## **Operator's Manual**

# CRAFTSMAN°

## **Hydraulic Bottle Jacks**

Model 50284 - 12 Ton Capacity Model 50285 - 20 Ton Capacity



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#### AIR PURGE PROCEDURE

IMPORTANT: BEFORE FIRST USE, perform the following Air Purge Procedure to remove any air that may have been introduced into the hydraulic system as a result of product shipment and handling.

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#### **OPEN RELEASE VALVE**

Place the open end of the handle over the release valve so that the notches in the handle align with the protrusions on the release valve. Turn the handle counterclockwise 2 full turns to fully open release valve.

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#### RAPIDLY PUMP

Remove handle from release valve. Insert handle into handle socket. Turn handle slightly to right to engage pin in slot. Rapidly pump the handle 6 - 8 times. Leave handle in down position.

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#### PURGE AIR

With a flat blade screwdriver, push the oil fill plug slightly to the side to purge trapped air from system. You should hear a hiss.

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#### **CLOSE RELEASE VALVE**

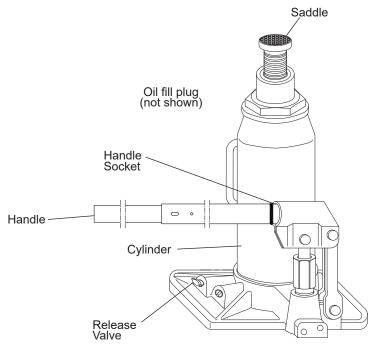
Remove handle from handle socket. Place handle back onto release valve. Fully close release valve by turning handle clockwise until it stops.



#### **READY FOR USE**

Remove handle from release valve. Insert handle into handle socket. Jack is now ready to use. Check for proper pump action.

**NOTE:** Repeat this Air Purge Procedure whenever the jack displays reduced lifting performance.



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#### **SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

#### Read Operating Instructions

Study, understand and follow all instructions in this manual before operating the jack. Failure to heed these warnings may result in loss of load, damage to the jack and/or jack failure resulting in personal injury or property damage.

#### Position the Jack

This jack is designed only for lifting part of the total vehicle. Position the jack to only lift on the areas of the vehicle specified by the vehicle manufacturer

#### **Use Support Stands**

After lifting the vehicle always support the load with appropriately rated vehicle support stands before working on the vehicle.

#### Do Not Overload Jack

Do not overload this jack beyond its rated capacity. Overloading this jack beyond its rated capacity can cause damage to or failure of the jack.

#### Use on Hard Level Surface

This jack is designed only for use on hard level surfaces capable of sustaining the load. Use on other than hard level surfaces can result in jack instability and possible loss of load.

#### Center Load on Jack Saddle

Center load on jack saddle before lifting vehicle. Off-center loads and loads lifted when the jack is not level can cause loss of load or damage to the jack. Only use on vehicles whose lift points fit well with saddle of this jack.

#### Do Not Use Jack as Dolly

Do not move or dolly the vehicle while it is on the jack. Do not use this jack to lift or move a building, mobile home or travel trailer of any type.

KEEP HANDS AND FEET CLEAR OF THE JACK HINGE MECHANISM AND GROUND CONTACT AREA WHEN LOWERING THE LOAD!

#### **CRAFTSMAN LIMITED WARRANTY**

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FOR ONE YEAR from the date of sale this product is warranty against defects in material or workmanship. WITH PROOF OF SALE a defective product will be replaced free of charge.

For warranty coverage details to obtain free replacement, visit the web page: www.craftsman.com/warranty

This warranty applies for only 90 days from the date of sale if this product is ever used while providing commercial services or if rented to another person.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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#### **DESCRIPTION**

Craftsman model 50284 features a 24,000 lbs. maximum capacity. Lifting range for this jack is 9-7/16 inches to 18-5/8 inches. Model 50285 features a 40,000 lbs. maximum capacity. Lifting range for this jack is 9-1/2 inches to 18-11/16 inches

#### **Specifications**

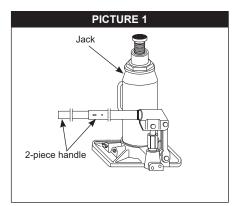
**WARNING:** This product contains chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

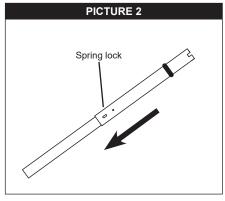
#### THIS IS A LIFTING DEVICE ONLY





DO NOT work on vehicle supported by jack. Immediately after lifting, support load with appropriately rated vehicle support stands before working on vehicle.





#### **PREPARATION**

Compare these illustrations with your jack BEFORE operation and/or oil level maintenance to become familiar with the location of various jack components (Picture 3).

#### **ASSEMBLY**

#### Assembly

Handle Assembly

 Assemble the handle sections by lining up the spring detent in the grip section with the slot in the other section (Picture 1 & 2).

**NOTICE:** ONLY use the handle provided with this jack. Handle is specially designed to properly fit into handle socket and engage release valve.

#### **FEATURES & OPERATION**

#### Operation

Raising the Jack

- Place vehicle in park, with emergency brake on and wheels securely chocked to ensure lifting stability.
- Refer to the vehicle manufacturer owner's manual to locate the approved vehicle lifting points.
- Position the jack so that the saddle will firmly contact the vehicle lifting point.
- Close the release valve by turning the handle clockwise until it stops.
- Pump jack handle until saddle nears contact with vehicle lifting point. Check to see that the saddle is centered and will contact lifting point firmly.
- Continue to pump jack handle to lift vehicle to desired height.
- After lifting, support the load with appropriately rated vehicle support stands before working on vehicle.

**WARNING:** Never work on, under, or around a load supported only by a hydraulic jack.

Lowering the Jack

- Raise load high enough to clear jack stands; then carefully remove the stands.
- Carefully open the release valve by slowly turning the handle counterclockwise.
- After removing jack from under vehicle, if saddle has not fully descended, push it all the way down to reduce ram exposure to rust and contamination.

#### How it works

With Release Valve Closed

- An upward stroke of the jack Handle draws oil from the reservoir tank into the plunger cavity. Hydraulic pressure holds the valve closed, which keeps the oil in the plunger cavity.
- A downward stroke of the jack Handle releases oil into the lift cylinder, which forces the power unit ram out. This raises the saddle.
- When the ram reaches maximum extension, oil bypasses the lift cylinder through an overload valve back into the oil reservoir, protecting the jack from damage. This bypass system also goes into effect when the jack is overloaded (load exceeds 4,000 lbs) to protect the jack from damage and the user from possible serious injury.

 Opening the release valve allows oil to flow back into the reservoir. This releases hydraulic pressure on the ram, which results in lowering the saddle.

#### **MAINTENANCE**

#### Maintenance

To Add Oil:

- Position jack on the level ground and lower the saddle.
- · Remove the oil fill plug.
- Fill the oil reservoir until oil level is just over the top surface of the inner cylinder. Replace oil plug.
- Perform Air Purge Procedure described on page 2.

#### To Replace Oil:

- Fully open release valve by turning handle counterclockwise as far as it will go.
- Remove the oil fill plug. Turn the jack over so that old oil will drain from the oil fill hole.
- Turn the jack back over after the oil has drained. Refill through oil fill hole. Keep dirt and other material clear when pouring. Fill to just beneath lower rim of hole. Replace oil fill plug.
- Perform Air Purge Procedure described on page 2.

#### Lubrication:

- Add lubricating oil (WD-40) to all moving parts when needed.
- For light duty use, lubricate every six months.
- For heavy and constant use, lubrication is recommended every month.

#### Rust Prevention:

- Check ram and pump plunger on the Power Unit Assembly every two months (or sooner, based on usage) for any signs of rust or corrosion. Lift the jack as high as it goes and look under and behind the lifting arm. If signs of rust are visible clean as needed and wipe down with with an oily cloth or cloth sprayed with WD-40.
- When storing the jack, always have the saddle and pump plunger in the down postion.

ALWAYS USE A GOOD GRADE
HYDRAULIC JACK OIL. DO NOT USE
HYDRAULIC BRAKE FLUID, ALCOHOL,
GLYCERINE, DETERGENT, MOTOR
OIL OR DIRTY OIL. USE OF AN UNRECOMMENDED FLUID CAN CAUSE
DAMAGE TO YOUR JACK.

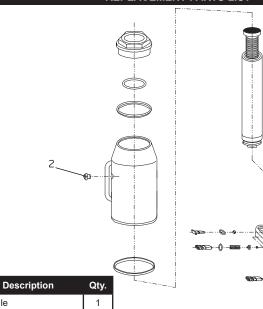
#### Storage:

Depress the spring lock to separate the handle pieces.

#### **Air Purge Procedure**

During shipment, air may get into the hydraulic system causing reduced lifting performance. Perform Air Purge Procedure described on page 2.

### REPLACEMENT PARTS LIST



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Handle

Oil fill plug

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| Symptom                       |                               |   |                                      |  |   |  |           |
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| Jack will<br>not lift<br>load | Jack will<br>not hold<br>load | Jack will<br>not lift to<br>full height | Jack will<br>not lower<br>completely | Poor jack<br>lifting,<br>pump<br>feels<br>spongy | Handle<br>raises by<br>itself while<br>under load |  |           |
| X                             | X                             | X                                       |                                      | X  |   | Oil level is low in jack. Add oil as required.                                       |           |
| X                             |                               | X                                       | X                                    | Х  | Х   | Power unit may have trapped air. Release air from system.                            | Probable  |
| X                             | X                             | X                                       |                                      |  |   | Release valve may not be closing properly. Turn the release valve clockwise tightly. | ble Cause |
|                               |                               |   | X                                    |  |   | Oil reservoir is over-filled.<br>Drain out some oil.                                 | and       |
|                               |                               |   | X                                    |  |   | Lubrication of moving parts is necessary.  | Solution  |
| X                             | X                             |   |                                      | X  |   | Power unit is malfunctioning.<br>Replace the power unit.                             |           |

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