



# Operating Manual

## PRT5 Pin Release Tool

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## Important Safety Information

To ensure the safe use of this equipment it is the responsibility of the owner and operator that any individual operating this equipment or working in the vicinity of this equipment is deemed to be competent, defined by the region's Safety Codes and Regulations, an example is as follows:

Competent: in relation to a person, means adequately qualified, suitably trained and with sufficient experience to safely perform work without supervision or with only a minimal degree of supervision.

In order for the equipment to perform as designed and safely, proper maintenance must be performed periodically.

Improper operation, maintenance, lubrication and repair of this equipment may result in serious injury or death.

Hydra Tech tools are specially designed pieces of equipment and as such should NOT be modified in any way.

Hydra-Tech International is not capable of foreseeing every possible circumstance that may involve a potential hazard. As such, the warnings within this document and labeled on the equipment are not all-inclusive. It is the owner and operator's responsibility to first ensure that any use of this equipment not specifically recommended by Hydra-Tech International, be it operation, maintenance, lubrication or repairs, be deemed safe for the equipment operator, all persons present, and prevent damages to the equipment.

Information, images, and specifications contained within this document are based on information available at the time it was written or last revised. The contents of this document may change over time and the latest version of this document should be obtained by the owner and/or operator prior to use of the equipment.

For further information or suggestions regarding the safe operation, maintenance and repair of the Pin Release Tool please contact Hydra-Tech International using the following contact information:

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Safety is everybody's business!

- Wear proper personal protective equipment when operating hydraulic equipment.
- When the pump is running, oil is under high pressure.
- Do not use gasoline powered pumps in an explosive atmosphere.
- Operate and refuel in a well ventilated area only.
- Avoid inhaling exhaust gasses.
- Always check fluid levels prior to use.
- Always check pump for damage prior to use.
- Never attempt to connect / disconnect hoses while pump is running.

## PRT5 – Pin Release Tool

The PRT5 Pin Release Tool is designed to aid in the safe and fast installation and removal of retaining pins by simultaneously depressing both friction castings.



### Maintenance

1. Before use, visually inspect the ram for damage such as cracks, oil leaks, or damaged couplers. The ram should be fully extended and checked for damage / wear.
2. Visually inspect the reaction paddles, striker plate, and frame for any damage.
3. Any hydraulic hoses being used with the PRT5 should be inspected for leaks and flaws prior to use of the product.



Do not use a damaged unit!

### **Before you begin:**

This tool requires a minimum gap of ½” between the side frame and the friction shoes to freely insert it for friction shoe pinning.

- a. WHEN THE GAP IS TOO SMALL (usually on empty cars)
  - i. If the gap is slightly less than ½” the striker plate can be used to persuade the pin release tool into the tight gap. Care must be taken not to hit other components of the tool.
  - ii. If the friction shoes are very close to, or are recessed inside the side frame the following procedure will have to be used to provide room for the tool to be inserted.
    - Place the paddles of the pin release tool in between the bolster and side frame up against the friction shoe. The tool will have to be held in place to do this.
    - Start the hydraulic pump to rotate the paddles and push the bolster down, away from the side frame.
    - Place a spacer block (2 ½” x 3” x 7 ½” long recommended size) between the paddles of the pin release tool and between the bolster and side frame.
    - The pin release tool can now be released allowing the spacer to hold the components far enough apart to insert the tool on top of the friction shoes.
- b. WHEN THE GAP IS TOO LARGE (usually on loaded cars)

If the gap is more than 3” the tool may not have enough stroke to allow full compressing and pinning of the friction shoes. In this case shimming plates should be used (6” x 16 ½” and of appropriate thickness) placed on top of the friction shoes. Alternately the car could be jacked up to reduce the gap between the bolster and side frame.

## Operation



**Caution:** A visual inspection of the tool should be done prior to each use checking for any damages, paying particular attention to welded joints. Stand well back from this tool while in operation. Be sure to keep fingers and other extremities away from pinch points.

The following procedure, for the installation of retaining pins, can be used when the bolster is in position with the truck assembly. This tool is designed to release or install both retaining pins simultaneously.

### Installation of Retaining Pins:

1. The tool should be pushed into the gap as far as possible without interfering with the movement of the hydraulic ram. The reaction pads should fully cover the friction shoe casting and be reacting on both sides of the side frame.
2. Connect the hydraulic pump to the pin release tool. Be sure both the male and female quick couplers are clean.
3. Start the hydraulic pump to begin compressing the friction shoe into the pocket until the retaining pins can be installed. The friction shoes can be over compressed disallowing insertion of the retaining pins. Depending on the friction shoe and pocket wear the retaining pins may have to be persuaded with a hammer. In extreme cases the friction shoe may have to be pried away from the wear plate toward the center of the bolster aligning the pin holes.
4. Install the retaining pins.
5. Slowly release the hydraulic pressure.
6. Remove pin release tool from gap.

### Removal of the Retaining Pins:

1. As in the installation instructions a gap of ½” to 3” between the side frame and friction shoes is required – adjust accordingly.
2. The tool should be pushed into the gap as far as possible without interfering with the movement of the hydraulic ram. The reaction pads should fully cover the friction shoe casting and be reacting on both sides of the side frame.
3. Connect the hydraulic pump to the pin release tool. Be sure both the male and female quick couplers are clean.
4. Start the hydraulic pump to begin compressing the friction shoe until the retaining pins can be installed. If necessary, block between the side frame and the bolster spring seats to prevent load spring deflection.
5. Remove the retaining pins.
6. Slowly release the hydraulic pressure.
7. Remove pin release tool from gap.

## Service Centres

Please contact Hydra-Tech International for current information on the closest service center to you. Contact information for Hydra-Tech International follows:

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1. **WARRANTY POLICY.** Subject to those terms and conditions contained herein, Seller warrants that all Seller products conform in all material respects to the description identified in the quotation, proposal or offer made by Seller to Buyer for the sale of its products (collectively, "Quotation") and will be free from defects in material and workmanship for two (2) years from the date of shipment to Buyer (except for spare parts which Seller warrants for one (1) year from the date of shipment to Buyer). Products manufactured by manufacturers other than Seller and/or its affiliates ("Other Manufacturer's Products") supplied by Seller to Buyer are not warranted by Seller. Other Manufacturer's Products may be warranted separately by their respective manufacturers and Seller shall, to the extent possible, assign to Buyer whatever rights Seller may obtain under any such warranties.

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5. WARRANTY PROCEDURE. To obtain warranty remedies pursuant to this Standard Warranty, Buyer must strictly adhere to the following procedure. Buyer's failure to comply with the terms of this procedure shall void this Standard Warranty.

- (a) Buyer shall, within seventy-two (72) hours of any claimed non-conformance or defect in Seller products, notify Seller's Warranty Administrator in writing of the alleged non-conformance or defect.
- (b) Seller shall, within a reasonable time, advise Buyer of its intention to initially accept or deny the warranty claim pursuant to the terms of this Standard Warranty. If Seller elects to initially accept the warranty claim, it shall advise Buyer of its intention to replace, repair, or otherwise further inspect the allegedly nonconforming or defective products (or component parts thereof) ("Initial Acceptance").
  - (i) Replacement of allegedly nonconforming or defective products. Should Seller provide Initial Acceptance of Buyer's warranty claim and elect to replace the allegedly nonconforming or defective products (or component parts thereof), or should Seller elect to provide Initial Acceptance of Buyer's warranty claim nonconforming or defective products (or component parts thereof) and then subsequently elect to replace the allegedly nonconforming or defective products (or component parts thereof), Seller shall within a reasonable time, ship new, comparable, replacement products to Buyer F.C.A. Seller's plant, warehouse or dock, as defined by Incoterms 2010, via the lowest cost method available.
  - (ii) Repair of allegedly nonconforming or defective products. Should Seller provide Initial Acceptance of Buyer's warranty claim and elect to repair and/or permit the repair of the allegedly nonconforming or defective products (or component parts thereof) by approved third parties, or should Seller elect to provide Initial Acceptance of Buyer's warranty claim through notification to Buyer that Seller elects to inspect the allegedly nonconforming or defective products (or component parts thereof) and then subsequently elects to repair the allegedly nonconforming or defective products, Seller shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Warranty Administrator, pay only those direct labor costs incurred to effectuate the repair and the cost of Seller replacement products consumed during said repair provided that the costs for all products and/or services are approved in advance in writing by Seller's Warranty Administrator.
  - (iii) Inspection of allegedly nonconforming or defective products. Should Seller provide Initial Acceptance of Buyer's warranty claim through notification to

Buyer that Seller elects to inspect the allegedly nonconforming or defective products (or component parts thereof) and then subsequently determine that the alleged nonconformity or defect is not covered under this Standard Warranty, Seller shall bill Buyer, and Buyer shall pay Seller any and all costs associated with the performance of inspection of allegedly nonconforming or defective products.

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