

BALE & BAG GRIPPER FH-BG130



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FARMER-HELPER MACHINERY COMPANY

Save This Manual for Future Reference



OPERATION & PARTS MANUAL

**To Avoid Injury or death, Please read these instructions carefully
before using!**

GREASE ALL FITTINGS BEFORE EACH OPERATING!

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1. INTRODUCTION

With your purchase of the Farmer-Helper Wrapped Bale Grabber you have made the right choice for the handling of your wrapped (or unwrapped) round bales. Through its unique construction it requires minimal maintenance.

Before using your bale grabber read this manual carefully to familiarize yourself with this machine. Operating unfamiliar machines may lead to accidents.

This operator's manual has been written to assist you in obtaining the best possible results from your Farmer-Helper Wrapped Bale Grabber. Keep it in a safe place so you can always use it as a reference booklet. If any questions should remain, however, you can contact Betstco, who will gladly assist you.

The bale grabber is designed to fit your front end loader or skid steer and easily adaptable to your quick-attach brackets (plate). You can grab all sizes of round bales up to 6 feet in diameter from any position for transportation and stacking.

CAUTION: Never use the bale grabber to lift or transport people!!!

2. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Follow all the rules of operation from the operator's manual of your tractor or skid steer.
- Use a tractor with a roll-over protective system (ROPS).
- When using the bale grabber on sloping or uneven terrain, always maintain proper stability. It is therefore advisable to use a wide wheel track setting on your tractor. Also avoid sudden maneuvers and change of direction.
- While moving, make sure you keep the load low and as close to the tractor or skid steer as possible, because a heavy load can easily tip your tractor or skid steer over.
- Have the rear of your tractor or skid steer properly counter balanced with weights to create optimal stability.
- Comply with federal and local laws governing highway safety and movement of farm machinery on public roads.
- Make sure you place the bales on a flat and solid surface so they do not start rolling or moving unexpectedly.
- When in use, never stand within operating range of the bale grabber and never under a raised load.

- Strictly operate the bale grabber from your tractor or skid steer driver's seat and make sure you have a good view on your job.
- Make sure the grabber's arms can move freely and do not jam any hydraulic hoses.
- Do not confuse your bale grabber's controls with other controls on your tractor or skid steer to avoid unintentional operation.
- When you are driving and not carrying a bale, make sure your grabber is completely open (cylinder closed) to avoid cylinder damage.
- Take care! The hydraulic circuit operates under pressure. Make sure that the hydraulic systems of both your bale grabber and tractor or skid steer are de-pressurized before connecting any hoses between the two.
- Clearly label or tag the hydraulic fittings of the tractor or skid steer and bale grabber to avoid incorrect connection, which may lead to invert functions such as raising and lowering.
- Make sure that your hydraulic hoses do not get jammed during operation and never operate the bale grabber with a hydraulic hose that has been pinched.
- Regularly check all hydraulic hoses and replace any worn or damaged ones immediately. When replacing hoses, use only replacements compliant to original technical specifications.
- Take all possible precautions to avoid accidents when searching for hydraulic leaks.
- Remember that liquids under pressure, and especially oil, can penetrate the skin and cause serious injury. Consult a doctor immediately to prevent infection in case of injury.
- Before dismounting from your tractor or skid steer, always check if the bale grabber is lowered to the ground, the tractor or skid steer is in neutral and the parking brake applied. And always place your bale grabber on a flat and solid surface for storage.

3. TECHNICAL DETAILS AND OPERATION

3.1 Picture with part specification



1. Grab Arm

3. Main Frame

2. Cylinder

3.2 ASSEMBLY AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Because the Bale Grabber is a loading/stacking device, make sure that it is assembled by a qualified mechanic.

You pick up a round bale as follows:

- You drive up to the bale with your frame straight up and the grabbers as far apart as possible;
- Make sure the center of the frame touches the bale and the grabbers are on each side;
- When positioned correctly, you can operate the cylinder so the grabber will close and pick up the bale.

If you have to transport a bale before loading or stacking, make sure to keep it as low to the ground as possible to ensure the best stability. Especially on rough or uneven terrain or slopes make sure to maintain stability by using counter balance weights or a wide wheel setting on your tractor or skid steer.

Bales should be placed on a flat and solid surface to prevent them from moving/rolling and any bystanders should keep a safe distance from the machine.

If your bale grabber is equipped with a red tie-rods cylinder it is rated at 2500 PSI max. And if it is equipped with a black tie-rods or welded cylinder it is rated at 3000 PSI max.

4. MAINTENANCE

Little maintenance is required for the Farmer-Helper Wrapped Bale Grabber, but the following must be strictly followed.

It is equipped with four grease nipples that should be greased regularly.

Make sure to check and tighten all nuts and bolts prior to each use. You must lube all moving parts prior to each use as well. Any worn parts have to be replaced immediately.

In case you have to replace a part, make sure that it is a genuine Farmer-Helper part which can be obtained through Betstco.

5. WARRANTY

Warranty is at the sole discretion of the manufacturer. Your Farmer-Helper Bale Grabber has a two year warranty from the date of purchase to the original owner. It is limited to material and/or construction failures that have to be examined by the factory. So, if within two years from the date of purchase, your bale grabber fails due to a defect in material or workmanship, you will have to return it prepaid to the factory for inspection.

The warranty does not apply to damage received during transport.



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Parts Request Form

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Model Number: _____
Serial Number: _____
Purchased From: _____
Purchase Date: _____

Item No.	Description	Qty	Price	Amount

Comments:



SKID STEER ATTACHMENT LIMITED WARRANTY

*Model FH-BG130 is classified as Consumer grade product and will not qualify for warranty coverage if used for Commercial or Rental purposes. "Consumer" defined as: complete unit for personal, residential or non-income producing use. "Commercial" defined as: complete unit for commercial, institutional, property management, agricultural, horticultural or income producing use. "Rental" defined as: complete unit for rental purposes to produce income.

This warranty applies to all Skid Steer Attachments manufactured by/for and sold by Betst Products. Betst Products warrants to the original owner of each new Skid Steer Attachment (product) to be free from defects in material and workmanship, under normal use and service. The warranty shall extend, from date of purchase, for 1 years to U.S. and Canada customers and only for Consumer use of the product. There is no warranty for Commercial applications and no warranty for Rental applications. Replacement parts and accessories are warranted for (90) days from date of installation.

The product is warranted to the original owner by a completed warranty registration on file at Betst Products and proof of purchase. Warranty coverage begins on the date of purchase. The warranty registration can be registered on-line by visiting Betstco.com or the paper registration in this manual completed and returned to Betst Products.

In the event of a failure, return the product, at your cost, along with proof of purchase to Betst Products and Best Products will, at its option, repair or replace any parts found to be defective in material or workmanship. Or contact Best Products Support and with Betst Products approval perform the labor necessary to repair or replace any parts found to be defective. Warranty on any repairs will not extend beyond the product warranty. Repair or attempted repair by anyone other than Betst Products deems subsequent failure or damage that may occur as a result of work performed by owner anyone other than Betst Products will not be covered under this warranty. Betst Products does not warrant replacement components not manufactured or sold by Betst Products. Any modifications to the product by owner voids all warranty.

1. This warranty applies only to parts or components that are defective in material or workmanship.
2. This warranty does not cover normal wear items including, but not limited to: batteries, bearings, belts, hoses, filters, chipper blades, shredder flails or knives.
3. This warranty does not cover normal maintenance, service or adjustments.
4. This warranty does not cover depreciation or damage due to misuse, negligence, accident or improper maintenance.
5. This warranty does not cover damage due to improper setup, installation or adjustment.
6. This warranty does not cover damage due to unauthorized modifications of the product. .

Betst Products is not liable for any property damage, personal injury or death resulting from the unauthorized modification or alteration of an Farmer-Helper product or from the owner's failure to assemble, install, maintain or operate the product in accordance with the provisions of the Owner's manual.

Betst Products is not liable for indirect, incidental or consequential damages or injuries including but not limited to loss of crops, loss of profits, rental of substitute equipment or other commercial loss.

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REGISTRATION

Item _____ Model # _____ Purchase Date ____/____/____
 Purchased From: _____ Gift Inv#/Order# _____
 Owner Name: _____ Serial # (if Applicable) _____
 Owner Address: _____
 City: _____ County: _____ ST: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Acceptance of responsibility:

I (Purchaser) have read operators manual and Limited Warranty or someone has read/and explained all instructions to me. I understand this warranty does not cover any labor and that all disputes will be settled by binding arbitration. Binding arbitration is conducted by the Better Business Bureau (BBB) located at 4004 SW Kruse Way Place Ste 375 Lake Oswego OR 97035 or the current BBB location closest to Betst Products, I acknowledge my Limited Warranty is void if any attempt to repair or replace defective parts has been made by unauthorized personnel. I acknowledge receipt of my Operators Manual and have read the Safe Operation Section. I acknowledge understanding maintenance and safe operation requirements, item specifications, operation, controls, and storage requirements. **I understand that I alone am responsible for proper maintenance, care and safe operation of this Farmer-Helper item.**

I (Purchaser) agree that persons not familiar with the operation of this item should not be allowed to use it. Children especially should not operate or be near Power Products when in use. ANYONE OPERATING VALUE-LEADER PRODUCTS SHOULD HAVE READ OPERATIONS MANUALS AND SAFETY MANUALS.

Owners Signature: x _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

You must sign this warranty and mail or fax copy to Betst Products, 83371 Melton Rd, Creswell OR 97426. If you prefer you may complete your registration on line. This warranty is not effective unless the Purchaser completes Registration and Warranty Form within 30 days of purchase or ship date whichever is later.

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NOTE: We may refuse warranty of any kind unless Betst Products, receives a completed, legible and signed warranty registration. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to assure that registration document is received by Betst Products.

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