# AgTrak-1723-23K Overslung Large Diameter Axle (LDA) – Air-Ride Suspension



# **Installation and Service Manual**

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# SUSPENSION IDENTIFICATION

#### Introduction

The Wilson AgTrak 1723 Trailer Suspension is a fully integrated Large Diameter Axle (LDA) suspension system.

Refer to the engineering drawing for detailed information on the suspension system components and operating parameters.

### **Suspension Identification Tag**

A (**606-**) **Installation/Assembly Number** will be listed as the **Part Number** when other system components are factory installed with the suspension (Figure 1).

The **Suspension Number** and **Serial Number** on the Suspension ID Tag refer to the model and the date of manufacture of an individual suspension system.

Please refer to the suspension number/part number and serial number on the Suspension Identification Tag when contacting Ridewell for customer service, replacement parts and warranty information.

### **Axle-Body Identification Tag**

The **Base-Axle Part Number (165-)** and the **Serial Number** of the axle tube are listed on the Axle-Body ID Tag of Ridewell-branded round axles (Figure 2).

The **Base-Axle Part Number** refers to Ridewellbranded round axles manufactured in various axle wall thicknesses and widths.

More information on Ridewell-branded axles can be found in the "Trailer Axle Parts Guide" (9710029).

#### **Notes and Cautions**

All work should be completed by a properly trained technician using the proper/special tools and safe work procedures.

Read through the entire Installation and Service Manual (ISM) before performing any installation or maintenance procedures.

The ISM uses two types of service notes to provide important safety guidelines, prevent equipment damage and make sure that the suspension system operates correctly. The service notes are defined as:

"NOTE": Provides additional instructions or procedures to complete tasks and make sure that the suspension functions properly.

**CAUTION** Indicates a hazardous situation or unsafe practice that, if not avoided, could result in equipment damage and serious injury.

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PART NO:

SUSP. NO:

**SERIAL NO:** 

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#### Figure 1.

The Suspension Model (Suspension Number) and date of manufacture (Serial Number) are listed on the Suspension Identification Tag.

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MODEL:			PART NO.		
SERIAL NO.			CAPACITY		TON

#### Figure 2.

Ridewell axles have a serial identification tag listing the Part Number (165xxxx) and Serial Number of the axle body.

### **Prior to Installation**

Refer to the engineering drawing to confirm dimensional requirements and the range of ride heights available.

Installations can vary and procedures should be adapted for different vehicles, as needed.

- The Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) is determined by the system component with the lowest load rating. Please consult with tire, wheel, axle and brake manufacturers before installation to determine the GAWR.
- If vehicle chassis modifications are required, consult with the vehicle manufacturer to ensure that such changes are permitted.
- Welding or altering suspension components is not permitted without the express written permission of Ridewell Suspensions.

#### **Installer Responsibilities**

The installer of the suspension has the sole responsibility for proper attachment of the suspension system to the vehicle chassis.

- The installer is responsible for locating the suspension system on the vehicle to provide the proper load distribution.
- The installer must verify that vehicle crossmembers are positioned to support the suspension at the installing location.
- It is the installer's responsibility to determine that axle spacing conforms to any applicable federal and local bridge laws.
- The installer must verify that air reservoir volume requirements are met after suspension installation. Consult the vehicle manufacturer or Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) 121 for more information.
- The installer must verify there is sufficient clearance for proper functioning of the suspension, air springs, brake chambers, axle and tires.

### Mounting the suspension to the frame

Refer to the engineering drawing for the range of ride heights available, torque values, spacing and clearance requirements of the suspension.

Recommended locations of customer-furnished filler plates and supporting crossmembers are shown on the engineering drawing.

The suspension installer has the final responsibility of attaching the suspension to the vehicle frame.

#### **Bolt-On Installation**

Before installation, check to make sure that wires, hoses or other components will not be affected by drilling into the frame rail.

• Bolts/nuts for attaching the suspension to the vehicle are supplied by the installer. Grade 8 bolts and flanged lock nuts or lock nuts with hardened washers are recommended.

#### **Final Assembly and Inspection**

- Check the location for sufficient clearances of suspension components.
- Attach beam and axle assemblies to hangers. Note: Do not fully torque pivot hardware until axle alignment is completed.
- Complete assembly and installation of air springs as shown on the engineering drawing. Torque to specifications (Page 9).
- Install shock absorbers. NOTE: If the suspension is painted after shocks are installed, make sure paint overspray does not get under the shock absorber dust covers.
- Install/connect the height control valve (HCV), if applicable (Page 5). Check the air system tubing and fittings after installation for leaks.
- Verify the suspension ride height is adjusted within the range shown on the engineering drawing and complete axle alignment procedure (Page 11).

**CAUTION** Failure to torque bolts/nuts of suspension components to specifications can result in failure of the suspension and void the warranty.

### Install the height control valve

The Height Control Kit (HCK) automatically adds and exhausts air from the vehicle air system to maintain the proper ride height as loads increase and decrease. The (HCK) assembly is a lever arm connected to the height control valve (HCV) and a vertical rod arm (vertical linkage) connected to the suspension/axle (Figure 3). Refer to the HCV installation guide for installation procedures. Be sure to check the air system after installation for leakage.

**CAUTION** The installer is responsible for making sure that air system requirements comply with the appropriate Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.



Troubleshooting – Height Control Valve Installation					
Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action			
HCV is not receiving air/ HCV is not delivering air	<ul> <li>Blocked air supply line.</li> <li>Air tank is not filling/ reaching set pressure.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Verify air lines are pressurized by removing supply line at HCV. Check for pinched lines.</li> <li>Verify air tank pressure with manual/in-line pressure gauge.</li> </ul>			
to the air springs.	<ul> <li>Pressure Protection Valve (PPV) not working correctly.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Check PPV operation by making sure that valve opens when system reaches the desired pressure setpoint (usually greater than 70 psi).</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Pilot port is not plumbed or is plumbed incorrectly.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Check configuration – Non-Dump; Pressure- Dump (Normally Open); Zero-Pressure Dump (Normally Closed). Reinstall, if necessary.</li> </ul>			
Air springs fill but do not exhaust.	<ul> <li>Obstructed air line.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Disconnect linkage and rotate actuating lever to down position (exhaust). If springs remain inflated, check for pinched/blocked lines.</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>HCV installed backwards.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Check installation. Reinstall, if necessary.</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Supply line installed in suspension port</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Move air supply line to HCV supply port.</li> </ul>			
Air system leaks down in a short period of time	<ul> <li>HCV installed backwards.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Disconnect HCV linkage and rotate actuating lever to the up position (fill). If air springs do not inflate, reinstall HCV.</li> </ul>			
r	<ul> <li>Leak in air system beyond accepted standards.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>To find leak in the HCV area, pressurize system and spray soapy water solution onto the valve and lines. Check for bubbles (leaks): No leak found – Do not remove valve, check the rest of the system for leaks. Check that tubing cuts are straight and smooth. Re-cut and reassemble if necessary.</li> </ul>			

# MAINTENANCE

A visual inspection of the suspension structure should be performed during each pre-trip/safety inspection. These minimum service intervals are recommended for standard duty, on-highway usage applications. More frequent intervals are recommended for heavier duty applications.

Daily/Pre-Trip I	nspections	Every 12,000 miles of use	
Check tires for excessive wea	or proper inflation, damage or ar.	Inspect air springs for any damage or excessive wear. Torque air spring bolts/nuts to specifications	
Check wheel- leakage. Chec	-ends for obvious signs of lubricant ck for missing components.	(Engineering drawing). Check air lines and connections for leaks.	
Check axle a components	ssemblies for damage or loose	Every 50,000 miles of use	
Visually insp of damage or	ect suspension structure for signs	Torque all suspension component bolts/nuts to specifications (Engineering drawing).	
Check for loc	ose or missing bolts/nuts. Check for	Annually/100,000 miles of use	
irregular mov Make sure ai: Drain all moi	vement in suspension components. r controls are operating properly. sture from air reservoirs.	Inspect pivot connection for worn pivot bushing and wear washers. Replace components, if neces- sary. Torque suspension component bolts/nuts to specifications (Engineering drawing).	
First 6,000 miles	of use	Check arm beam-to-axle connection welds.	
Torque all su specifications	spension component bolts/nuts to s (Engineering drawing).	<ul> <li>Check lubrication level in wheel ends:</li> <li>1) Oil-Filled Wheel Ends:</li> <li>Refill/Replace lubricant as needed (Refer to TMC RP 631 "100K/Annual Inspection").</li> <li>2) Semi-Fluid Grease:</li> <li>Pull outer bearing and visually inspect lubrication level. Refill/Replace as needed</li> <li>(Refer to TMC RP 631 "Level 3 Lubrication Level</li> </ul>	
Verify that th installed ride	e suspension is operating at the height.		
Refer to the follo Maintenance Co for additional m	owing Technology & uncil (TMC) publications aintenance information:		
TMC RP 609 Se	elf-Adjusting and Manual Brake djuster Removal, Installation ad Maintenance	Inspection" and TMC RP 618 "Wheel Bearing Adjustment Procedure").	
TMC RP 618 W	/heel Bearing djustment Procedure	Check air lines and connections for leaks. Test air control system pressure protection valve	
TMC RP 619 A	ir System Inspection Procedure	(PPV), if equipped.	
TMC RP 622 W	wheel Seal and Bearing Removal,	Check height control valve (HCV) adjustment.	
TMC RP 631 Re	ecommendations for /heel End Lubrication	Verify that the suspension is operating at the installed ride height.	
TMC RP 643 A	ir Ride Suspension aintenance Guidelines	<b>CAUTION</b> Failure to torque the bolts/nuts of suspen-	
TMC RP 728 TI	railer Axle Maintenance	sion components to specifications can result in failure of the suspension and voiding of the warranty.	

### **Pivot Bushing Inspection Procedure**

Park the unloaded trailer on a level surface. Set the brakes and chock the tires so vehicle cannot move during inspection.

Insert the flat end of a pry-bar between one side of the hanger sidewall and the wear washers. Move the pry-bar back-and-forth and look for excessive movement of the beam (NOTE: A small amount of beam movement because of the rubber flexing is normal). Inspect the wear washers for excessive wear/damage.

Repeat the pry-bar process and wear washer inspection on the other side of the hanger. If any large/easy movement or damaged wear washers is observed, drop the beams for further inspection. Replace components as necessary.

#### AgTrak-1723 – Torque Specifications **Torque Values Fastener Type** Size foot-pound **Newton-meter Pivot Bolt - (Shear-Type)** Do not lubricate bolt/nut threads. 7/8" - 9NC Use a 1" drive impact wrench to tighten the Pivot Nut - (Lock Nut) pivot bolt until the Torx® head is sheared off. Requires E-20 Torx<sup>®</sup> socket (RW #6100054) Locknut - (Shock Absorber) 271-312 N-m 3/4"-10NC 200-230 ft-lb Locknut - (Air Spring) 3/4"-16NF 45-50 ft-lb 61-68 N-m 61-68 N-m Locknut - (Air Spring) 1/2"-13NC 45-50 ft-lb

Torque values reflect a lubricated thread condition (Nuts are pre-lubed). Do not overtorque.

**CAUTION** Suspension is shipped with minimal torque applied to fasteners. It is the installer's responsibility to apply the proper torque values. All fasteners, except shear-type pivot bolt, must be re-torqued after the first 6,000 miles of operation. Failure to install and maintain suspension component fasteners at torque specifications could result in suspension failure and void the warranty.



Figure 4. AgTrak-1723 Grain Trailer Suspension with Drum Brake Axle Refer to the engineering drawing for the individual component part number.



Figure 5. AgTrak-1723 Grain Trailer Suspension with Disc Brake Axle Refer to the engineering drawing for the individual component part number.

AgTrak-1723 Trailer Suspension - Bushing Replacement Kit					
SUSP Type	<b>Bushing Kit</b>	<b>Bushing Tool</b>	Pivot Hardware	<b>Torque Specifications</b>	
23K Capacity; Narrow Bushing	6040128	6100044	Pivot Bolt (Shear-Type) Pivot Nut (Lock Nut)	Do not lubricate bolt/nut threads. Use a 1" drive impact wrench to tighten pivot bolt until Torx <sup>®</sup> head is sheared off.	

**<u>A</u>CAUTION** Failure to install and maintain pivot hardware at torque specification could result in suspension failure and void the warranty. Refer to the engineering drawing for torque values.

### **Bushing Replacement Procedure**

Park the vehicle on a level surface. Chock wheels to keep vehicle from moving. Raise vehicle to height that removes load from suspension and support with jack stands. Disconnect the linkage from the height control valve(s), if necessary, and exhaust all air from the air springs.

**CAUTION** Failure to properly chock wheels, exhaust the air system and raise and safely support the vehicle could allow vehicle/suspension movement that could result in serious injury.

#### **Disassemble suspension**

Remove wheels and tires, if necessary. Remove the shock absorbers. Disassemble the pivot connections. Remove and inspect adjuster plates and alignment washers. Replace, if necessary. Discard pivot hardware (new pivot hardware in replacement kit).

Rotate trailing arm beams down and out of hangers. Inspect pivot bolt holes and hanger surfaces for wear or damage. Repair or replace components, as needed.

#### **Tool Assembly**

Make sure that the thrust washer is firmly seated in the flat (outside) edge of the end cap. Examine both the tool cone tapered insert and larger open end for any damage/out-of-round. Repair or replace if necessary.

#### **Bushing Removal**

- 1. Lubricate hex-head bolt threads and the thrust washer bearings with Extreme Pressure Lube (#1980014). NOTE: Failure to apply lubricant could result in decreased tool performance and reduced life of the tool.
- 2. Place the flat washer onto the hex-head bolt, followed by the bearing collar, then the end cap assembly. The bushing tool cone tapers to a smaller opening on one end. Place the larger opening of the cone onto the end cap.

NOTE: Always place the tapered end of the cone against the eye of the beam (Figure 1).

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N R ()	Narrow Bushing Replacement Tool (6100044) 4			
		Part No.	Description	
	1	6100091	Plunger – Narrow Bushing Tool	
	2	6100089	End Cap Assembly – Narrow Bushing Tool	
		1660009	Thrust Bearing	
	3	1130088	Hex Head Cap Screw (HHCS)-7/8"-6 Acme; 18"	
	4	6100092	Cone Assembly – Narrow Bushing Tool	
	5	1120051	Bearing Collar — Bushing Tool	
	6	1160036	Flat Washer 7/8" – F436 Zinc/Coated	

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- 3. Insert the end of the hex bolt through the bushing sleeve into the center opening of the plunger. Make sure the cone is centered on the beam eye and tighten the hex bolt until the plunger is firmly against the bushing.
- 4. Use a 1 1/4" socket on a 3/4" drive impact wrench (1" recommended) to rotate the hex bolt and press the bushing out of the beam eye into the cone.

NOTE: It may require a small amount of heat to break the bond between the bushing and the beam eye. Do not overheat. Allow beam to cool before installing the new bushing.

5. Disassemble the bushing replacement tool. Remove the old bushing from the bushing tool cone and discard.

#### **Bushing Installation – Tool Assembly**

Place the flat washer, the bearing collar, and the endcap assembly on the hex-head bolt.

- 1. Use a wire brush to clean debris and corrosion out of the beam eye.
- 2. Liberally apply P80<sup>®</sup> lubricant or soap solution to the inside of the beam eye, the outside of the bushing and inside the tool cone.
- 3. Insert the new bushing into the large end of the tool cone.
- 4. Place the plunger/cone/bushing assembly on the beam eye.
- 5. Insert the hex-head bolt assembly through the beam eye. Thread the hex bolt into the plunger until the end-cap rests against the beam.

- 6. Center the bushing tool cone on the beam eye. Use a 1 1/4" socket on a 3/4" drive impact wrench (a 1" impact wrench is recommended) to rotate the hex bolt and press the bushing into the beam eye.
- 7. Disassemble and remove the bushing replacement tool. Check placement to make sure the bushing is centered in beam.

#### **Reassemble suspension**

Rotate trailing arm beams into hangers. Install pivot connection hardware – alignment washers, adjuster plates, wear washers, shear-type pivot bolt, flat washer and flanged lock nut. NOTE: Do not lubricate the pivot bolt/pivot nut.

Tighten flanged locknut until the adjuster plate pin is engaged and the hardware is snug against hanger. Do not apply final torque until axle alignment has been checked.

Install shock absorbers. Connect the height control valve linkage (if disconnected) and inflate air springs. Install wheels and tires (if removed).

Raise vehicle and remove support stands. Lower the vehicle to the ground.

Check the axle alignment and realign if necessary. Tighten the pivot bolt with an E-20 Torx<sup>®</sup> socket (Ridewell tool #6100054) on a 1" drive impact wrench until the Torx<sup>®</sup> head shears off.

**CAUTION** Failure to torque pivot hardware can result in suspension failure and voiding the warranty.



#### Figure 6.

Place the tapered end of the tool cone against the beam eye for bushing removal and installation.

Lubricate the outside of the bushing, inside the beam eye and the inside of the tool cone before installing the new bushing.

### **Axle Alignment**

Alignment should be performed on a level surface with the suspension at the desired ride height. Refer to the engineering drawing for the designed ride heights of the suspension model.

Align the suspension per TMC or SAE recommended standards. On a multiple-axle vehicle, the forward axle is moved into the proper alignment, then the remaining axles are positioned so that they are parallel to the forward axle. A maximum tolerance of 1/8-inch difference from side-to-side of the forward axle and 1/16-inch difference from side-to-side for the aft axles is acceptable (Figure 7).



#### Figure 7. Kingpin measurement for axle alignment.

Check the forward axle alignment by measuring from the kingpin to both ends of the axle centers.

If the difference between the "A" measurement and the "B" measurement is greater than 1/8-inch, the forward axle needs to be aligned.

If the difference between the "C" measurement and the "D" measurement is greater than 1/16-inch, the aft axle needs adjustment.

### Speed Set<sup>®</sup> Alignment

The suspension is equipped with a Speed Set<sup>®</sup> alignment feature for simple, manual alignment of the axle.

### Axle alignment procedure

- 1. Loosen the pivot nut enough for beam to move.
- Locate the adjuster plate at the pivot connection. Insert a 1/2"-shank breaker bar into the square hole of the adjuster plate. Move the arm beam forward or backward until the axle reaches alignment (Figure 8). NOTE: Check to make sure that the pivot bushing is not wedged sideways during



beam movement. The adjuster plate and alignment washer on the two sides of the hanger should move in unison with the beam.

3. Tighten the pivot nut so that beam can no longer move. Re-check alignment measurements and adjust, if necessary.

NOTE: Check to make sure that both the adjuster plate and alignment washer are flat against the hanger before final torque is applied.

4. Use a 1" drive impact wrench with an E-20 Torx<sup>®</sup> socket to tighten the pivot bolt until the Torx head is sheared off.

**<u>A</u>CAUTION** Failure to properly torque pivot hardware could result in catastrophic suspension failure and void the warranty

### Figure 8.

Move beam back-and-forth using adjuster plate until axle reaches desired position.

## WARRANTY

#### Terms and coverage in this warranty apply only to the United States and Canada.

Ridewell Suspensions warrants the suspension systems manufactured by it to be free of defects in material and workmanship. Warranty coverage applies only to suspensions that have been properly installed, maintained and operated within the rated capacity and recommended application of the suspension. The responsibility for warranty coverage is limited to the repair/replacement of suspension parts. The liability for coverage of purchased components is limited to the original warranty coverage extended by the manufacturer of the purchased part.

All work under warranty must have prior written approval from the Ridewell warranty department. Ridewell has the sole discretion and authority to approve or deny a claim and authorize the repair or replacement of suspension parts. All parts must be held until the warranty claim is closed.

Parts that need to be returned for warranty evaluation will be issued a Returned Materials Authorization (RMA). Parts must be returned to Ridewell with the transportation charges prepaid. The transportation charges will be reimbursed if the warranty claim is approved.

This non-transferable warranty is in lieu of all other expressed or implied warranties or representations, including any implied warranties of merchantability or fitness or any obligations on the part of Ridewell. Ridewell will not be liable for any business interruptions, loss of profits, personal injury, any costs of travel delays or for any other special, indirect, incidental or consequential losses, costs or damages.

Component Description	Parts*	Labor*	Comments/Limitations		
Suspension Components Manufactured by Ridewell	5	1	Main structural components including, but not limited to: Frame Hanger, Trailing Arm/ Beam Assembly, Air Spring Mounting Plate.		
Beam to Axle Connection	5	1	Limited to Ridewell-branded axle integrated at Ridewell factory		
Axle	5	1	Limited to Ridewell-branded axle integrated at Ridewell factory. Warranty void if axle is bent.		
Pivot Bushing	5	3			
Air Spring	2	1	Coverage limited to component parts sold by		
Shock Absorber	2	1	Ridewell Suspensions. Excludes all normal wear.		
Air Controls	1	1	Proper installation requirea.		
Integrated Axle** – Drum Brake Components					
Brake Shoe/Brake-Related Hardware	1	1	Coverage limited to component parts sold and installed		
Brake Drum	1	1	by Ridewell Suspensions. Excludes all normal wear.		
S-Cam Bushings	1	1			
S-Cam	3	1			
Slack Adjuster	1	1			
Integrated Axle** – Air Disc Brake Components					
Brake Pad/Brake-Related Hardware	1	1	Coverage limited to component parts sold and installed		
Caliper	1	1	by Ridewell Suspensions. Excludes all normal wear.		
Rotor	1	1			
Brake Chamber	1	1			
Integrated Axle** – Wheel End Components					
Standard Hub Assembly	1	1	Coverage limited to component parts sold and installed by Ridewell Suspensions. Excludes all normal wear.		
Axle Hose; Rotary Union; Hubcap	1	1			
* Parts and labor listed by years of coverage	ge. ** Ric	lewell-brar	nd axle integrated at Ridewell factory.		

#### Contact Wilson Trailer Warranty Department at 800-798-2002 for complete warranty information.