



# Instruction Manual

Hydraulic Remote Spreaders  
Model – DHS-15



**Maximum Operating Pressure – 700 bar**



This is a safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid injury or death

## 1.0 Product Information

DURAPAC – Hydraulic Spreaders are engineered to meet Industrial Standards for Performance and Safety. The DHS-15 model features high strength steel construction and spring return cylinder. It is designed for rugged operating applications and has serrated jaws for grip.

- 15 ton spreading force
- 5-15 mm spreading capability

Special skill, knowledge and training may be required for a specific task and the product may not be suitable for all jobs. The user must ultimately make the decision regarding suitability of the product for any given task and assume the responsibility of safety for all in the work area. Contact a Durapac representative if you are unsure of your spreader's suitability for a particular application.

## 2.0 Receiving Instructions

It is recommended prior to use that an inspection be done by qualified personnel and that any missing or damaged parts, decals, warning/safety labels or signs are replaced with Durapac authorised replacement parts only. Any spreader that appears to be damaged in any way, is worn, leaking or operates abnormally should be removed from service immediately until such time as repairs can be made. Any spreader that has been or suspected to have been subject to a shock load should be removed from service immediately until inspected by a Durapac authorised service centre. Owners and operators of this equipment should be aware that the use and subsequent repair of this equipment may require specialised training and knowledge.

## 3.0 Safety

Save these instructions. For your safety, read and understand the information contained within. The owner and operator should have an understanding of this product and safe operating procedures before attempting to use this product. Instructions and safety information should be conveyed in the operator's native language before use of this product is authorised. Make certain that the operator thoroughly understands the inherent dangers associated with the use and misuse of the product. If any doubt exists as to the safe and proper use of this product as outlined in this factory authorised manual, remove from service immediately.



### **DANGER:**

- To avoid personal injury keep hands and feet away from work area during operation
- **Do NOT** handle pressurised hoses. Escaping oil under pressure can penetrate the skin causing serious injury. If oil is injected under the skin, see a doctor immediately
- Stay clear of loads supported by hydraulics. A cylinder, when used as a load lifting device, should never be used as a load holding device. After the load has been raised or lowered, it must always be supported mechanically

**WARNING:**

- The system operating pressure must not exceed the pressure rating of the lowest rated component in the system. Install pressure gauges in the system to monitor operating pressure. It is your window to what is happening in the system
- Always wear appropriate *personal protective equipment (PPE)* when operating hydraulic equipment. The operator must take precaution against injury due to failure of the tool or work piece(s)
- **Do NOT** hold or stand directly in line with any hydraulic connections while pressurising
- **Do NOT** attempt to disconnect hydraulic connections under pressure. Release all line pressure before disconnecting hoses
- All personnel must be clear before lowering load or depressurising the system
- **Do NOT** attempt to lift a load weighing more than the capacity of the cylinder

**IMPORTANT:**

- If at any stage, the safety related decals become hard to read, these must be replaced
- Minimum age of the operator must be 18 years. The operator must have read and understood all instructions, safety issues, cautions and warnings before starting to operate the equipment. The operator is responsible for this activity towards other persons
- **Do NOT** lift hydraulic equipment by the hoses or couplers. Use the carrying handle or other means of safe transport
- Hydraulic equipment must only be serviced by a qualified hydraulic technician. For repair service, contact the Durapac authorised service centre in your area. To protect your warranty, use only high quality hydraulic oil

**CAUTION:**

- **KEEP HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT AWAY FROM FLAMES AND HEAT.** Hydraulic fluid can ignite and burn. Excessive heat will soften packings and seals, resulting in fluid leaks. Heat also weakens hose materials and packings. For optimum performance do not expose equipment to temperatures of 65°C (150°F) or higher. Protect all equipment from weld spatter
- No alteration should be made to this device

### 3.1 Hydraulic Spreaders

- The spreader is not designed for use on floor applications. Damage may result if the spreader is used in this way
- If bowing or bending of the spreader jaws occurs, STOP. Immediately release pressure. Evaluate the set-up and consider a higher capacity system. Bowing or bending of components indicates that the spreader is overloaded
- Spreaders should be stored where protected from the elements, abrasive dust, and damage. These devices may be stored in virtually any position
- Use only those adapters and attachments provided and approved by Durapac


- Never pressurise uncoupled couplers. Only use hydraulic equipment in a coupled system

### 3.2 Hydraulic Hoses & Fluid Transmission Lines

- Avoid short runs of straight line tubing. Straight line runs do not provide for expansion and contraction due to pressure and/or temperature changes
- Reduce stress in tube lines. Long tubing runs should be supported by brackets or clips. Before operating the pump, connections should be tightened securely and leak-free. Over tightening can cause premature thread failure or high pressure fittings to burst
- Should a hydraulic hose ever rupture, burst or need to be disconnected, immediately shut off the pump and release all pressure. Never attempt to grasp a leaking pressurised hose with your hands. The force of escaping hydraulic fluid can inflict injury
- **Do NOT** subject the hose to potential hazard such as fire, sharp objects, extreme heat or cold or heavy impact
- **Do NOT** allow the hose to kink, twist, curl, crush, cut or bend so tightly that the fluid flow within the hose is blocked or reduced. Periodically inspect the hose for wear
- Hose material and coupler seals must be compatible with the hydraulic fluid used. Hoses also must not come in contact with corrosive materials such as battery acid, creosote-impregnated objects and wet paint. Never paint a coupler or hose

**FAILURE TO HEED THESE WARNINGS MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY AS WELL AS PROPERTY DAMAGE.**


## 4.0 Installation

 **IMPORTANT:** Always secure threaded port connections with high grade, non-hardening pipe thread sealant. Teflon tape can be used if only one layer of tape is used and it is applied carefully, two threads back, to prevent the tape from being introduced into hydraulic system, which could cause jamming of precision-fit parts

- 4.1 Familiarise yourself with the specifications and illustrations in this owner's manual. Know your spreader, its limitations and how it operates before attempting to use. Refer to the specification chart below or if in doubt, contact a Durapac representative.

Model Number	Capacity (ton)	Oil Capacity (cc)	Tip Clearance Min. (mm)	Spread Max. (mm)	Weight (kg)
DHS-15	15	26	5	15	3.5

- 4.2 Make hydraulic connections; use a pump release valve or a 3-way valve and one hose for single-acting cylinder.

 **IMPORTANT:** Fully hand-tighten all couplers. Loose coupler connections will block the flow of oil between the pump and the cylinder

- 4.3 Check all system fittings and connections to be sure they are tight and leak free.

- 4.4 Check oil level in reservoir before operating pump.
- 4.5 Remove air from the system – Position the spreader so that the piston rod is pointed down and the cylinder is lower than the pump. Advance and retract the cylinder several times, avoiding pressure build-up. Air removal is complete when the cylinder motion is smooth.



Figure 1 – Typical Spreader Nomenclature

## 5.0 Operation

- ⚠** Inspect before each use. Do not use if bent, broken, leaking or damaged components are noted

The DHS-15 Spreaders have a spring return cylinder and the speed of retraction is affected by the length of the hose and other restrictions in the line. Most 700 bar hand or power pumps for use with single acting tools are compatible with the DHS-15 spreaders.

For complete operating instructions refer to the instruction sheet included with each pump.

### 5.1 Spreader Loads

- 5.1.1 Ensure that both spreader jaws fully engage the load and that the load is centred on the serrated portion of each spreader jaw before pressurizing spreader. Do not load off centre.

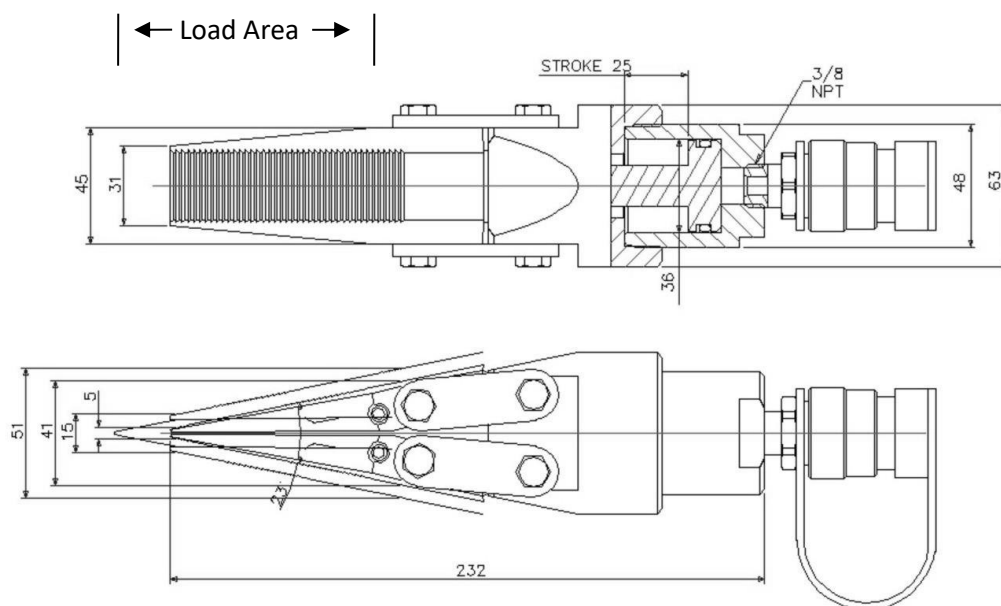


Figure 2 – Spreader Loads

- 5.1.2 Ensure load is mechanically blocked before personnel commence operations near the work area.

## 5.2 Advancing and Retracting the Spreader

- 5.2.1 To advance the spreader, close the pump release valve and start the pump to advance the spreader.
- 5.2.2 To retract the spreader, slowly open the pump release valve to release hydraulic pressure.

## 6.0 Maintenance



### IMPORTANT:

- Use only good quality hydraulic fluid. **Do NOT** use brake fluid, transmission fluid, turbine oil, motor oil, alcohol, glycerine etc. Use of anything other than good quality hydraulic oil will void warranty and damage the pump, hose, and application. We recommend Durapac Hydraulic Oil or equivalent
- Equipment must only be serviced by a qualified hydraulic technician. For repair service, contact your local Durapac authorised service centre
- Damage to hydraulic hoses may not be detected during visual inspections. For this reason, Durapac recommends that hydraulic hoses be replaced on a regular basis
- Tighten connections as needed. Use non-hardening pipe thread compound when servicing connections

Dirt, sand, etc. will quickly ruin any hydraulic system. Ensure that couplings are clean and free of foreign matter. After each use, clean couplings and attach dust caps.

Maintenance is required when wear or leakage is noticed. Periodically inspect all components to detect any problem that may require service and maintenance.

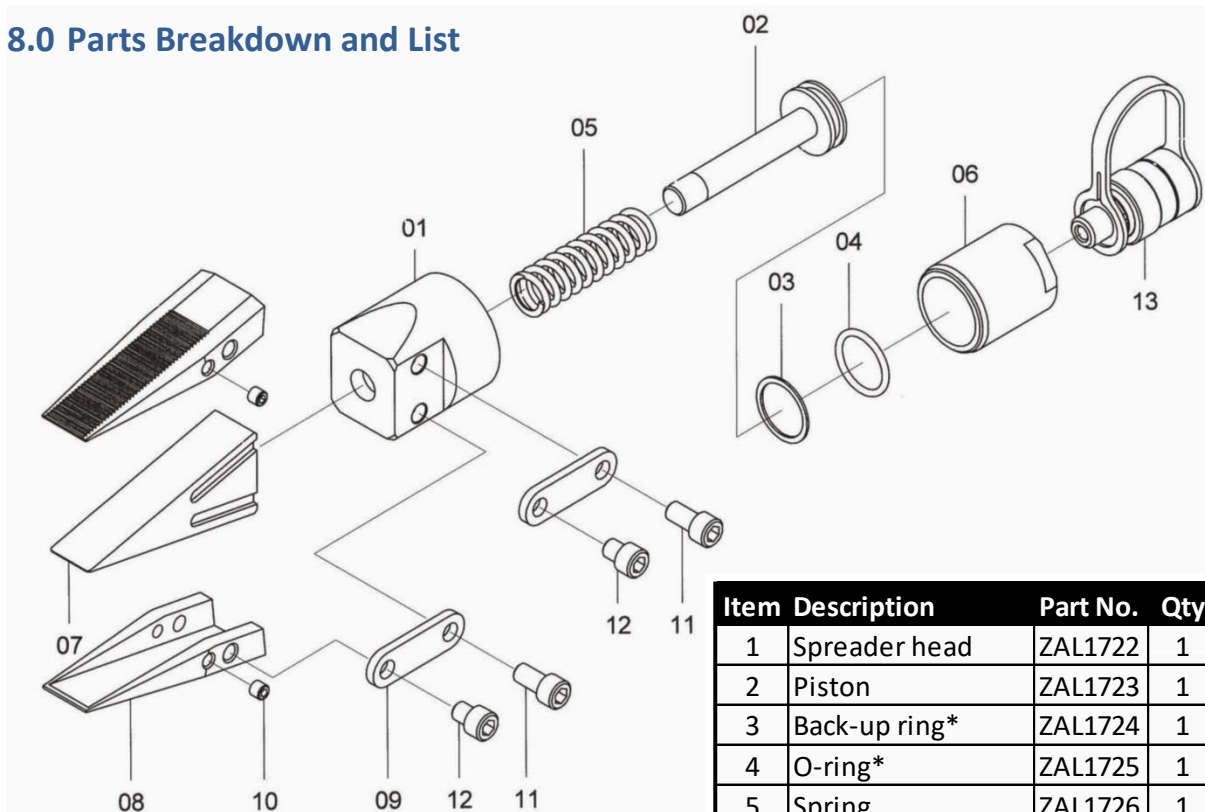
- 6.1 Check for loose connections and leaks
- 6.2 Replace damaged parts immediately
- 6.3 Do not exceed oil temperature above 60°C
- 6.4 Keep all hydraulic components clean
- 6.5 Use dust caps when spreader is disconnected from the hose. Keep clean to prolong the product's life.
- 6.6 Wipe thoroughly clean and store spreader upright (to prevent seal distortion) in clean, dry environment. Avoid temperature extremes.
- 6.7 Change hydraulic oil in your system as recommended in the pump instruction sheet
- 6.8 Periodically lubricate lifting wedge with a small amount of high quality grease.
- 6.9 Periodically apply a coating of light lubricating oil to pivot points and hinges.

## 7.0 Troubleshooting

Problem	Cause	Solution
<b>Spreader moves but does not maintain pressure</b>	Leaking connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean, reseal with thread sealant and tighten connection</li> </ul>
	Leaking cylinder seals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace worn seals</li> <li>• Check for excessive contamination or wear</li> <li>• Replace contaminated fluid as necessary</li> </ul>
	Malfunctioning pump/valve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check pump or valve operating instructions</li> <li>• Repair or replace as necessary</li> </ul>
<b>Spreader leaks hydraulic fluid</b>	Worn or damaged seals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace worn seals</li> <li>• Check for excessive contamination or wear</li> <li>• Replace contaminated fluid as necessary</li> </ul>
	Loose connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean, reseal with thread sealant and tighten connection</li> </ul>
<b>Spreader will not retract or retracts slower than normal</b>	Closed pump release valve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open pump release valve</li> </ul>
	Loose couplers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tighten couplers</li> </ul>
	Blocked hydraulic lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean and flush lines</li> </ul>
	Weak or broken retraction springs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send to a Durapac authorised service centre for repair</li> </ul>
	Internally damaged cylinder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send to a Durapac authorised service centre for repair</li> </ul>
	Pump reservoir too full	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drain hydraulic fluid to correct level</li> </ul>
<b>Erratic Action</b>	Air in system or pump cavitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add fluid, bleed air and check for leaks</li> </ul>
	External leakage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace worn packings</li> <li>• Check for excessive contamination fluid as necessary</li> <li>• Replace contaminated fluid as necessary</li> </ul>
	Sticking or binding cylinder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check for dirt or leaks</li> <li>• Check for bent, misaligned, worn parts or defective packings</li> </ul>
<b>Spreader does not move</b>	Loose couplers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tighten couplers</li> </ul>
	Faulty coupler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify that female coupler is not locked up (ball wedged into seat)</li> <li>• Replace both male and female couplers</li> </ul>
	Improper valve position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close release valve or shift to new position</li> </ul>
	Low or no hydraulic fluid in pump reservoir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fill and bleed the system</li> </ul>
	Air-locked pump	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prime pump according to pump operating instructions</li> </ul>
	Pump not operating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check pump's operating instructions</li> </ul>
	Load is above the capacity of the system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the correct equipment</li> </ul>

Problem	Cause	Solution
<b>Spreader extends only partially</b>	Low or no hydraulic fluid in pump reservoir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fill and bleed the system</li> </ul>
	Load is above the capacity of the system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the correct equipment</li> </ul>
	Sticking or binding cylinder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check for dirt or leaks</li> <li>Check for bent, misaligned, worn parts or defective packings</li> </ul>
<b>Spreader moves slower than normal</b>	Loose couplers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tighten couplers</li> </ul>
	Restricted hydraulic line or fitting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean</li> <li>Replace if damaged</li> </ul>
	Pump not operating correctly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check pump's operating instructions</li> <li>Repair or replace as necessary</li> </ul>
	Cylinder seals leaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace worn seals. Check for excessive contamination or wear. Replace contaminated fluid as necessary</li> </ul>

## 8.0 Parts Breakdown and List



Not all components are replacement items, but are illustrated as a convenient reference of location and position in the assembly sequence.

Serial, model and part numbers need to be quoted when ordering parts.

Items marked with a \* are contained within a standard seal kit.

~The 8mm jaw is no longer available – contact your Durapac representative for replacement instructions.

Item	Description	Part No.	Qty
1	Spreader head	ZAL1722	1
2	Piston	ZAL1723	1
3	Back-up ring*	ZAL1724	1
4	O-ring*	ZAL1725	1
5	Spring	ZAL1726	1
6	Cylinder	ZAL1727	1
7	Wedge	ZAL1710	1
8a	Jaw - 8mm~	-	-
8b	Jaw - 10mm	ZAL1748	2
9	Link plate	ZAL1728	4
10	Screw	ZAL1729	4
11	Bolt	ZAL1705	4
12	Bolt	ZAL1706	4
13	Coupling	ZAL1472	1
	Seal kit	ZAL1746	1