

# Operations & Parts Manual

## “VersaClipper 3100”

**Heavy Duty Servo Driven & Computer Controlled  
Fully Automatic and Highly Versatile Clip Attaching Machine**

Model #3100 Serial # \_\_\_\_\_



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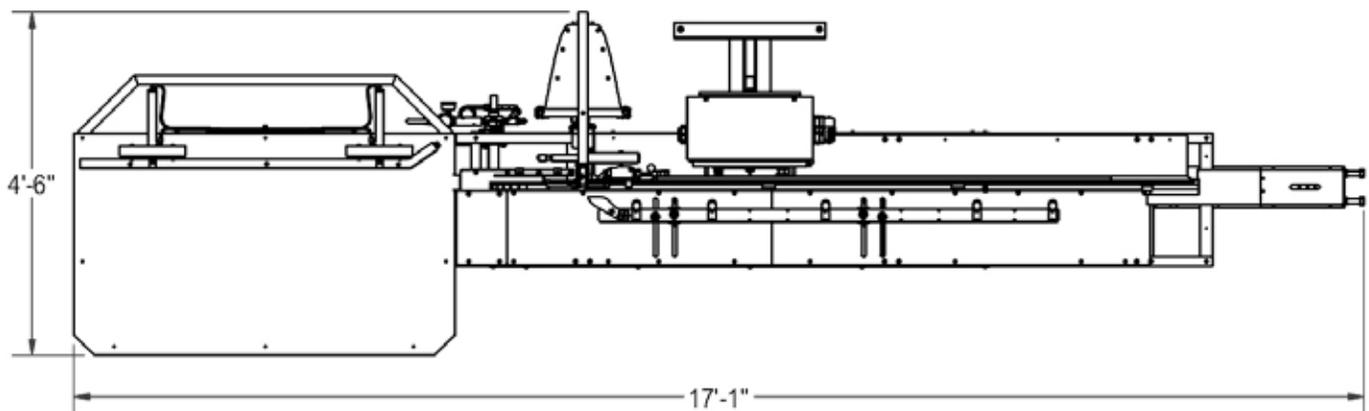
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## Safety information

### Warning!

- Read all instructions before turning machine on.
- Do not operate without wearing proper eye and hearing protection
- Never operate any machinery without all guards properly mounted and fastened securely in place.
- Do not operate with air pressure set beyond the maximum of 100 PSI.
- Do not remove safety warnings or stickers
- Inspect machine daily for worn or abraded surfaces including air hoses and all cables.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing and jewelry while operating, servicing or cleaning Vertex equipment.
- Follow all appropriate lock out tag out (LOTO) procedures for electric and air before servicing this unit.
- Never place hands or fingers near clip exit area when operating tool or when connecting air supply to machine.
- Never place hands or fingers near the moving chain.
- Remove all power and air supply before clearing any jammed rails.
- To prevent any accidental starting of the machine, it is necessary that after initial power up of the unit, the operator must go to the fault screen to reset the axis fault (see page 14)

### Layout of the VersaClipper 3100



## DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT

The VersaClipper 3100 is a specially engineered servo driven machine for quickly and accurately installing a variety of patented VersaClips (spring retainers) into wooden frame rails with a variety of rail spacing and alignment configurations.

### The VersaClipper 3100 main assemblies:

Control Box coordinates and controls all functions of the machine



Clip Dispenser Frame holds a spool of VersaClips containing 1500 pieces



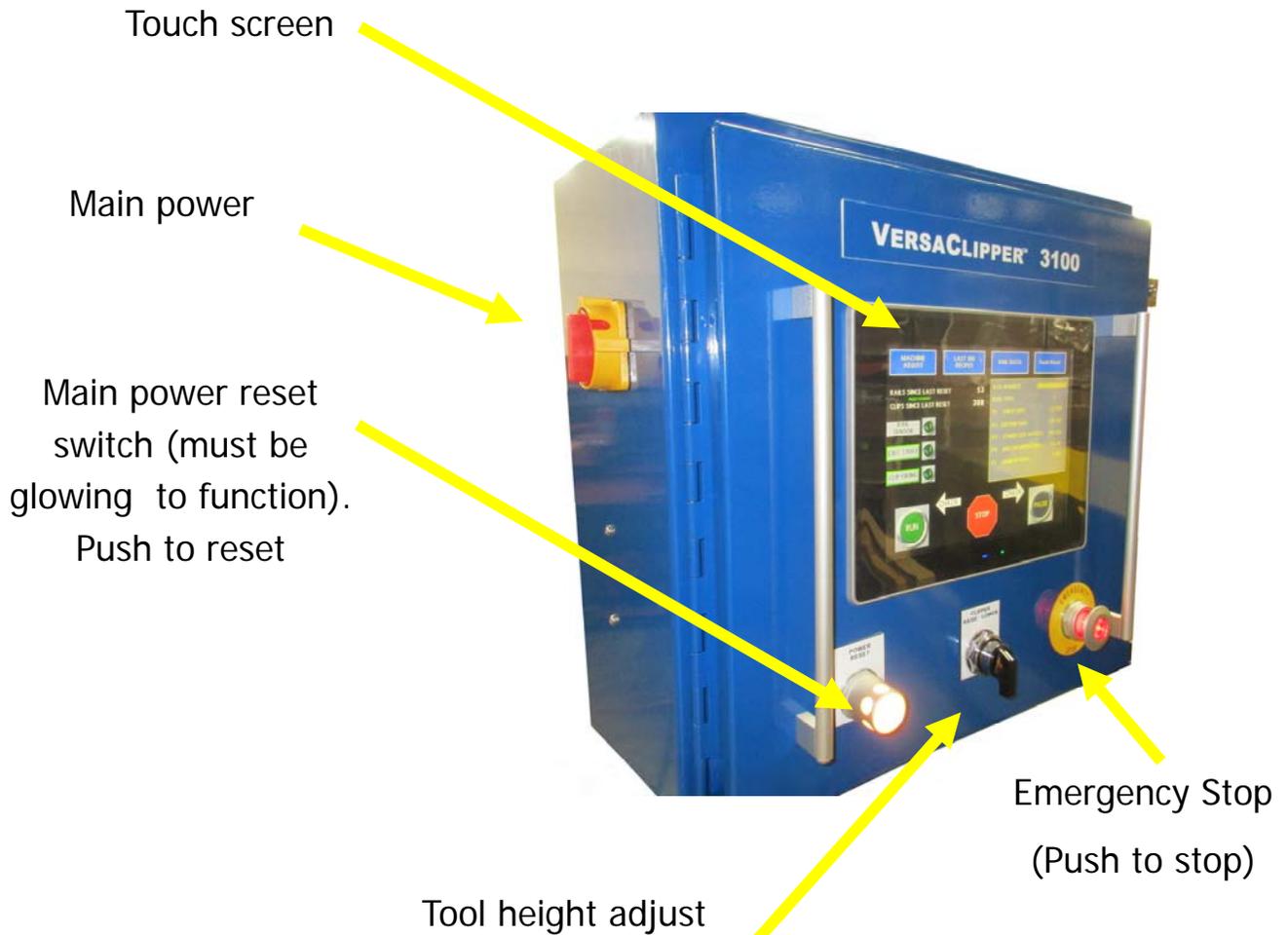
Tool Assembly (Clipping Head)

Rail Sensor switch

Adjustable Rail Guide



## Controller



Remote 120 VAC outlet and ETHERNET cable connections using standard CAT-6 cable for communicating with the HMI touch screen and the servo controller via the data hub.



### Turning on

1. Turn Main Power on. Be certain the red "E-Stop" button is pulled out
2. Press Main Power Reset button located on the lower left front operator control panel. The button should be illuminated "white" if all the power circuits are made.
3. The Fault screen will appear. Press the red button to clear the faults.
4. The Main Menu screen will appear on the HMI touch screen.

# Home Screen

Access all machine adjustments

Quick access for the last 100 rail recipes run

Access rail data (touching gray area also access rail data)

Press here to access the fault reset screen

Press here to cycle the exit table

Press here to fire the application tool

Press to start clipping

Press to stop machine after current rail finishes

Press to jog chain forward or backward

Press to pause and press to resume clipping

The Home Screen interface features a top navigation bar with four blue buttons: MACHINE ADJUST, LAST 100 RECIPES, RAIL DATA, and Fault Reset. Below this, the left side shows 'RAILS SINCE LAST RESET' and 'CLIPS SINCE LAST RESET', both with '0' counts and a 'PRESS TO RESET' prompt. Three sensor indicators are listed: RAIL SENSOR, EXIT TABLE, and CLIP FIRING, each with a green circular icon. At the bottom left is a large green 'RUN' button. In the center is a red octagonal 'FINISH CURRENT RAIL AND STOP' button. To its right are two 'CHAIN' buttons with left and right arrows, and a 'RESUME' button. The right side of the screen displays a gray panel with rail data: RAIL NUMBER, RAIL TYPE (0), and a table of parameters P1 through P6 with their respective values (0.00).

Parameter	Description	Value
RAIL NUMBER		
RAIL TYPE		0
P1	(FIRST CLIP)	0.00
P2	(SECOND CLIP)	0.00
P3	(DIST BETWEEN CLIPS)	0.00
P4	(GRIP BETWEEN CLIPS)	0.00
P5	(SUM BETWEEN CLIPS)	0.00
P6	(NUMBER OF GROUPS)	0.00

Exit Table—used to clear rail path

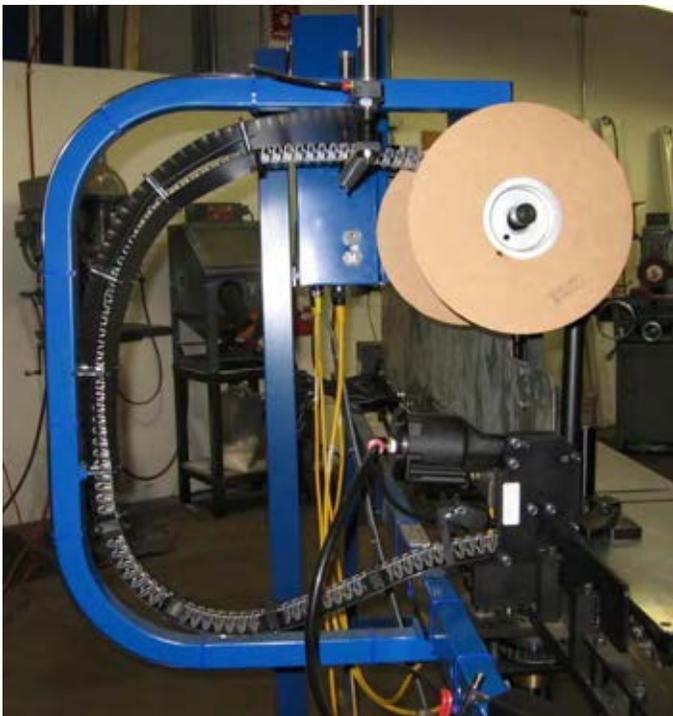


## Machine Setup

### Adjusting Air pressure

Set the operating air pressure to a minimum of 80 PSI and a maximum of 100 PSI using the air regulator. Determine the lowest PSI the machine requires to drive the fasteners correctly and use that setting. Lock regulator cap after setting air pressure.

### Loading a Spool of VersaClips



1. Load clips so they run off top of spool.
2. Push spool against magnetic brake.
3. Thread clips over Clip Lifter bar and down inside Chute.
4. Verify that Feed Cylinder is down.
5. Push clips into back of tool until clips contact driver blade.

## Loading a Spool of VersaClips while Machine is Running in Auto-Mode

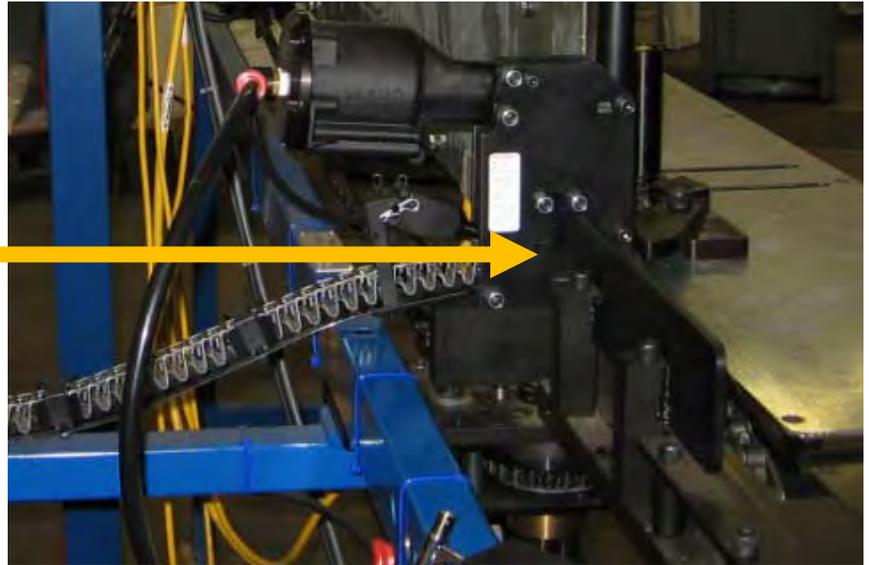
1. Remove empty spool while last of the clips are running.
2. Follow steps 1-3 above.
3. With constant pressure, feed clips in behind the last clip of the previous roll.

## Removing VersaClips from Tool Assembly

1. Lift rear feed cylinder up, swing flag up to support cylinder.

2. Spread left and right pawls away from side plates while removing clips from rear.

3. Caution: Do not overspread pawls.



## Adjustable Exit Table

Adjust air flow for a balanced smooth operation



## Machine Speed Adjustments

The clipping machine is controlled by the microprocessor in the control box. During clipping of a rail the following happens to a rail (assuming a recipe is loaded to run).

The chain starts at a given speed, pushing a rail until the rail sensor switch is activated. At that time the speed is increased until just before the rail is in position for the clipping head to fire, applying the clip. Just before that firing position the rail is decelerated (or slowed to a stop). The clipping head fires, and the chain is started, accelerating to the clipping speed. That speed is held until the chain must be decelerated to a stop for the next clip. This continues until the last clip is installed and then ejects the rail to the exit table and activates the exit table pusher.

To access the machine adjustment screen, refer to Appendix H “Accessing Machine Adjustments”

The Machine Adjustments can be adjusted in the security screen (see the Production Data instructions in this document for instructions on how to access the security screen).

There are seven adjustments that can be made:

Adjustment 1 is the Tool-Rail Sensor Offset

Adjustment 2 is the clipping speed

Adjustment 3 is the acceleration

Adjustment 4 is the deceleration

Adjustment 5 is the clip tool on time

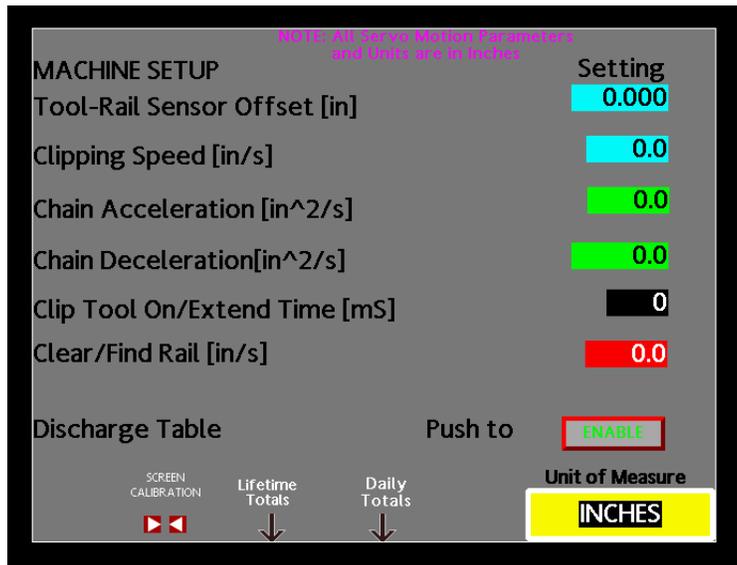
Adjustment 6 is the clear rail speed

Adjustment 7 is the find rail speed

**Tool-Rail Offset** is the P1 position adjustment. Refer to Appendix F

**Clipping speed** is the speed of the chain moving the rails between the clip positions. Factory suggestion is 150

It is important to note that a short rail with many clips will see very little improvement in the total number of rails that can be produced by increasing the rail speed while a long rail with few clips will show the greatest increase in the total number of rails that can be produced. This is because of the time it takes to decelerate, apply the clip, and accelerate the rail. If the clips are close together the rail must start to slow down for the next clip before the rail can reach maximum speed.



## Machine Speed Adjustments (continued)

**Acceleration and deceleration.** Factory suggestion for acceleration is 500 (not to exceed 600) and factory suggestion for deceleration is 250. Accelerations below 250 will cause the machine to run slower . Decelerations more than 250 will reduce accuracy of clip placement

**Clip tool on time** is how long the tool is energized. If the factory has very good air pressure, this setting can be 20. If factory air pressure is low, then set this value higher such as 40. If the clip is driven too deep, either raise the head or lower the clip tool on time. If the clip is not going in deep enough, either lower the tool head height or increase the tool on time. Harder woods such as OSB require higher clip tool on time.

**Clear/Find Rail** is the speed the machine runs to push the rail off onto the exit table then look for the next rail. If the rail pushes too far onto the exit table, lower the value for the Clear Rail. Factory suggestion is to start at 60 and adjust as needed for your rails

**To make any of the adjustments,** simply touch the number next to the description and type in the new value

NOTE: All Servo Motion Parameters and Units are in Imperial

MACHINE SETUP	Setting
Tool-Rail Sensor Offset [in]	0.000
Clipping Speed [in/s]	0.0
Chain Acceleration [in <sup>2</sup> /s]	0.0
Chain Deceleration[in <sup>2</sup> /s]	0.0
Clip Tool On/Extend Time [mS]	0
Clear Rail [in/s]	0.0
Find Rail [in/s]	0.0

SCREEN CALIBRATION      Production Totals      Unit of Measure

▶◀      ↓      **INCHES**



## Programming a new rail manually

1. Set lug spacing (See appendix A)

2. From the controller Main Menu screen:

A. Press "Rail Data"

B. Press "Create New" (all fields will be Zero)

D. Press the blank area next to Rail Number and enter the rail number

E. Press the "Next Rail Type" button to chose rail type desired: ( See Appendix B for rail descriptions)

Select 1 for standard rail (Refer to Appendix B for diagram)

Select 2 for group rail (Refer to Appendix B for diagram)

Select 3 for odd rail (Refer to Appendix B for diagram)

F. Standard Rail..

1. Enter P1 (position 1) of the first clip measured from the end of the rail to the center of the clip

2. Enter P2 measured from the center of clip 1 to the center of clip 2 (this entry is optional depending on layout of clips desired)

3. Enter P3 measured from the center of clip 2 to the center of clip 3 (this entry is optional depending on layout of clips desired)

4. Enter P4 which is the distance between clips

5. Enter P5 which is the total number of clips to be installed

6. Press "Load Recipe to Controller"

6. Press "Load Selected Recipe for Production"

7. Skip to Step 3 "Start Production"

G. Group Rail..

1. Enter P1 (position 1) of the first clip measured from the end of the rail to the center of the clip

2. Enter P2 measured from the center of clip 1 to the center of clip 2 (this entry is optional depending on layout of clips desired)

3. Enter P3 which is the distance between clips

4. Enter P4 the distance between groups

5. Enter P5 the number of clips per group (4 minimum)

#### G. Group Rail.. (continued)

6. Enter the number of groups (total clips per rail not to exceed 24)
7. Press "Download Recipe to Controller"
8. Press "Load Selected Recipe for Production"
9. Skip to Step I "Start Production"

#### H. Odd Rail..

1. Enter P1 (position 1) of the first clip measured from the end of the rail to the center of the clip
2. Enter P2 measured from the center of clip 1 to the center of clip 2
3. Enter P3 measured from the center of clip 2 to the center of clip 3
4. Continue enter remaining clips press page down arrow to access the next screen if needed
5. Press "Load Selected Recipe for Production"

### 3. Start Production

- A. Verify correct clip placement
- B. Load rails into the machine making sure not to place on top of any of the pusher lugs
- C. Important: P1 offset must be calibrated when the machine is set up for the first time before running production. Once set, the offset should not need recalibration. (See Appendix F)
- D. Adjust the Front Rail Guide (See Appendix C)
- E. Adjust the clipping head (See Appendix D)
- F. Press "Run". The LEDs on this screen will light when a device is activated.

## Running a preprogrammed rail (recalling a recipe from internal memory)

Rails can be recalled one of two ways by either going to the “Rail Data” screen or the “Last 100 Recipes” screen

### **From the Rail Data screen:**

1. Set lug spacing (See appendix A)
2. From the controller main screen: Press “Rail Data”
3. Press “Search For Rail Number”
4. Press the black area and enter the desired rail number, press search
5. If rail is found, press “Load Selected Recipe for Production”. The screen will then automatically change to the run screen.
6. Verify recipe in the gray box
7. Important P1 offset must be calibrated when the machine is set up for the first time before running production. Once set, the offset should not need recalibration unless machine speed is changed. (See Appendix F)
8. Load rails into the machine making sure not to place on top of any of the lugs
9. Adjust the Front Rail Guide (See Appendix D)
10. Adjust the clipping head (See Appendix E)
11. Press “Run”. The LEDs on this screen will light when the device listed is activated.

### **From the Last 100 Recipes screen:**

1. Set lug spacing (See appendix A)
2. From the controller main screen: Press “Last 100 Recipes”
3. Find the rail number you wish to run and touch that rail number. The recipe is automatically loaded and ready to run
4. Verify recipe in the gray box
5. Important P1 offset must be calibrated when the machine is set up for the first time before running production. Once set, the offset should not need recalibration unless machine speed is changed. (See Appendix F)
6. Load rails into the machine making sure not to place on top of any of the lugs
7. Adjust the Front Rail Guide (See Appendix D)
8. Adjust the clipping head (See Appendix E)
9. Press “Run”. The LEDs on this screen will light when the device listed is activated.

## Backing up your Recipes

Backing up all your recipe data is done by

1. Turn off the power
2. Open the cabinet front door
3. Remove the SD memory card located on the side of the touchscreen
4. Using a standard PC, copy the file "barcode.csv" located on the SD Memory card and save to a secure place.
5. Replace Memory card
6. Turn machine on.

## Adding New Recipes using a PC

1. Turn off the power
2. Back up your recipe data per the above procedure
3. Open the "barcode.csv" file using Microsoft Excel
4. Add or edit your recipe data
5. Save the revised file making sure to save it as "barcode.csv"
6. Replace SD Memory Card
7. Turn Machine on

### IMPORTANT

Only memory cards formatted by the factory can be used. Reformatting the original memory card or formatting a new memory card with a standard PC will not work reliably.

The recipe file on the SD Memory card must be named "barcode.csv" (saved as comma, separated, values)

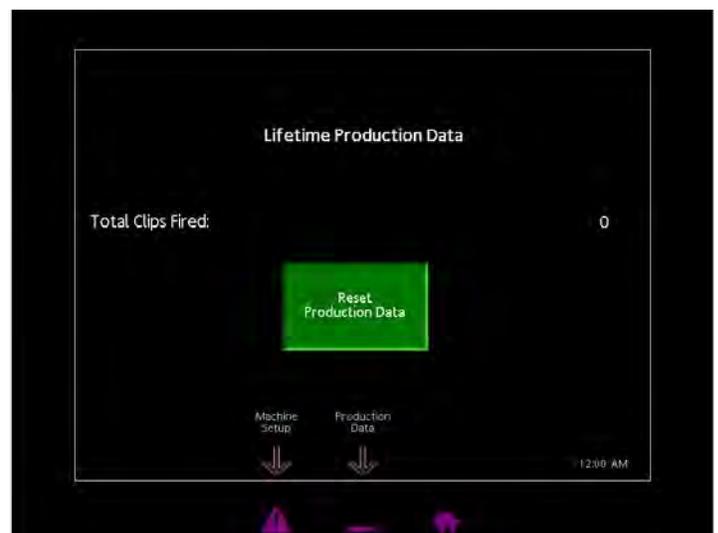
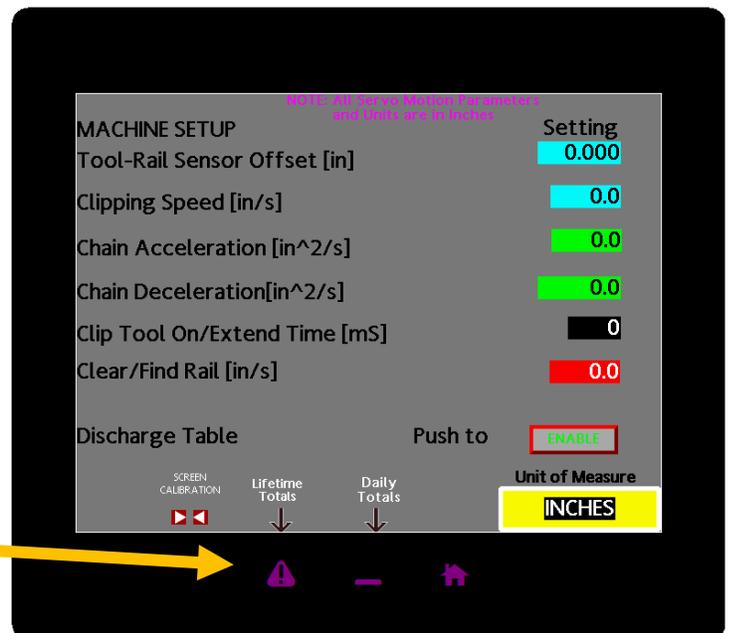
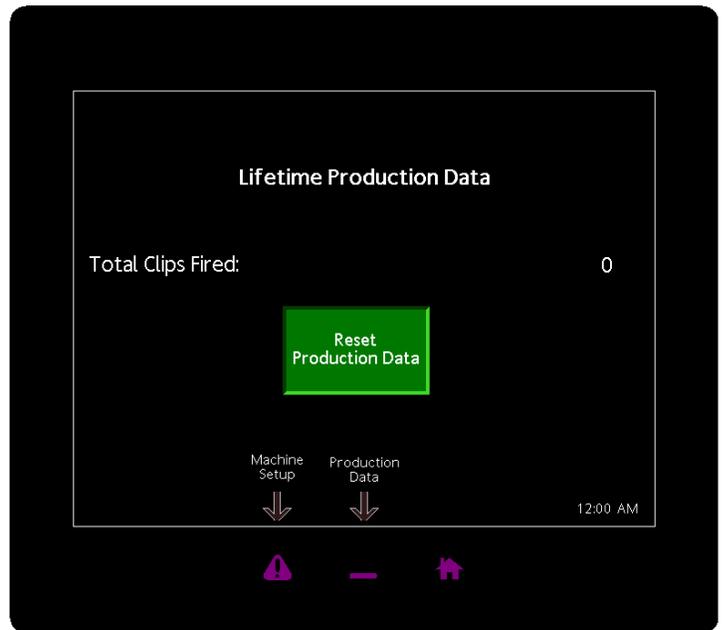
## Production Data

Lifetime production of clips applied is available.

This number is intended for maintenance and should only be reset after customer maintenance.

**To access the Production Data**, turn on the main power switch and wait for the unit to start. When the "clip count appears touch the Machine Adjust button . See Appendix H for the procedure to access the Machine Adjustment screens.

From the Machine Adjust screen, press the lower left button below the downward arrow for the lifetime totals



# Appendix A

## Lug Spacing and installation

### Calculating Lug Placement

A 4-inch (102mm) gap should be left between end of rail and following lug. To optimize machine efficiency, use the maximum number of lugs appropriate for your rail length. To figure the maximum possible lugs you can use, add 4 inches (102mm) to the rail length you will be using. Then divide the chain length, 270" (6858mm) by this number; the answer will equal the maximum number of lugs you may fasten to the drive chain.

Divide chain length, 270 inches (6858mm), by number of lugs you wish to use.

2 lugs = 135 inches (3429mm) between lugs

3 lugs = 90 inches (2286mm) between lugs

4 lugs = 67.5 inches (1715mm) between lugs

5 lugs = 54 inches (1372mm) between lugs

6 lugs = 45 inches (1143mm) between lugs

#### Example:

Rail length = 48 inches

$48 + 4 = 52$

$270 \div 52 = 5.019$

5 lug maximum on drive chain

Use chart above for equal distant lug placement on chain.

Note, placing less than the optimal number of lugs on the chain or running rails longer than 72" (1828mm) may require the run button to be pressed more than once to complete a cycle successfully. If the chain is running and no rail is detected within a predetermined length the machine will stop. If the time it takes for a lug to come around and push the next rail is too long the machine will stop. Pressing the run button a second time will restart the cycle.

# Appendix A (continued)

## Lug Spacing's and installation

### Applying Universal Lugs to Drive Chain

Remove locking fastener

Raise chain guard to open position

Install lug as shown below

Close chain guard. **DO NOT RUN MACHINE WITH GUARD OPEN** and replace all fasteners holding guard in place.



### Applying Universal Lugs to Drive Chain

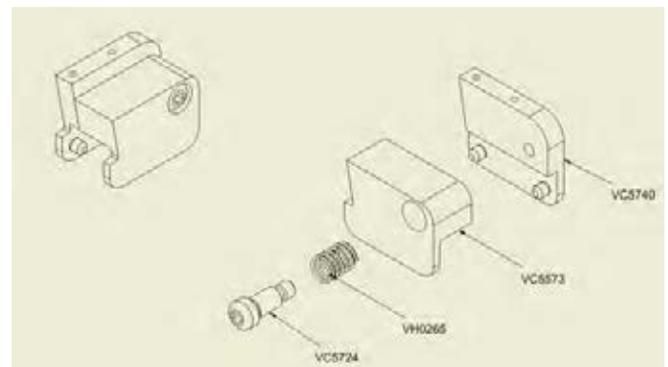
Twist front half of lug 90 degrees from rear half.

Insert pegs of rear half into chain.

Holding rear half in place, pull lug apart.

Twist front half back 90 degrees.

Insert pegs into chain.



# Appendix B

## STANDARD RAIL

P1 = END OF RAIL TO CENTER OF 1ST CLIP

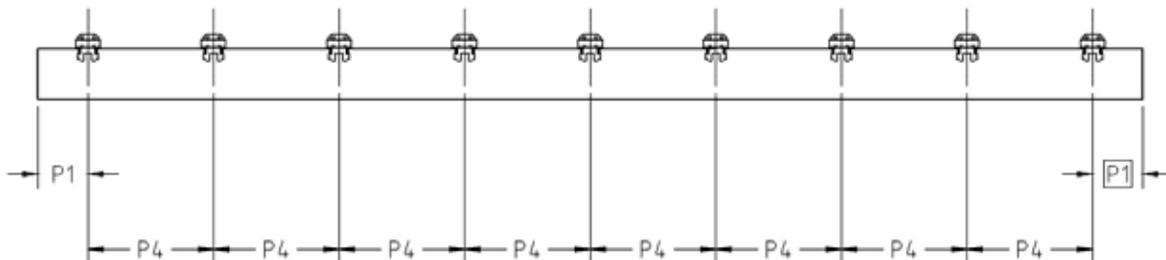
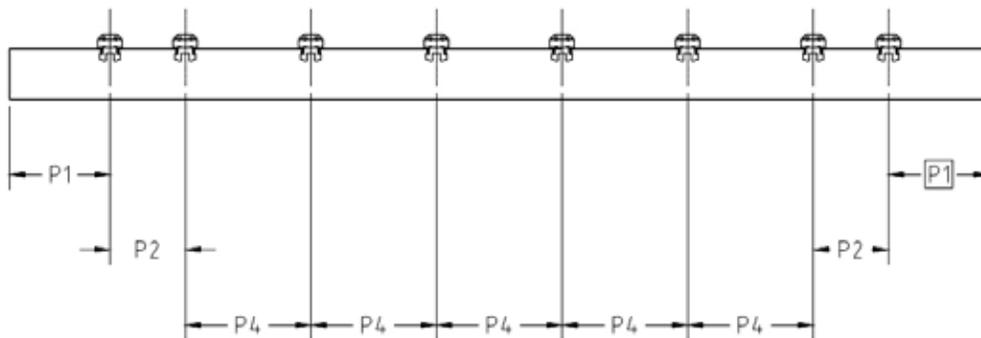
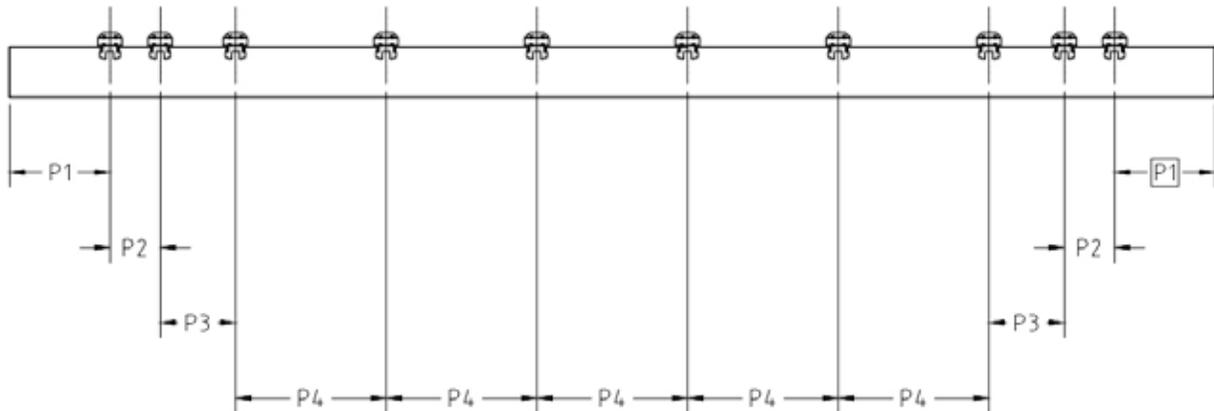
P2\* = CENTER OF 1ST CLIP TO CENTER OF 2ND CLIP

P3\* = CENTER OF 2ND CLIP TO CENTER OF 3RD CLIP

P4 = COMMON CENTER TO CENTER

P5 = TOTAL NUMBER OF CLIPS

\* OPTIONAL



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P1 LAST P1 WILL EQUAL 1ST P1 ONLY IF CUSTOMER CALCULATIONS ARE CORRECT.

Note: P1 offset must be set prior to use

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## GROUP RAIL

P1 = END OF RAIL TO CENTER OF 1ST CLIP

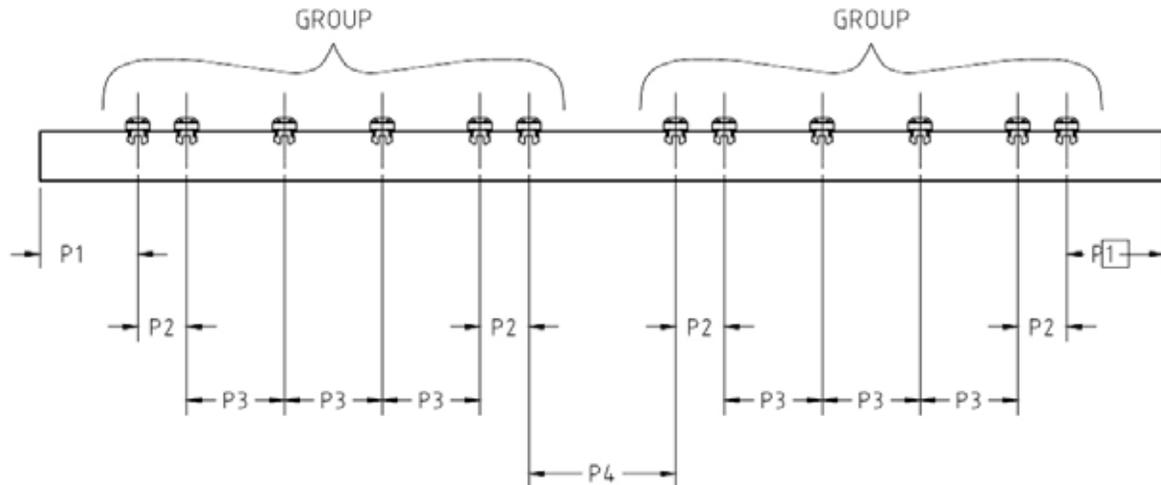
P2 = CENTER OF 1ST CLIP TO CENTER OF 2ND CLIP

P3 = CENTER TO CENTER IN GROUP

P4 = GROUP TO GROUP

P5 = NUMBER OF CLIPS PER GROUP

P6 = NUMBER OF GROUPS



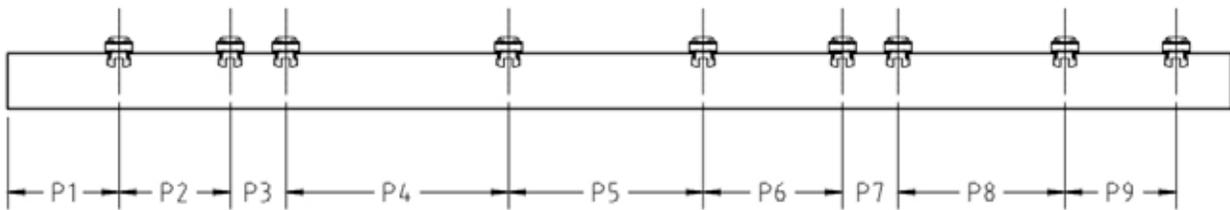
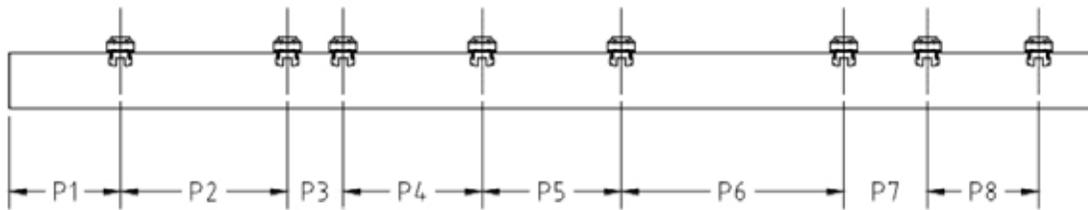
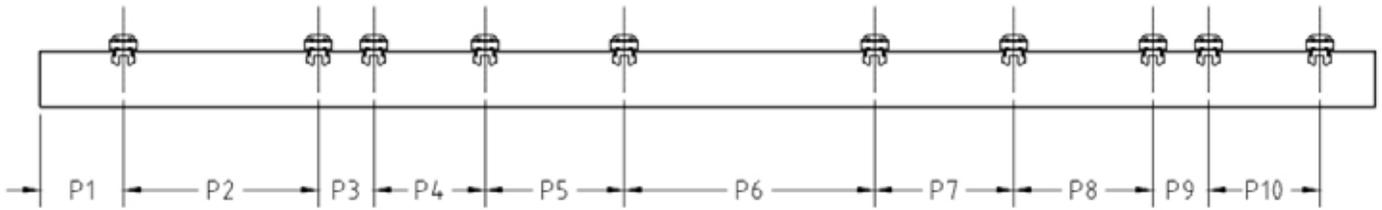
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Note: P1 offset must be set prior to use

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# Appendix B

## ODD RAIL



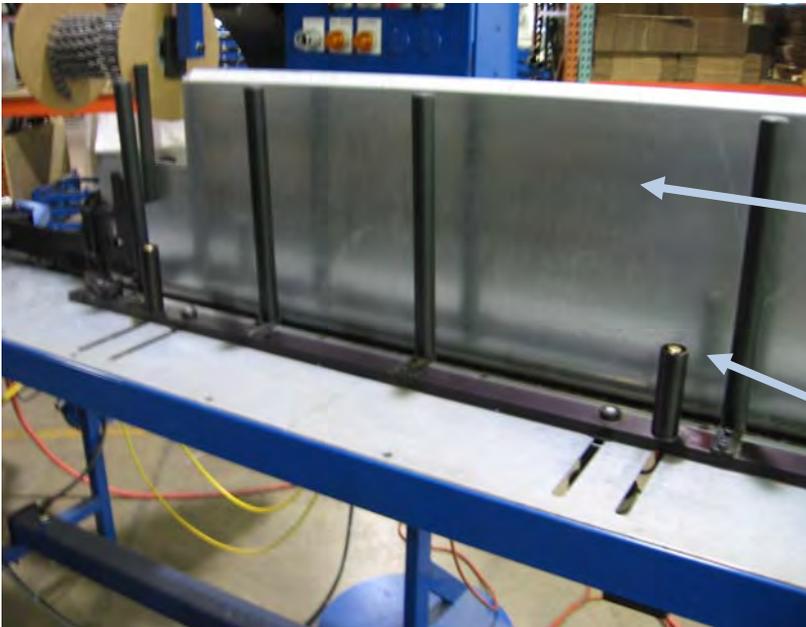
Note: P1 offset must be set prior to use

# Appendix C

## Front Rail Guide

### Positioning Front Rail Guide

Place stack of rails against rear fence.



Rear Fence

Pushbutton - depress to release clamps. Note, both buttons must be depressed to move rail guide evenly

Note, make sure rail slides easily after adjusting the front fence

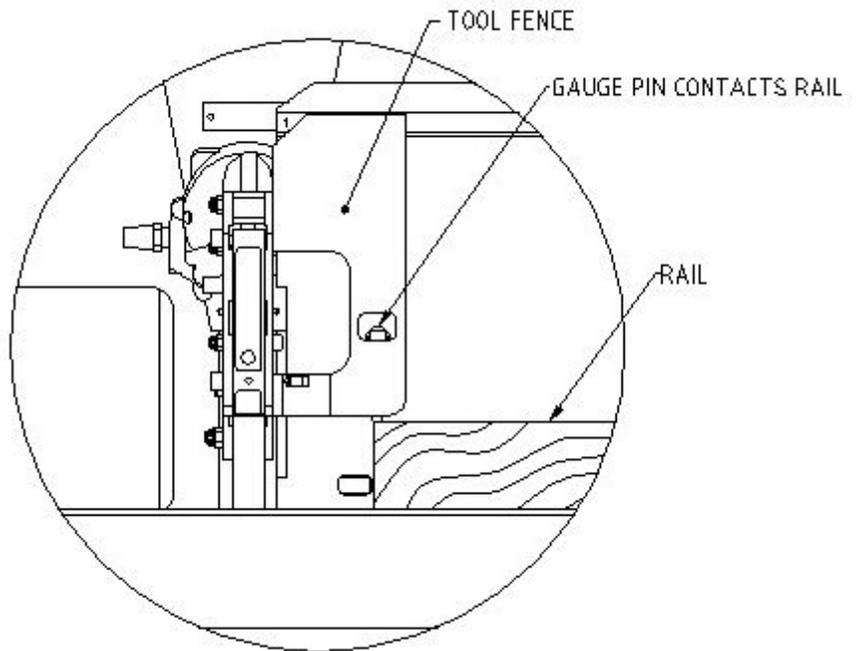
# Appendix D

## Clipping head adjustment

### Adjusting Tool Assembly Height

Turn "Tool Height" selector lever counterclockwise to raise clipping head

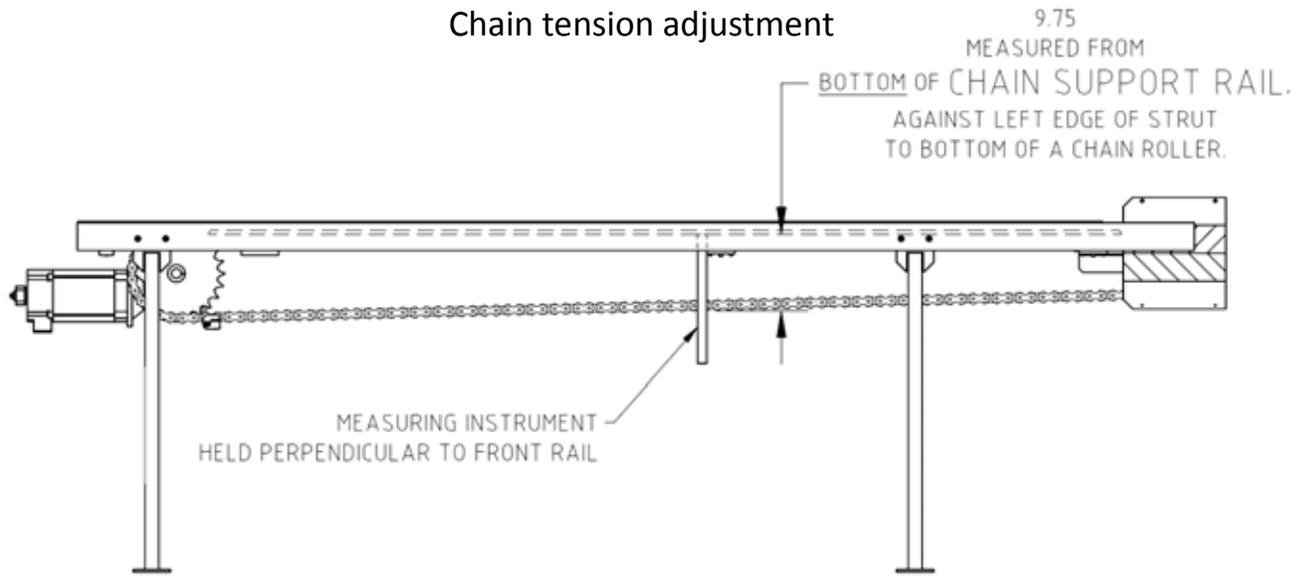
Place the rail to be clipped under the clipping head. Lower the clipping head until the gauge pin rises slightly after engaging the rail.



**!!! Warning.... NEVER Adjust Tool Height While Chain is Moving!!!**

# Appendix E

## Chain tension adjustment



To adjust the chain tension loosen the two locknuts counter-clockwise and turn the main adjustment nuts clockwise. Turn each nut equal amounts to keep the chain sprocket straight.



# Appendix F

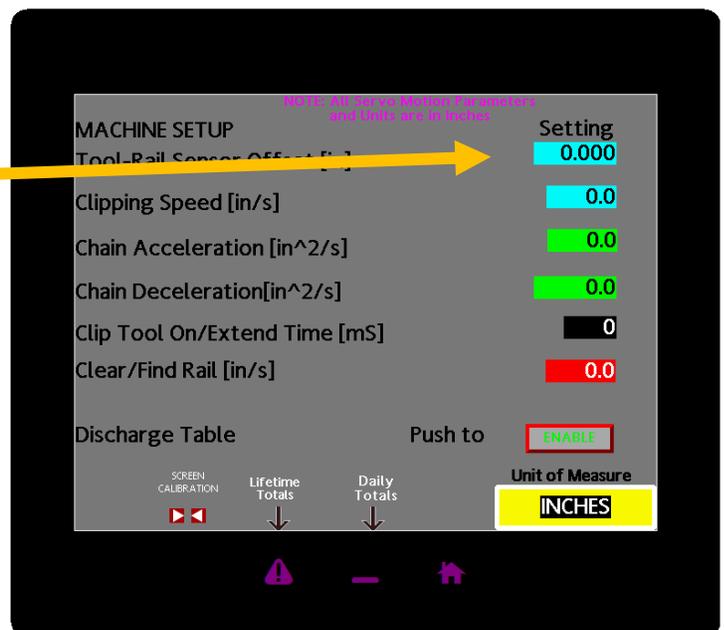
## P1 Calibration

To calibrate the machine for the correct placement of the first clip (P1):

1. The VersaClipper must be fully set up and ready to run a rail. The rail recipe must be programmed in and rails loaded with the front rail guide properly adjusted.
2. Press "Run" from the main screen and process one rail. Measure the actual distance from the end of the rail to the center of the first clip.
3. If the measured distance matches the programmed distance then no further adjustment is necessary. If the measured distance does not match the programmed distance then proceed to step 4
4. The offset is adjusted in the Machine Adjust screen. See Appendix H



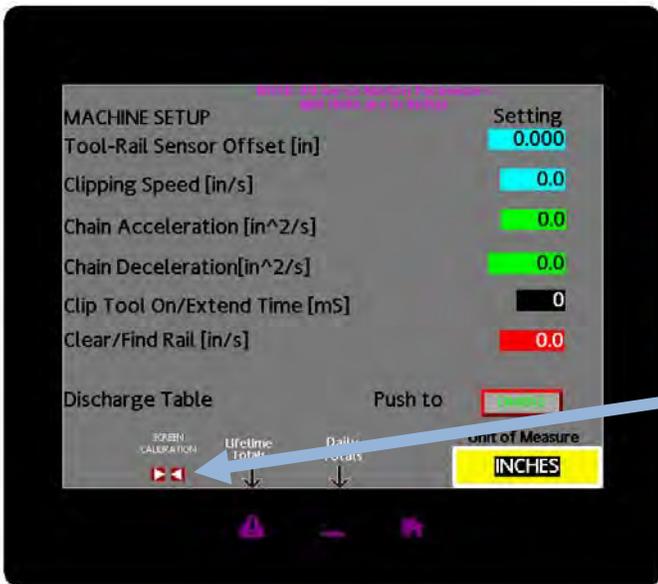
5. Touch the black text under settings next to the "Tool Rail Sensor Offset". This will bring up a box to allow entering a new offset number.
6. If the measured distance is larger than the programmed distance, reduce the offset. If the measured distance is smaller than the programmed distance, increase the offset.
7. Run an additional rail and check the distance. If necessary continue to adjust the offset until the measured and programmed distance are the same.



# Appendix G

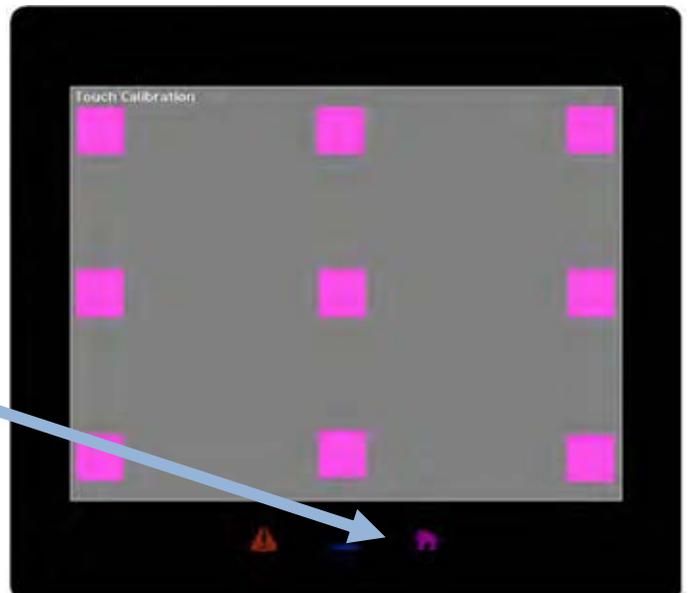
## Touch Screen Calibration

1. The touch screen is calibrated from the machine set up screen. See Appendix H in this manual to access the machine set up screen.



2. Touch the red arrows. This will take you to the calibration screen

3. Follow the prompts and touch each square as indicated. When complete, touch the home button



# Appendix H

## Accessing Machine Adjustments

To access the Machine Adjustments, touch the Machine Adjust button on the home screen. This will bring up the Security Manager.

Press the Green enter button



Enter "SYSTEM" for the USERNAME. Press the Green enter button



Call Vertex at 847-768-6139 for the password

Enter the password

Press the Green enter button.



# TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

## VC3100

1 – Improper clip spacing

2 – Clip not driven properly

3 – Clips do not feed properly

4 – Will not power up/no display/erratic display

5 – Chain not moving

6 – Exit stacker issues

7 – Tool height adjustment not working

8 – Frequent rail jams

9 – Driver blade stuck down, tool doesn't fire



# 1 – Improper clip spacing

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- Improper rail recipe – review clip spacing on screen and edit as needed – see page 10 of manual
- Rail condition is bad; e.g., warped, voids, chipped, dimensions off, not square
- Rail trigger/trigger switch assembly, VC5558, may be worn, broken, or in need of adjustment. Inspect the condition of the VC5254 rail trigger for damage or wear. If this is okay with chain off and air supply unplugged, cycle the VC5254 rail trigger. If the trigger is operating correctly, the rail sensor activated light on the manual machine adjustment screen (see page 14 of the manual) should light up when the trigger is between 5% to 75% of its travel. Perform this test numerous times to ensure that there is not an intermittent issue. Trigger may also need adjustment, which can be done by loosening the socket head cap screw holding the trigger, to the knurled shaft on the switch and retightening it to the correct position.
- Front fence not adjusted properly – make sure that the fence is all the way against the rails
- Rail may be losing contact with the chain lug(s):
  - Make sure VC5709 pressure foot is not broken, is in place, tight, and that it has adequate spring pressure
  - Check to be sure the lugs are not worn; replace as necessary
- Chain is not adjusted properly (too loose) – adjust as necessary (see “Chain Tension Adjustment” procedure page 26 in manual)
- First clip spacing is controlled by the P1 Calibration. If the position of the first clip is not correct, adjust as necessary (see “P1 Calibration” procedure “Appendix F” page 27 in manual).

## 2 – Clip not driven properly

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Clips over driven or under driven

- Check air pressure and adjust up or down depending if clip is over driven or under driven
- Check tool height adjustment to make sure it is properly set (place rail underneath tool height gauge pin and lower the tool head until the gauge pin contacts the rail)
- Check for air leaks – listen for obvious air leaks; if none are heard, with chain off and clips backed out of the tool, hold the manual clip button in and listen for leaks (the button is located on the Manual Machine Operation screen).
- Insure that VH0355 and VH0504 mufflers are clean
- Check for knots or voids in the wood
- Check to make sure the clipping time is not too short. See “Clip Tool Dwell Adjustment” page 8 in the manual

Clips askew or not tight to rail

- Front fence not adjusted properly
- Bad rail
- VC5285 pressure arm not functioning properly

## 3 – Clips do not feed properly

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- Check air pressure – should be 70-90 P.S.I., adjust as necessary
- Check clip dispenser to make sure clips move freely and to make sure that the clip lifter VC5523 is working properly
- Check to make sure clips are loose on the roll
- Check for obstructions in the track and clip chute, and repair as necessary
- Check to make sure that the clip feed cylinder is engaged and that the assembly is tight to the mounting bracket
- Are the feed pawls VC5122 and VC5123 engaged and are the VC5121 feed pawl springs operational?
- VC5127 feed piston (clip feeder) internal spring may be broken
- VC5117 torsion spring may be missing or broken
- Is the VC5101 driver blade stuck down? If so, please follow troubleshooting procedures for "blade stuck down or tool doesn't fire."
- Are the grooves in the VC5504 spool holder worn excessively or are there any burrs that would impede the roll from turning properly on the holder?

## 4 – Will not power up/no display/erratic display

### VC3100 Model

- Is machine plugged in?
- Is there power to the machine?
- Check for tripped circuit breakers in control box and reset if necessary.
- Check for faulty switch VH0907
- Check to see if the lights are flashing on the network hub, if not, check 24 V power supply.
- Is the reset switch activated (light on), if not, press reset button. Light should turn on

## 5 – Chain not moving

### VC3100 Model

- Turn machine off, wait 10 to 15 seconds and turn machine back on
- Chain broken
- Chain jammed
  - A. Rail jam – press chain reverse button and/or attempt to raise the clipping head and remove jammed rail
  - B. Lug screws loose – check all lug screws and tighten as necessary
  - C. Obstruction(s) – look for any obstructions and remove as necessary
  - D. Loose set screws in drive sprocket – check and tighten as needed
  - E. Motor-mount screws loose between drive sprocket and motor-mount bracket
  - F. Gearbox dry or bad
- Is driver blade stuck down? If so, please follow troubleshooting procedures for “blade stuck down or tool doesn’t fire”
- Faulty or broken VH0293 switch
- Confused logic – reset power
- Bad motor

## 6 – Exit stacker issues

### VC3100 Model

- Pusher cylinders are binding due to:
  - A. Lack of oil – remove ¼" tubing on the back of each VH0365 cylinder and insert 3 drops of 30WT non-detergent oil in each
  - B. Adjust VH0840 flow control valve
  - C. Loose mounting hardware – check and tighten as necessary
  - D. Debris/obstructions – check and remove as needed
- Defective VH0362 mac valve – use VH0520 valve repair kit

## 7 – Tool height adjustment not working

### VC3100 Model

- The jam's cause could be debris or clips in the VC5431 acme rod threads
- Binding/misaligned motor – check for loose or missing fasteners
- Head driven up too far – turn clipper head adjustment to lower and jiggle head until it frees itself
- Head adjustment motor VC5217 sprocket loose – tighten VH0159 set screw(s) (use blue Loctite) on VH0270 sprocket
- VH0290 switch bad
- VC5727 tool motor bad
- Tool head binding due to excess wear on the VC5431 acme rod – inspect and replace if necessary

## 8 – Frequent rail jams

### VC3100 Model

- Warped or bowed rails
- Worn lugs – inspect and replace as necessary
- Improper tool height – inspect and adjust as necessary
- Improper front fence adjustment – inspect and adjust as necessary
- Chain too loose, causing lug to go under rail – inspect and adjust chain as per instructions

## 9 – Driver blade stuck down, tool doesn't fire

### VC3100 Model

- Blade jammed on rail
- Lack of lubrication – remove VH0248 ¼" tubing from back of tool and add 3 drops of 30WT non-detergent oil to the tool, re-install tubing and attempt to cycle the tool
- Check for debris or loose clips on all tool components and remove
- Piston may be unscrewed from the VC5119 yoke – inspect and reattach if necessary using "red" Loctite
- VC5119 yoke, VC011 link, or VC5118 link pin may be broken – inspect and replace if necessary
- VC0006 piston may be broken
- VC0004 piston spring may be collapsed or broken
- Check for burrs on the side plates that would keep the driver blade from returning properly, if present, buff out and reinstall sideplates
- Clipping time is set too long – verify and adjust on the machine setup screen
- Bad mac valve, use mac valve repair kit

## OVERALL MACHINE MAINTENANCE

### **Recommended Daily Maintenance**

1. Blow off woodchips and debris from Tools, Rail Trigger and Acme rod/tool height motor area.
2. Add 2-3 drops of 30 weight oil to opening between front plate and top of blade of Tool assembly.

Remove air hose from the Clip Feed Cylinder, add 2-3 drops of 30 weight oil to opening and reinstall hose.

### **Recommended Bi-Weekly Maintenance**

1. Drain Air Reservoir Tank for condensation.
2. Check and adjust main drive chain for proper tension (VC5773).

### **Recommended Monthly Maintenance**

1. Remove front plate from tool and lubricate driver blade, front plate and top plate.
2. Check guard fasteners.

**Daily**  
**PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE**

DATE: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

SHIFT: A B C D (CIRCLE ONE)

**MAINTENANCE TO PERFORM**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**INITIALS**

BLOW OFF CLIP TOOL ASSY AND SURROUNDING AREA WITH AIR HOSE

OPERATOR

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BLOW OFF CLIP FEED ASSY AND TRACK AREA WITH AIR HOSE

OPERATOR

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OIL (1) BEHIND TOOL "FRONT PLATE" AND "BLADE" AREA

OPERATOR

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NOTE: (1) RECOMMENDED OIL VERTEX VC0340

COMMENTS: (REMARKS ABOUT CONDITION OF PARTS AND/OR MAINTENANCE PERFORMED).

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**Weekly**  
**PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE**

DATE: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

SHIFT: A B C D (CIRCLE ONE)

**MAINTENANCE TO PERFORM**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**INITIALS**

CHECK AIR LINE LUBRICATOR AND FILL AS NECESSARY (1)

OPERATOR

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CHECK FOR LOOSE OR MISSING SCREWS ON CLIPPING TOOLS

SUPERVISOR

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ASSEMBLIES TO CHECK

CLIPPING TOOLS

SUPERVISOR

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FEEDER ASSEMBLIES

SUPERVISOR

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COMMENTS: (REMARKS ABOUT CONDITION OF PARTS AND/OR MAINTENANCE PERFORMED).

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**"MONTHLY"**  
**PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE**

DATE: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

SHIFT: A B C D (CIRCLE ONE)

**MAINTENANCE TO PERFORM**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**INITIALS**

REMOVE CLIPPING TOOL "FRONT PLATE" SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_

REMOVE "BLADE" AND "BLADE PIN"

BLOW OUT INSIDE OF CLIPPING TOOL WITH AIR HOSE

WIPE OF "BLADE", "BLADE PIN", AND "FRONT PLATE"

CHECK FOR WEAR. REPLACE IF BADLY WORN.

CHECK "ANVIL" REPLACE IF BADLY WORN

LUBRICATE (2) "BLADE", "BLADE PIN", AND "FRONT PLATE"

LUBRICATE (2) "ROLLER" AND "ROLLER PIN" WITHOUT REMOVING

LUBRICATE (2) SLOTS INSIDE OF "SIDE PLATES"

REASSEMBLE ALL COMPONENTS AND MANUALLY FIRE TOOL TO INSURE FUNCTIONALITY

DRAIN LIQUIDS THAT HAVE COLLECTED INSIDE AIR TANK BY SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_  
OPENING VALVE ON BOTTOM OF AIR TANK

CHECK DRIVE CHAIN FOR PROPER TENSION AND WEAR, SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_  
REPLACE IF NEEDED

CHECK RAIL DETECT SWITCH FOR PROPER FUNCTION SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_  
(this can be verified by checking P1 clip placement.)  
ADJUST AS NECESSARY

NOTE: (2) USE VERTEX VH0214 GREASE

COMMENTS: (REMARKS ABOUT CONDITION OF PARTS AND/OR MAINTENANCE PERFORMED).

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**"SEMI-ANNUALLY"**  
**PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE**

DATE: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

SHIFT: A B C D (CIRCLE ONE)

<b><u>MAINTENANCE TO PERFORM</u></b>	<b><u>RESPONSIBILITY</u></b>	<b><u>INITIALS</u></b>
CHECK TENSION ON CHAIN AND LUBRICATE (2)	SUPERVISOR	_____
REPLACE AIR LINE FILTERS (IF INSTALLED)	SUPERVISOR	_____

NOTE: (2) USE VERTEX GREASE VH0214

COMMENTS: (REMARKS ABOUT CONDITION OF PARTS AND/OR MAINTENANCE PERFORMED).

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**"ANNUALY"**  
**PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE**

DATE: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

SHIFT: A B C D (CIRCLE ONE)

**MAINTENANCE TO PERFORM**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**INITIALS**

REBUILD CLIPPING TOOLS

MAINTENANCE DEPT. \_\_\_\_\_

DISASSEMBLE TOOLS COMPLETELY

CLEAN COMPONENTS AND DRY

INSPECT ALL COMPONENTS FOR WEAR. REPLACE AS NEEDED

REPLACE PISTON O-RING

LUBRICATE (2) ALL WORKING PARTS AND REASSEMBLE

REBUILD MAGAZINE ASSEMBLY

MAINTENANCE DEPT. \_\_\_\_\_

DISASSEMBLE FEEDER CYLINDER AND ANTI BACKUP WHEEL ASSEMBLY

CLEAN COMPONENTS AND DRY

INSPECT ALL COMPONENTS FOR WEAR REPLACE AS NEEDED

REPLACE O-RINGS IN AIR CYLINDER

LUBRICATE (2) ALL WORKING PARTS AND REASSEMBLE

DE-GREASE AND CLEAN EXTERIOR SURFACE OF MACHINE

MAINTENANCE DEPT. \_\_\_\_\_

INSPECT ALL PARTS FOR WEAR AND REPAIR OR REPLACE AS NEEDED

NOTE: (2) USE VERTEX GREASE VH0214

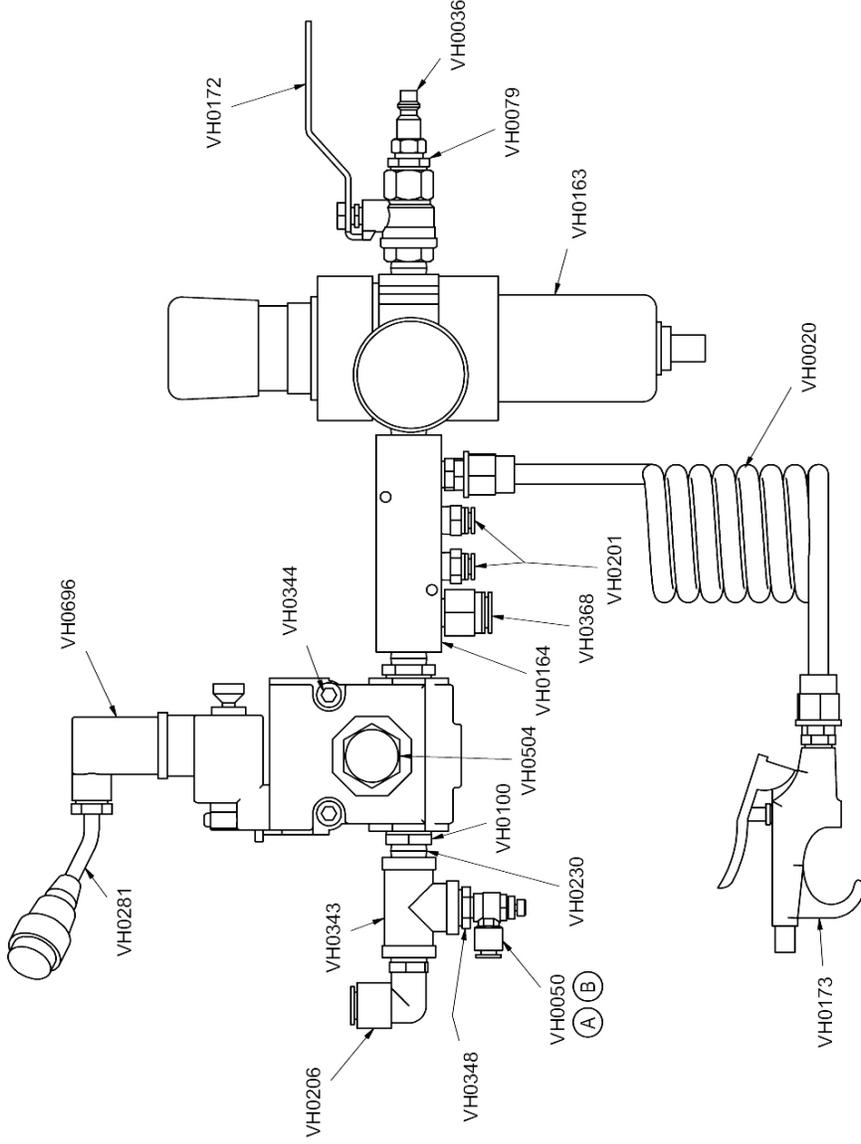
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VH0020	RETRACTABLE HOSE	1
VH0036	PLUG, MALE, 1/4 - 1/4	1
VH0050	FLOW CONTROL	1
VH0079	BUSHING, REDUCER, 3/8 x 1/4	1
VH0100	BUSHING, REDUCER, BRASS, 1/2 x 3/8	2
VH0163	FILTER/REGULATOR W/ GAUGE	1
VH0164	MANIFOLD	1
VH0172	VALVE, VENTED SHUT-OFF BALL, 3/8 NPT	1
VH0173	AIR GUN	1
VH0201	PUSH-IN FTG. STR, 1/4 OD x 1/4 NPT	2
VH0206	PUSH-IN FTG, 90, 1/2 OD x 3/8 NPT	1
VH0230	NIPPLE, 3/8 NPT x 1 CLOSE	4
VH0281	SOLENOID CABLE	1
VH0343	TEE, 3/8	1
VH0344	SHCS, 5/16 - 18 x 2	2
VH0348	BUSHING, REDUCER, 3/8 x 1/8	1
VH0368	PUSH-IN FTG, STR, 1/2 OD x 1/4 NPT	1
VH0504	MUFFLER	1
VH0696	VALVE, 24V DC, TOOL	1



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B	1085	BACK TO VH0050	JMW	JMF	8-11-11			

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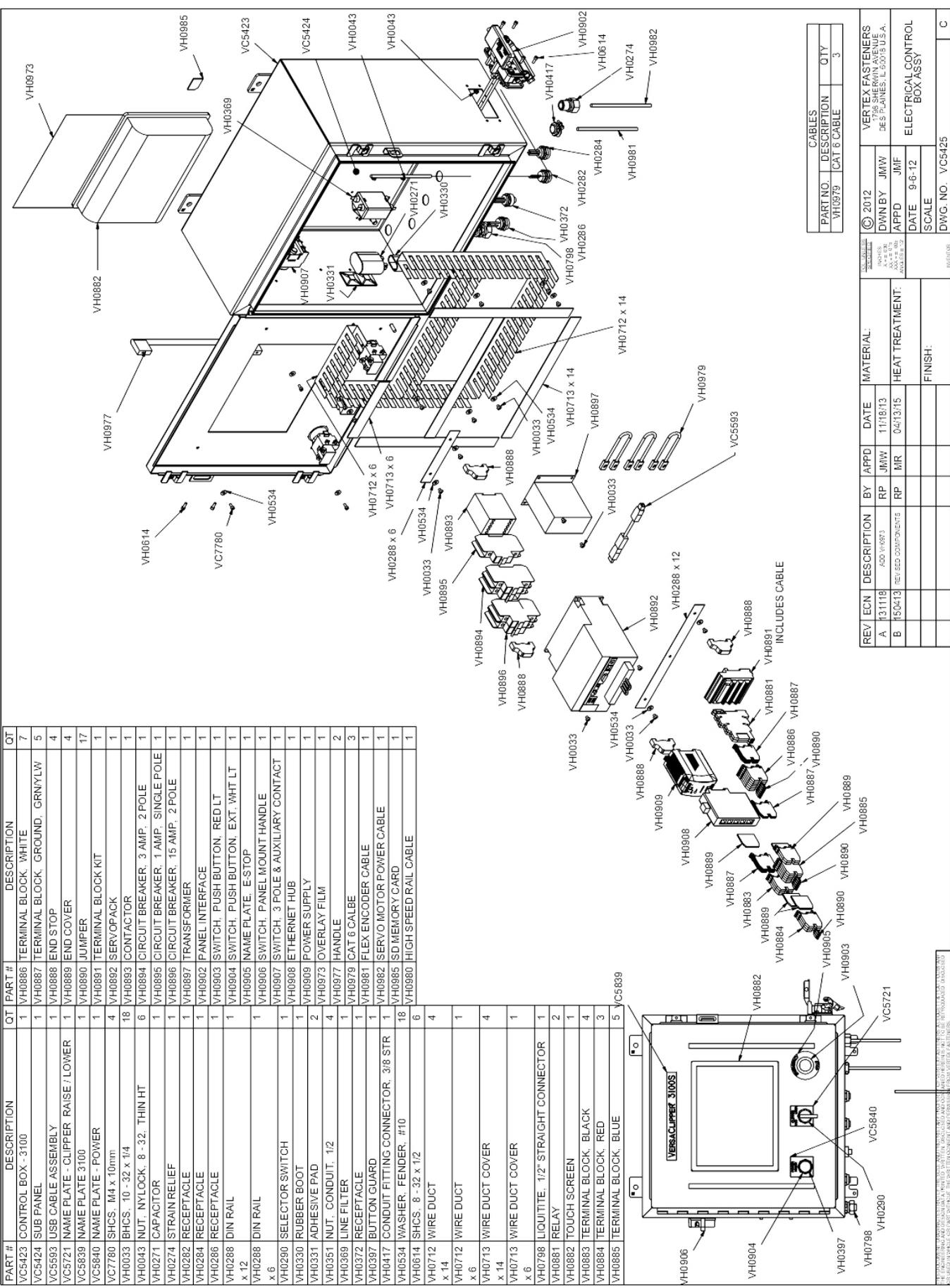
  

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VC5423	CONTROL BOX - 3100	1	VH0886	TERMINAL BLOCK, WHITE	7
VC5424	SUB PANEL	1	VH0887	TERMINAL BLOCK, GROUND, GRN/YLW	5
VC5593	USB CABLE ASSEMBLY	1	VH0888	END STOP	4
VC5721	NAME PLATE - CLIPPER RAISE / LOWER	1	VH0889	END COVER	4
VC5839	NAME PLATE - POWER	1	VH0890	JUMPER	17
VC7780	NAME PLATE - POWER	1	VH0891	TERMINAL BLOCK KIT	1
VC7800	SHCS, 1/4" x 10mm	4	VH0892	SERVOPACK	1
VH0033	BHCS, 10 - 32 x 1/4	18	VH0893	CONTACTOR	1
VH0043	NUT, NYLOCK, 8 - 32, THIN HT	6	VH0894	CIRCUIT BREAKER, 3 AMP, 2 POLE	1
VH0271	CAPACITOR	1	VH0895	CIRCUIT BREAKER, 1 AMP, SINGLE POLE	1
VH0274	STRAIN RELIEF	1	VH0896	CIRCUIT BREAKER, 15 AMP, 2 POLE	1
VH0282	RECEPTACLE	1	VH0897	TRANSFORMER	1
VH0284	RECEPTACLE	1	VH0902	PANEL INTERFACE	1
VH0286	RECEPTACLE	1	VH0903	SWITCH, PUSH BUTTON, RED/LT	1
VH0288	DIN RAIL	1	VH0904	SWITCH, PUSH BUTTON, EXT. WHT LT	1
VH0288	DIN RAIL	1	VH0905	NAME PLATE, E-STOP	1
VH0288	DIN RAIL	1	VH0906	SWITCH, PANEL MOUNT HANDLE	1
VH0290	SELECTOR SWITCH	1	VH0907	SWITCH, 3 POLE & AUXILIARY CONTACT	1
VH0330	RUBBER BOOT	1	VH0908	ETHERNET HUB	1
VH0331	ADHESIVE PAD	1	VH0909	POWER SUPPLY	1
VH0351	NUT, CONDUIT, 1/2	2	VH0973	OVERLAY FILM	1
VH0369	LINE FILTER	1	VH0977	HANDLE	2
VH0372	RECEPTACLE	1	VH0979	CAT 6 CALBE	3
VH0387	BUTTON GUARD	1	VH0981	FLEX ENCODER CABLE	1
VH0417	CONDUIT FITTING CONNECTOR, 3/8 STR	1	VH0982	SERVO MOTOR POWER CABLE	1
VH0534	WASHER, FENDER, #10	18	VH0985	SD MEMORY CARD	1
VH0614	SHCS, 8 - 32 x 1/2	6	VH0980	HIGH SPEED RAIL CABLE	1
VH0712	WIRE DUCT	4			
VH0712	WIRE DUCT	1			
VH0713	WIRE DUCT COVER	4			
VH0713	WIRE DUCT COVER	1			
VH0713	WIRE DUCT COVER	1			
VH0786	LIQUITITE, 1/2" STRAIGHT CONNECTOR	1			
VH0881	RELAY	2			
VH0882	TOUCH SCREEN	1			
VH0883	TERMINAL BLOCK, BLACK	3			
VH0884	TERMINAL BLOCK, RED	4			
VH0885	TERMINAL BLOCK, BLUE	5			



CABLES		
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VH0979	CAT 6 CABLE	3

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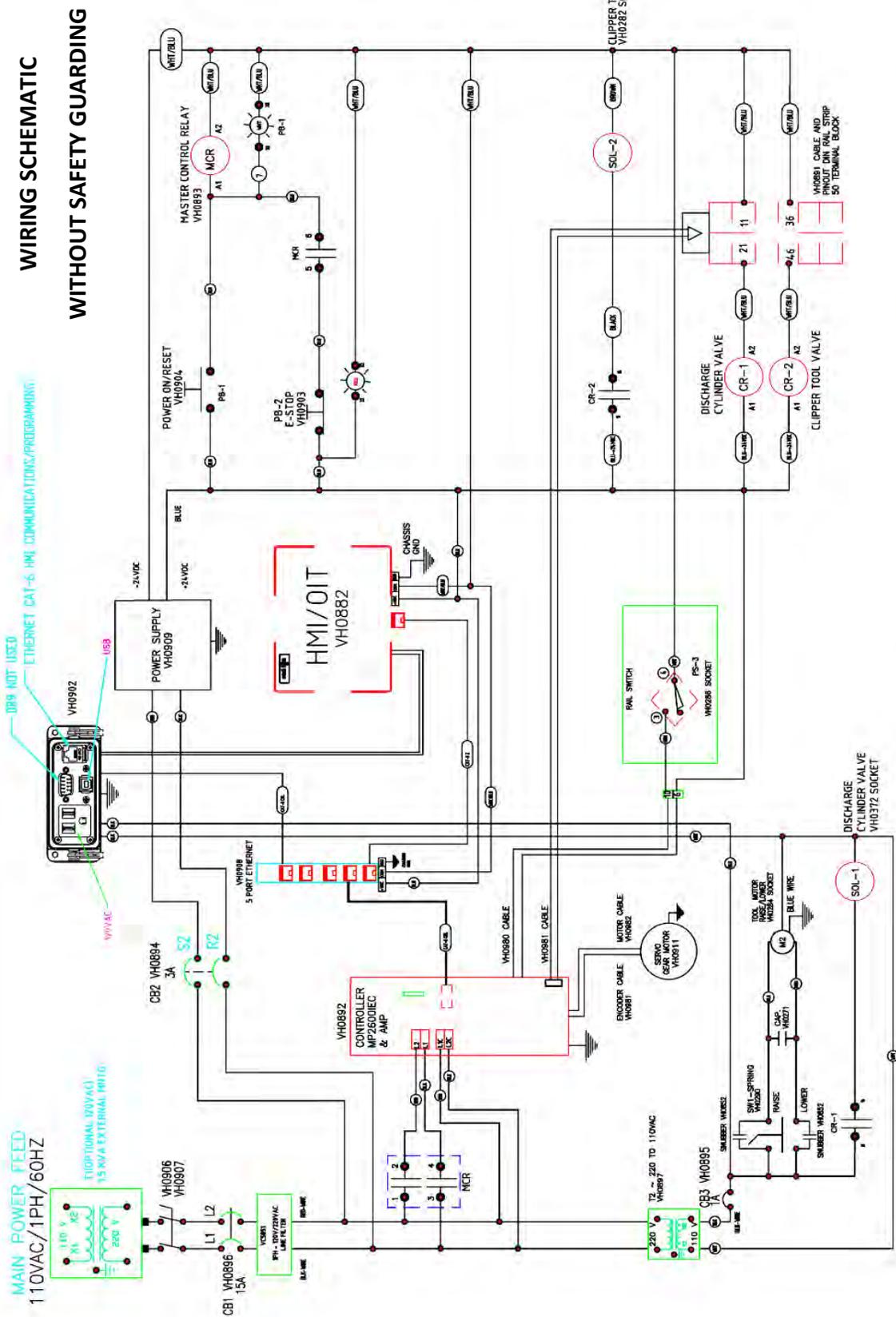
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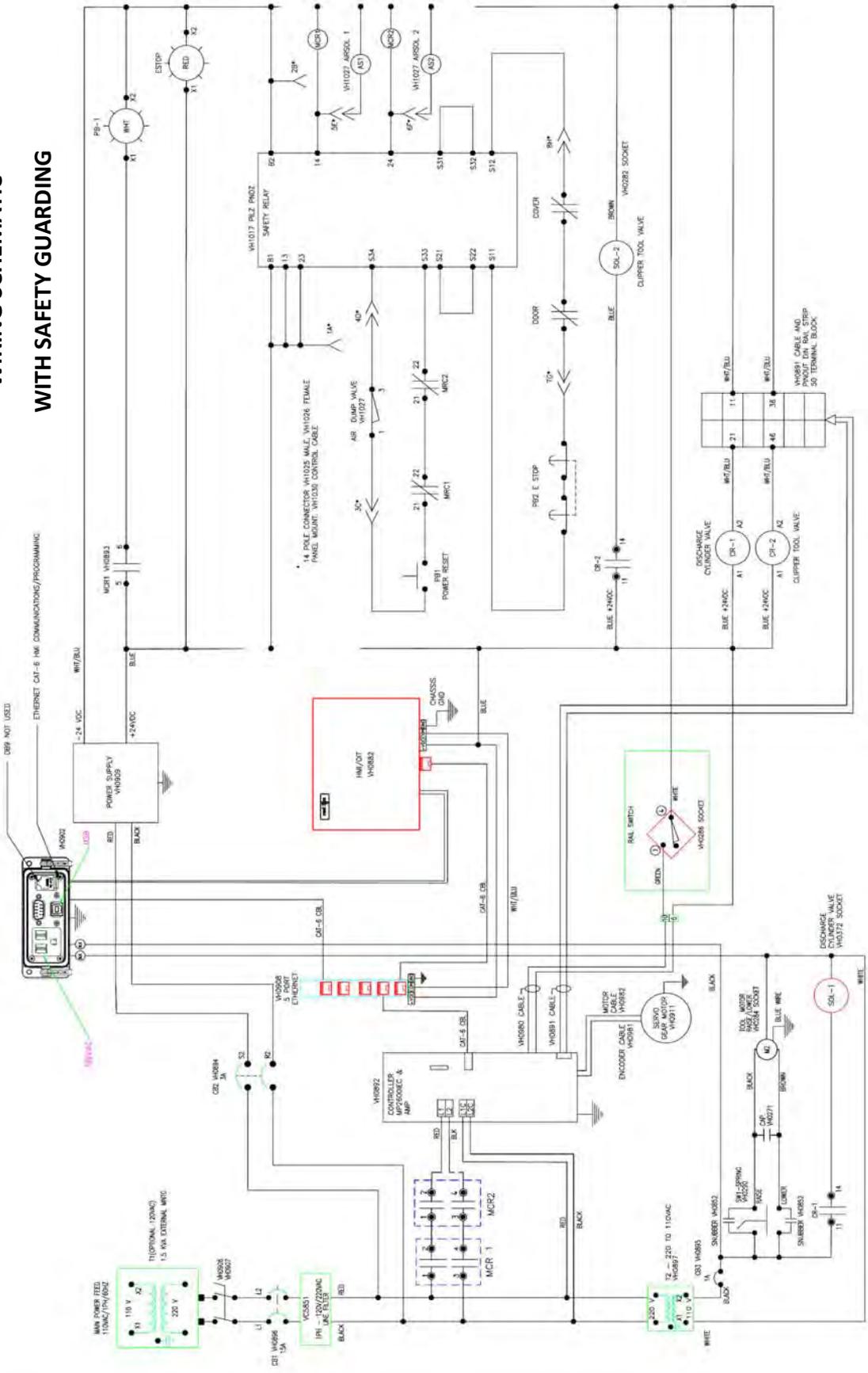
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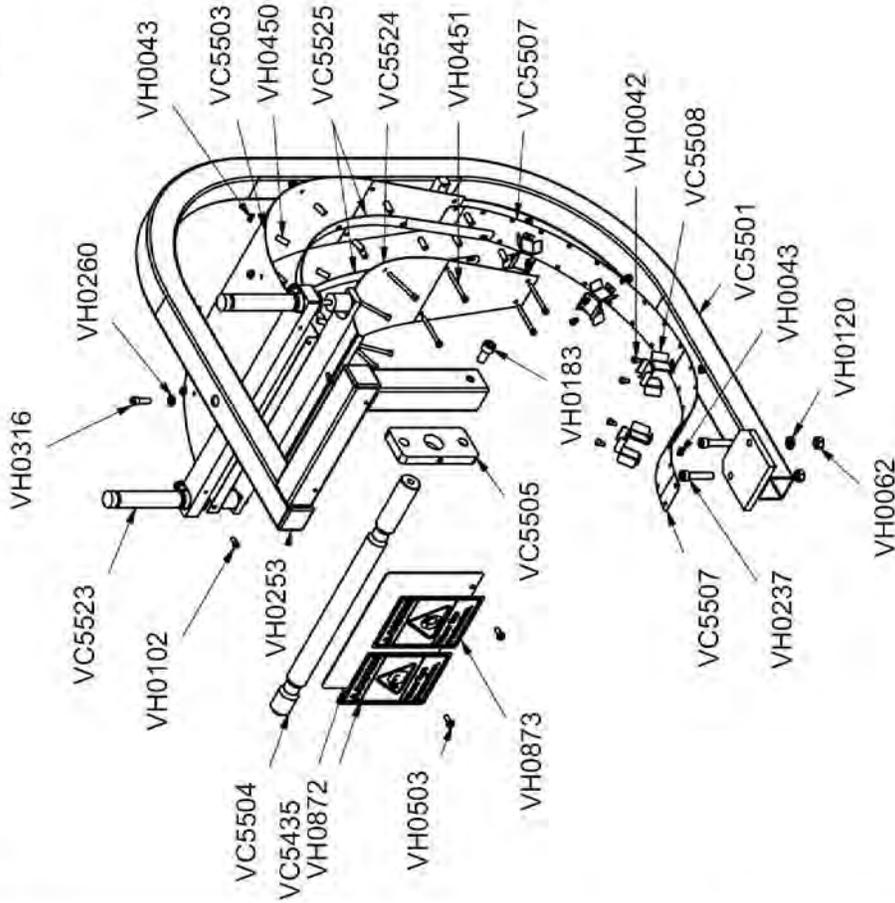
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PART #	DESCRIPTION	QTY
VC5435	WARNING LABEL MOUNTING PLATE	1
VC5501	DISPENSER FRAME	1
VC5503	CLIP CHUTE	1
VC5504	SPOOL ROD	1
VC5505	MAGNETIC BRAKE BLOCK ASSY	1
VC5507	TRACK	1
VC5508	TRACK GUIDE	4
VC5523	CLIP LIFTER ASSEMBLY	1
VC5524	INSIDE CLIP CHUTE	1
VC5525	STRIP GUIDE FOR CHUTE	2
VH0042	SHCS, 8 - 32 x 1/4	8
VH0043	NUT, NYLOCK, 8 - 32, THIN HT	16
VH0062	NUT, HEX, 5/16 - 18	2
VH0102	SHCS, 8 - 32 x 3/8 W/ PATCH	3
VH0120	WASHER, LOCK, 5/16	2
VH0183	SHCS, 3/8 - 16 x 3/4	1
VH0237	SHCS, 5/16 - 18 x 1 1/2	2
VH0253	CAP	2
VH0260	WASHER, LOCK, 1/4	1
VH0316	SHCS, 1/4 - 20 x 3/4	1
VH0450	SPACER, 1/4 OD x 5/8, #8	20
VH0451	SHCS, 8 - 32 x 1 3/4	10
VH0503	PAN HEAD SCREW, #10 x 1/2	2
VH0872	LABEL, CAUTION, EYE PROTECTION	1
VH0873	LABEL, CAUTION, EAR PROTECTION	1



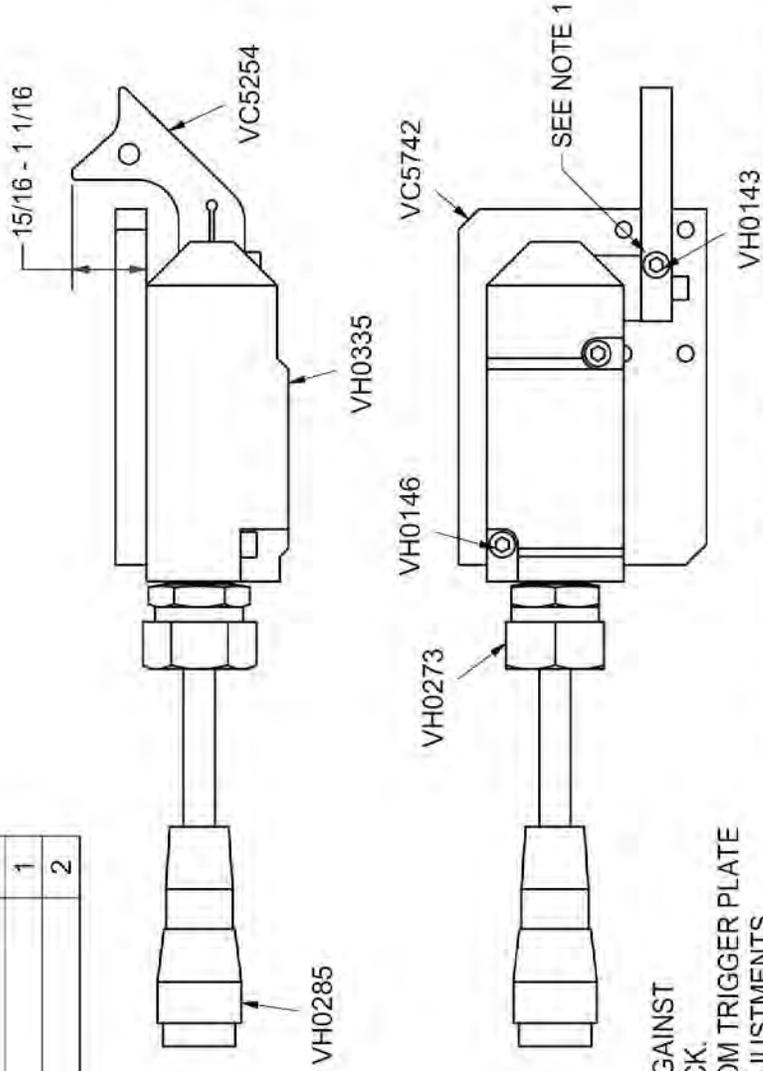
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B	1101	BACK TO VC5505	JMW	JMF	9-7-11	HEAT TREATMENT:		APPD MR	
C	13118	REV. VC5501 ADD LABELS	RP	JMW	11/18/13	FINISH:		DATE 7-10-09	DISPENSER FRAME ASSY
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PART #	DESCRIPTION	QT
VC5254	RAIL TRIGGER	1
VC5559	RAIL TRIGGER SWITCH ASSY - SERVO	1
VH0273	STRAIN RELIEF	-
VH0285	RAIL SENSOR CABLE	-
VH0335	SWITCH, TRIGGER	-
VC5742	TRIGGER PLATE	1
VH0143	SHCS, 10 - 32 x 3/4	1
VH0146	SHCS, 10 - 32 x 1 1/2	2



- NOTES:
1. RAIL TRIGGER MUST BE PUSHED AGAINST SHOULDER ON RAIL TRIGGER BLOCK.
  2. REMOVE RAIL TRIGGER BLOCK FROM TRIGGER PLATE TO MAKE NECESSARY TRIGGER ADJUSTMENTS.

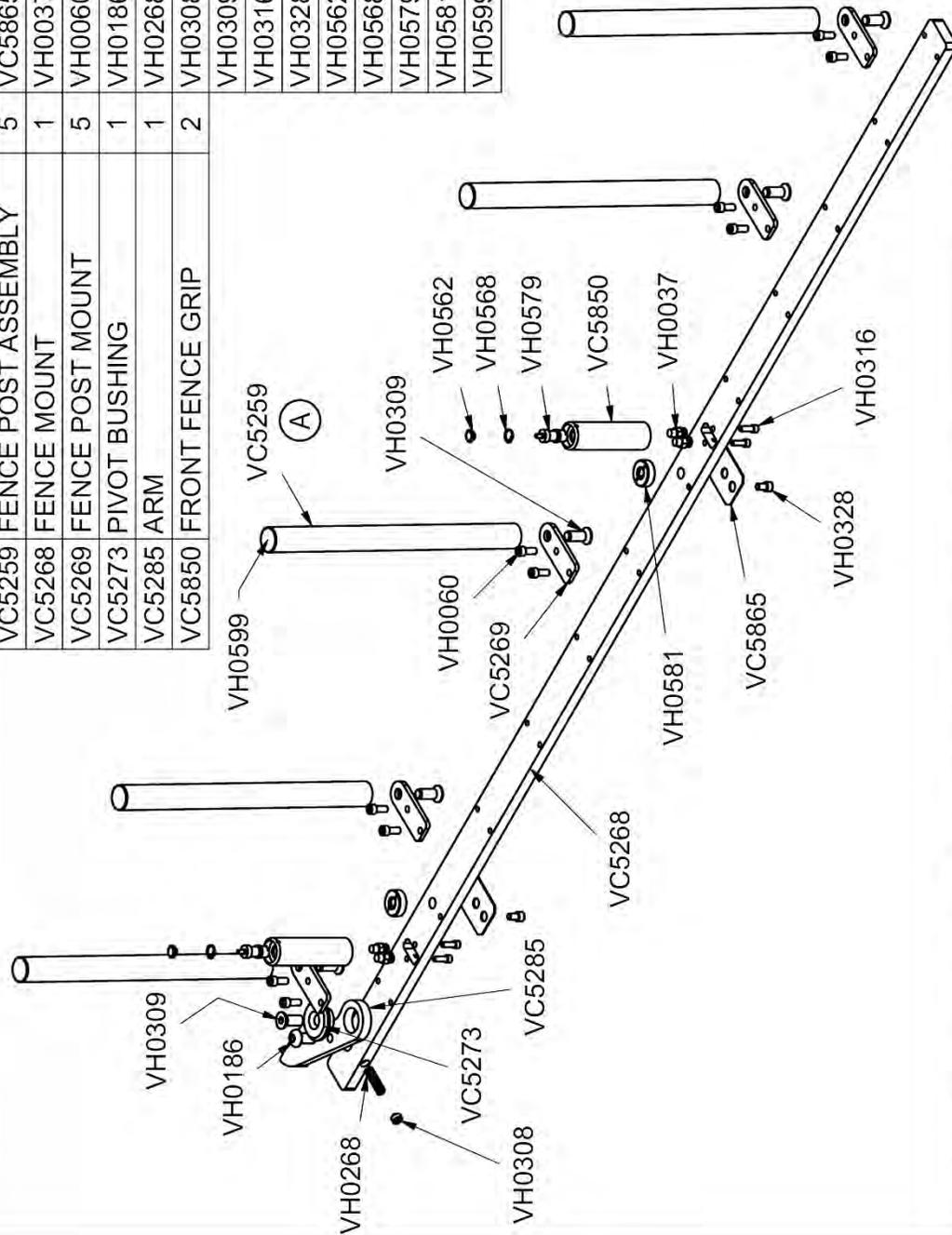
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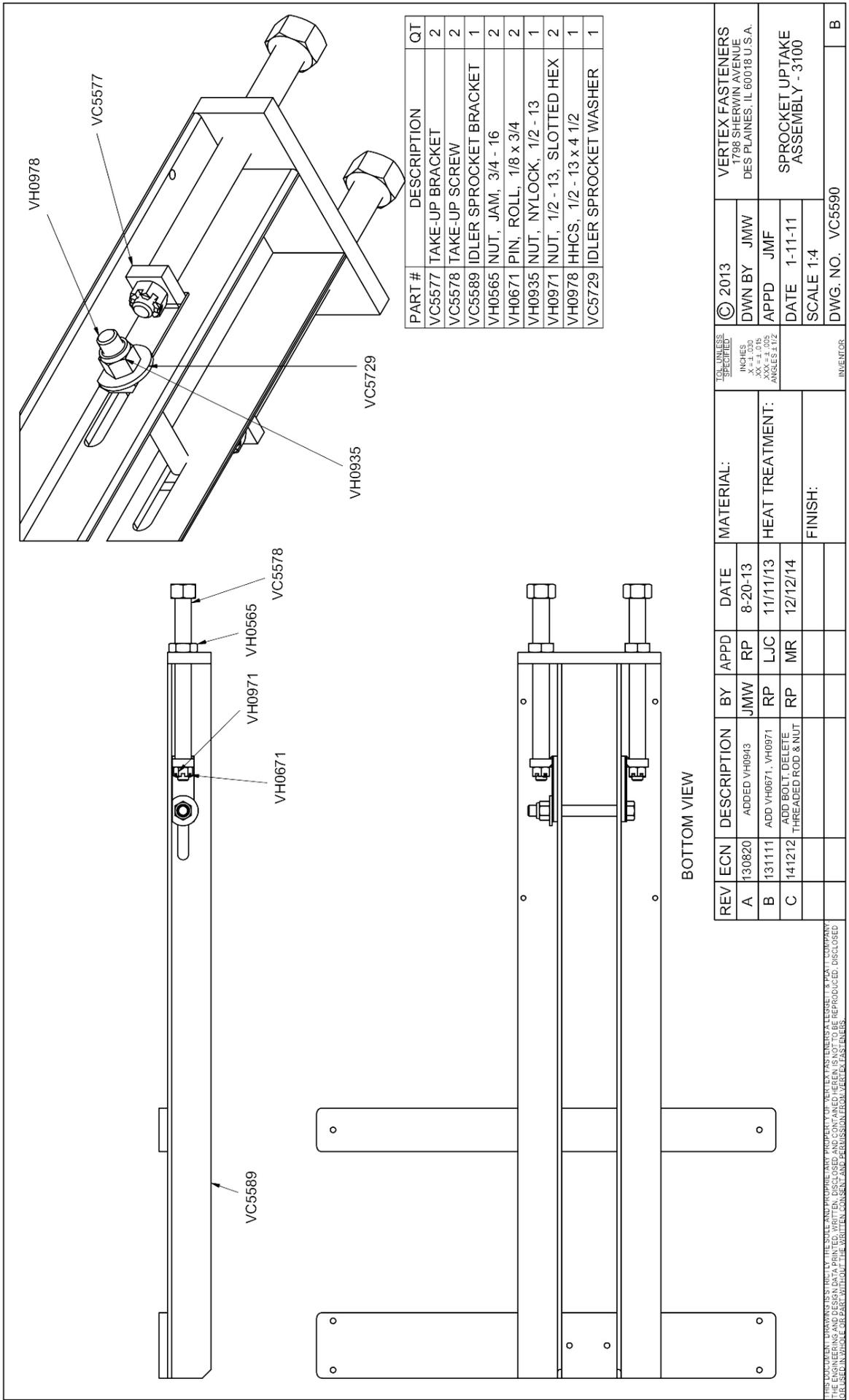
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PART #	DESCRIPTION	QT	PART #	DESCRIPTION	QT
VC5259	FENCE POST ASSEMBLY	5	VC5865	FENCE WASHER	2
VC5268	FENCE MOUNT	1	VH0037	PUSH-IN FTG, 1/4 x 1/8 NPT	4
VC5269	FENCE POST MOUNT	5	VH0060	SHCS, 5/16 - 18 x 3/4	10
VC5273	PIVOT BUSHING	1	VH0186	BHCS, 1/2 - 13 x 1	1
VC5285	ARM	1	VH0268	SPRING	1
VC5850	FRONT FENCE GRIP	2	VH0308	SET SCREW, 1/2 - 13 x 3/8	1
			VH0309	FHCS, 1/2 - 13 x 1 1/4	6
			VH0316	SHCS, 1/4 - 20 x 3/4	4
			VH0328	SHCS, 5/16 - 18 x 1/2	2
			VH0562	PUSH BUTTON, MANUAL	2
			VH0568	RETAINING RING, 5/8 INTNL	2
			VH0579	CARTRIDGE VALVE	2
			VH0581	CLAMP COLLAR, 1/2 - 20	2
			VH0599	CAP	-



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PART #	DESCRIPTION	QT
VC5577	TAKE-UP BRACKET	2
VC5578	TAKE-UP SCREW	2
VC5589	IDLER SPROCKET BRACKET	1
VH0565	NUT, JAM, 3/4 - 16	2
VH0671	PIN, ROLL, 1/8 x 3/4	2
VH0935	NUT, NYLOCK, 1/2 - 13	1
VH0971	NUT, 1/2 - 13, SLOTTED HEX	2
VH0978	HHCS, 1/2 - 13 x 4 1/2	1
VC5729	IDLER SPROCKET WASHER	1

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A	130820	ADDED VH0943	JMW	RP	8-20-13			
B	131111	ADD VH0671, VH0971	RP	LJC	11/11/13			
C	141212	ADD BOLT, DELETE THREADED ROD & NUT	RP	MR	12/12/14			

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SPROCKET UPTAKE ASSEMBLY - 3100								B

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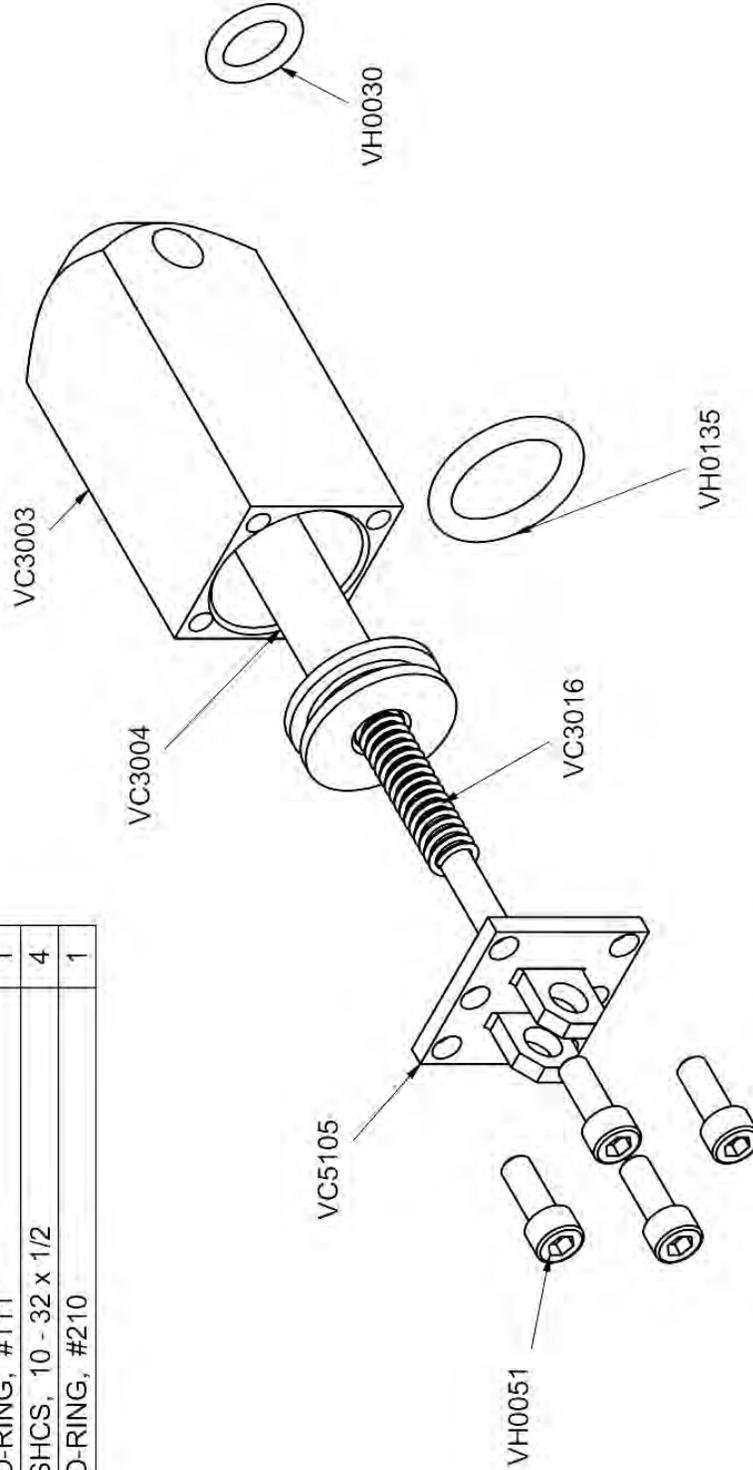






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PART #	DESCRIPTION	QT
VC3003	CYLINDER BODY (CLIP FEEDER)	1
VC3004	PISTON (CLIP FEEDER)	1
VC3016	CLIP FEEDER SPRING	1
VC5105	CYLINDER END CAP (CLIP FEEDER)	1
VH0030	O-RING, #111	1
VH0051	SHCS, 10 - 32 x 1/2	4
VH0135	O-RING, #210	1



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