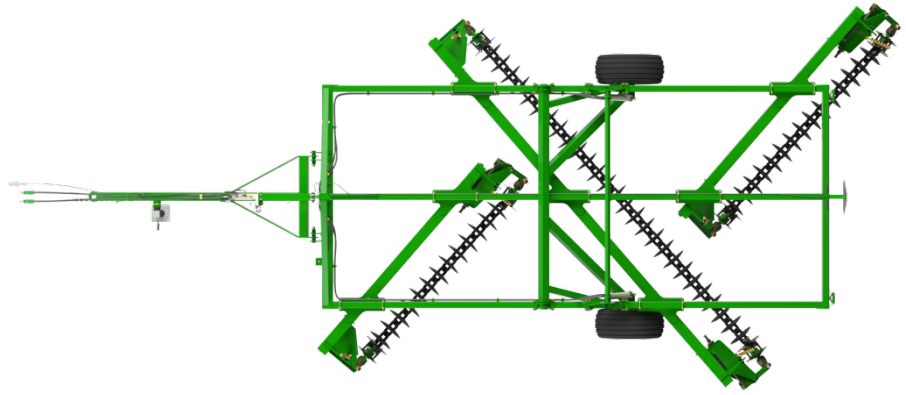
To ensure the continuity of warranty, related to any approved claims, it is expected that all warranty repair works are completed in a timely fashion, as specified by Kelly.

Any claim for warranty, labour or parts must be completed on the Kelly website.

Warranty claims are to be lodged within 30 days of completion of work. If further information is requested on the claim from the Market Liaison Officer, you have 30 days to provide the information. If you fail to apply with the above instructions the warranty claim will be declined and closed.

Upon completion and approval of this claim the dealer will receive a credit to their account

# Product registration form



**If your machine is REGISTERED**

within 2 months of purchasing the machine will receive an **additional** 12 months warranty.

**COMPLETE and RETURN**

your form online, by email or post to Kelly in order to receive the **additional** 12 months warranty.

### Complete online

<http://www.kellytillage.com/machine-registration>

### Email

[sales@kellytillage.com](mailto:sales@kellytillage.com)

### Mail to

Kelly Engineering  
PO Box 100  
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### Purchaser/ owner

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

### Purchasing Details

Place of Purchase \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Purchase \_\_\_\_\_  
Model Purchase \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial number \_\_\_\_\_

### Occupation

Farmer  Customer Operator \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### What brought Kelly Tillage products to your attention?

Dealer  Field day  Website  Demonstration  Magazine/newspaper \_\_\_\_\_  
 Radio  Local Dealer  Friends/neighbour  Family  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being highest) how likely are you to recommend us to friends and family?

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10)

### If you scored 8 or below then what must we do to become a 10 in your opinion?

\_\_\_\_\_

### If you scored 9 or above then please tell us why you gave us this score?

\_\_\_\_\_

### Satisfaction with dealer/ agent

- Was the machine delivered satisfactorily?
- Were dealers well informed about the product?
- Would you recommend the dealer to other farmers?

Yes  No, why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes  No, why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes  No, why not? \_\_\_\_\_



**SECTION 2**  
MACHINE OPERATION

## SECTION 2 MACHINE OPERATION

### Before operation

- Carefully study and understand this manual.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing that may catch in moving parts.
- Always wear protective clothing and footwear.
- Be sure that there are no tools lying in or on the equipment.
- Do not use the machine until you are sure that the area is clear, particularly of children or animals.
- If this machine is being used in a dry area, or in the presence of combustibles, care should be taken to prevent fires and firefighting equipment should be readily available.
- Familiarise yourself and other operators with the machine's operation before using.

### Pre-operation Checklist

Check Item:	Done
1. All wheel nuts, bolts and nuts are tightened to the correct torque setting	
2. Split pins are in place	
3. Stickers and warning signs are in place	
4. Hydraulic fittings are tight and have no leaks	
5. Chains are adjusted so that all springs are compressed to 330mm/ 1' 1"	
6. Check swivel bearings are not seized and still turning freely	



**SECTION 3**  
CHAIN OPERATION

## SECTION 3 CHAIN OPERATION & CORRECT SETUP

### Importance of Chain Tension

#### Operational

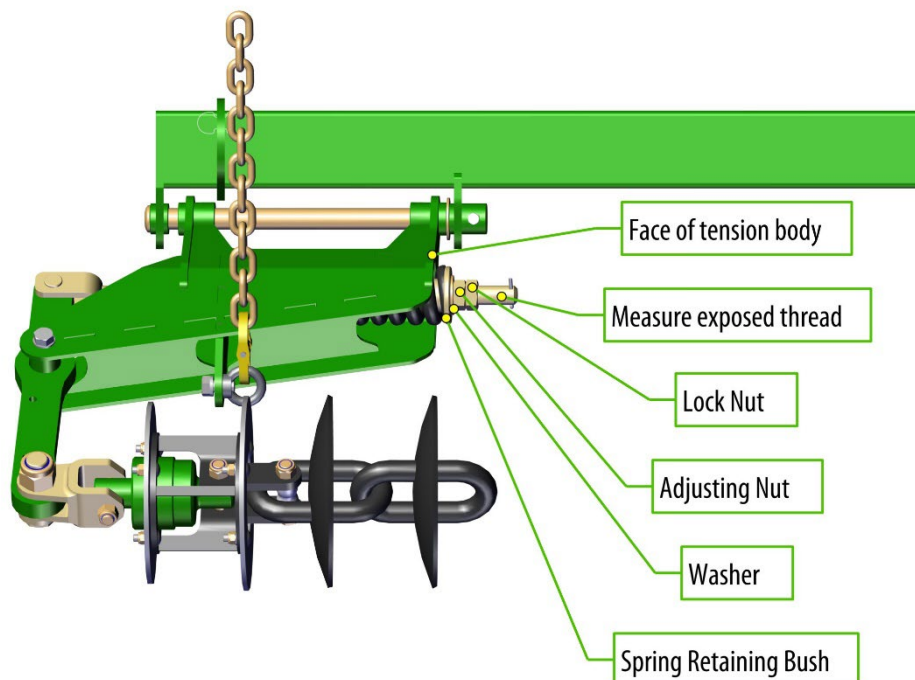
Chain tension is critical to achieve a smooth and level seedbed. A correctly tensioned, monitored and maintained chain will deliver the results you need. Incorrect chain tension can lead to:

- Uneven results across the cut width of the machine
- Uneven weed control
- Unsatisfactory incorporation
- Ineffective levelling
- Accelerated or premature chain link wear (not covered by warranty)
- Chains failing to engage with transport locator's when folded
- Machine damage when folding or unfolding
- Uneven field surface with ridges and furrows being created.

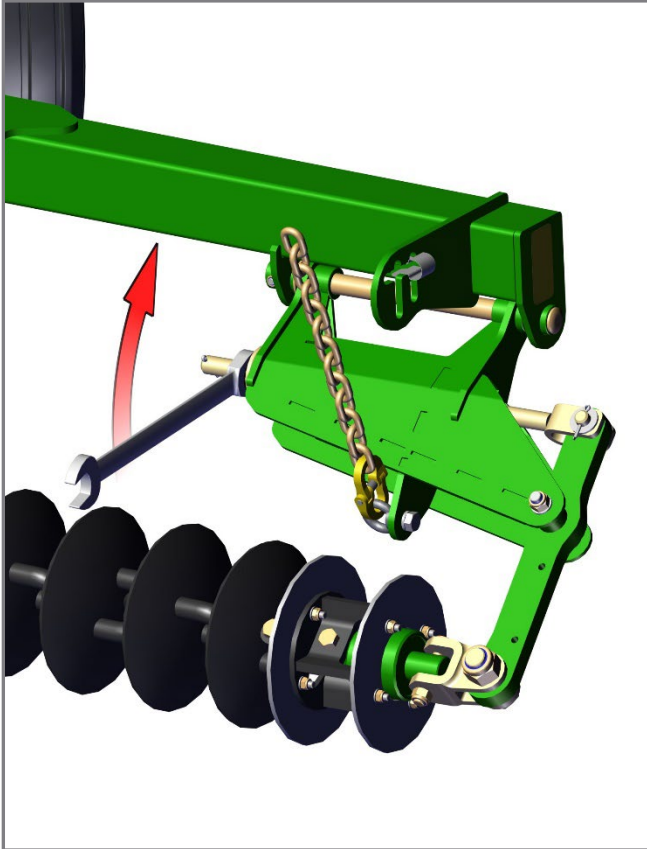
**A correctly adjusted machine will not have this problem.**

### Chain Tension

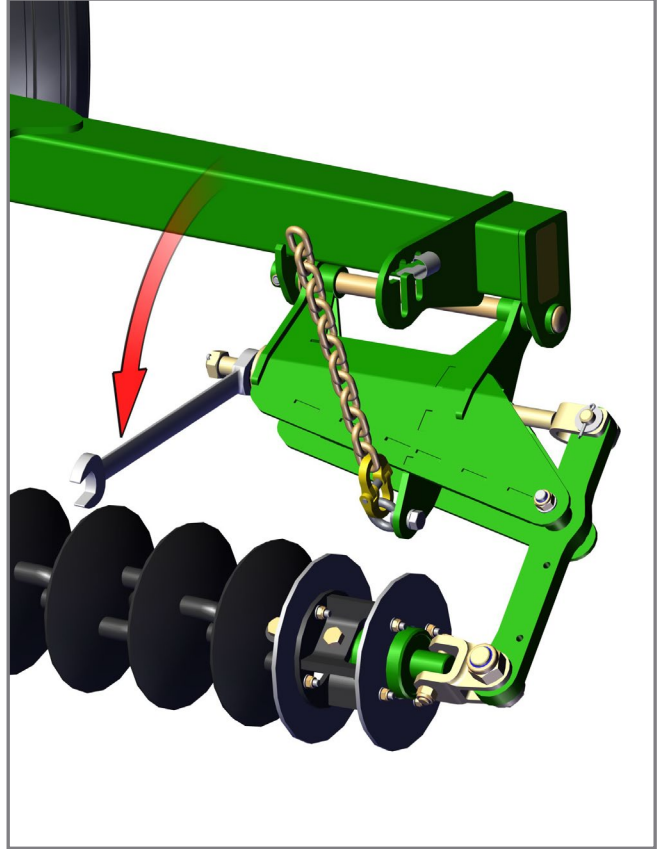
1. Loosen the lock nut on the draw bolt.
2. For correct chain tension, tighten the adjusting nut clockwise until the outside face of the spring retaining washer is flushed with the face of the tension body. Spring length of 330mm / 1' 1".
3. If more than 150mm / 5-29/32" of tensioner thread is visible, then remove one link from the chain set to maintain correct chain tension.
4. Retighten the lock nut.



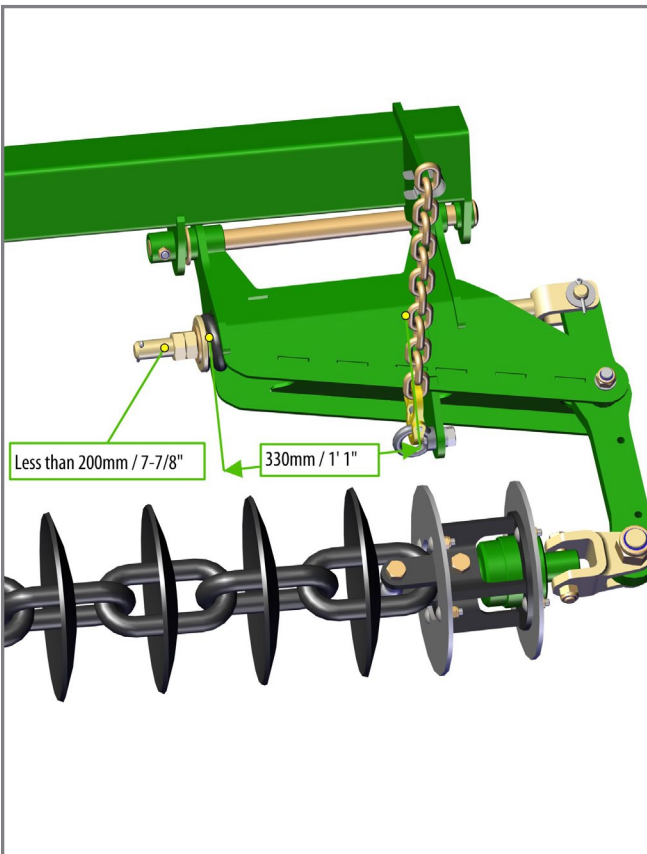
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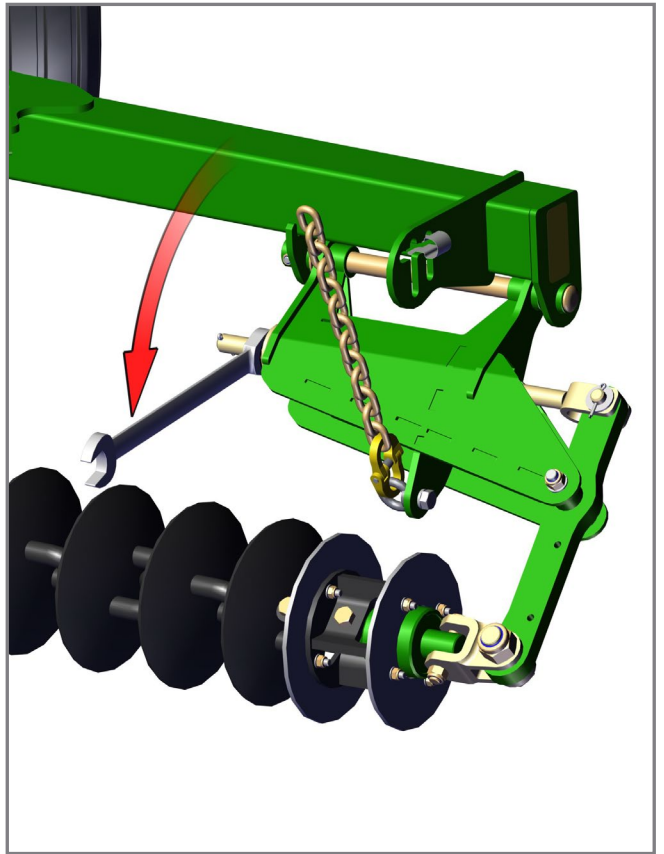
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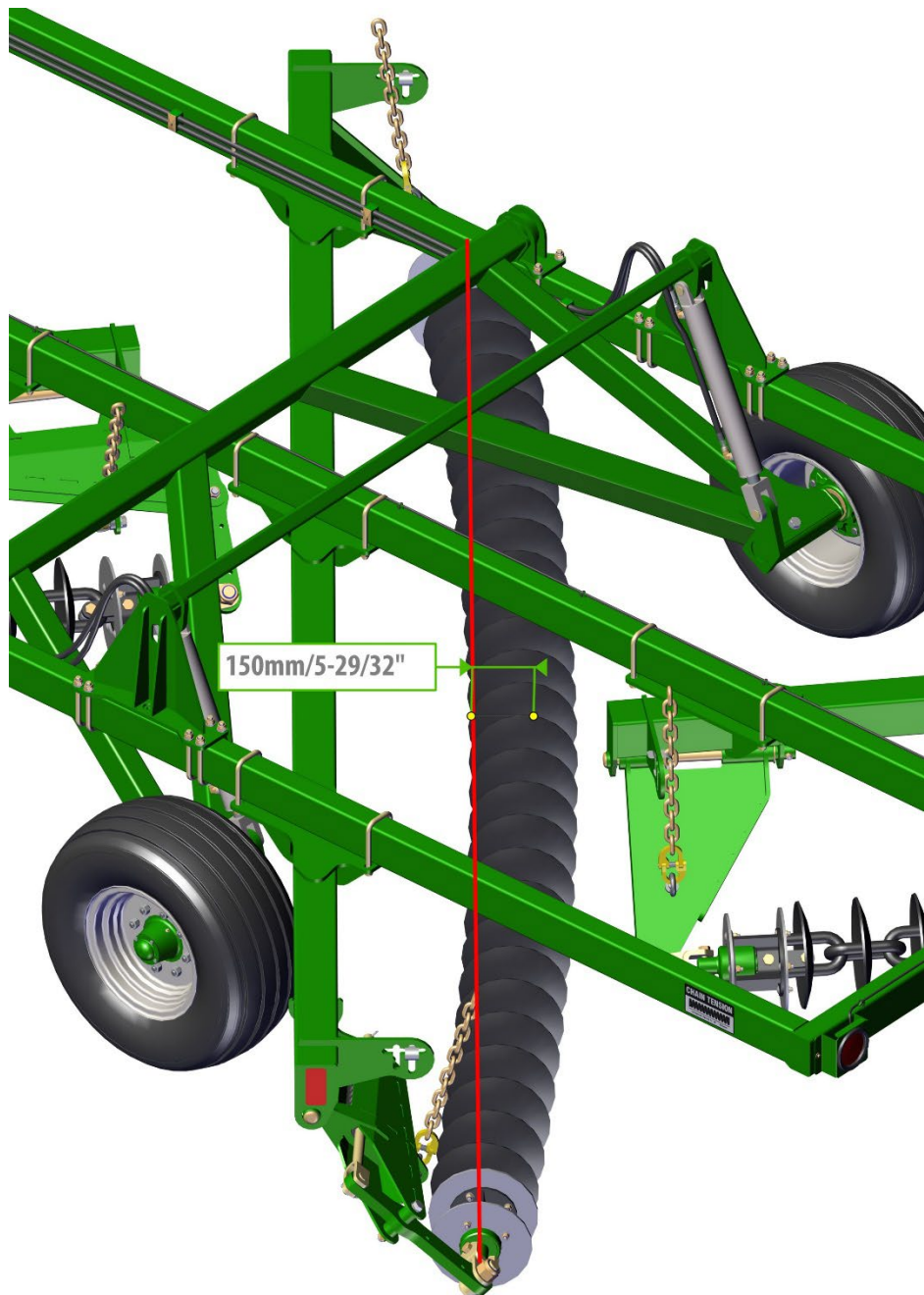
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## Chain Curve

Correct chain tension will ensure that the entire length of discs will roll as one. This minimises the movement between each link. If a chain is not adjusted and runs loose, each link acts as a universal joint as the curved chain rolls along. The wear rate between each link is greatly accelerated and can lead to premature failure. The chain should not wear out before the discs are worn down.

**ONLY POOR ADJUSTMENT CAUSES PREMATURE WEAR**



Indicator line shows acceptable curvature when operating.



## Chain Mount Arm Height Adjustment

1. Use tractor hydraulics to raise the module chain or chain mount plate that requires adjustment. Position a suitable block or stand to support the arm. Using the tractor hydraulics, lower the machine until the height adjusting chains are loose.

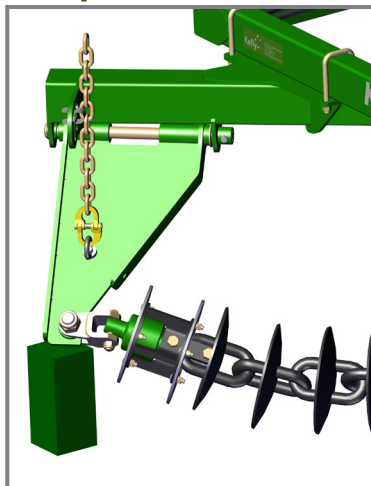
2. Remove spring retaining clip. Slide chain up to the top of the slot in lifting arm to pass the chain through the cross at top of plate.

3. Slide chain back down to the bottom when the desired position is reached. To achieve "one link" of adjustment, lift chain to the top of the slot, pass one link through the slot and rotate 90 degrees to allow the next link in the adjusting chain to lower into the same slot.

To achieve "half link" of adjustment lift the chain to the top of the slot and slide chain horizontally and lower the same link into the second slot. This will raise or lower the chain mount plate by half a link depending on which slot the chain started in. Any excess chain can be fed back through the second slot.

4. Install retaining clip. Remove stand.

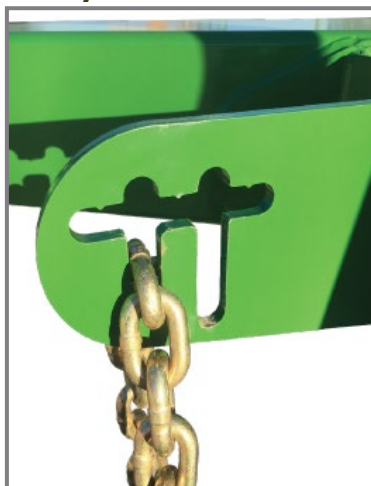
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*Step 2*



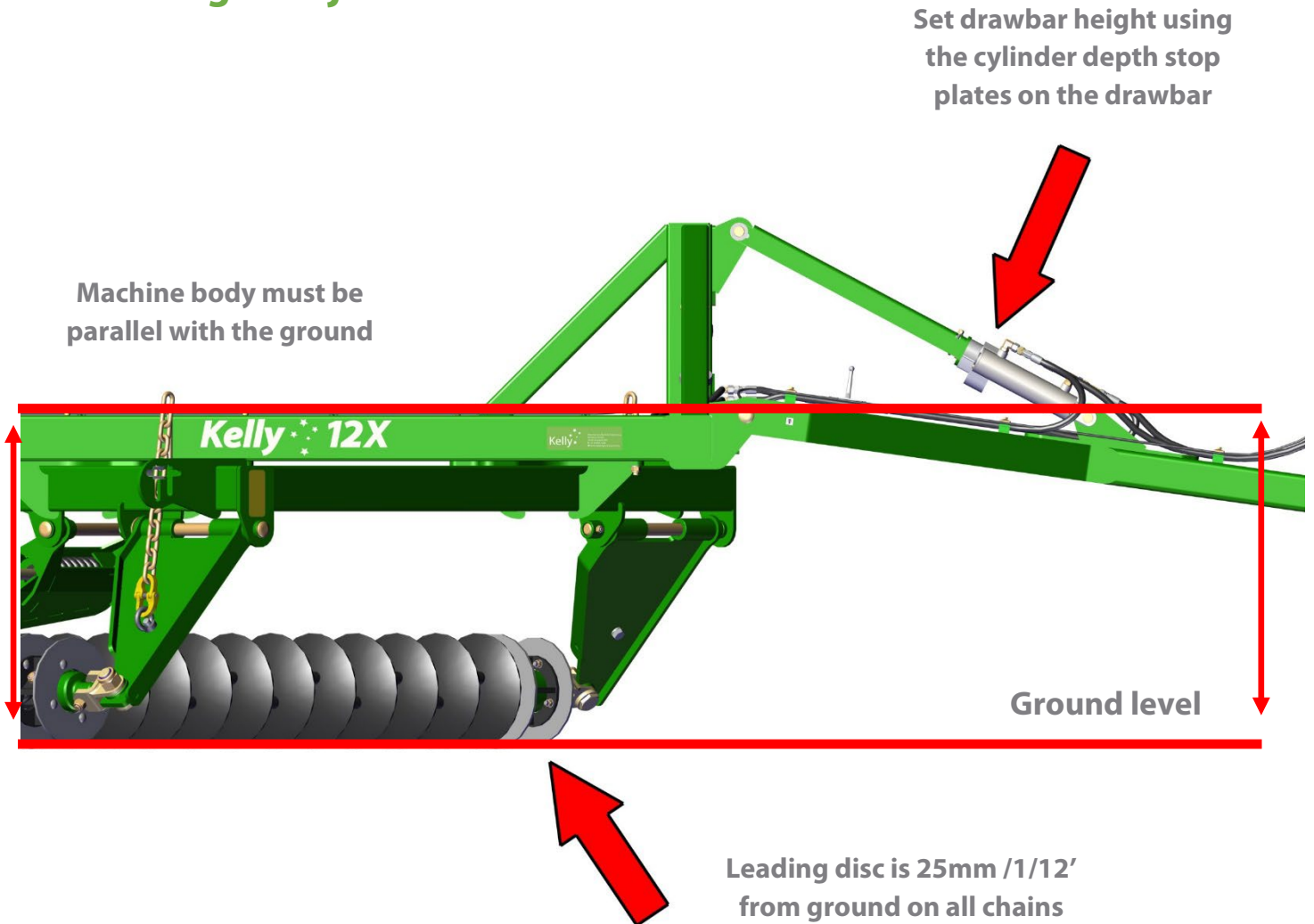
*Step 3*



*Step 4*



## Frame height adjustment



Check the length of the height adjusting chains on the two front chain mount plates. There should be no slack in the chain and about 25-51mm / 1/12'-1/6' of gap between the ground and the bottom of the first disc machine near the centre line.



**SECTION 4**  
MAINTENANCE &  
INSPECTION

## SECTION 4 MAINTENANCE & INSPECTION

### Maintenance and Inspection

#### Good maintenance is your responsibility

- Before working on your machine, ensure all moving parts have stopped
- Always use a safety support and block the wheels
- Use extreme caution when making adjustments
- After servicing, make sure all tools, parts and service equipment are removed
- Where replacement parts are necessary for periodic maintenance and servicing, genuine factory parts must be used. Kelly will not guarantee the use of unapproved parts and other damages as a result of their use and will not be liable for injury or warranty if equipment has been altered in any way
- An appropriate fire extinguisher and first aid kit should be kept readily available while performing maintenance.

## Recommended Maintenance Checklist

Item to check	First operation	Daily	25 hourly	Pre-season
Hydraulic, hose and cylinders for damage and oil leaks	✓	✓		✓
Loose or missing fasteners/split pins	✓	✓		✓
Check bushes, pivot and cylinder pins for wear and replace as necessary				✓
Swivel unit fasteners	✓	✓		✓
Swivel unit - free and smooth rotation		✓	✓	✓
Swivel unit temperature: Average operating temperature is 55 °C, Failure is indicated at +80 °C	✓	✓		✓
Tires are inflated to correct pressure	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wheel nuts are tightened at correct torque	✓			✓
Check wheel bearings	✓	✓	✓	✓
Check and tighten dust caps	✓		✓	✓
Disc roll pins/ locking bolts are in place	✓			✓
Chain is tensioned correctly	✓	✓		✓
Lights are working correctly	✓	✓		✓
Warning signs are attached	✓	✓		✓
Grease wheel bearings				✓
Grease drawbar pivot			✓	✓
Grease wheel lift bush			✓	✓
We recommend that swivel units are covered for storage to prevent water penetration.				

## Chain Inspection

- There is a break-in period where the disc chain will wear in and become longer.
- More frequent adjustments will be necessary on a new machine.
- Over time, as the disc chain wears, it may be necessary to remove a link to maintain disc chain tension. This is the most important check and adjustment to ensure a long working life for the disc chain.

## Trouble Shooting

The majority of the Kelly Tillage System operating problems are due to incorrect adjustment. This trouble shooting section will help you by providing solutions to common problems.

Symptom	Problem	Solution
Chain Links wearing	Chain too loose. Chain loops back when working.	Refer to page 13 for setting correct chain tension
	Swivel set too close to ground.	Refer to page 16
Chain not rotating	Front chain swivels on machine too low  Foreign material fouling bearings	Refer to page 16
	Bearing failure in swivel unit	Refer to page 16
Uneven tread wear on transport wheels	Tire pressure too low  Excessive road speed	Inflate to correct pressure refer to table on page 23 Always travel at a safe speed. <b>NEVER EXCEED 25kph/16 mph.</b>
Chain not tensioning properly	Excessively worn chain  May need a link removed	Replace if required  Remove excess chain link
Operation leaves ridge behind machine Operation leaves furrow behind machine	Chain swivels are too low	Refer to chain mount plate height adjustment on page 17



**SECTION 5**  
SPECIFICATIONS

## SECTION 5 SPECIFICATIONS

### Operating speeds

<b>Recommended operating speeds in normal conditions with all chain types</b>	
Operating / working speed	(6-8 mph) / (10-12 km/h)
Transporting / towing speed	(15 mph) / (25 km/h)

### Tire pressure

<b>Tire size</b>	<b>Ply</b>	<b>KPA</b>	<b>PSI</b>
31/13.5-15	12	206	30

### 12X specifications

<b>Model</b>	<b>12X</b>
Operating width	14' 9-1/2" / 4.51m
Transport width	14' 9-4/5" / 4.52m
Transport height	6' 3-22/25" / 1.93m
Transport length	30' 9-23/25" / 9.40m

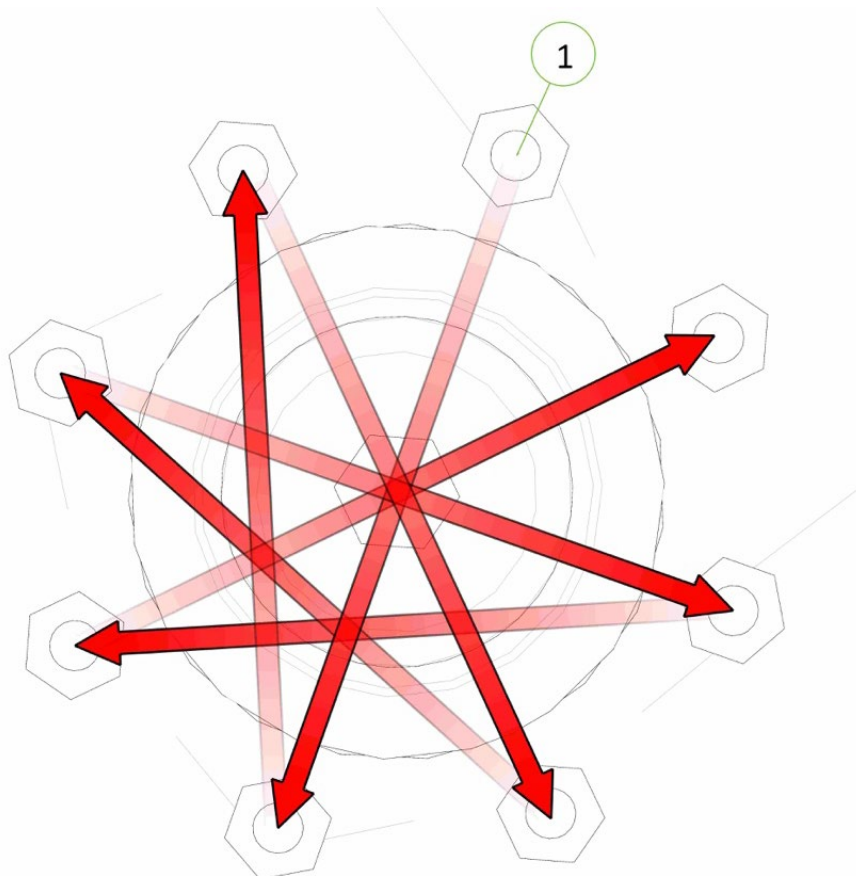


## Bolt Torque Settings

Bolt Type	Wheel nut		U Bolt			Class 8.8 Bolt							Class 10.9 Bolt	Grade 8 Bolt
	Bolt Size	M12	M18	M12	M16	M20	M6	M8	M10	M12	M16	M20	M24	M20
Spanner	19	27	19	24	30	10	13	17	19	24	30	36	30	9/16"
Ft lb	65	221	21	53	104	7	16	32	57	140	273	472	389	849
Nm	88	300	29	72	141	9	22	44	77	190	370	640	528	1151

[1] When fitting a wheel & tire to a hub, tighten the wheel nuts in a star pattern to the correct tension. To achieve this, choose a wheel nut & tighten, then proceed to the opposite side of the hub to the next wheel nut & tighten & so on until all wheel nuts are tight. Then repeat the procedure to check that all nuts are tight. Do not use impact tools to tighten wheel nuts. For a guide to the correct tension of the wheel nuts please use the appropriate tension for your size wheel nuts from the Bolt Torque Settings table.

Torque values are for dry threads and surfaces however it is permissible to apply a small amount of anti-corrosive oil to the threads.



## Disc Chain Lengths and Quantities

<b>12X Model</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>CL1/W36</b>	<b>CL1</b>	<b>W36</b>	<b>SD49</b>	<b>K4</b>
Front Left	7' 1-39/100" / 2.169m	CL1 - 15	13	13	17	14
Centre	15' 10-43/100" / 4.583m	CL1 - 15 W36 - 14	28	27	37	29
Rear Right	8' 1-12/25" / 2.476m	W36 - 15	15	14	20	16

For correct chain tension, chain links may need to be removed from the end of the chain as follows:

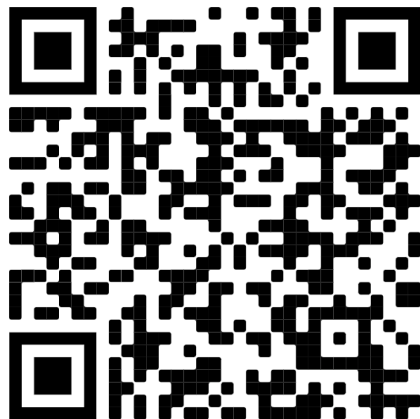
CL1 Disc Chain - unhook disc chain link/s from end of the disc chain

Spiked Disc Chain - cut a disc chain link from the end of the disc chain

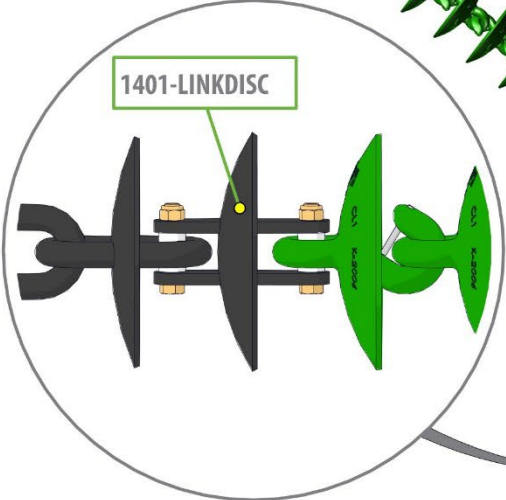
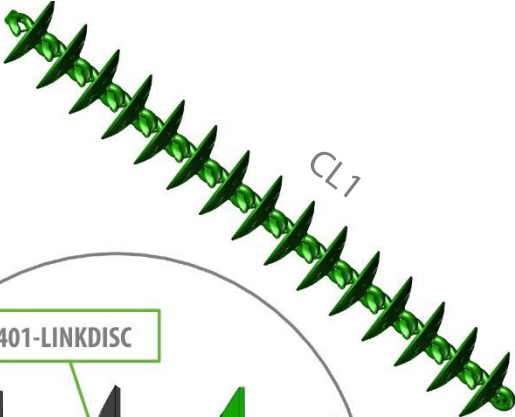
W36 Disc Chain - cut a disc chain link from the end of the disc chain

K4 Disc Chain - unhook disc chain link/s from end of the disc chain

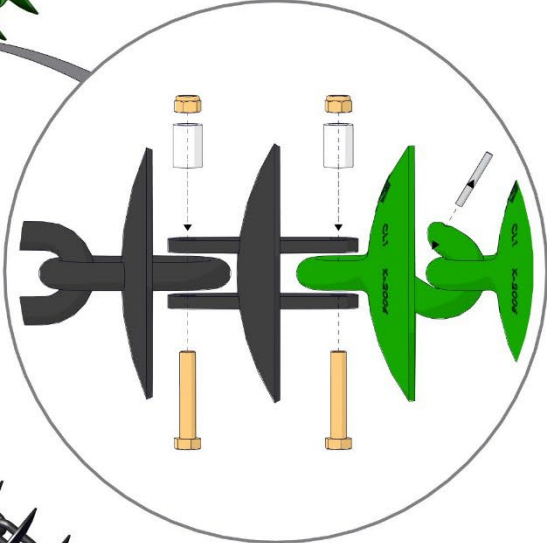
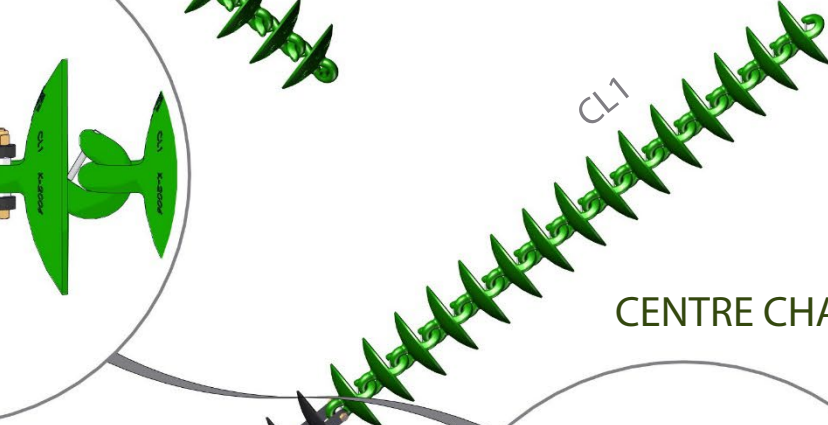
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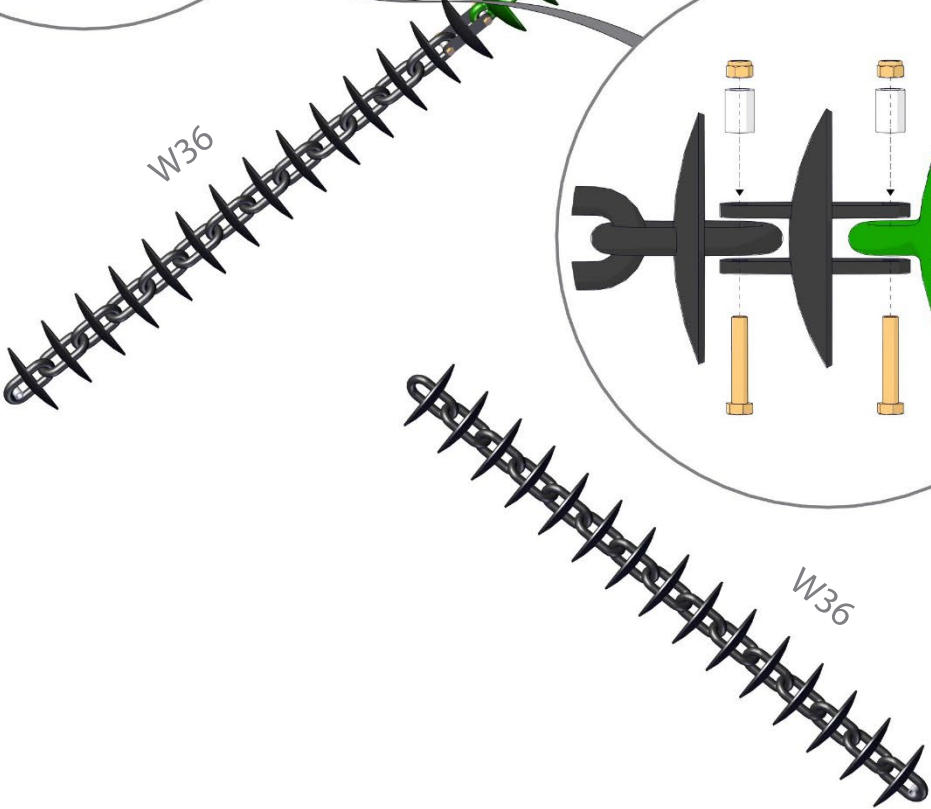
FRONT CHAINSET



CENTRE CHAINSET



W36



W36

REAR CHAINSET



**SECTION 6**  
PRE-DELIVERY  
CHECKLIST

## SECTION 6 PRE-DELIVERY CHECKLIST

### Pre-delivery Checklist

Check Item:	Checked by Initial
Hydraulic hoses are routed through holders and fitted to cylinders with no leaks	
All bolts and nuts are tightened to the correct torque values and marked.	
All split pins are inserted and split	
All safety signs and decals are in the correct locations as per the Assembly/Operator's manual	
All safety lights are in the correct locations and working	
All tires are fitted correctly and inflated to correct pressure	
All wheel nuts are tightened to the correct torque and marked	
Swivel Units are correctly orientated	
Grease all marked locations	
Disc roll pins/locking bolts are installed in the discs (CL1, CL2 and K4 only)	
Check the chain tension as per Operators manual	
Machine is registered for warranty	
Customer has been shown the website and how to access parts information	
Operator's manual has been provided with the machine	

Completed Pre-Delivery Checklist to be returned to [warranty@kellytillage.com](mailto:warranty@kellytillage.com) within 7 days of delivery to the customer.

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	





