

B737-MAX8 TOWBAR MANUAL

FOR USE WITH -900ER, -MAX8, - MAX9



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1. Specifications

1.1. Compatible Aircraft

1.1.1.Boeing 737-MAX8

Boeing 737-900ER

Boeing 737-MAX9

Boeing 737-MAX10

1.2. Physical Specifications

Part Number	Description	Weight	Length
TB-MAX8-HL-SS	Towbar complete with Lift Kit & Soft Start	~345 lbs	~15′
TB-7378-HA-ASL	Head Assembly (no adapter)	40 lbs	1'-7 3/8"
TB-MAX8-AC	Adapter Assembly	29 lbs	8 5/16"
TB-T5-SS	Towbar Tube Assembly w/ Lift Kit & Soft Start	277 lbs	13'-3"
TB-T5-TE-SS	Towbar Tube & Eye, Soft Start	169 lbs	13'-3"

1.3. Shear Pin

Shear Pin TB-MAX8-SP Shear Value: 27,402 lbs.

NOTE: Shear pins are produced in controlled batches; only use Hall Technical Services LLC shear pins. Shear pin testing and manufacturing records are permanently stored for reference. Failure to use Hall Shear Pin shall void warranty.

Contact for Additional Shear Pin Values or for use on other Aircraft

2. Safety

To ensure safe operation, please read the following statements and understand their meaning. This manual contains safety precautions which are explained below.

WARNING!

Warning is used to indicate the presence of a hazard which will or can cause minor personal injury or property damage if the Warning Notice is ignored.

CAUTION!

Caution is used to indicate the presence of a hazard which will or can cause personal injury or property damage if the Caution Notice is ignored.

WARNING!

A damaged or bent towbar should not be used. Towbar should be repaired or replaced. BENT TOWBARS CAN NOT BE REPAIRED AND MUST BE REPLACED.

WARNING!

Always use lifting mechanism to raise and lower towbar.

3. Operating Procedures

THE FOLLOWING IS A RECOMMENDATION ONLY. ALWAYS FOLLOW AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS PROCEDURES AND AIRLINE SPECIFIC OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR PUSHBACK AND TOWING OPERATIONS

3.1. Responsibility

- Operator of the tractor must understand that it is his/her responsibility to move the aircraft safely in accordance with the aircraft manufacturers operational procedures.
- Employer of tractor operator is responsible for providing sufficient operator training to ensure safe operation of towbar for pushback and towing operations

The following are recommendations.

3.2. Inspect the Towbar prior to each use:

3.2.1. Visually inspect shear pin for correct installation and that it is the correct shear pin marked 737-MAX8 (see image below). Verify that shear pin is not broken.



- 3.2.2. Visually verify that the Pivot bolt nut is present on underside of adapter.
- 3.2.3. Visually inspect towbar tube for cracks at welded joints.
- 3.2.4. Visually inspect tow eye assembly for damage and loose or missing hardware.
- 3.2.5. Visually inspect wheel carriage for damage and loose or missing components.
- 3.2.6. Visually inspect adapter to tube flange bolts (Torque as required 80 lb-ft).
- 3.2.7. Check head latch mechanism for proper travel and locking action in both forward and back positions. Inspect for damage and loose or missing components.

WARNING! DO NOT attempt to push or tow an aircraft with a damaged towbar.

3.3. Use the correct size Aircraft Tow Tractor:

An important consideration for safe movement of an aircraft is using the correct category of tractor for pushback and towing operations. Incidents are more likely to occur when using a tractor that is either too large or too small for a particular aircraft. Consult the Aircraft Manufacturers Ground

Towing Requirements chart to obtain tractor draw bar pull and total wheel traction requirements based on aircraft and environmental conditions.

- Boeing 737-MAX8 Maximum Takeoff Weight = 181,200 lbs
- Category 2 Tow Tractor is recommended.

Category	Aircraft Maximum Takeoff Weight	Tractor Draw Bar Pull				
1	Up to 50,000 kg (110,000 lbs.)	14,000 kg (8,800 lbs.)				
2	Up to 150,000 kg (330,690 lbs.)	212,000 kg (26,455 lbs.)				
3	Up to 260,000 kg (573,196 lbs.)	318,000 kg (39,683 lbs.)				
4 More than 260,000 kg (573,196 lbs.) 440,000 kg (88,184 lbs.)						
Source: IATA "Airport Handling Ground Support Equipment" Specification AHM 955: "Functional Specification for an Aircraft Tractor"						

- 3.4. Attach towbar to aircraft first, then to tractor.
- 3.5. Towbar should be horizontal to ground or up to 2" (5cm) higher at the aircraft end.
- 3.6. Do not exceed a 90 degree angle between towbar and pushback tractor. Damage to towbar or aircraft can occur.
- 3.7. Always start a pushback with the tractor in-line with the towbar.
- 3.8. Attach the Towbar to the Aircraft
 - 3.8.1. First check that the towbar head handle is in the OPEN position.



- 3.8.2. Line up towbar to nose pin of aircraft and slide head under the nose pin.
- 3.8.3. Rotate the handle to slide the locking plate over the nose pin into the LOCK position. "LEFT IS LOCKED". Verify auto safety latch is latched. The head can only be disengaged by operation of the handle.



3.9. Attach the Towbar to the Tow Tractor

- 3.9.1.Use the hydraulic pump to lift the towbar to the correct engagement height with the tow tractor.
- 3.9.2. Position the tractor and install the hitch pin.
- 3.9.3. Release the hydraulic pump allowing the wheels to rise up off the ground.

WARNING! Tow or push the aircraft only if the towbars' tires are not touching the ground.

3.10. Push the Aircraft

THE FOLLOWING IS ACCEPTABLE PRACTICE. ALWAYS FOLLOW AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURER & AIRLINE SPECIFIC PROCEDURES FOR PUSHBACK AND TOWING OPERATIONS

NOTE: If at any time the shear pin yields or breaks, carefully bring the aircraft to a stop. Follow aircraft manufacturers and/or airline nose landing gear inspection procedures prior to installing a new shear pin to continue the operation.

3.11. Disconnect the Towbar from the Aircraft and return to gate

- 3.11.1. Lower the wheels to approximately 1" from ground using the hydraulic pump.
- 3.11.2. Position feet away from underneath the towbar.
- 3.11.3. Hold back auto safety latch.
- 3.11.4. Rotate handle to OPEN position, dropping towbar to ground, clearing the NLG hookup pin.
- 3.11.5. Back tractor with towbar away from aircraft.

4. Preventive Maintenance

NOTE: Hall Industries recommends using this maintenance procedure monthly (or as required by airlines maintenance procedures). Replace worn or damaged parts as needed.

- **4.1.** Replace Shear Pin. Shear pin should have a slight vertical play, spin freely and the nut should not be tight to the head. A very small gap (0.001"-0.020" feeler gage) between the nut and the head is required.
- **4.2.** Check Pivot Bolt. Verify nut is present and tightened to contact.
- **4.3.** Check Shear Pin Bushings. They should not be worn, cracked, or otherwise damaged.

NOTE: Always replace bushings as a set. Never replace only one bushing.

- **4.4.** Check adapter/tube flange bolts for tightness. Torque to 80 lb-ft.
- **4.5.** Check wheels and wheel carriage assembly for bent, broken, or worn parts. Lubricate pivot points using dry lubricant (WD-40 Dry Lubricant or Similar). Inspect hydraulic fittings for leaks. With hydraulic lift in the down / collapsed position Inspect hydraulic fluid for level and quality. Add hydraulic fluid if necessary. Use hydraulic fluid per MIL-PRF-5606H.
- **4.6.** Check head assembly for operation of lock mechanism. Verify that all bolts and Nord-Lock washers are present and fully torqued (33 lb-ft). Bolts are located underneath the head.
- **4.7.** Inspect jaw for excessive wear or cracking. Replace head if cracked.
- **4.8.** Verify operation of auto safety latch and repair or replace components as required.
- **4.9.** Check tow eye and hardware for condition. Check that all hardware is tight. Verify that tow eye rotates a little bit in each direction and then hits a stop.
- **4.10.** Check main body tube for bending or cracking.
- **4.11.** If the drag plate is worn and towbar head or eye is dragging use replacement drag plate kit.
- **4.12.** Clean, repaint or touch-up paint as required.
- **4.13.** Inspect tags and labels. Replace if damaged or missing (see the drawings in the attachment section for labels and placements).

5. Handle Timing and Adjustment

When replacing the handle weldment (TB-7378-HDL) the handle must be properly aligned on the actuating screw (TB-7378-TL). The handle should go from slightly past parallel with the top of the head at both the open and closed position.

To properly rack the hand on the screw, place the slide lock into vice with the wide side parallel to the ground. Place the handle barrel on the thread so that the first thread catches near the 1" o'clock position, when facing the nut on the handle. Rotate the handle until the barrel of the handle contact the block. The handle should be near parallel and ideally slight below.

Starting Position



Proper Finishing Position



The latch must easily close over the handle when operating.

When replacing the handle or thread check that the motion of the handle is easy throughout the entire range of motion. The rear bearing block alignment is critical to the proper function of the towbar. While tightening the screws holding the rear bearing block, continuously move the handle throughout its entire range of motion to verify alignment. If the handle catches or becomes difficult at any point, loosen the rear block and start over.

6. Replacement Parts

Part Number Description

TB-MAX8-HL-SS Towbar complete with Lift Kit & Soft Start & ASL

TB-MAX8-HAC-ASL Head & Adapter Assembly

TB-7378-HA-ASL Head Assembly
TB-MAX8-AC Adapter Assembly

TB-7378-DP Drag Plate
TB-7378-TLN Actuating Nut

TB-T5-SS Towbar Tube Assembly w/ Lift Kit & Soft Start

TB-T5-TE-SS Towbar Tube & Eye, Soft Start

TB-SS5 Soft Start Assembly

7. End of Life Statement

This towbar is designed to provide years of reliable service, but at some point, in time it may be necessary to retire the unit from service. To protect our environment specific guidelines and requirements should be followed.

The towbar is primarily constructed of plated or painted carbon steel with a few components made of stainless steel 303/304 alloy and aluminum alloys and contains no hazardous materials. Please follow country, regional, or local requirements for materials recycling.

8. Warranty

Warranty: All parts are guaranteed against defects for one year. If at any time this manual is not followed it will void the warranty (preventive maintenance logs are required for all warranty replacement parts). All replacement parts must be genuine Hall Industries parts.

9. Drawings List

TB-MAX8-HL-SS Towbar Complete, Soft Start

TB-MAX8-HAC-ASL Head and Adapter – Individual Components

TB-7378-ASL Automatic Safety Latch

TB-T5-TE-SS Tube & Eye with Hardware (Soft Start Tow eye)

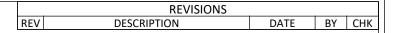
TB-SS5 Soft Start Assembly

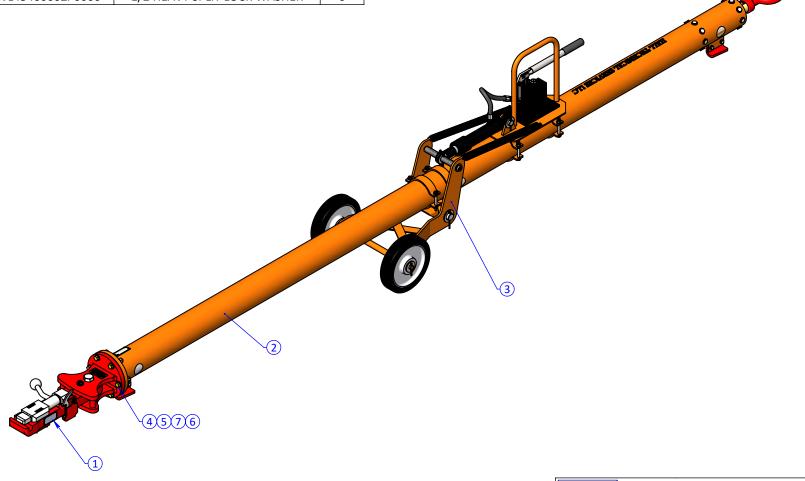
TB-T5-HL Lift Kit for 5" Towbar Tube

^{*}See attached drawings for additional individual part numbers

^{*}All hardware must be Grade 5 or Grade 8.

ITEM NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	
1	TB-MAX8-HAC-ASL	HEAD AND ADAPTER COMPLETE	1
2	TB-T5-TE-SS	5" SOFT START TUBE & EYE W/HD	1
3	TB-T5-HL	LIFT KIT, TOWBAR, 5"	1
4	H508C0080ZP0000	1/2-13 x 2 1/2 HEX CAP SCREW	6
5	WH4520000ZP0000	1/2 WASHER, SAE TYPE A	12
6	N808C0000ZP0000	1/2-13 HEX NUT	6
7	WL4540000ZP0000	1/2 HEAVY SPLIT LOCK WASHER	6





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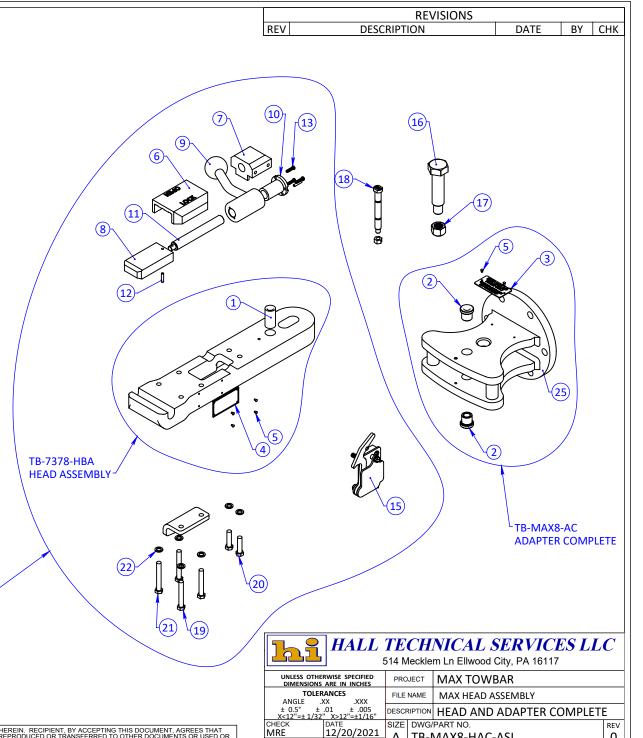
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ITEM NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1	TB-7378-HB	HEAD BUSHING	1
2	TB-7378-AB	ADAPTER BUSHING	2
3	TB-MAX8-TAG-A	ADAPTER TAG, MAX8	1
4	TB-TAG-METAL-CE	TAG METAL CE	1
5	TB-8849-14	DRIVE RIVET	6
6	TB-7378-FBB	FRONT BEARING BLOCK	1
7	TB-7378-RBB	REAR BEARING BLOCK	1
8	TB-7378-SL	SLIDE LOCK	1
9	TB-7378-HDL	HANDLE WELDMENT	1
10	TB-7378-TLN	ACTUATING NUT	1
11	TB-7378-TL	ACTUATING SCREW	1
12	TB-7378-DP1	3/16"OD x 7/8"L DOWEL PIN SS	2
13	90666A014	LP SHCS 10-32 x 3/4" SS	3
14	TB-7378-DP	DRAG PLATE	1
15	TB-7378-ASL	AUTOMATIC SAFETY LATCH	1
16	TB-7378-PB	PIVOT BOLT	1
17	TB-8312-B5	.75-10 STOVER LOCK NUT	1
18	TB-MAX8-SP	SHEAR BOLT	1
19	H506C0080ZP0000	3/8-16 x 2 1/2 HEX CAP SCREW	2
20	H506C0048ZP0000	3/8-16 x 1 1/2 HEX CAP SCREW	2
21	H506C0088ZP0000	3/8-16 x 2 3/4 HEX CAP SCREW	2
22	8980-2-2	WASHER NORDLOCK	6



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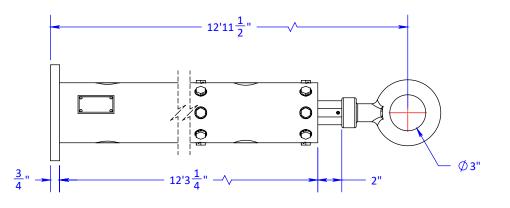
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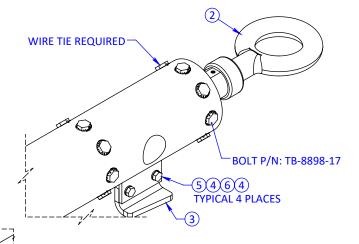
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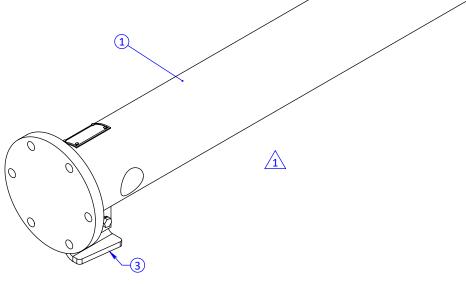
NOTES:

1. ANTI-SEIZE ALL THREADS & WIRE TIE BOLTS.

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ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
1	1	TB-T5-T-SS	5" TUBE W/TAG&DECAL
2	1	TB-SS5	SOFT START 5 INCH
3	2	TB-7378-DP	DRAG PLATE
4	8	8980-2-2	WASHER NORDLOCK
5	4	TB-T5-H1	3/8-16 x 1 3/8 HEX CAP SCREW
6	4	TB-8898-6	NYLOCK NUT. 3/8"-16 GR.8

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1	2	TB-SS5-02	STOP	1 ADDITION OF SAFE-T WIRE TO BOM 11/15/2019 DHW MRE
2	1	TB-SS5-04	END GUIDE	
3	1	TB-SS4-05	TUBING	
4	1	TB-SS5-06	END GUIDE NO HOLE	
5	1	TB-SS4-07	DOWEL PIN 1/4" DIA. x 2" LONG SS	
6	1	TB-SS4-09	NUT	
7	1	TB-SS5-10	CUSHION 5"	
8	1	TB-SS4-11	EYE & SHAFT	
9	16	TB-8898-17	DRILLED HEAD BOLT	
10	16	TB-8898-17-LW	LOCK WASHER	
11	1	TB-8849-6	COTTER PIN	
12	4	TB-8898-18-A	SAFE-T WIRE	3 6 11
13	4	TB-8898-18-W	SAFE-T WIRE WASHER	
1. 2.			LL THREADED HARDWARE. ASHER NOT SHOWN 2	TIGHTEN NUT (TB-SS4-09) TO THE SHOULDER
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