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PRE-SOWING SPRING-TYPE CULTIVATOR

U457

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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INTRODUCTION

This manual describes the operation of the U457 Cultivator. If any extraordinary problems, which has not been discussed in the instruction manual attached, arise during the machine operation, please require supplementary information from the manufacturer or dealer. You receive the material obligations of the manufacturer in each Guarantee Certificate, which includes the complete regulations currently in force in the guarantee coverage.

METAL-FACH Sp. z o. o. reserves the right to make changes without prior notifications and without accepting any obligations.

The design of the cultivators ensures safe operation if they are used in accordance with the instruction manual. Please read therefore this manual before first start-up in order to be thoroughly familiar with the conditions of proper machine operations.

It is obligatory for each user to read and understand the content of this manual before using the machine.

This aims at getting familiar with the principles of correct operation of the cultivator and ensuring safety of use. It is a condition for proper exercising the warranty rights as well.

The instruction manual constitutes the basic equipment of the machine.

The substantial obligations of the manufacturer are presented in the guarantee card, which includes the complete and currently in force regulations on the guarantee coverage.

If the information included in the instruction manual prove to be incomprehensible, you should address the seller where the machine was purchased or the manufacturer directly for assistance.

The spare parts catalogue functions as a separate list and is attached in the form of a CD during the machine purchase and also is available at the Manufacturer's web site: www.metalfach.com.pl

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Symbols used in the instruction:



WARNING

Hazard warning symbol. It points to the occurrence of a serious hazard condition, which, if not avoided, may result in death or serious injury. The symbol warns against the most dangerous situations.



ATTENTION

The symbol pointing to especially important information and recommendations. Non-compliance with the described recommendations may result in serious damage of the machine due to its incorrect operation.



DANGER

The symbol indicating the possibility of occurrence of a hazard, which, if not avoided, may result in death or serious injury. This symbol informs about lower level of risk of injury than the symbol with the word "DANGER".



The symbol indicating useful information.

1. General description

1.1. Pre-sowing spring type cultivator Identification

You will find the identification data of the cultivator on a plate located on the left-hand side wall of the frame, next to the bottom rods of the hitch system, which is illustrated in the drawing below.

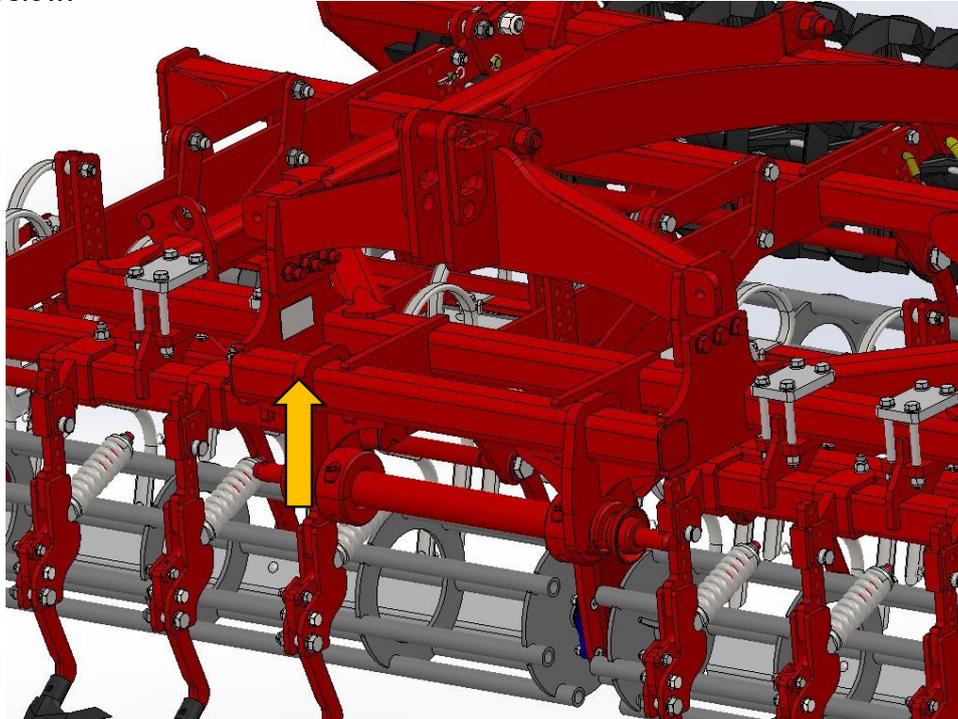


Figure 1. Location of the nameplate on the machine

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tel.: +48 (85) 711 98 40-45, fax: +48 (85) 711 90 65			
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Symbol	<input type="text" value="U457"/>	Type	<input type="text" value="U457-00"/> 
Year of manufacture	<input type="text"/>	Weight*	<input type="text" value="2000"/> kg
Serial No.	<input type="text"/>	KJ	<input type="text"/>
<small>* Curb weight [kg]szyny</small>			
www.metalfach.com.pl			

Figure 2. Rating plate.

	Please write down the type and serial number of your cultivator. Submit this number each time you contact the dealer.
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1.2. Pre-sowing spring type cultivator intended use

The pre-sowing spring-type cultivator is a versatile implement for cultivating the surface soil layer within the depth range of 5-13cm.

It is designed for pre-sowing soil cultivation after ploughing and for pre-sowing cultivation on pre-seasoned fields.

The cultivator can be used on all the soil types, including also stony conditions, thanks to the spring working components. It ensures that the soil is loosened and mixed well, and also loaded and compacted, when working with the roller.

It is possible to use the cultivator for additional soil tillage after simplified no-tillage cultivation, but only on clean fields or those with little amount of short stubble remains which do not result in clogging the teeth.

The machine must be operated with tractor classes recommended by the manufacturer only (see technical specification) fitted with standard front axle weight ballast for retaining a required manoeuvrability coefficient.

Using the machine for any purpose other than the intended use shall be considered an improper use, contrary to the intended use. Meeting the requirements for the use, maintenance and repair of the machine as recommended by the manufacturer is a prerequisite for use as intended.

The spring-type cultivator is intended solely for works in agriculture.

1.3. Proper use

The Cultivator can be started, used and repaired only by persons who are familiar with the operation of the Cultivator and a connectable tractor, as well as with the rules of procedure concerning safe operation of the Cultivator.

The manufacturer shall not be liable for any unauthorised changes in the Cultivator design.

During operation use only factory-made parts produced by METAL-FACH.

	<p>ATTENTION!</p> <p>The Cultivator is intended solely for use in agriculture. Using it for purposes other than those specified in item 2 shall be construed as improper use. Any non-compliance with the cultivator operation, maintenance measures and perfect technical conditions recommended by the manufacturer shall also be interpreted as improper use.</p> <p>The manufacturer shall not be liable for any damage arising from improper use of the Cultivator.</p>
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2. Safety of use



Before you start operating and using the Cultivator, read this instruction manual, learn the design of its assemblies, their functioning and adjustment ranges and methods, paying special attention to the notes regarding safety of operation.
It will be too late to do this during the operation.

2.1. General safety principles

The safety principles provided below refer to the Cultivator. Notwithstanding, adhere to general safety and accident prevention rules, as well as the road traffic rules.

When operating the tillage unit (tillage cultivator with accessories + tractor), follow all precautions, particularly:

- before each time you start the operation, ensure that the cultivator and tractor condition guarantees traffic and operation safety;
- to retain the manoeuvrability, couple the cultivator with those tractors only which are fitted with a set of front axle weight ballast. The front axle load of the tractor with the suspended cultivator must be at least 20% of the tractor weight itself;
- follow the acceptable axle loads and transport dimensions;
- when connecting the cultivator with a tractor, lifting and lowering the cultivator on the tractor hydraulic lift, folding the the cultivator to the transport position and extending to the working position, and at headland, verify whether there are any bystanders, particularly children, in the vicinity;
- never stand between the tractor and the cultivator, when the tractor engine is working;
- noise – equivalent A-weighted emission sound pressure level (LpA) is not above 70 dB;
- when connecting lines to the hydraulic system of the tractor, ensure that the hydraulic system is not under pressure check the position of the control lever of the tractor hydraulic system;
- start the devices controlled by the hydraulic system only when there are no persons within the range of their operation;
- inspect the hydraulic lines and tubes periodically, and replace with new ones if required;
- hydraulic lines must be replaced every 6 years;
- the actions of lifting, lowering, folding and extending, and starting the cultivator must be executed slowly and without any sudden jerks;
- never reverse the tractor or turn at headland when the machine is lowered in the working position;
- turning at headland consider far-projecting components, do not apply independent brakes of the tractor;
- check tyre pressure of the tractor;
- standing on the cultivator or loading it with additional weights is forbidden during transport and operation,
- perform all repairs, lubrication or possible cleaning of the working components during operation only when you have switched off the engine and lowered the cultivator;
- detach the cultivator from the tractor after you have set it on level, compact surface, unfolded the hitch support and disabled the engine;
- store the cultivator in the extended position only, propped on all working units;
- during stoppages, store the cultivator at sites without the access of unauthorised persons or animals;

- Do not leave the vehicle with the machine on a hillside or other sloping surfaces, without securing the vehicle from rolling down; apply the parking brake in the machine and place chocks under the wheels;
- during the tractor and cultivator operation, there is a risk of lightning strike.

2.2. Technical service activities

Perform any technical service activities after you have lowered the cultivator to the ground. If the tractor is coupled with the machine, it must have the brakes enabled and the engine disabled.

To perform servicing, use only tools and instruments which are in good working condition and original materials and parts.

Use only common protections and cotter pins to secure pins which are components of the cultivator. Never use any substitute protections, such as bolts, rods, wires, which may become a cause of damage of the tractor or cultivator, resulting in hazardous situations during operation or transport.

2.3. Transport on public roads

Pursuant to the road traffic safety provisions (Regulation of the Minister of Infrastructure, Journal of Laws, item 2022 of 15 December 2016.



The unit composed of a farming tractor and a coupled farming machine must meet the same requirements as the tractor on its own.



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The unit (tractor + machine), being a vehicle part which extends beyond the rear outline of the tractor, impairing the view of the tractor rear lights, is a risk for other vehicles using the road.



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It is forbidden to drive the unit (tractor + machine) on public roads without suitable conspicuity markings.

When driving the tractor with cultivator on public roads, adhere to all provisions of the Road Code in force for this type of vehicles, particularly:

- During the transport on public roads, cultivators coupled to agricultural tractors require:
 - marking with white-and-red-striped warning marker plates,
 - being fitted with lighting,
 - marking a machine extending beyond the sides of the tractor (white front position lamps),
 - the same rear lamps as for the tractor (integrated lights and red reflective lights),
 - marking with a triangular board indicating slowly moving vehicles,

- adhering to speed limits during transport, which are:
 - on smooth surface roads (asphalt), up to 20 km/h,
 - on farm or stone-paved roads, up to 6-10 km/h,
 - on potholed roads, up to 5 km/h,
- you must adjust the speed to the quality of the road and conditions on the road,
- exercise special care during driving past and overtaking and in curves.



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 The transport width of the U457 cultivator is 4m, which requires obtaining special licences and limiting conditions to drive it on public roads.
 The accepted machine width to enter and use the public road is 3.0 m.

2.4. Safety signs



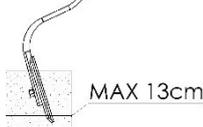
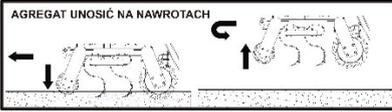
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 The user of the pre-sowing spring-type cultivator must maintain legibility of all warning inscriptions and signs attached on the machine or accessories over the whole period of operation.
 If they are damaged or destroyed, replace them with new ones.
 New safety signs can be purchased from the machine manufacturer.
 The assemblies replaced during the repair works must be marked with safety signs recommended by the manufacturer.

Table 1. Safety signs

No.	Safety symbol (mark)	Meaning of the symbol or content of the inscription	Position on the trailer
1	2	3	4
1	 <p>1 pc. Dim. 100x50 Colour: yellow background, black signs</p>	Read the instruction manual.	On the front left section of the frame.
2	 <p>1 pc. Dim. 100x50 Colour: yellow background, black signs</p>	Switch off the engine and remove the key before maintenance and repairs.	On the front left section of the frame.

<p>3</p>	 <p>1 pc. Dim. 100x50 Colour: yellow background, black signs</p>	<p>Keep a safe distance from the machine. Danger of crushing by the machine.</p>	<p>On the front left section of the frame.</p>
<p>4</p>	 <p>8 pcs (4m), Dim. 100x50 Colour: yellow background, black signs</p>	<p>Do not reach into the crushing area if the elements can move.</p>	<p>On the side wall of the cultivator frame, in the area of adjustment of roller action depth (4m).</p>
<p>5</p>	 <p>6 pcs Dim. 100x50 Colour: yellow background, black signs</p>	<p>Keep a safe distance from the machine. Danger of crushing toes or a foot. – Force applied from the top.</p>	<p>On the side wall of the cultivator frame, right and left side.</p>
<p>6</p>	 <p>4 pcs Dimensions: 50x50 Colour: white background, black signs</p>	<p>Pictogram marking the lifting points for loading the machine on transport means.</p>	<p>On both sides of the main frame, near the fixing of the 3-point upper tie-rod and at the sheets of roller fixing.</p>
<p>7</p>	 <p>12 pcs Dimensions: 35x25 Colour: white background, black signs</p>	<p>Point of lubrication.</p>	<p>On both sides of the roller frame - bearing lubrication.</p>

8	 <p>MAX 13cm</p> <p>1 pc. Dimensions: 110x80 Colour: white background, black signs</p>	Operating depth of the cultivator.	On the front left section of the frame.
9	 <p>AGREGAT UNOSIĆ NA NAWROTACH</p> <p>1 pc. Dimensions: 260x70 Colour: white background, black signs</p>	Lift the cultivator at headland.	On the front left section of the frame.
10	<p>UWAGA !!! AGREGAT PRZEKRACZA DOPUSZCZALNĄ W RUCHU DROGOWYM SZEROKOŚĆ TRANSPORTOWĄ 3M ZABRANIA SIĘ PRZEJAZDU CIĄGNIKA SPRZĘGNIĘTEGO Z AGREGATEM PO DRÓGACH PUBLICZNYCH.</p> <p>1 pc. Dimensions: 260x70 Colour: yellow background, black signs</p>	<p>Note!!!</p> <p>The unit transport width for road traffic is in excess of the permitted width of 3m. It is forbidden to drive the tractor coupled with the unit on public roads.</p>	On the front left section of the frame.

3. Dismantling and Disposal

The pre-sowing spring-type cultivator is composed of the materials which do not pose risks for the environment. After the period of use is terminated and further operation is not justified, the cultivator must be disassembled.

Due to a large number of parts during the disassembly, you must use lifting devices, like an overhead crane or fork lift.

Send the metal parts to a scrap metal yard, and dispose of the rubber parts or send them to sites which are licensed to store such waste. Gather all the used oil from the hydraulic system in the leak-tight containers and send them to petrol stations which collect it.

4. Lighting signalling system

The transport width of the machine (4m) requires obtaining special licences and limiting conditions to drive it on public roads.

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5. Cultivator design

The 4-m pre-sowing spring-type cultivator consists of the following assemblies and subassemblies:

- Beams of bottom rods;

- Main frame with a demountable three-point hitch system, to which two guy ropes are attached, and on the main frame, lower frames with sections of working components and a set of string rollers with a leveller are installed;
- Edge shields;
- Fixing of the roller with mechanical adjustment of operating depth; the crosskill rollers provide compaction of the opened soil to obtain optimised structure for sowing;
- Optionally, the cultivator may be fitted with trace openers.

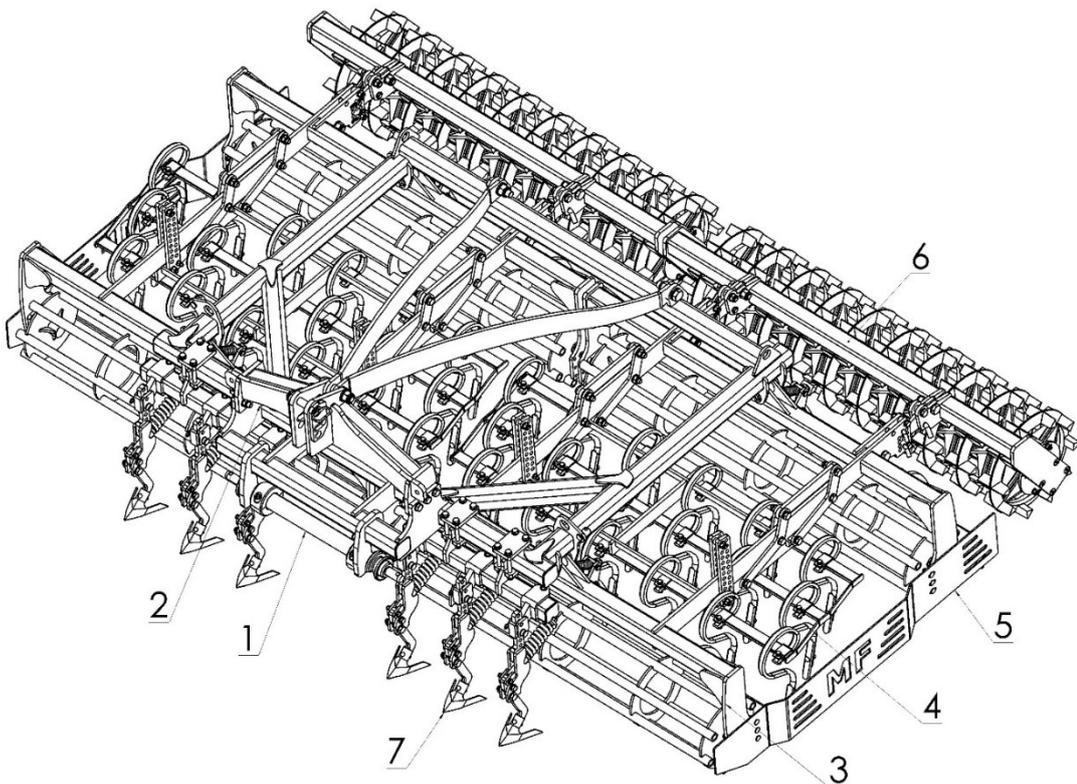


Figure 3. Pre-sowing spring-type cultivator: beam of the lower rods, **2-** cultivator frame, **3-** lower frame with tubular rollers and leveller, **4-** sections of working components, **5-** edge shields, **6-** re-consolidating crosskill roller, **7-** trace openers (OPTIONAL)

5.1. U457 Cultivator technical specification

Table 2. Technical specification of the cultivator

No.	Parameters	UOM	Cultivator type
			U457
1	Cultivator type	-	Suspended, fixed
2	Working width	m	4
3	Number of teeth	pcs	36
4	Roller type	-	- tubular (Ø330) 2 rows - crosskill (Ø500)
5	Working component size	mm	32x12
6	No. of teeth rows	-	3
7	Levelling bar	-	2 rows

8	Working depth range	cm	up to 13 cm
9	Scale between teeth	mm	110
10	Working speed	km/h	8-15
11	Effective capacity	ha/h	3.0-5.0
12	Power requirement	KM kW	110-150 80-110
13	Operation	persons	operator
14	Outer dimensions: W/H/L + working dimensions + transport dimensions	mm	4000/1350/2820 4000/1350/2820
15	Weight with a tubular roller	kg	1990*
16	Hitch diameter	[mm]	Ø36
17	Hitch category	-	III
18	Working depth adjustment	-	Mechanical
19	Trace openers	-	Optional
20	Edge shields	-	Standard

6. Delivery and loading on means of transport

The cultivator is delivered for use in a partly disassembled condition. The extent of disassembly depends on the means of transport used. When loading and unloading, use parts of the frame marked on the machine with relevant pictogram as lifting points, see item 2.

7. Operation, use and maintenance

7.1. Cultivator preparation

Check the technical condition of the cultivator, and particularly its working components to prepare the machine for operation.

Additionally, perform the following:

- Check condition of the bolted joints,
- Check the cultivator for completeness,
- Turn the discs and rollers manually to check if the rotation is free and unhindered,
- Lubricate relevant components, as per instruction given in item 7.5.

7.2. Coupling the cultivator with the tractor

To ensure correct and safe coupling of the cultivator to the tractor, it should stand on solid and level surface.

When connecting the cultivator with the tractor, perform the following steps:

- Reverse the tractor to a distance which enables connecting the cultivator hitch with the tractor lower rods
- Connect the upper 3-point tie-rod to the unit and remove its play,
- Lift the unit and secure the lower rods of the tractor.

7.3. Cultivator adjustment

7.1.1 Working depth adjustment

The working depth of the cultivator can be adjusted mechanically by adjusting the spring tines and re-compacting crosskill roller. The mechanical adjustment is made by change to the pin positions.

7.1.2 Working depth adjustment

Setting the depth of the working components should be done by means of cotter pins fixed in proper holes of the plough frogs, secured with locking pins (Fig. 4).

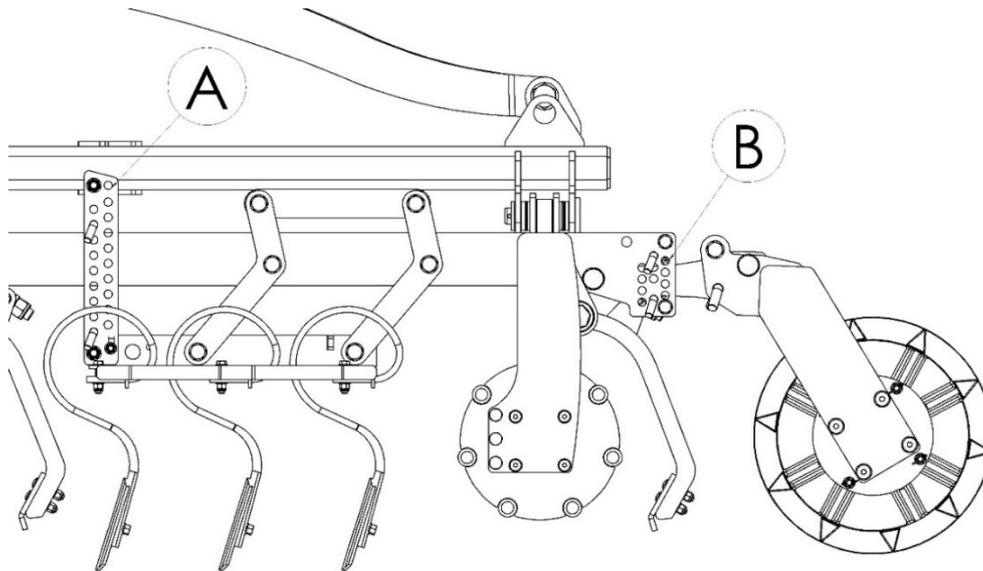


Figure 4. Cultivator working depth adjustment

The working depth of the cultivator springs can be adjusted with the three-point hitch system of the tractor and mechanical adjustment of the working sections.

To increase/decrease the work depth, lift the cultivator over the surface and remove lower pins which lock the change of working section positions in the sheets of depth adjustment (see Fig. 4 - A). Then, lower the cultivator to the ground, which will make the working sections rise and allow for the pin to be entered in a relevant upper hole; after that, lift the cultivator and insert a lower pin in a relevant adjustment hole to lock the working section position.

The roller adjustment should be performed with the use of cotter pins fixed in relevant holes of the roller fixing sheet, secured with locking pins (see Fig. 4 - B). The adjustment can be made after stopping at the edge of the field next to elevated ground. Lower the cultivator roller on the elevated ground, which will make the roller rise and allow for the pin to be inserted in a relevant lower hole.

Secure the pins with spring pins (the locking pins must be in the same holes on both sides of the cultivator). Make the adjustment after you have stopped the tractor engine and follow all the safety rules. Use special care when working with components which can crush feet or hands.

7.4. Cultivator operation

Before you start the operation of the cultivator:

- Check condition of the bolted joints – if any play is found, tighten bolts and nuts,

- Remove the warning marking,
- Set the cultivator working depth,
- Lower the tractor lift and leave it in the floating position.

If during the operation the cultivator is clogged with excessive amount of vegetative residue, lift it for a moment on the tractor hydraulic lift and clean it.

The cultivator must be adjusted during first passage. The cultivator frame is correctly levelled when it is parallel to the field surface.



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Avoid sudden jerks during the cultivator operation.

Turn gently at headland and make sure you lift the cultivator to the transport position.

Do not reverse or u-turn with the cultivator at the working position, as it can lead to damage of the cultivator.



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After you have worked with the cultivator for first 40 hrs, check the bolt connections. If any play is found, tighten the bolts according to the table no. 3.

Table 3. Metrical bolt tightening torques

Bolt tightening torques - metrical bolts in Nm							
Size Ø mm	Pitch mm	Bolt version - strength classes					Wheel nuts, wheel bolts
		4.8	5.8	8.8	10.9	12.9	
3	0.50	0.9	1.1	1.8	2.6	3.0	
4	0.70	1.6	2.0	3.1	4.5	5.3	
5	0.80	3.2	4.0	6.1	8.9	10.4	
6	1.00	5.5	6.8	10.4	15.3	17.9	
7	1.00	9.3	11.5	17.2	25	30	
8	1.25	13.6	16.8	25	37	44	
8	1.00	14.5	18	27	40	47	
10	1.50	26.6	33	50	73	86	45
10	1.25	28	35	53	78	91	
12	1.75	46	56	86	127	148	
12	1.50						80
12	1.25	50	62	95	139	163	
14	2.00	73	90	137	201	235	
14	1.50	79	96	150	220	257	140
16	2.00	113	141	214	314	369	
16	1.50	121	150	229	336	393	220
18	2.50	157	194	306	435	509	
18	1.50	178	220	345	491	575	300
20	2.50	222	275	432	615	719	
20	1.50	248	307	482	687	804	400
22	2.50	305	376	502	843	987	
22	2.00						450
22	1.50	337	416	654	932	1090	500
24	3.00	383	474	744	1080	1240	
24	2.00	420	519	814	1160	1360	
24	1.50						550
27	3.00	568	703	100	1570	1840	
27	2.00	615	760	1200	1700	1990	
30	3.50	772	995	1500	2130	2500	
30	2.00	850	1060	1670	2370	2380	

7.5. Lubrication and storage

Durability and good working order of the unit depends primarily on systematic lubrication.

Use mineral greases for lubrication. Before applying the grease, clean the lubrication points. Carry out the lubrication as per Fig. 5.

Use ŁT-4S-3 grease once per season.

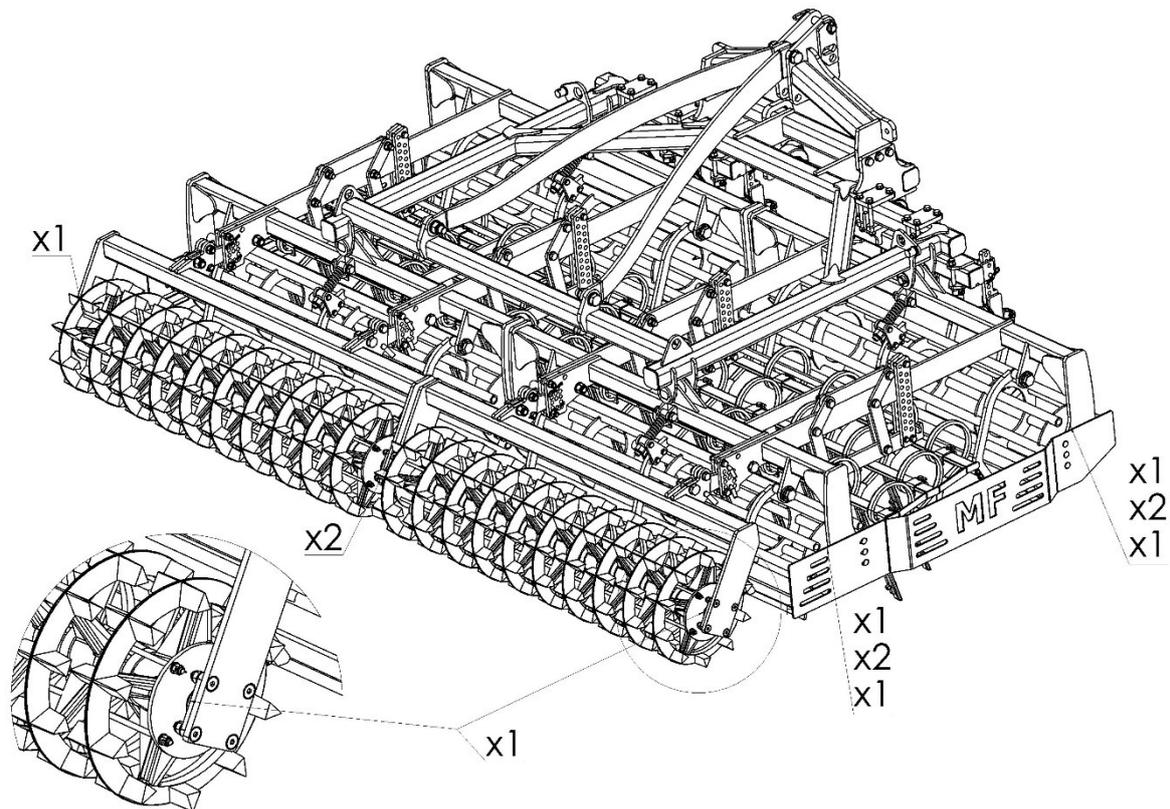


Figure 5. Roller bearing assemblies – 12 points of lubrication

Before a long-term storage, clean the cultivator and remove faults found. Protect it from the adverse weather conditions. Store the cultivator in the extended setting on level compact ground.

8. Residual Risk

8.1. Residual risk description

Most frequently, residual risk stems from improper procedures implemented by cultivator operators, their lack of care or knowledge. The greatest hazard occurs in the following cases:

- Operating the cultivator by underage persons or persons who do not know the instruction manual,
- Operation of the cultivator by persons under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substances,
- Using the machine for purposes other than this described in the instruction manual,
- Standing between the tractor and the cultivator while the tractor engine is running,
- Bystanders, children in particular, standing close to the running cultivator,
- Cleaning the cultivator during operation,
- Handling the moving components of the cultivator during operation,
- Checking the technical condition of the cultivator.

When specifying the residual risks, the cultivator is interpreted as a machine which was designed and made in accordance with the state of art in the year of its manufacture, and meeting basic H&S rules.

8.2. Residual risk assessment

The occurrence of residual risk may be reduced by meeting the recommendations presented below:

- Adhere to the safety rules described in the instruction manual,
- Read the operation manual carefully,
- Reaching into dangerous and prohibited places with your hands forbidden.
- Operating the cultivator in the presence of bystanders, children in particular, forbidden,
- The cultivator may be maintained and repaired by properly trained persons only,
- The cultivator may be operated only by persons who were trained and know the instruction manual,
- Protect the cultivator against the access by children,
- The cultivator may be operated by non-disabled persons who are not under the influence of stimulants.



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Failure to comply with the instructions and guidance provided herein may result in residual risks!

9. Position of the machine centre of gravity

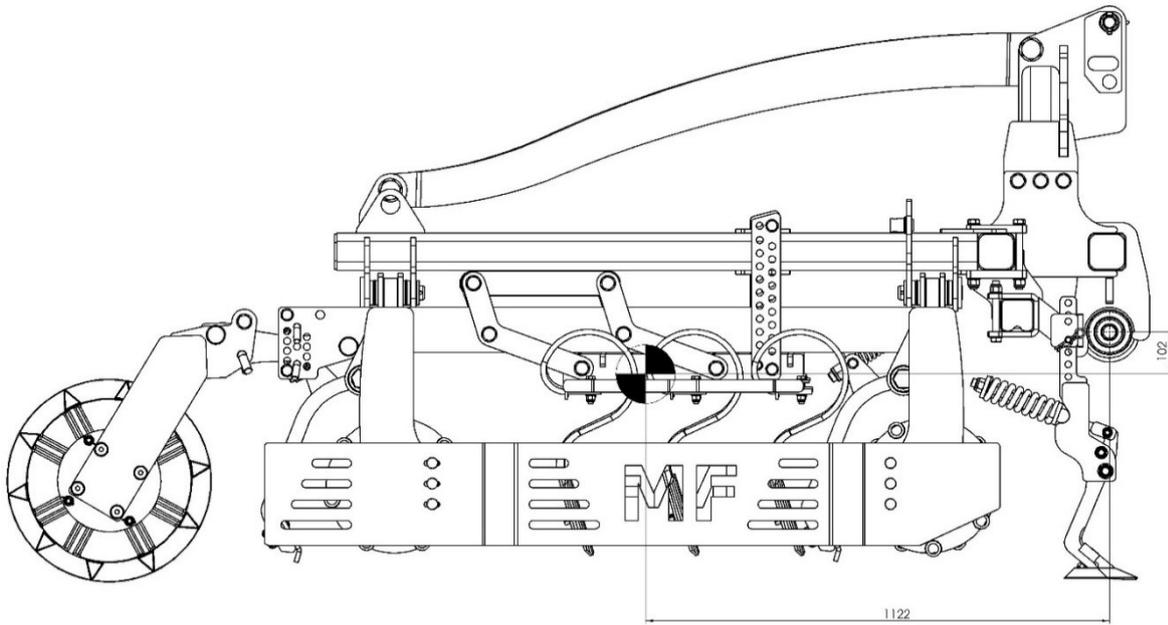


Figure 6. Position of the cultivator centre of gravity

10. Tractor/Pre-sowing spring-type cultivator stability

The traction vehicle should be loaded in the front with the relevant weight to ensure correct steering and braking actions. The front axle load of the tractor with the suspended unit must be at least 20% of the tractor weight itself (Fig. 7).

Remember that the road surface and the pulled machine affect the standard of ride. How you drive must be adjusted to terrain conditions and soil type.

Remember about the wide projection and buoyancy weight of the unit when driving in curves with hitched or semi-suspended machine.

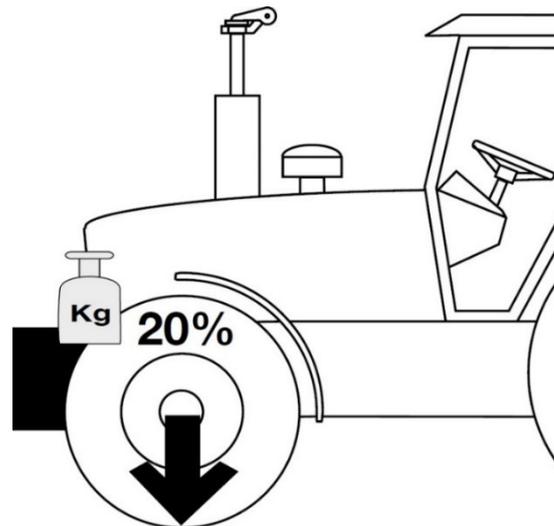


Figure 7. Minimum front axle load of the tractor

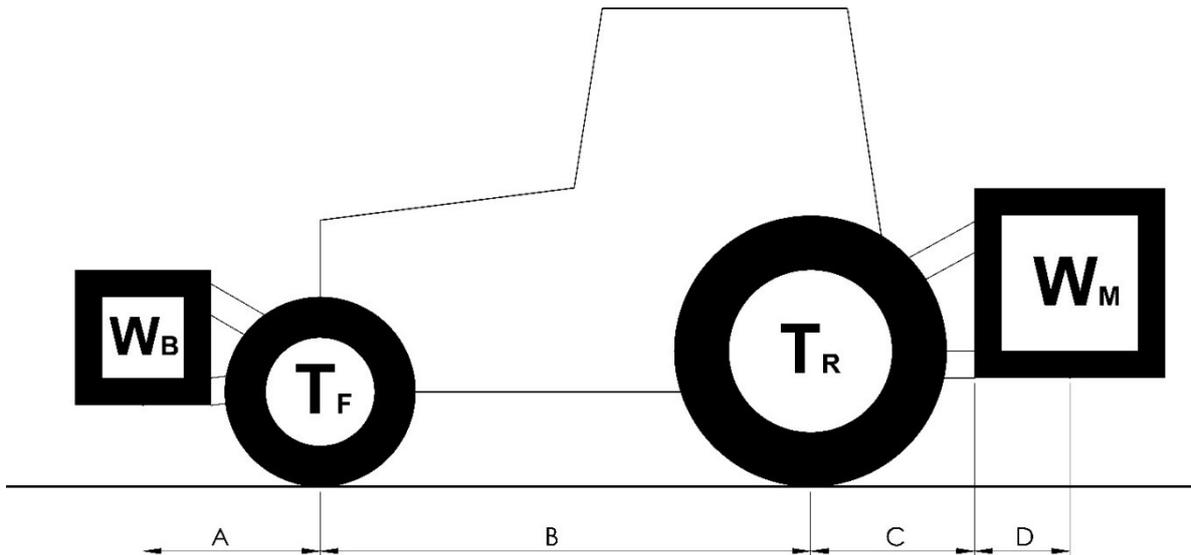


Figure 8. Determining the static stability

You need the following data for the calculation:

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- A** [m] - distance from the centre of gravity of the front weight ballast/pulled machine on the front to the front axle centre;
- B** [m] - distance between the tractor wheels;
- C** [m] - distance between the centre of the rear axle and the centre of the lower tie-rod ball;
- D** [m] - distance between the middle of the lower tie-rod ball and the centre of gravity of the machine pulled on the back.
- T_c** [kg] - tractor curb weight;
- T_F** [kg] - empty tractor front axle load;
- T_R** [kg] - empty tractor rear axle load;
- W_M** [kg] - total weight of the machine pulled on the back;
- W_B** [kg] - total weight of the front ballast/machine pulled on the front.

11. Spare parts catalogue

11.1. How to use the spare parts catalogue

The Catalogue should be used as follows:

- a) Determine in which unit of the machine the part to be exchanged is located.
- b) Find respective drawing of the unit, and the corresponding number of the part to be found.
- c) With reference to this number, look in the description of the table for a relevant number in the drawing or order number and the number of pieces.

11.2. How to order spare parts

Order spare parts on the telephone or sending an e-mail including the following:

- a) The exact address of the customer,
- b) Name, code and serial number of the machine, manufacture year,
- c) Exact name of the part,
- d) No. of the drawing or standard in the spare parts catalogue,
- e) Number of pieces,
- f) Terms of payment.

The parts are delivered by courier company or the customer can collect them on its own from the manufacturer or from the local Metal-Fach distributor.

GUARANTEE TERMS AND SERVICES UNDER GUARANTEE

Detailed information on the guarantee terms for the agricultural equipment are stipulated in the Civil Code, Section III, Guarantees, Article 577-581. That information should be available in all the distribution centres of the agricultural equipment and in all repair garages of such equipment.

The services under the guarantee are to be executed by: (seller/dealer) - entered in the guarantee certificate during the sale.

Terms of guarantee:

1. Prior to the commencement of the operation, the user shall read this instruction manual carefully to avoid unnecessary defects, as failure to comply with the rules of proper operation leads to decreasing the fitness of the machine and loss of the guarantee entitlement.
2. The manufacturer hands over the machine designed and made according to the standards in force. The manufacturer guarantees that the supplied tool carrier is free from any manufacturing faults.
3. Metal-Fach Sp. z o.o. provides the machine with the guarantee period service during 24 months counted from the date of the first sale, at its use as intended, complying at the same time with the recommendations included in this instruction.
4. The prove of providing the guarantee by the manufacturer is the guarantee card correctly filled up by the dealer with the customer signature, confirming acceptance of the guarantee terms.
5. The guarantee shall include the defects of the machine caused by:
 - Defective assembly,
 - Incomplete delivery,
 - Faulty manufacturing of parts or assemblies,
 - Hidden defects of material,
 - Damage during transport (only manufacturer's transport)
6. The guarantee does not cover damages of the hydraulic system resulting from oil contamination.
7. The guarantee does not cover the parts subject to general wear, i.e. working components, cultivator points, springs, hydraulic hoses, Packer roller sweepers, bearings, fluids and lubrication agents, bulbs.
8. The guarantee does not cover mechanical damages and damages resulting from incorrect operation, incorrect maintenance and incorrect setting of the unit.
9. The guarantee does not cover damages resulting from incorrect storage of the machine.
10. Loss of the guarantee results from any unauthorised changes performed by the user.
11. The manufacturer is not liable for loss, damage or destruction of the product resulting from the causes other than the inherent faults of the supplied machine.
12. During the guarantee period the manufacturer shall perform all guarantee repairs of the faults caused by the manufacturing plant, except for the faults mentioned in items 6 to 10.
13. The guarantee repair shall be executed within 14 work days from the date of reporting/supplying the machine to the indicated service centres or on any other time agreed upon.
14. The guarantee shall be extended for the duration of the repair period.

15. The repairs under the guarantee shall be executed by the service centres for full charge.
16. The repairs performed by the service points in the guarantee period that are not covered by the guarantee shall be fully paid for. Prior to execution of such a repair the service point shall agree its performance with the user, proposing the scope of the repair, its planned costs and time of execution.
17. The decision on performing a machine repair for a charge during the guarantee period is taken by the customer.

GUARANTEE CARD

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16-100 Sokółka

.....
(name of the machine)

Guarantee services on behalf
of the manufacturer are rendered by _____

Filled up by the Seller

Manufacturing date _____

Serial number _____

Date of sale _____

Seller signature _____

Buyer's first and last name _____

Address _____

Buyer signature _____

GUARANTEE REPAIRS

No.	Date of breakdown removal	Description of performed actions and replaced parts	Guarantee period of the indicated part extended till	Seal and legible signature

CUSTOMER ORDER FORM FOR SPARE PARTS

1. Customer.....

[Full name, Tax Identification Number]

2. Address.....

(Postal code, place, street, no.)

3. Phone number.....

4. Ordered part specification:

No.	Machine/device name	Name of the parts	Order No.	Number of pcs.

.....
 (Place, date) (legible signature of the customer)
 (Company stamp)

5. The order completed on:

 (Legible signature of the Service centre employee)

- to be invoiced
- invoiced - No. of the Invoice.....

NAME AND ABBREVIATION INDEXES

OHS - occupational health and safety;

dB (A) - decibel A, sound pressure unit;

ha – hectare, area unit;

kg - kilogram, weight unit;

km/h - kilometre per hour, linear speed unit;

HP – horse power, power unit;

kW - kilowatt, power unit;

m - meter, a primary length unit in the SI system;

mm - millimetre, an auxiliary length unit equal to 0.001m;

Nm – newton metre, a unit of torque and moment of force;

Pictogram - an information plate;

Rating plate – a manufacturer's plate unambiguously identifying the machine;

CE marking - placed on the product is a declaration of the manufacturer that the marked product complies with the requirements of the so-called New Approach directives of the European Union (EU). These directives apply to concepts related to the use safety, health protection and environment, stipulate risks which the manufacture is obliged to identify and remove. By marking its product with the CE sign, the manufacturer declares that this product complies with requirements of all directives relating thereto.

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