

“EDE” & “BLE” Owner’s Manual

MECHANICAL LEVELERS



BLE Series



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WARNING

DO NOT install, operate or service product unless you have read and understand the Safety Procedures, Warnings, Installation and Operating instructions contained in this manual. Failure to do so could result in serious injury and/or death.

Safety Procedures



WARNING: Read and understand all safety practices and operating instructions before installing, operating or servicing the dock leveler. Failure to follow the safety practices and operating instructions may result in property damage, serious bodily injury and/or death.

If you do not understand the safety procedures or the instructions, ask your supervisor to explain the safety procedures and/or teach you how to use the dock leveler.



CAUTION: The installer and/or operator MUST be very familiar with the operation, function and various parts of the PIONEER Edge of Dock Leveler PRIOR to installation and/or operation. If this is not the case, it is IMPERATIVE that the installer and/or operator read, and fully understand, the entire contents of this manual. **Be certain to read and understand all warning and caution statements contained in this manual prior to any installation, operation or servicing of this unit.**

- 1 Do not operate this equipment while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- 2 Do not stand in the driveway between the dock leveler and a truck backing or pulling away.
- 3 Be sure the truck wheels are chocked, or the truck is held in place by a restraining device, before attempting to load or unload the truck.
- 4 Do not use the dock leveler if it looks broken or does not seem to operate correctly. Tell your supervisor immediately.
- 5 Do not operate the leveler with equipment, material or people on the platform and/or lip or in front of the leveler.
- 6 Be certain that equipment, material and/or people are not on the dock leveler before allowing a truck to back in or pull out.
- 7 Keep clear of the dock leveler when it is moving. Never place your hands, arms, feet or legs in the position where a moving dock leveler or a moving load could cause injury. **If in doubt, do not do it!**
- 8 If the dock leveler is not working properly, using the operation instructions in this manual, **do not use the dock leveler.** Contact your authorized PIONEER representative.
- 9 Never attempt to work under the dock leveler, for service or repair, without proper placement of safety bracing.
- 10 Damage to the dock leveler, personal injury or death can result from abuse and/or negligent use of this equipment.
- 11 If you have any questions, or if a malfunction occurs which is not understood, ask your supervisor to contact your authorized PIONEER representative for assistance PRIOR to attempting any corrective measures.



THIS IS THE SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL. IT IS USED TO ALERT YOU TO POTENTIAL PERSONAL INJURY HAZARDS. OBEY ALL SAFETY MESSAGES THAT FOLLOW THIS SYMBOL TO AVOID POSSIBLE INJURY AND/OR DEATH.



WARNING

INDICATES A POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION WHICH, IF NOT AVOIDED, COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY AND/OR DEATH.



KEEP THIS MANUAL AND ALL SAFETY PROCEDURES IN A SECURE LOCATION WITH EASY ACCESS.



WARNING! READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS ENTIRE MANUAL PRIOR TO OPERATING.



WARNING! A DOCK LEVELER CAN BE A POTENTIAL THREAT TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY, IF NOT USED PROPERLY. SAFE OPERATION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OPERATOR.



WARNING! DO NOT ENTER THE AREA IN FRONT OF OR BELOW THE DOCK LEVELER. SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY AND/OR DEATH MAY RESULT.



WARNING! DO NOT ATTEMPT TO INSTALL, MAKE REPAIRS OR ADJUSTMENTS. ONLY A TRAINED AND AUTHORIZED SERVICE TECHNICIAN SHOULD PERFORM REPAIRS OR ADJUSTMENTS. ONLY A QUALIFIED CONTRACTOR/SUB-CONTRACTOR SHOULD PERFORM THE INSTALLATION PROCESS. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL PIONEER DEALER FOR ASSISTANCE.

SECTION 1

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVING AND HANDLING

RECEIVING:

WARNING

WARNING! Use caution when unbanding the EOD Leveler. Keep hands clear of pinch points and wear appropriate safety attire - Glasses, Gloves, and Work Boots.

Check for possible damage or missing parts immediately upon receipt of unit. Note any damage on receiving papers.

Prepare any claims against carrier if necessary.

NOTE: Damage noticed after receipt must be reported to carrier within 15 days.

Notify PIONEER of any damage or missing parts.

HANDLING:

WARNING

WARNING! Use caution when lifting or moving the EOD Leveler. DO NOT ATTEMPT to lift without suitable hoisting equipment capable of lifting as much as 600 lbs.

Unit is easily handled for installation by hooking a heavy chain to each buttonhead rivet (EDE) or hooking the chain to the center plate (BLE).

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS INSTALLATION

GENERAL INFORMATION:

WARNING

DO NOT EXCEED DOCK LEVELER CAPACITY. OVER LOADING DOCK LEVELER COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

Edge of Dock Levelers are designed to service trailers 5" above to 5" below dock level.

The dock levelers are shipped banded without tension on spring. Adjustment should be accomplished when installed.

Prior to installation, clean the dock face and dock area.

All prepunched holes are 13/16" diameter. Use 4" to 6" x 3/4" anchor bolts.

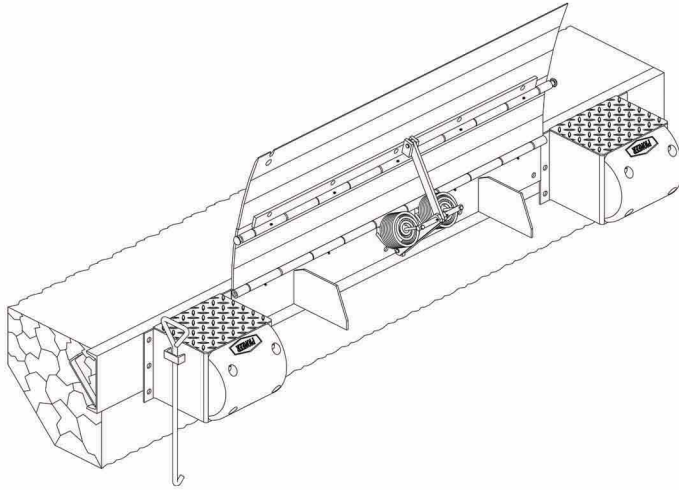
WARNING: Before you start to install the leveler, use proper safety signs and barriers to separate the work area from the remainder of the dock.



SECTION 1

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS INSTALLATION

Illustration: 1



WELD ON—NEW CONSTRUCTION

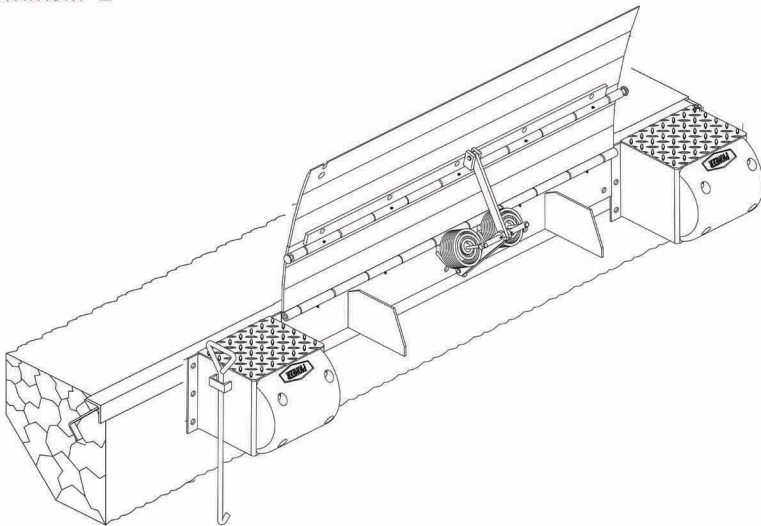
Use when dock edge vertical steel is 8" or wider. At dock edge, mark the center of chosen leveler location. Mark dock edge 33" either side of center (36" for 72" models; 39" for 78" models; 42" for 84" models).

Locate leveler with top of rear hinge flush with top of dock. This will place top of base plate approx. 1/4" below dock surface.

Tack weld ends of base plate to dock face steel, the top edge of base plate being 1/4" below dock. Tack weld both bump blocks at left and right ends of leveler allowing 1/4" space for weld between base plate ends and bump block.

Continuous Weld bump blocks and base plate along top and all vertical edges while holding leveler firmly against dock. Spot weld all prepunched holes along the bottom of the baseplate.

Illustration: 2



WELD ON/BOLT ON—EXISTING CONSTRUCTION

Use when dock edge steel is securely anchored, but not adequate for weld-on method.

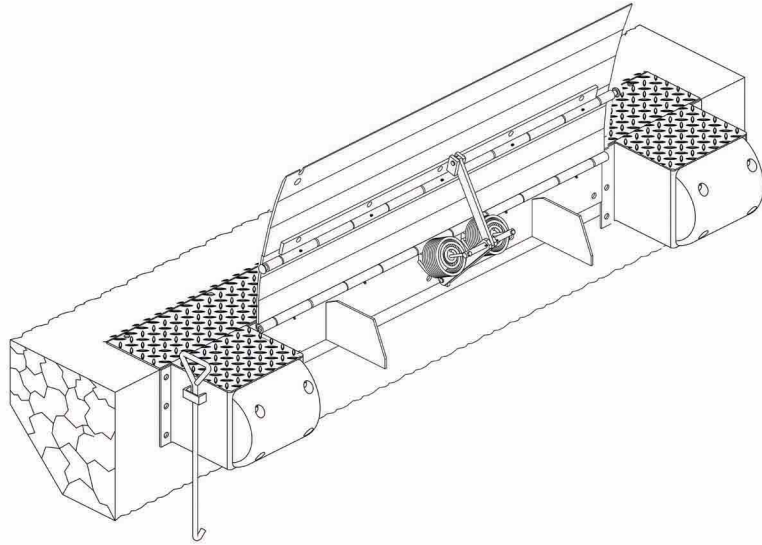
Complete all steps of instruction under "Weld On—New Construction."

Bolt leveler and bump blocks to dock face using all 13/16" prepunched holes furnished.

SECTION 1

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS INSTALLATION

Illustration: 3



WARNING

All anchor bolts must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instruction. Improper installation may result in serious personal injury or death.

DO NOT install anchor bolts in cracks of expansion joints in concrete. Installation in cracks or expansion joints may cause the anchors to come loose and pull out. Use of improperly installed anchor bolts may result in serious personal injury and/or death.

BOLT ON + APPROACH PLATE — EXISTING CONSTRUCTION

Use when dock edge has no steel, or steel is poorly anchored, and dock face is adequate for bolting. Mark and drill holes for dock leveler centered 6-1/4" below dock edge; base plate to be raised 1/8" above dock edge for welding to approach plate. Install two (2) anchor bolts in end holes, position leveler on bolts and partially tighten nuts to hold leveler secure.

Place approach plate in position on floor, front edge being 1/8" behind base plate. Mark floor along rear edge of approach plate.

Slide plate forward 2", tack weld to leveler and use as a guide for cutting groove in floor along entire width (long dimension) of approach plate. Groove to be 2" wide and 1/8" deeper than thickness of approach plate.

Break plate loose from leveler. Position approach plate in groove and tack weld to leveler base plate. Drill holes in floor using plate holes as guide. Install anchor bolts in plate (See General Information page 1). Weld and grind bolt heads to approach plate to a smooth dome shape. **Continuous weld** approach plate to top of base plate. Complete bolting phase of unit.

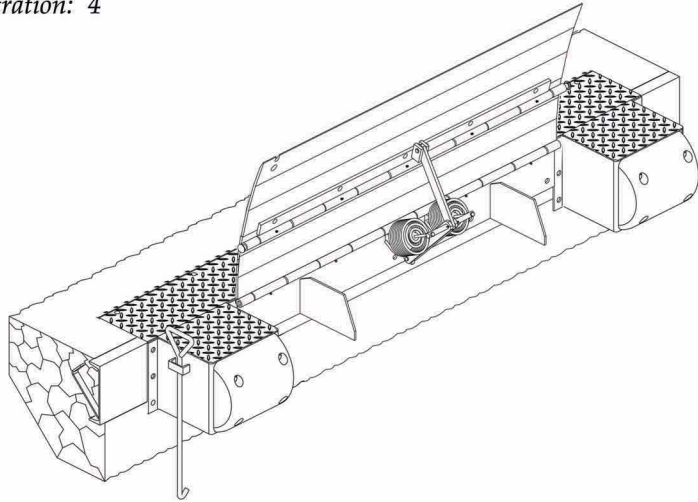
NOTE:

All anchor bolts lengths must suit local codes and conditions. Type and depth of concrete will determine type and length of anchor bolts required.

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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS INSTALLATION

Illustration: 4



WELD ON AND RAISE APPROACH PLATE

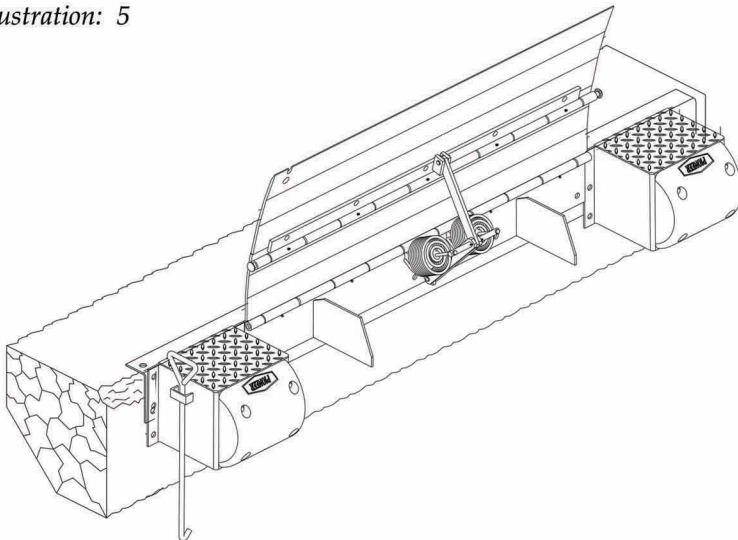
Use when dock edge is sound but height is less than adequate (bolting may also be required). At dock edge, mark the center of chosen leveler location. Mark dock edge 33" either side of center (36" for 72" models).

Raise leveler and bump blocks to desired height (3" max.), and weld back of base plate to dock edge steel. Tack weld both bump blocks at left and right ends of leveler allowing 1/4" space for weld between base plate ends and bump block.

Cut groove in floor, position approach plate at top edge of base plate and tack weld to unit and bump blocks. (See Illustration 3 for details.)

Complete bolting phase of installation, then **continuous weld** all points of contact between leveler, dock steel and approach plate.

Illustration: 5



FORMED ANGLE-WELD ON—RAISED APPROACH PLATE

Use when dock edge is badly crumbled and dock edge is slightly low.

Unit must be raised approximately 2" in this application!

Position formed angle at desired location, mark holes, remove angle, drill holes and install angle. Install unit and approach plate according to methods described for "Existing Construction" (See Illustrations 3 & 4).

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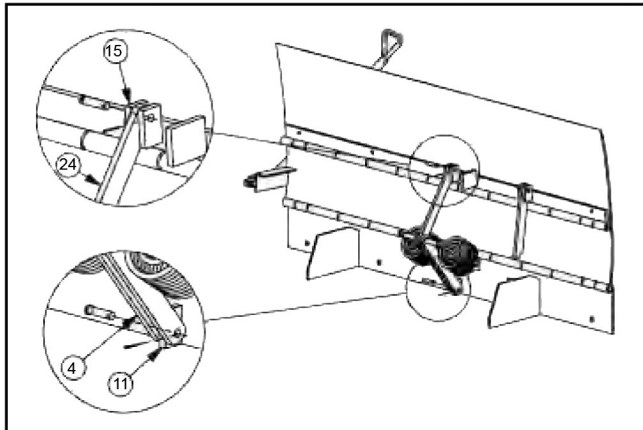
WARNING! DO NOT allow lip and ramp to fall free. Allowing dock leveler to fall free could result in dock leveler coming free from dock or damaging linkage resulting in property damage, serious injury and/or death.

BARLIFT MODELS

After installation of EOD and Bumpers is completed, remove bolt from lifting bar, insert bar into bracket (handle facing forward) and reattach bolt.

SECTION 2

MAINTENANCE

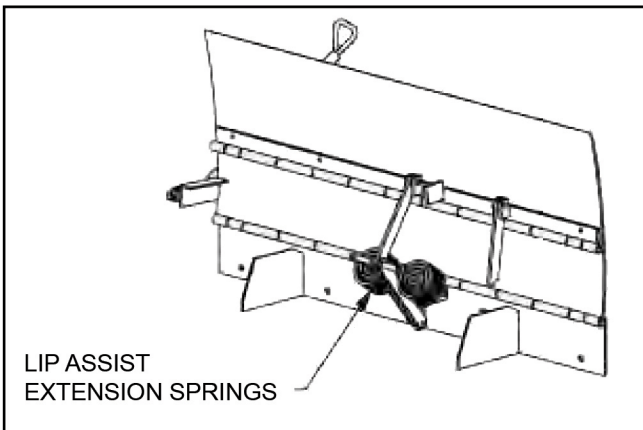


ASSEMBLY

Units are shipped with lip linkages disconnected. These Linkages must be fully assembled before use.

To connect the lip linkages, first remove the clevis pin from the lower lip linkages (Item 4). Locate the lower linkages on each side of the base plate tab (Item 11). Reassemble the clevis pin and cotter pin. Bend the cotter pin to hold securely in place.

Next, remove the clevis pin from the lip plate tabs (Item 15). Insert the center link (Item 24) between the lip plate tabs, and reassemble the clevis pin and cotter pin. Bend the cotter pin to hold secure in place.



ADJUSTING SPRING TENSION FOR LIFT ASSIST

Units are shipped with no tension on the lift assist springs. Once the lever is installed and assembled, tension on the springs can be increased.

To increase tension on the lift assist springs, tighten the bolt and locknut extending through the center of each extension spring. Be sure to adjust the springs evenly by maintaining the same length of bolt exposure on each spring.

Warning: Do not over tighten the extension springs. Over-tightening the springs may cause the dock leveler to float or bounce during use, creating a dangerous operating condition.



1 With the leveler in the stored position, back the truck into position against the bumpers.

Note: Always chock the wheels for safety.



2 Actuate the leveler by hooking the front hinge rivet with the lifting hook and raising the leveler.

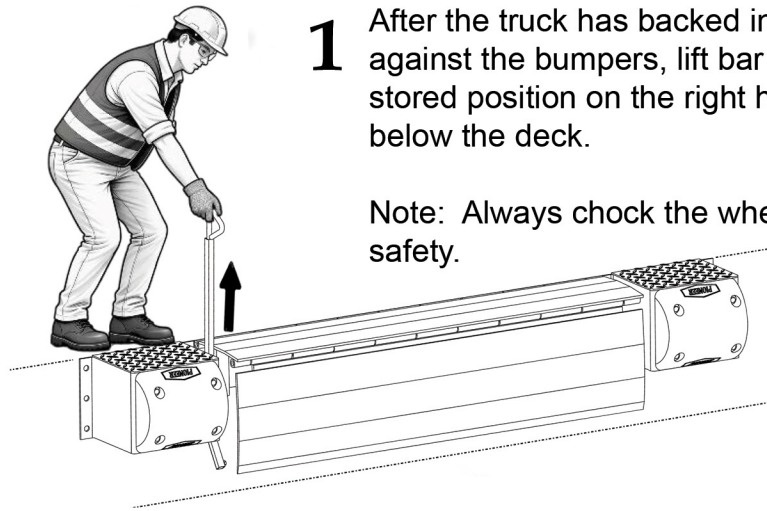


3 Raise the front plate (lip) to vertical.



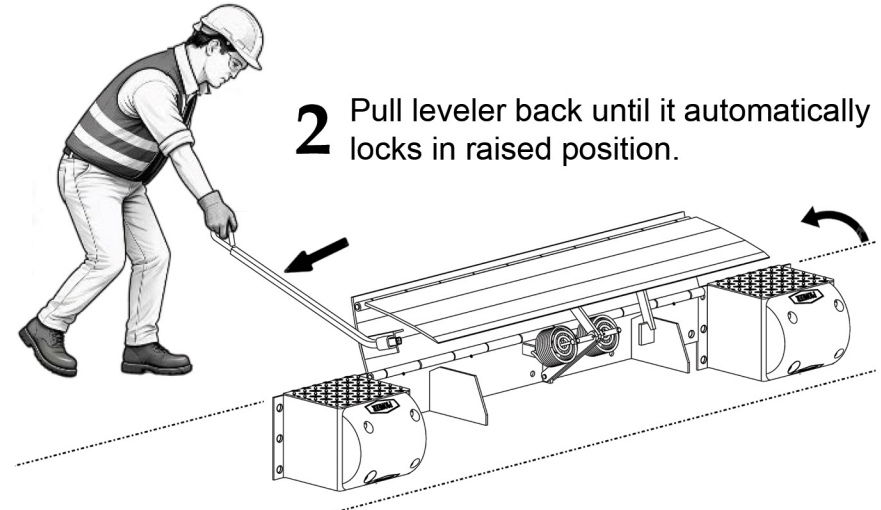
4 Place the lifting hook against concrete dock face and push the leveler into the truck.

5 When the truck departs, the leveler automatically returns to the stored position.

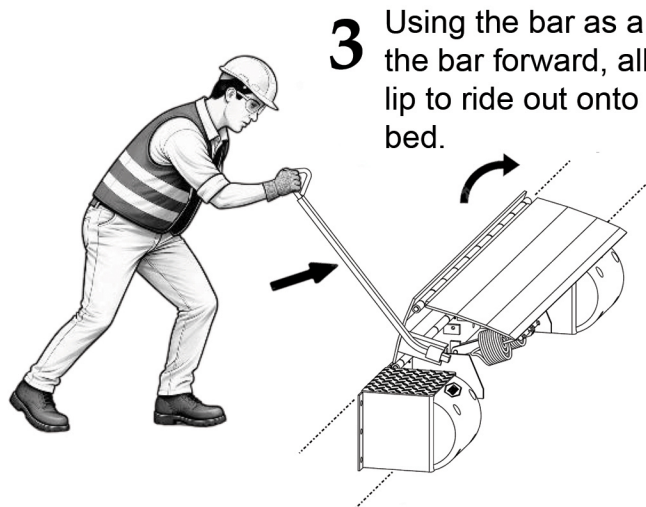


1 After the truck has backed into position against the bumpers, lift bar from the stored position on the right hand side below the deck.

Note: Always chock the wheels for safety.



2 Pull leveler back until it automatically locks in raised position.



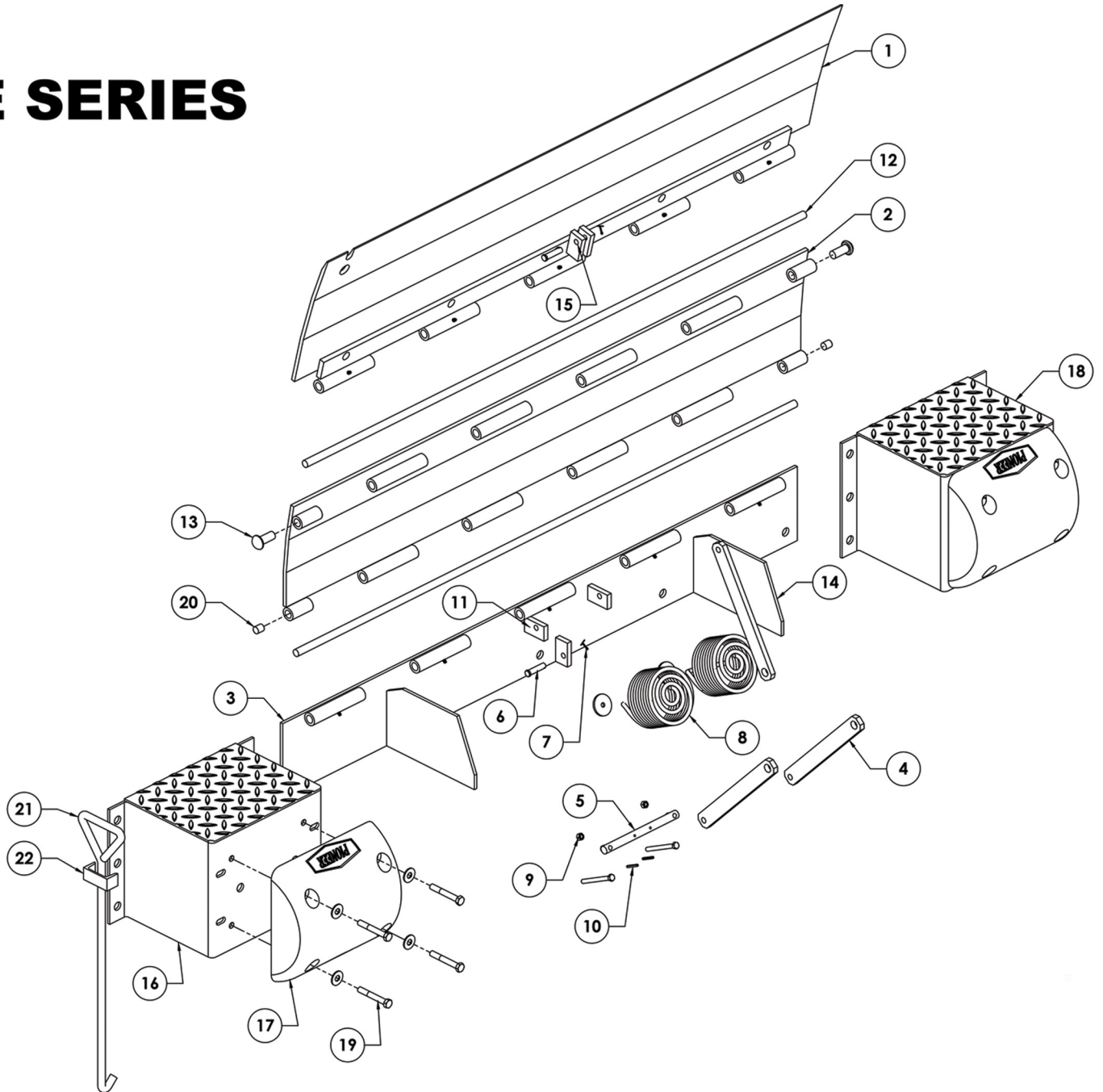
3 Using the bar as a lever, push the bar forward, allowing the lip to ride out onto the truck bed.



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IMPORTANT!**

4 To prevent damage to the bar, return it to the stored position.

EDE SERIES

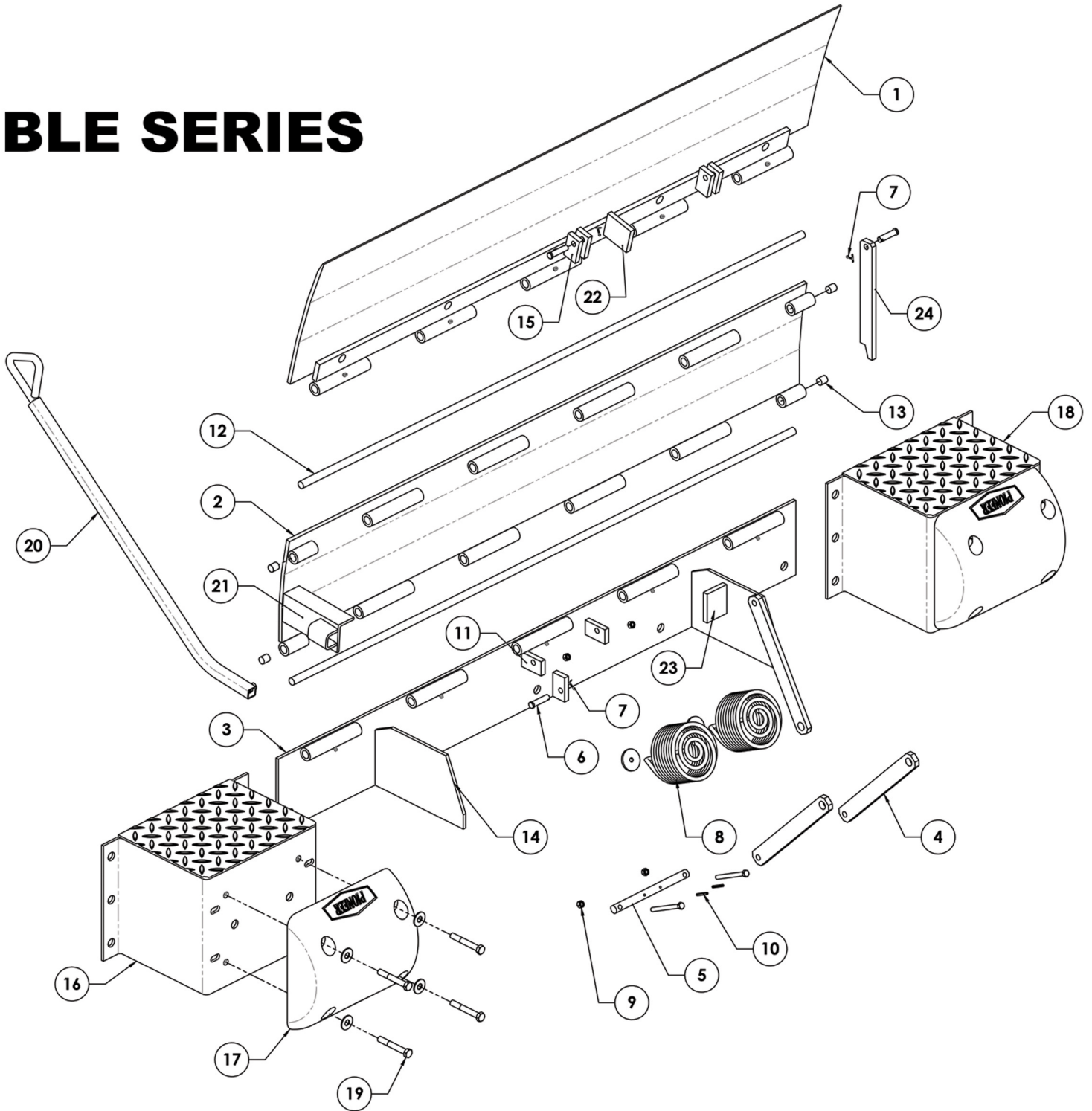


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Illus#	Part#	Part Description
1	2060	Lip Plate Assy. - EDE6620
1	2067	Lip Plate Assy. - EDE6625
1	2065	Lip Plate Assy. - EDE7220
1	2068	Lip Plate Assy. - EDE7225
2	0153	Center Plate Assy. - EDE6620
2	2023	Center Plate Assy. - EDE6625
2	0183	Center Plate Assy. - EDE7220
2	2008	Center Plate Assy. - EDE7225
3	2047	Base Plate Assy. - 66" Units
3	2007	Base Plate Assy. - 72" Units
4	2014	Lip Linkage Arms (3 each required)
5	2015	Extension Spring Attachment Bar
6	A37	Clevis Pins (2 ea. Req.) (1/2" x 2")
7	0235	Linkage Pin Keys (2 each required)
8	9616	Extension Springs (2 each required)
9	2087	Spring Adjustment Hardware Set

Illus#	Part#	Part Description
10	9632	Spring Pin - Slotted (3/16" x 1 1/2")
11	0122	Extension Spring Tabs (3 each required)
12	0115	Hinge Pin 66" Units
12	0189	Hinge Pin 72" Units
13	0188	Rivet (2 required)
14	0107	Gusset
15	2010	Lip Linkage Tabs
16	0138	Bump Block Steel w/Cover (4 hole)
17	3874	Molded Rubber 4 Hole Round
18	4000	Bump Block Assy. Orange w/Round Bumper
19	0276	4 Hole Bumper Hardware
20	1751	End Tube Plug
21	0141	Lifting Hook
22	0150	Hook Hanger

BLE SERIES



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Illus#	Part#	Part Description
1	2049	Lip Plate Assy. - BLE6620
1	2066	Lip Plate Assy. - BLE6625
1	2022	Lip Plate Assy. - BLE7220
1	2009	Lip Plate Assy. - BLE7225
2	0153	Center Plate Assy. - BLE6620
2	2023	Center Plate Assy. - BLE6625
2	0183	Center Plate Assy. - BLE7220
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16	0138	Bump Block Steel w/Cover (4 hole)
17	3874	Molded Rubber 4 Hole Round
18	0139	Bump Block Assy. Orange w/Round Bumper
19	0276	4 Hole Bumper Hardware
20	2006	BarLift Handle Assy. BLE
21	2012	BLE BarLift Holder Assy.
22	1017	Lip Stop Tab
23	1017	Lip Release Tab
24	2017	Lip Kickout Bar



Warranty Procedure

The information on the Warranty Claim Request Form must be provided with all warranty claims.

When a call is received with a warranty problem a Customer Service number (CSF ####) will be issued for that problem only and cannot be used again without prior approval. This number must be on all invoices submitted for payment and on all correspondence.

Before and after pictures of all the work performed must be supplied with each claim. If you take digital pictures, e-mail them to warranty@pioneerleveler.com. If you use a film camera forward the film to Pioneer Dock Equipment, PO Box 338 Spring Hill, TN 37174, Attn: Warranty Dept.

No claim will be considered for processing without the required information.

Replacement Part under Warranty

Any replacement parts will be invoiced at the time of shipment. Credit will be given when the damaged parts are returned to Pioneer. Any exceptions will be determined by Pioneer. At Pioneer's discretion, replacement parts will be shipped either UPS ground or OTR truck. Any other requested method of shipment will be charged to the dealer. (i.e. UPS next day-Fed-Ex., etc.)

All returned parts will be issued a Return Authorization Number (RGA ####). A form will be faxed with the RGA number. A signed copy is to be faxed to 1-931-486-0316 and returned with the parts. The Return Authorization is good for 30 days. **The RGA# must be listed on all returns, using the RGA Form as a packing list.**

No credits will be issued without prior proper authorization.

A copy of the credit memo will be sent to your billing address. The credit will be given against the invoice issued for the replacement parts. Credits will be limited to repair parts, labor, and shipping fees directly related to warranty failures. **No Credit will be given on non-Pioneer parts.**

Any questions regarding Warranty or Return Authorization should be directed to Customer Service at warranty@pioneerleveler.com or 1-866-728-6195.

EXTENSION SPRING EDGE OF DOCK WARRANTY

All PIONEER DOCK LEVELERS carry a comprehensive structural warranty. PIONEER guarantees its EDGE OF DOCK LEVELERS against defects in material and workmanship for a period of ONE (1) year, beginning at Date of Shipment.

PIONEER accepts full responsibility for the cost of materials, labor and freight for any warranty claim and reserves the right to either repair or replace any defective parts. PIONEER'S STANDARD WARRANTY PROCEDURES MUST BE FOLLOWED.

A claim for breach of warranty will be honored if the product has been properly installed, maintained and operated within its capacity, and not damaged by abuse.

PIONEER SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR LOSS OF USE OF ANY EQUIPMENT OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES. PIONEER EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY AND ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES.

All PIONEER products meet or exceed Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act Standards, Commercial Standards 202-56, and American Society of Mechanical Engineers Specifications ANSI MH14.1-84.