Owner's Manual

Multi-Strand Chain Conveyor

Models: MSCC, MSCCH, & MSCCL



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Conveyor Products

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing LEWCO, Inc. for your material handling needs. This manual has been prepared by LEWCO engineers for use in familiarizing personnel with the design, installation, operation and maintenance of LEWCO Conveyor Products. Information presented herein should be given careful consideration to assure safe, optimum performance of the equipment. Manual should always be accessible to the operators for quick reference.

This equipment has been designed and manufactured in accordance with applicable National Codes and Standards in effect as of the date of manufacture. It is the responsibility of the end user to update equipment as necessary to comply with future code changes or revisions.

This manual should be used in conjunction with applicable drawing(s), data sheets, and component manufacturer's literature attached hereto that clarify specific features, installation, utility connections, operation, etc.

If you have any questions regarding this manual or the use of your LEWCO Conveyor Products, please contact us by phone at (419) 625-4014 ext. 4003 or by email at conveyorsales@lewcoinc.com.

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SECTION 1 – SAFETY

To reduce the possibility of injury to personnel operating, or in the vicinity of LEWCO conveying equipment, safety signs are posted at potential hazard points on the equipment. Examine this equipment and become familiar with potential hazard areas. Additionally, instruct all personnel to heed these potential hazard areas.

1-1 SAFETY SIGNS & DEFINITIONS

Manual Specific Safety Symbol Definitions	
	Safety instruction where an electrical hazard is involved.
	Safety instruction where non-compliance would affect safety.
	Safety instruction relating to safe operation of the equipment (ATTENTION).
	Safety instruction where non-compliance could potentially result in a pinch point or a description of a known existing pinch point.
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DANGER	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. The signal word "DANGER" is to be limited to the most extreme situations. DANGER [signs] should not be used for property damage hazards unless personal injury risk appropriate to these levels is also involved.
WARNING	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. WARNING [signs] should not be used for property damage hazards unless personal injury risk appropriate to this level is also involved.
CAUTION	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury. CAUTION [signs] without a safety alert symbol may be used to alert against unsafe practices that can result in property damage only.
NOTICE	Is used to describe practices not related to personal injury.
Equipment Specific Safety Signs & Definitions	
	**DANGER:** Climbing, sitting, walking or riding on conveyor at any time will cause severe injury or death. Keep Off.
	**WARNING:** servicing moving or energized equipment can cause severe injury. LOCK OUT POWER before servicing.
	**WARNING:** exposed moving parts can cause severe injury. LOCK OUT POWER before removing guard.
	**WARNING:** Moving equipment may cause severe injury. Keep Away.
	**WARNING:** Potential arc flash hazard.

1-2 SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

WARNING

- Disconnect and lockout electrical power and all other sources of energy before performing maintenance. Follow proper lockout/ tag out procedures. Know where arc flash is possible and take proper precautions.

- Do not have long hair, jewelry, or loose clothing while operating or near the conveyor, as these are potential hazards that could cause entanglement.
- Do not operate equipment without proper guards in place, as bodily injury may result.

- Pinch points may exist. Inspect equipment for potential pinch points and use caution.

CAUTION

- This equipment is to be operated by trained personnel only. Operators should be trained under normal and emergency conditions.
- Personnel operating or near the conveyor should be instructed as to the location of stopping devices. Ensure stopping devices are kept free of obstruction.
- Personnel operating or near the conveyor should watch for and be aware of conveying hazards, such as sharp edges, protruding parts, etc.
- Riding on conveyor is strictly prohibited, as serious injury may result.
- Prior to starting conveyor, ensure no work is being performed, all guards are in place, and inspect for foreign objects that could injure personnel or damage equipment.
- Operators should always alert personnel in the area prior to starting the conveyor.
- This equipment may create hazards. The owner is responsible for analyzing the installation of this equipment in order to make determinations regarding the posting of warning signs in order to comply with applicable OSHA standards.
- Conveyor should only be used to transport materials or items that it is originally intended and designed to handle.
- Do not load conveyor beyond its designed handling capacity.
- Keep area around loading and unloading points of conveyor free from obstructions.
- After starting conveyor, make sure all areas of the conveyor are operating properly.
- Poor housekeeping practices can cause accidents. Keep conveyor and surrounding area clean from spilled lubrications and other materials.
- Always use extreme caution when using mechanical aids, such as hoists, cables, and other equipment to install or perform maintenance on conveyor. They can cause damage to the conveyor and cause a dangerous condition when the conveyor is turned on.

1-3 EMERGENCY SHUT-DOWN

In the event of an emergency, the following steps should be followed:

1. Stop the conveyor immediately by pressing the nearest emergency stop button or pulling the emergency stop cable. If access to emergency stop button or cable is restricted, or emergency stop devices were not provided, turn off the electrical disconnect providing power to the conveyor.
2. Depending on the severity of the issue, restrict access to the area until the issue has been resolved.

3. Before restarting the conveyor, inspect the equipment and determine the cause of the emergency shutdown. Disconnect and lock out all applicable energy sources before attempting to correct the issue, following proper lockout/tagout procedures.
4. Once the issue has been resolved and the conveyor is safe to operate, restore power and restart the conveyor using the designated controls. If equipped with an emergency stop device, it must be manually reset before restarting the conveyor.

1-4 GUARDS & GUARDING

All LEWCO standard conveyor equipment is equipped with standard machine guarding methods. It is the responsibility of the owner, however, to ensure that proper guarding methods are present to comply with OSHA Standards – 29 CFR – 1910.212 Machinery and Machine Guarding. Special consideration should be given to areas where multiple pieces of equipment interface. The following links are provided for reference:

1910.212(a): ***Machine guarding.***

1910.212(a)(1): ***Types of guarding***. One or more methods of machine guarding shall be provided to protect the operator and other employees in the machine area from hazards such as those created by point of operation, ingoing nip points, rotating parts, flying chips and sparks. Examples of guarding methods are barrier guards, two-hand tripping devices, electronic safety devices, etc.

1910.212(a)(2): ***General requirements for machine guards***. Guards shall be affixed to the machine where possible and secured elsewhere if for any reason attachment to the machine is not possible. The guard shall be such that it does not offer an accident hazard in itself.

1910.212(a)(3): ***Point of operation guarding.***

1910.212(a)(3)(i): Point of operation is the area on a machine where work is actually performed upon the material being processed.

1910.212(a)(3)(ii): The point of operation of machines, whose operation exposes an employee to injury, shall be guarded. The guarding device shall be in conformity with any appropriate standards thereof, or, in the absence of applicable specific standards, shall be so designed and constructed as to prevent the operator from having any part of his body in the danger zone during the operating cycle.

1910.212(a)(3)(iii): Special hand tools for placing and removing material shall be such as to permit easy handling of material without the operator placing a hand in the danger zone. Such tools shall not be in lieu of other guarding required by this section, but can only be used to supplement protection provided.

SECTION 2 – INSTALLATION

2-1 RECEIVING & INSPECTION

- Check the bill of lading against the items and item quantities received.
- Examine the equipment for damage.
    - Report bill of lading discrepancies or damage immediately to the vendor and carrier.
    - Obtain a signed damage report from the carrier and send a copy to the vendor.
    - **Do not attempt to modify or repair damaged equipment without authorization from vendor.**
    - Do not return equipment to the factory without a written return authorization. Returns without written authorization will not be accepted.
- Move all crates to area of installation.

- Remove crating.
- Remove shipping supports, screws, guards, and any accessory equipment that may be fastened to the conveyor.

2-2 SUPPORT INSTALLATION (if applicable)

- See *Figure 2.1*. Determine your desired conveying height (ELEVATION). Measure from the bottom of the conveyor frame side rail to the top of chain strand (STRAND HEIGHT). Subtract this measurement from the height you set the support to. Desired ELEVATION minus strand height equals support height.
- To adjust the support height, either screw or unscrew the jack bolt. This will raise or lower the support.
- Supports should be located at ends of conveyor and centered under each splice on multi-section conveyors (nominal 10 ft centers). See *Figure 2.3*.

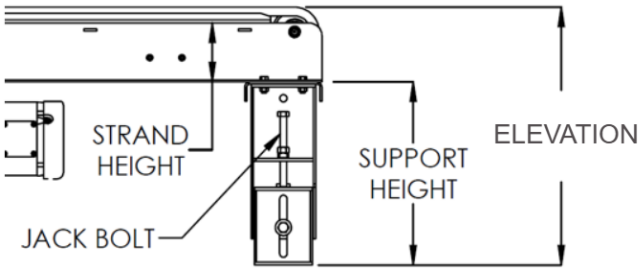


Figure 2.1 – Support Height Adjustment

- If supports are located on nominal 5Ft. centers, center additional supports midway between supports at splices. The guard cover for the drive may need to be removed so the bolts that fasten the supports to the frame channel can be installed.
- Bolts for attaching the supports to the frame sections are shipped in a bag attached to the supports.

2-3 CONVEYOR SET-UP

- Mark a chalk line on floor based on desired location of conveyor.
- Place the drive section in the desired location.
- If installing a conveyor that is longer than 10-12 ft, it will typically ship in more than one section. For example:
  - A 20 ft. long conveyor with an **end or side drive** would consist of one 10 ft. long **Take-Up** section at the infeed and one 10 ft. long **Drive** section at the outfeed end.
  - A 30 ft. long conveyor with **end or side drive** would consist of one 10 ft. long **Take-Up** section at the infeed, one 10 ft. long **Intermediate** section in the middle, and one 10 ft. long **Drive** section at the outfeed end.
  - A 20 ft. long conveyor with a **center drive** would consist of two 5 ft. long **Take-Up** sections at the infeed & outfeed and one 10 ft. long **Drive** section in the middle.
- These sections should be installed according to the section label. The section label includes the order line-item number, and section assembly letter. See *Figure 2.2*. Conveyors made up of more than one section are to be assembled in alphabetical order, starting with Section Assembly A at the product infeed end.

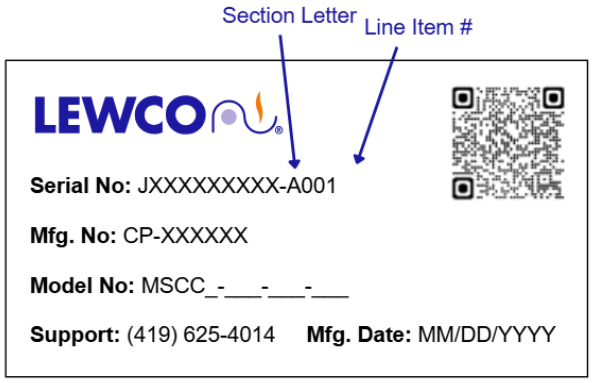


Figure 2.2 - Unit Label

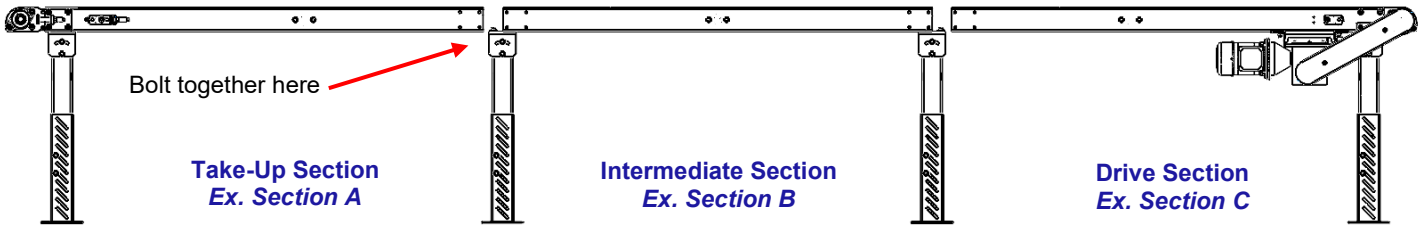
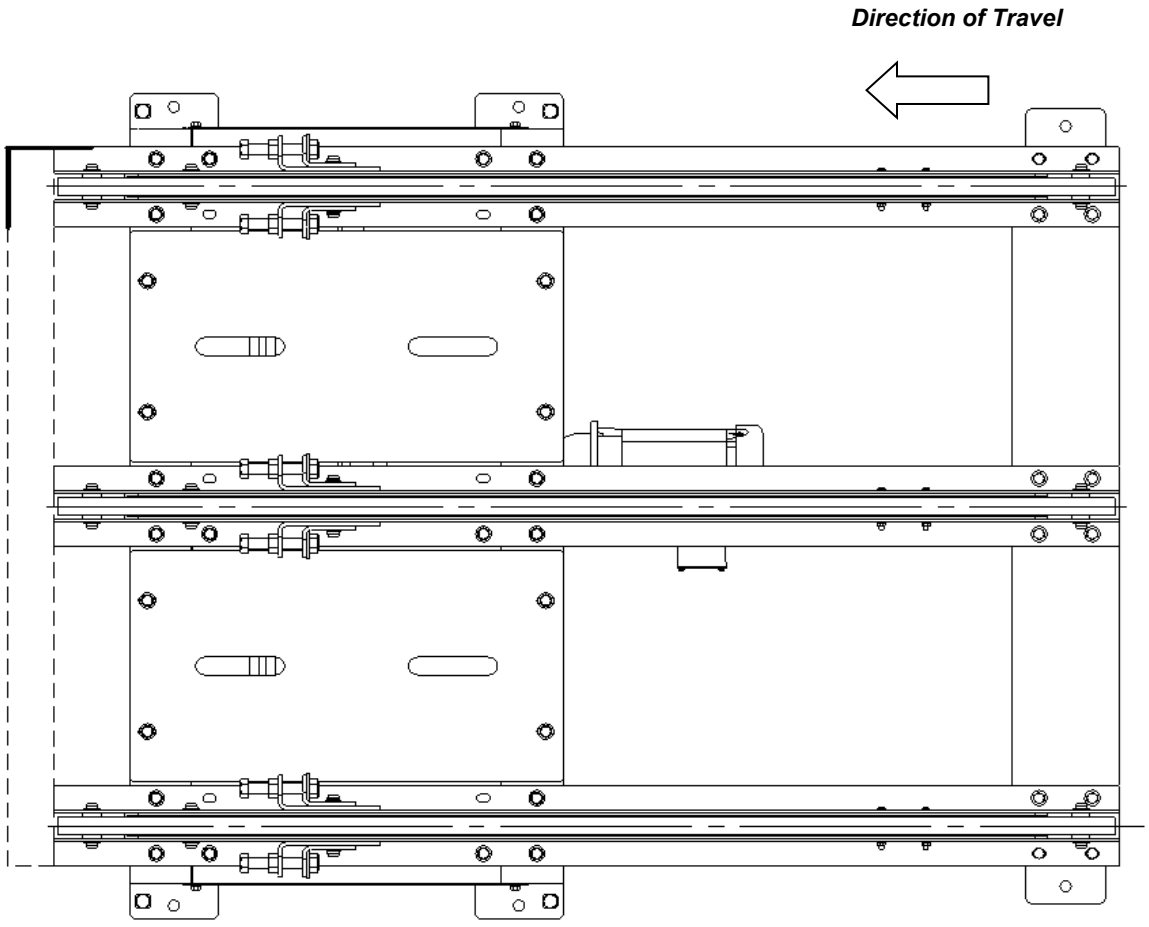


Figure 2.3 - Section Set-Up

- Check that conveyor is level across both width and length of conveyor. Adjust supports if necessary.
- Check all frame sections for squareness using a right-angle square. (See Figure 2.4). Lay a flat piece of metal or lumber (dashed line) across two coincident faces, and check for a 90-degree angle.
- Tighten all butt couplings and support mounting bolts and lag conveyor to floor.

Figure 2.4 – Check frame for squareness



2-4 CHAIN INSTALLATION

- If conveyor consists of multiple sections, connect the sections together with the splice plates provided (See *Figure 2.5*). Sections should be mounted to supports.
- Enough chain is provided to fit the entire length of each strand. Open the master link of this chain and pass the chain along the strands and over the sprockets (See *Figure 2.6)*.
- On longer conveyors, you may want to install the chain in 10-foot lengths, feeding them onto the conveyor in sections. It may be helpful to attach a rope to the chain to pull it through the sprockets as chain is fed on the top side.
- Reinstall the master link.
- Check chain for proper tension. (See *Figure 2.7)*. Adjust the chain tension using the take up sprocket (See *Figure 2.8)*. Lift the chain halfway between tail sprockets and measure the gap. It should be 2% of the distance between tail sprockets.

- Using a straight edge or square, ensure that the sprockets are square to the frame and in line with the chain. If the sprockets are not in line, excessive chain and sprocket wear will result
- Prior to starting the conveyor, again ensure that all strands are square and level.

Figure 2.5 – Multiple Section Conveyor

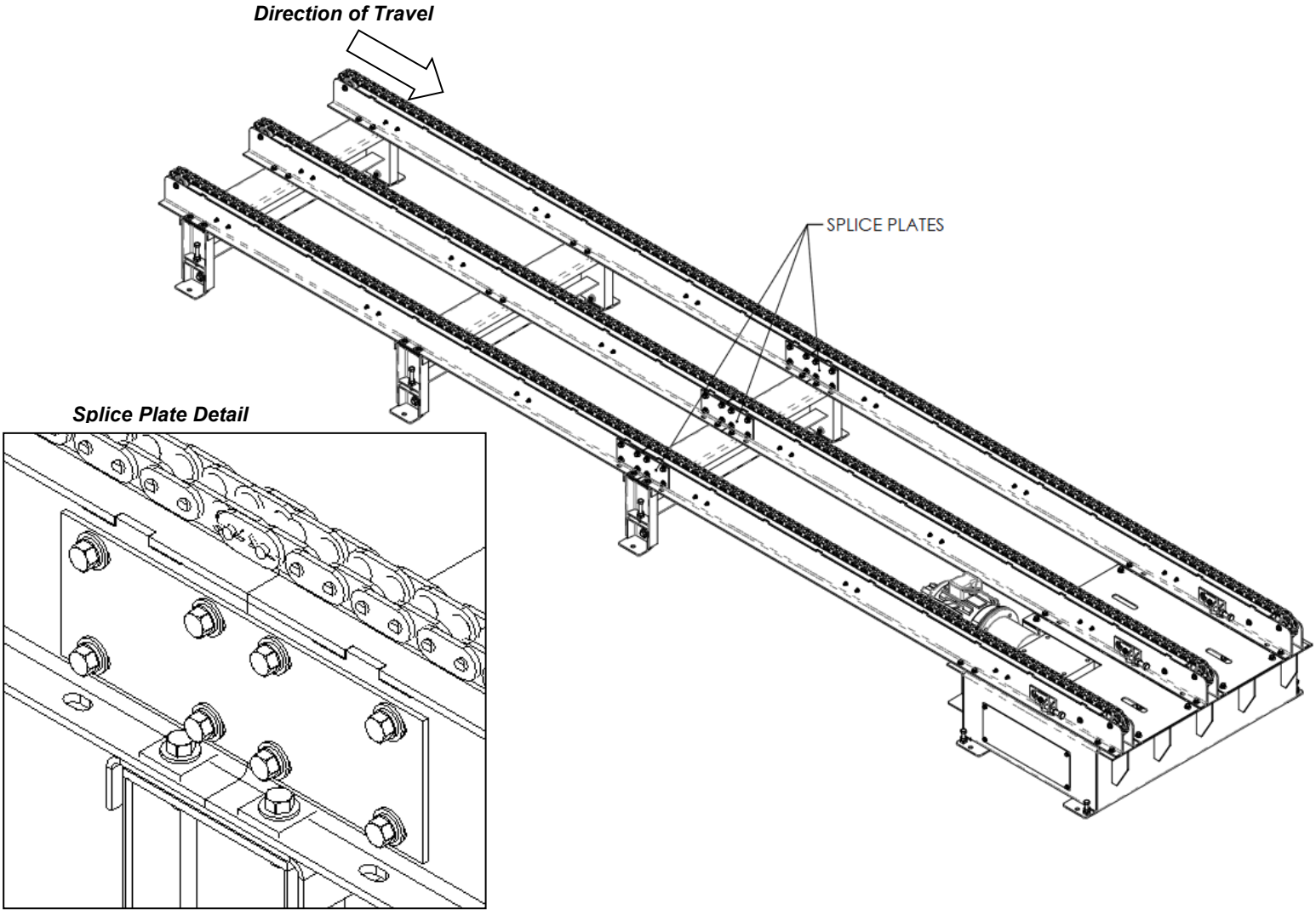


Figure 2.6 – Install Chain

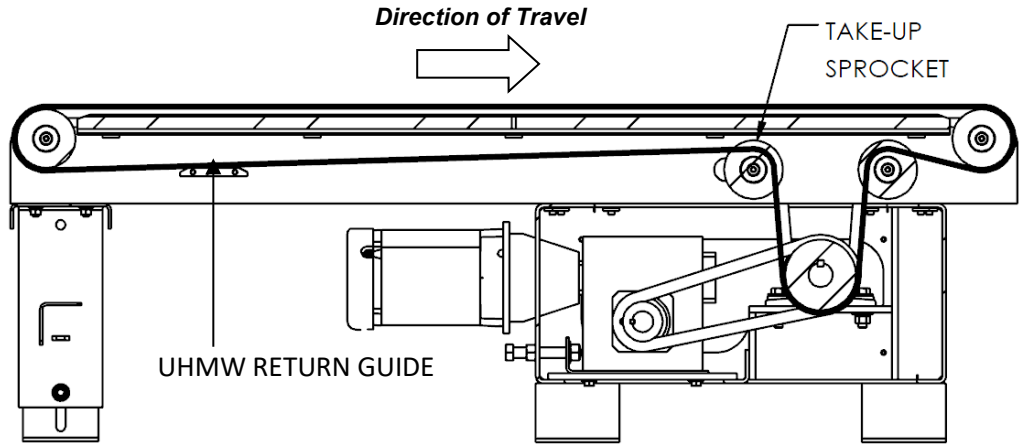


Figure 2.7 – Checking Chain Tension

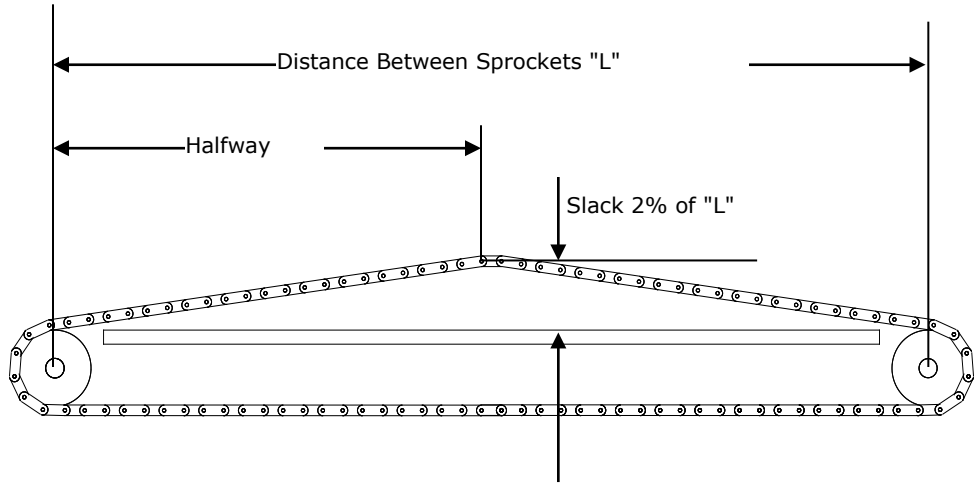
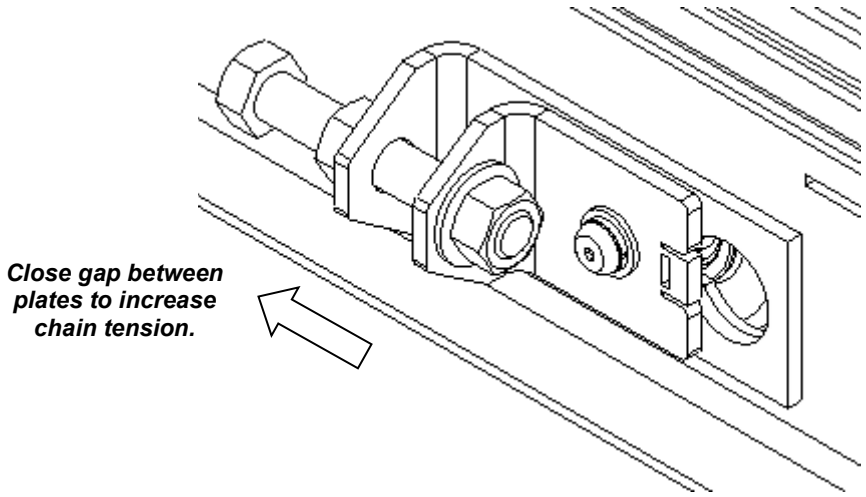


Figure 2.8 – Adjusting Chain Tension



2-5 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION & CONTROLS

Electrical connections should be made by a qualified electrician in accordance with NFPA 70, “National Electric Code.” The installation must also meet the requirements of any applicable state and local codes.

- Control stations should be installed in a place where operation of equipment can be clearly seen.
- All controls must be labeled to indicate function.
- Any conveyor which could cause hazard or injury shall not be started until personnel in the conveying area are alerted by a warning signal or by a designated person that the conveyor is about to start. Further, when a conveyor automatically runs, or is controlled from a remote location, an audible warning signal that can be heard at all points along the conveyor must sound. The warning signal shall be initiated by the controller starting device and shall sound for a certain period of time before conveyor starts. In some cases, a flashing light or similar visual warning indicator may be used in conjunction with audible warning signal if it is deemed more effective.

NOTICE: When conveyor is not in use, the power source should be disconnected or turned off.

2-6 PRE-START CHECKS

- MOST speed reducers are shipped with oil, however, ALWAYS check for proper oil level before operating the conveyor.
- Remove drive chain guard and inspect drive chain and sprockets.
- Chain should have sag on the slack side per *Figure 2.9*. Measure the sag halfway between the two sprockets.
- Sag should be 1/4” or 2% of the sprocket center distance.
- Inspect sprocket set screws. These should be tight against the reducer and shafts. Using a straight edge, check alignment of the sprockets by placing the straight edge flush against the sprocket flanges.
- Reinstall chain guard after inspection.

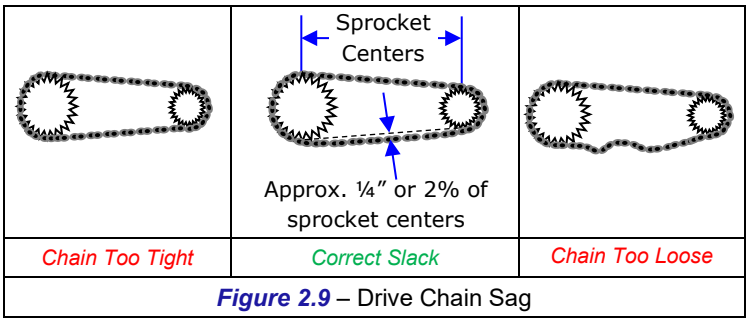


Figure 2.9 – Drive Chain Sag

SECTION 3 – MAINTENANCE

Effective operation and useful life of any equipment is directly related to the care and service it receives. A pre-determined maintenance schedule, including inspection, lubrication, and cleaning, should be established for each conveyor. Establish and maintain “Log Sheets” on each conveyor to record date and results of inspections, lubrication, and replacement parts. General inspections of all conveyors should be performed at regular intervals depending on use and service conditions.



WARNING: Do not attempt any maintenance on this equipment unless all sources of energy are disconnected and locked out by properly trained personnel.

NOTICE: Do not perform any work on the conveyor while it is running unless the nature of the maintenance absolutely requires operation of the conveyor. If the conveyor must be operated to perform maintenance procedures, allow only experienced conveyor maintenance personnel to do the work. Use extreme caution.

3-1 MAINTENANCE INTERVALS

This list of maintenance items is a general overview of the minimum items that may need to be addressed on your LEWCO Conveyor. The actual list may vary depending on the specific equipment provided. The customer should make the final determination on maintenance intervals and tasks to be performed while considering the working environment. Please review applicable component literature for further detail and potential additional maintenance items.

COMPONENT	ACTION	SCHEDULE		
		WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY
MOTOR	Listen for irregular noise.	✓		
	Check for overheating.	✓		
	Check mounting bolts are secure.		✓	
REDUCER	Listen for irregular noise.	✓		
	Check for overheating.		✓	
	Check oil level.			✓
DRIVE CHAIN	Check for tension.			✓
	Lubricate.	✓		
	Inspect for wear.			✓
SPROCKETS	Inspect for wear.			✓
	Check set screws and keys.			✓
BEARINGS	Listen for irregular noise.	✓		
	Check mounting bolts are secure.			✓
STRUCTURAL	General check: Loose nuts, bolts, etc. Tighten as necessary.		✓	
ELECTRICAL	Inspect all wiring for secure connection. Ensure there are no loose or cut wires.		✓	
	Test Emergency Stop switches for proper function.		✓	

3-2 MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

3-2.1 Motor & Reducer

- Make sure the reducer is filled to the proper level with oil.
- Make sure the vent plug (*Figure 3.1*) is clean and the orifice is open.
- Inspect reducer for leaks.
- Only use oil recommended by the reducer manufacturer. Refer to the reducer manufacturer's manual for detail.
- Refer to the motor & reducer manufacturers' manuals for specific detail.

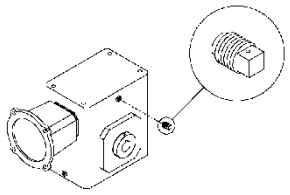


Figure 3.1 **–**
Reducer Vent Plug Installation

3-2.2 Drive Shaft & Bearings

- Check all shafts and sprockets for tightness. All shafts must rotate freely. If shaft does not turn freely check for dirt accumulation in bearing area and clean.
- Lubricate all flange type bearings that have grease fittings. Use NLGI Grade 2 Lithium base grease, Shell Alvania EP2, or equal.
- Listen to bearings for excessive noise. Replace as required.

3-2.3 Sprocket & Chain Maintenance

- Remove drive chain guard and inspect drive chain and sprockets.
- Chain should have 1/2" or 2% sag when measured on the lower run of chain halfway between the two sprockets. See *"Pre-Start Checks" on page 11.*
- A loose chain can jump the drive sprockets and can cause sprocket wear and failure. A tight chain requires excessive motor power and can also cause chain and sprocket failure.
- Inspect drive sprocket and set screws for tightness against the reducer shaft.
- Check sprocket alignment. Misalignment causes wear on one side of the sprocket. Check for a misaligned shaft or a sprocket off center.
- Check drive shaft bearing set screws.
- Lubricate the drive chain approximately every 40 hours of operation. Rinse chain in solvent before lubricating. Use SAE-30 oil. Lubricate more frequently under extreme ambient conditions.
- Reinstall chain guard after inspection and maintenance.

3-2.4 Cleaning

- Periodically remove drive chains and clean by immersing in solvent and scrubbing with a wire brush. Rinse thoroughly and relubricate. Verify proper chain tension.
- Clean chain box and keep free of all debris.

3-3 REPLACEMENT PARTS

To order replacements parts, please contact your LEWCO distributor or integrator. If unable to contact distributor, please contact LEWCO's Customer Service Department by emailing *conveyorsales@lewcoinc.com* or by calling *419-625-4014, ext. 4003*. Please be prepared to provide both your MODEL and SERIAL NUMBER when ordering. Serial numbers can be found on unit labels. There is one unit label per each section of conveyor. See *Figure 3.2.*

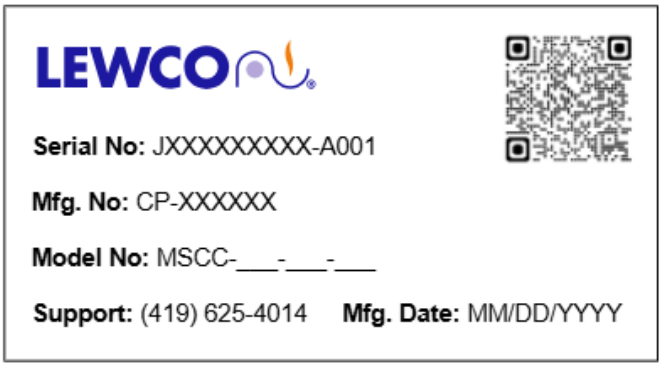
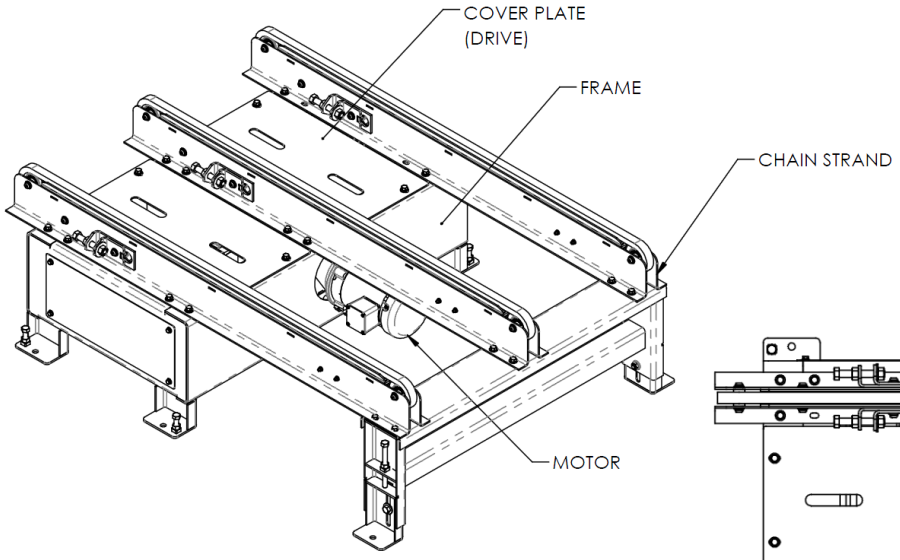
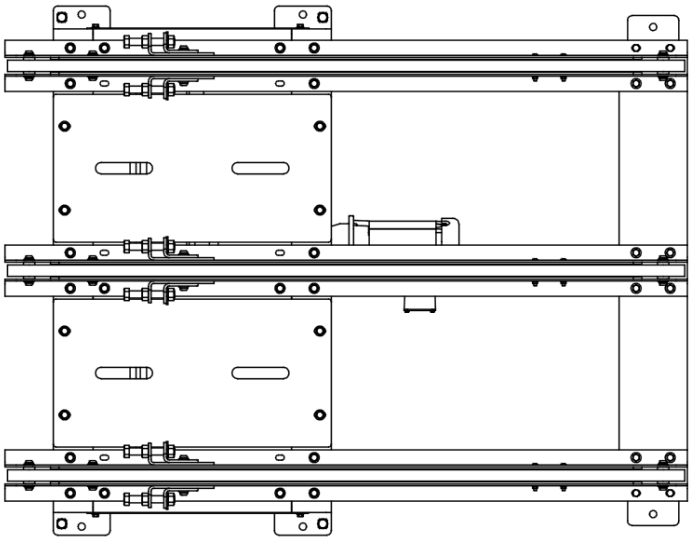
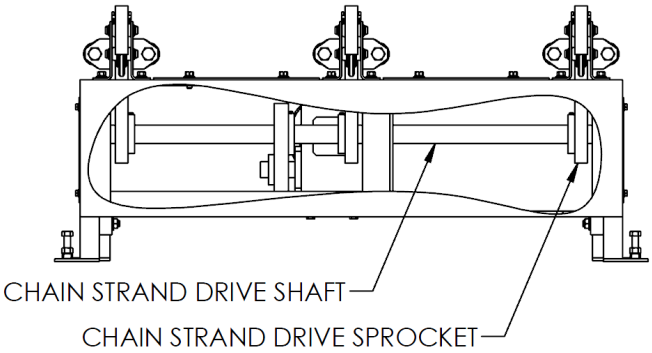


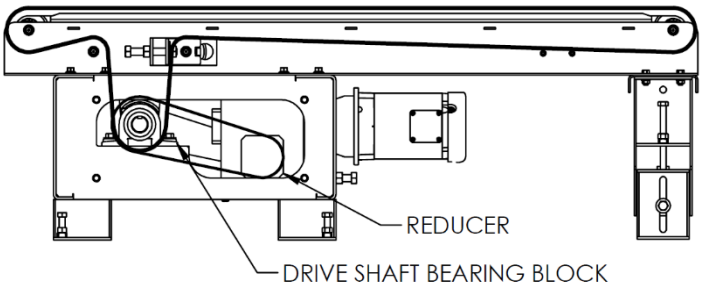
Figure 3.2 **–** Unit Label

STANDARD CONVEYOR COMPONENTS









SECTION 4 – TROUBLESHOOTING

TROUBLE	CAUSE	SOLUTION
Conveyor does not start or motor stalls.	No power	Verify main disconnect switch is on.
	Motor overloaded	Check conveyor loading against design parameters.
	Motor drawing excessive current.	Check circuit breaker.
	Emergency Stop button is engaged.	Verify the initial reason for the emergency stop. If reason has been corrected, release the Emergency Stop.
Excessive wear on drive chain and/or sprockets.	Lack of lubrication.	Lubricate chain.
	Sprockets out of alignment.	Align sprockets.
	Loose drive chain.	Correct chain slack *(See "Pre-Start Checks" on page 11).*
Loud popping and/or grinding noise.	Defective bearing.	Replace bearing.
	Loose drive sprocket set screw.	Tighten sprocket set screws and check key.
	Loose drive chain.	Correct chain slack *(See "Pre-Start Checks" on page 11).*
Motor or reducer overheating. *Note: Many motors and reducers can be hot to the touch and still be operating within normal parameters*	Conveyor overloaded.	Check conveyor loading against design parameters.
	Low voltage to motor.	Correct voltage level as stated on motor name plate.
	Reducer lubricant level low.	Fill reducer reservoir.

Need Help? Please contact your LEWCO distributor, integrator, or installer. If unsuccessful in resolving, contact LEWCO's Customer Service Department by emailing *customerservice@lewcoinc.com* or by calling *419-625-4014, ext. 4012*. We will need your MODEL and SERIAL NUMBER. *See page 14 for details.*