

Exchanger Mill
 Operating Manual

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SPR rents and sells equipment and tools; we offer our own line of portable ID/OD flange facers, linear/gantry and rotary mills, end prep bevelers, isolation and test plugs, line boring, and bore welders, as well as custom-designed equipment and tools.

Our team includes machining, test and isolation, and engineering experts, all with a thorough working knowledge of applications to support you with our equipment on any job. We understand the urgency of your projects and are committed to delivering the highest quality equipment and tools to satisfy the requirements of your clients.

SPR delivers outstanding customer service, specialized training by seasoned professionals, and tools as tough as the jobs you need them to do.







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WARNING:

SPR is committed to continued product improvement; therefore, the machine you received may be slightly different than the one described herein. This manual and the information provided is a basic guideline for our customers. SPR will do its best to ensure that the information and procedures contained in this manual are correct and up-to-date. Superior cannot guarantee that the information and procedures contained herein are correct for all applications or situations.

The contents of this manual are subject to change without notice. It is the obligation of the user to read all information in this manual, become familiar with the equipment to be used, and exercise the utmost care in equipment operation. **Do not make any modifications to this equipment. Any modifications will void all warranty claims, as well as increase the risk of injury or harm.** Do not operate this equipment if all parts are not functioning at 100% efficiency. Notify us immediately for any needed repairs.



Note: SPR will supply all repair and replacement parts necessary for maintenance and operation of this machine. For repair, service, or additional information, please locate repair and replacement part description/part numbers within the O&M manual in the exploded view section and contact us for ordering.

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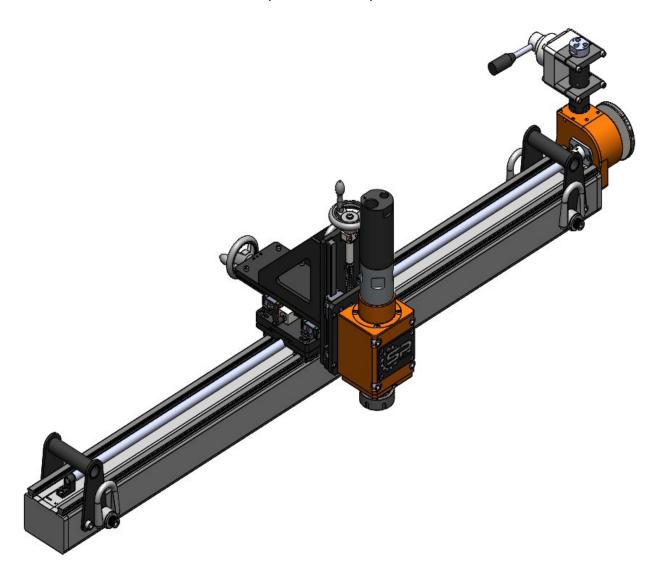
INTRODUCTION

APPLICATIONS

SPR's Exchanger Mill is designed to machine pass partitions and pass grooves on tube heat exchangers with the goal of reducing weight without sacrificing performance. The lightweight design allows the user to set up and align the mill more efficiently than the heavier linear/fly cutting mills commonly used for exchanger applications. Thus, allowing the technicians to complete the work faster, safer, and more cost effective.

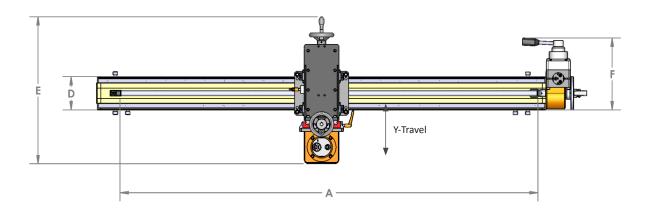
When you receive the Exchanger Mill:

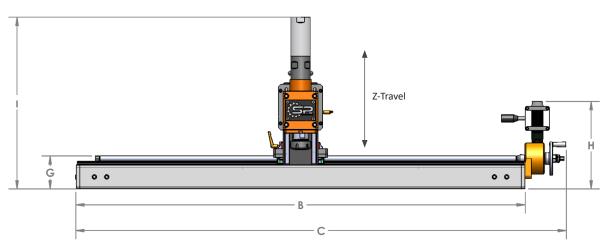
The Exchanger Mill is generally shipped in one crate. Inspect the machine for shipping damage. Verify that all of the parts listed below, or on the Bill of Materials, are present. If any parts are missing, or if you have questions regarding the Exchanger Mill, please contact a Superior Plant Rentals or SPR York location nearest you immediately.



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SPECIFICATIONS CHART





| Description | EXM-1.6 | EXM-3.5 | EXM-4 | EXM-6 | EXM-8 |
|------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| X-Travel Length (A) | 20" (508 mm) | 41.75" (1060.45 mm) | 48" (1219.2 mm) | 72" (1828.8 mm) | 96" (2438.4 mm) |
| Y-Travel Length | 3" (76.2 mm) | 3" (76.2 mm) | 3" (76.2 mm) | 3" (76.2 mm) | 3" (76.2 mm) |
| Z-Travel Length | 4" (101.6 mm) | 4" (101.6 mm) | 4" (101.6 mm) | 4" (101.6 mm) | 4" (101.6 mm) |
| Length of Base (B) | 26.625" (676.275 mm) | 48" (1219.2 mm) | 50.5" (1282.7 mm) | 74.5" (1892.3 mm) | 98.5" (2501.9mm) |
| Overall Length (C) | 31.59" (802.386 mm) | 53" (1346.2 mm) | 59.75" (1517.65 mm) | 83.325" (2116.455 mm) | 107.325" (2726.055 mm) |
| Width of Base (D) | 4" (101.6 mm) | 4" (101.6 mm) | 4" (101.6 mm) | 4" (101.6 mm) | 4" (101.6 mm) |
| Overall Width (E) | 17.625" (447.675 mm) | 17.625" (447.675 mm) | 17.625" (447.675 mm) | 17.625" (447.675 mm) | 17.625" (447.675 mm) |
| Gearbox Width (F) | 8.625" (219.075 mm) | 8.625" (219.075 mm) | 8.625" (219.075 mm) | 8.625" (219.075 mm) | 8.625" (219.075 mm) |
| Base Height (G) | 4" (101.6 mm) | 3" (76.2 mm) | 4" (101.6 mm) | 4" (101.6 mm) | 4" (101.6mm) |
| Gearbox Height (H) | 10.5" (266.7 mm) | 9.5" (241.3 mm) | 10.5" (266.7 mm) | 10.5" (266.7 mm) | 10.5" (266.7 mm) |
| Overall Height (I) | 22" (558.8 mm) | 20" (508 mm) | 22" (558.8mm) | 22" (558.8 mm) | 22" (558.8 mm) |
| Machine Weight | 120 lbs | 150 lbs | 160 lbs | 170 lbs | 180 lbs |
| Shipping Weight | 370 lbs | 410 lbs | 450 lbs | 650 lbs | 850 lbs |
| Shipping Dimensions | 22" (558.8 mm) x 28" (711.2 mm) x 43" (1092.2) | 22" (558.8 mm) x 28" (711.2 mm) x 57" (1447.8 mm) | 22" (558.8 mm) x 28" (711.2 mm) x 66" (1676.4 mm) | 22" (558.8 mm) x 28" (711.2 mm) x 89" (2260.6 mm) | 22" (558.8 mm) x 28" (711.2 mm) x 112" (2844.8 mm) |

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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Please follow this list of general safety guidelines when operating the Exchanger Mill. Safe machining practices should always be followed when operating SPR machines.

Before operating this machine, read the entire operating manual. Inspect machine, cord, and accessories for any damage.

Wear safety glasses, ear plugs, and safety shoes while operating the Exchanger Mill. For maximum protection, keep your equipment clean and in good condition. Follow company and OSHA safety rules when operating equipment.

The motor should always be disconnected from the air supply or drive battery when servicing the machine or when changing cutting inserts, collets, or other components.

Moving machine parts can seriously injure operators. Understand and read all instructions before operating this machine.

For maximum safety and performance, read the entire instruction manual before operating this machine.



WARNING! MOVING PARTS.

Keep hands, loose clothing, and hair away from rotating or moving parts. Disconnect the air supply from the machine and unplug all equipment prior to adjusting or servicing. If electric, remove power from the machine prior to adjusting or servicing.



WARNING! ELECTRICAL SHOCK.

Possible shock if not handled properly.



WARNING! KEEP DRY.

Keep all equipment and components away from any water source.



WARNING! EYE PROTECTION.

Eye protection must be worn while operating or working near powered equipment.

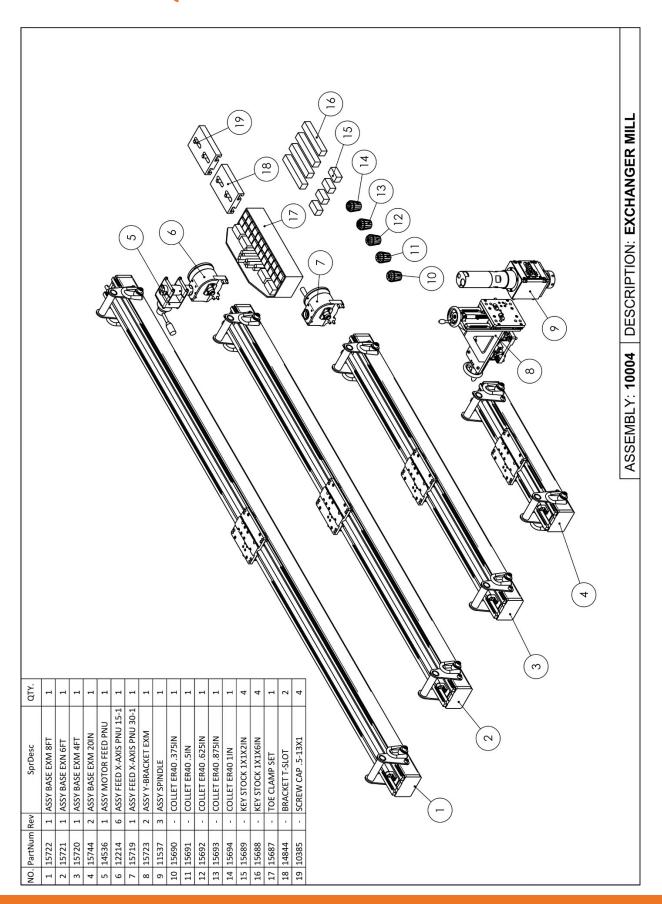


WARNING! EAR PROTECTION.

Ear protection should be worn while operating or working near loud equipment.

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STANDARD EQUIPMENT



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

SPR's Exchanger Mill is designed to machine pass partitions and pass grooves on tube heat exchangers. With several models from which to choose, advantages include:

- Pneumatic drive
- Lightweight design
- Faster setup time
- Smooth and precise feed operation
- Collets for shank sizes from 3/8" through 1" diameter in 1/8" increments provided
- Lifting cables provided for elevated work

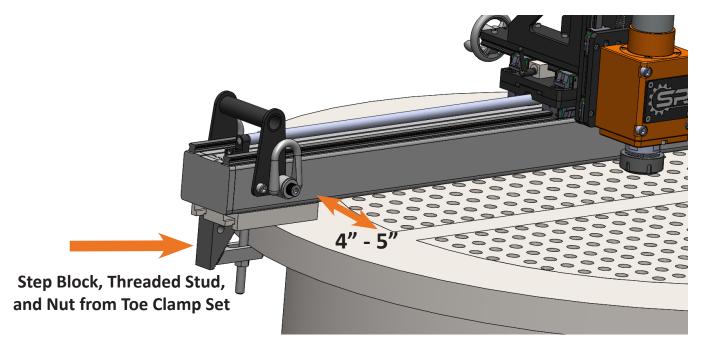
Tools required for operation include:

- Imperial Allen key set
- ER40 Collet Wrench
- 1-7/8" service wrench
- Clamp set
- 3/4" box end wrench
- Imperial feeler gauge set
- Keystock bars

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INITIAL SET-UP

- 1. Remove two same thickness keystock pieces or two T-slot Brackets from the crate.
- 2. Place keystock/T-slot bracket onto the circular gasket area adjacent to the end where the pass groove or partition meets the circular gasket.
- 3. Place the other keystock/T-slot bracket on the opposite side of the circular gasket area approximately 180 degrees away, near the pass groove.
- 4. Using two people or lifting equipment if necessary, pick up the exchanger mill and place the exchanger mill base onto the two keystock/T-slot bracket pieces.
- 5. Slide the keystock/T-slot bracket and the mill base so that the edge of the mill base on the spindle side is approximately 4.5" away from the edge of the pass groove or partition plate.



- 6. Remove the 1/2" x 13 NC threaded studs and nuts; hold down spacers from the mill tie down set provided.
- 7. Locate a 1/2" x 13 NC threaded hole in the bottom of the exchanger mill base just outside of the flange diameter or use a T-nut to find optimal position.
- 8. Screw a threaded stud into the hole which will be used to toe clamp the exchanger mill to the flange.
- 9. Slide a slotted stair step block onto the stud, then screw a nut onto the stud.

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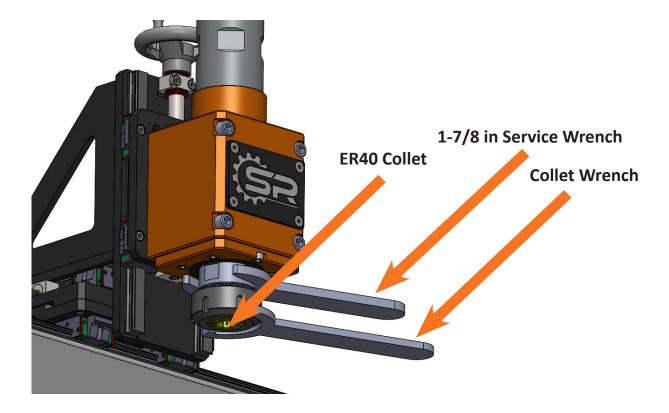
- 10. Place a stair-step block against the bottom base of the mill; lock it into the stairs on the slotted block. With the slotted block grabbing the back side of the flange, tighten the 1/2" nut until the clamps are snug.
- 11. Repeat steps 7 through 9 for another 1/2" diameter hole on the opposite side 180 degrees away, to toe clamp the mill base on that side of the flange.
- 12. Using a rigid scale, measure the distance from the edge of the mill base on the spindle side to the edge of the pass groove or partition plate near the outer end by the circular gasket area.
- 13. Repeat the measurement from the base to the groove on the other side of the flange.
- 14. Slide and adjust the mill base while keeping it on top of the keystock/T-slot brackets until both measurements taken in steps 12 and 13 are identical and the measurements are between 4" and 5".
- 15. Once the measurements are the same and between 4" and 5", using the 3/4" box end wrench, tighten the 1/2" nut until the mill base is tight and cannot move.
- 16. Remove the spindle from the crate, lift it into position onto the angle bracket, and bolt it onto the angle bracket using the four 3/8" 16 NC bolts provided. Tighten the bolts.

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MAKING A CUT

MACHINING A PASS PARTITION PLATE

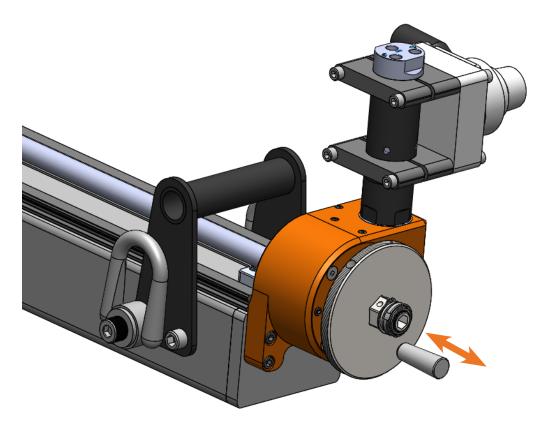
- 1. Using a scale or tape measure, measure the cross-section width of the pass partition to be machined.
- 2. Choose the correct ER40 collet size that matches the width of the pass partition measured above.
- 3. Place the end mill cutting tool (not included) into the matching ER40 collet.
- 4. Install the end mill into the ER40 collet and place them into the bottom of the spindle. Use the collet wrench and service wrench to tighten the collet.
- 5. The Exchanger Mill is similar in operation to any 3-axis milling machine.



- 6. Before operating, ensure all mounting fasteners are secure.
- 7. Ensure all pneumatic lines are connected correctly.
- 8. Start milling spindle away from job to check for correct rotation.
- 9. Adjust speed and feed to suit tooling and material.

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10. To feed the X-Axis manually, loosen both X-RAIL-CLAMPS and pull the CLUTCH outwards to disengage from the GEAR-BOX.



- 11. To feed the Y-axis or Z-axis, loosen RAIL-CLAMPS and turn HAND-WHEEL.
- 12. To power feed the X-axis, ensure CLUTCH is engaged by snapping it inward toward the GEAR-BOX.
- 13. Pressing Forward on the pendant feeds the cutter away from the GEAR-BOX and Reverse moves the cutter towards the GEAR-BOX.
- 14. Lock out all the RAIL-CLAMPS in non-feeding axes when cutting material.

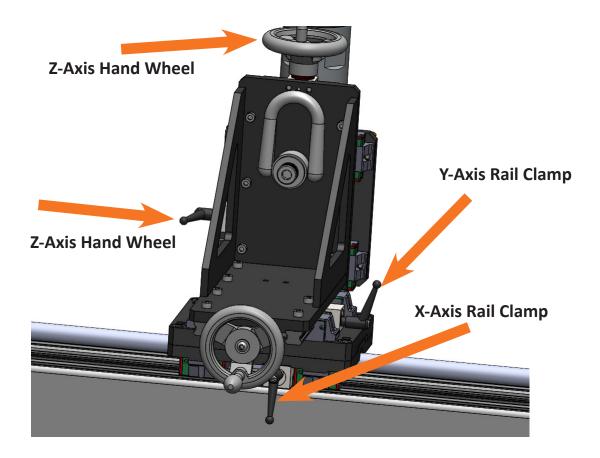


Vibrations from cuts which are too deep or too fast can cause the RAIL-CLAMPS to slip.

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SETTING THE END MILL DEPTH FOR THE FINAL BLEND CUT

- 1. Undo the Z-Axis Rail Clamp on the angle bracket and use the hand wheel to raise the end mill off the cutting surface.
- 2. Snug the Rail Clamps so the spindle will remain in position and not fall vertically down.



- 3. Place a 0.001" or 0.002" feeler gauge between the tip of end mill and the circular gasket surface.
- 4. Hand crank the Z-Axis hand wheel to move the spindle and end mill downward toward the cutting surface while moving the 0.001" feeler gauge back and forth.
- 5. Continue this process until the end mill slightly touches and grabs the 0.001" feeler gauge.
- 6. Pull the feeler gauge until it is no longer under the end mill and remove it.
- 7. Lock the vertical Rail Clamp to maintain the depth of cut at approximately 0.001" higher than the circular gasket surface.
- 8. Start the cutting operation on the outside end near the gasket area and continue until the end mill has traveled past the center of the flange.

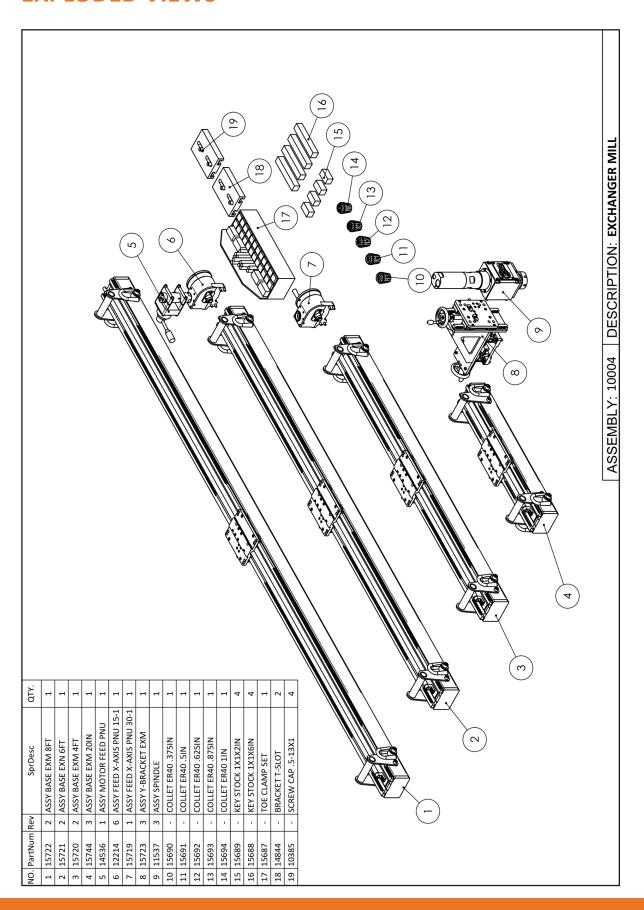
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- 9. While the end mill is traveling the X-Axis cutting, use the Z-Axis hand wheel and periodically turn counterclockwise to raise the end mill.
- 10. Make sure the end mill has traveled in the X-Axis before making another turn of the wheel.
- 11. Continue this until the end mill has been backed up enough so that the cutting operation stops.
- 12. Stop the end mill rotation and turn the air feed off.
- 13. Using the clutch hand wheel, crank the end mill to the opposite side of the flange where the groove meets the circular gasket area and repeat steps 1 through 12 so that the two pass partition end mill cuts will meet and blend near the middle of the flange.

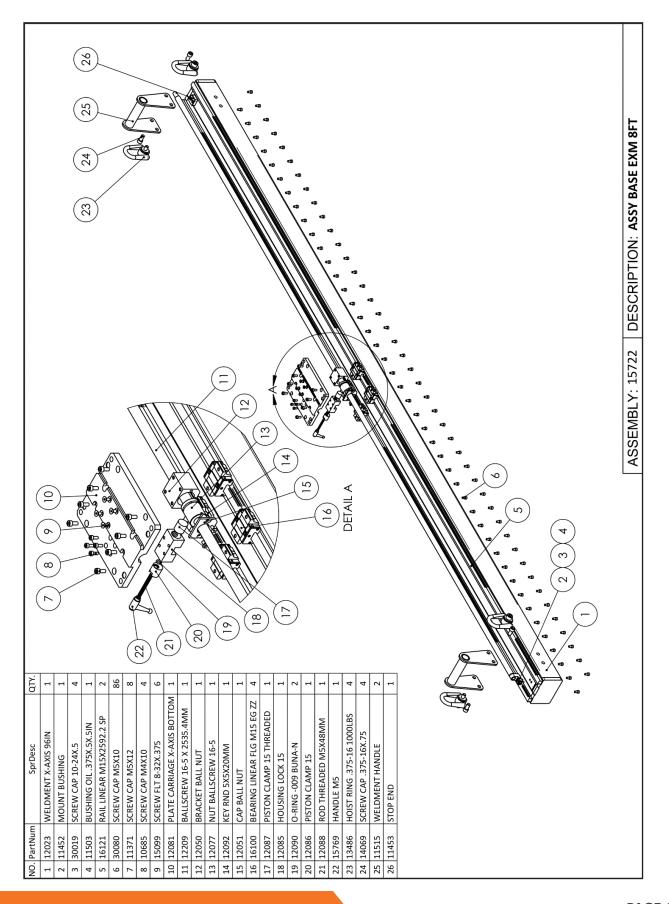
Note: When the end mill cutting operation meets near the center of the flange, the cut should feather out and blend together nicely.

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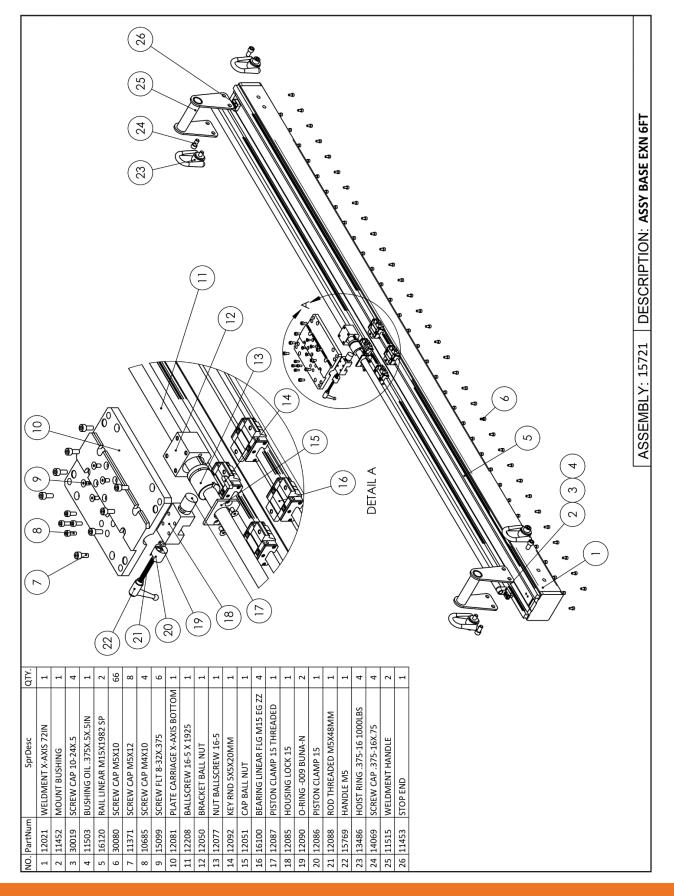
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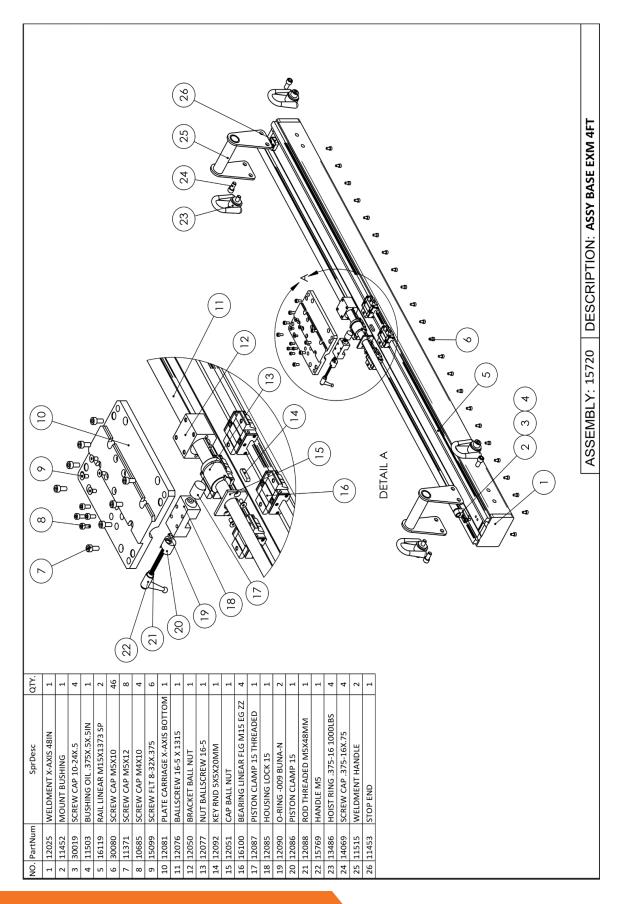
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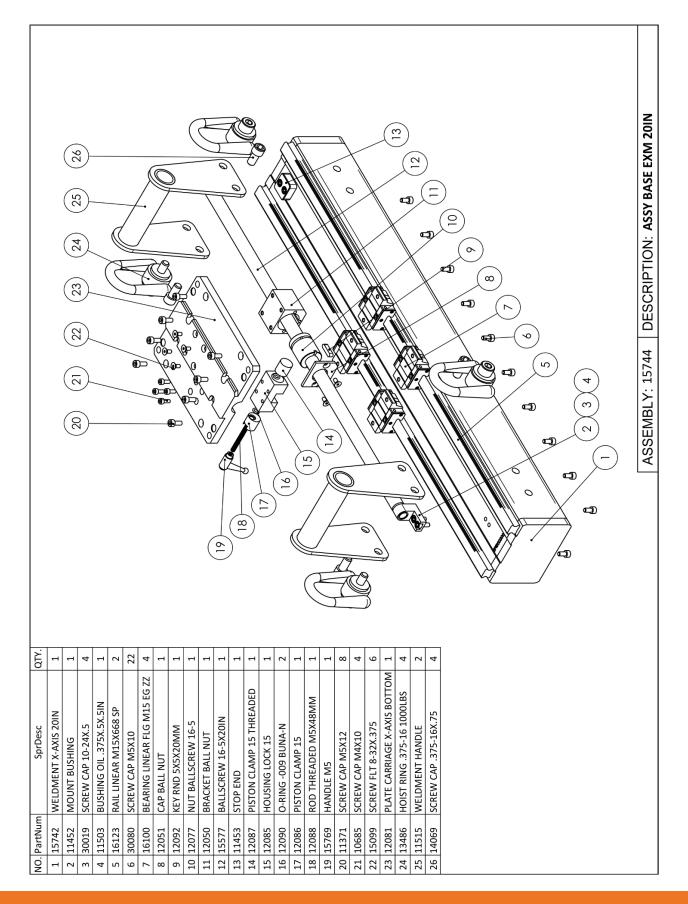
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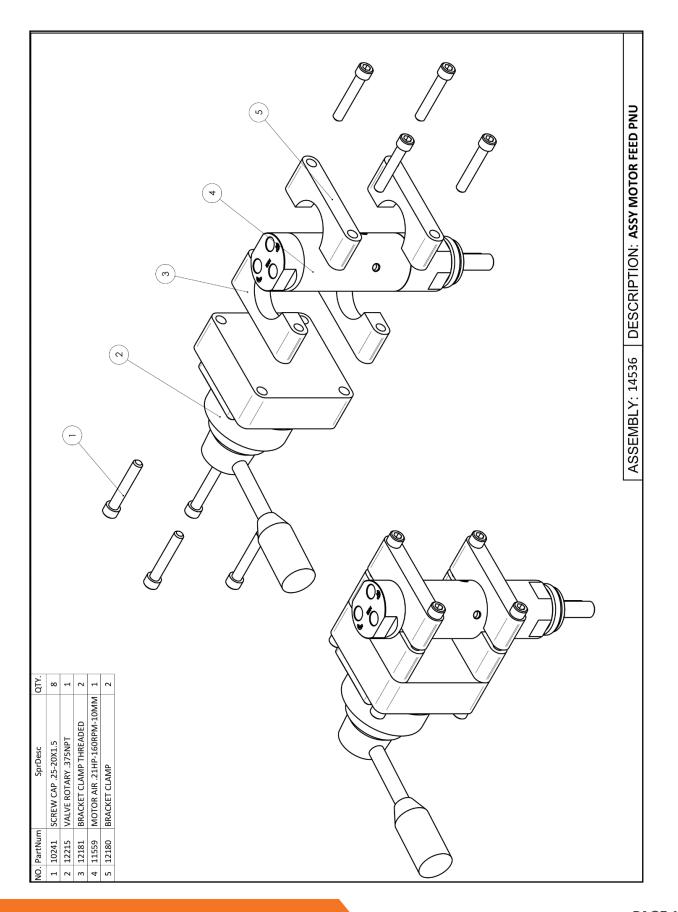
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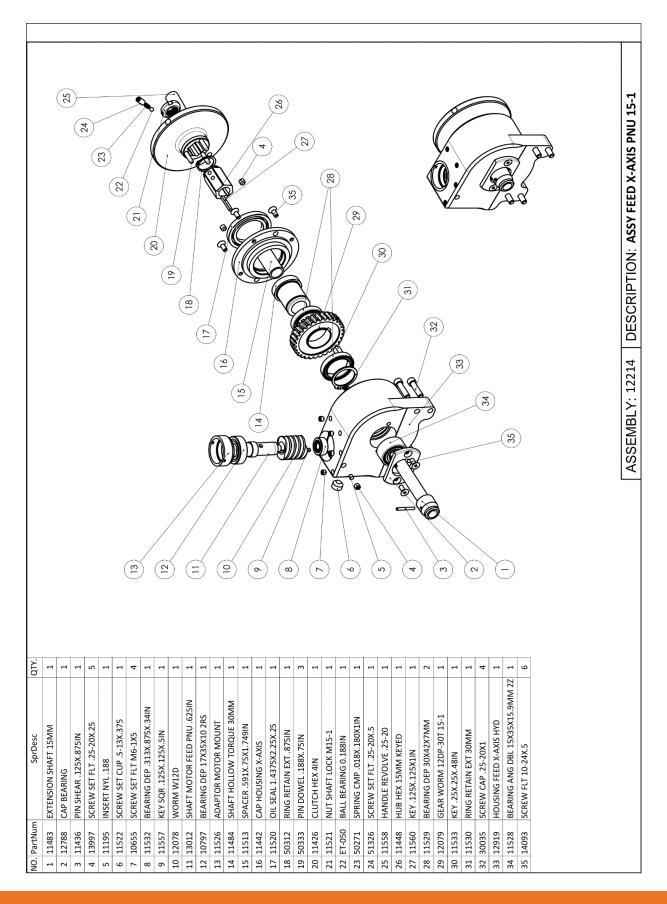
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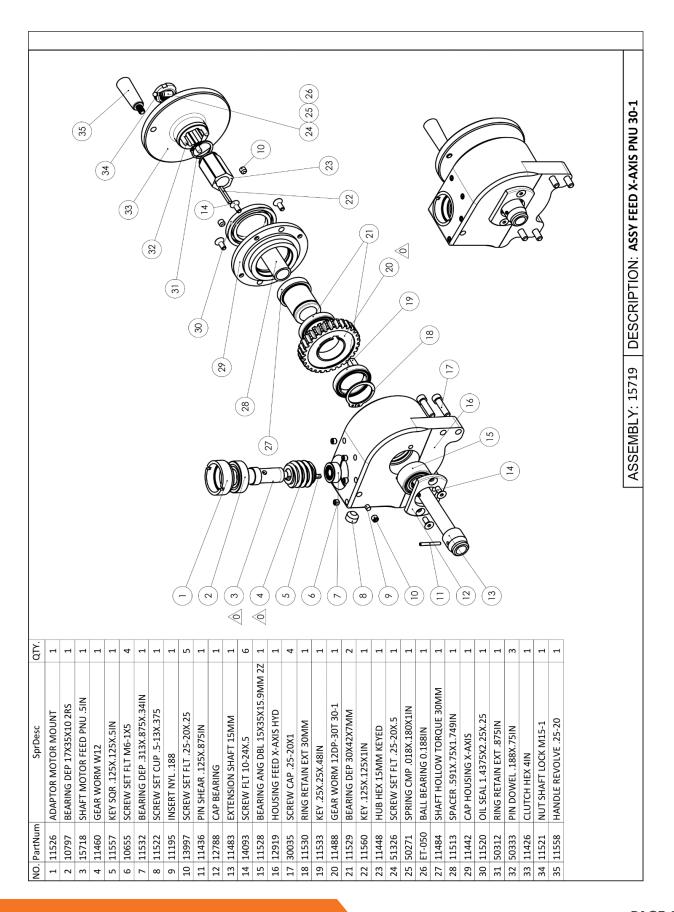
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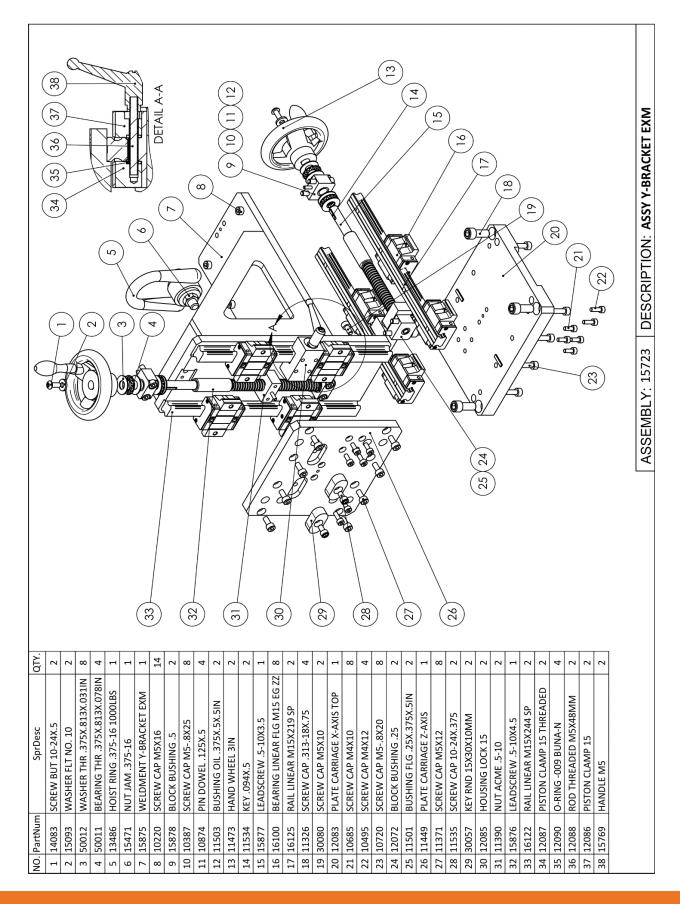
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MAINTENANCE

GENERAL MACHINE MAINTENANCE

During heavy operation, use a brush regularly to clean chips away from the machine. Thoroughly clean the machine after use. Dirt and grit can severely shorten the life of the machine.

MONITOR THE TEMPERATURE

Monitor the temperature of the spindle and gearbox housing during operation. Heat buildup on the housing is an indication that the bearings need lubrication or maintenance and should be handled immediately to insure proper life of the tool.

Note: Heat buildup can also be the result of improperly set bearing clearances. If this problem exists, it is recommended that you contact the factory.



THREAD INSPECTION

Inspect all visible thread areas for excessive wear. Parts that have worn threads should be replaced before damage to the mating thread assemblies occurs.

DRIVE ASSEMBLY

It is recommended that each machine drive assembly be cleaned, inspected, and greased after approximately 600 hours of use. This will help isolate seal or bearing problems. The inspection should be performed by a qualified individual.

AIR MOTOR

Clean and lubricate the air motor assembly periodically. Light, high-quality oil is recommended, in conjunction with an automatic oiling system. An in-line hose/oiler must be used with all pneumatic SPR machines to keep the air motor warranty in effect.

If automatic oiling is not available, add a few drops of oil to the air inlet at the end of each hour of operation. Do not put an excessive amount of oil in the air inlet or sludge will build up and cause problems. If you are interested in our Air Caddy/Inline oiler please contact our sales office.

PROPER HANDLING

Do not drop, hit, or otherwise abuse your Exchanger Mill. This equipment is designed as a portable machining assembly, and as such, is not designed to withstand excessive abuse. Care for your equipment will increase your utilization, the life of the machine, and minimize your repair cost.

TOOL BITS

Remember that tool bits (cutting tools) in good condition perform better. Do not try to use dull tool bits or force the tool bits into the work piece. If excessive back pressure exists, if the tool bits seem to be tearing rather than cutting, or if the chips begin to turn blue or brown, replace your cutting tool bits right away. When possible, leave unused tool bits in their packages to prevent them from being damaged. Please store tool bits that have been taken from their original package in a safe place.

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WARRANTY

Superior Plant Rentals, LLC (SPR) warrants that the equipment manufactured by it will: (i) conform to SPR's written specifications and descriptions, and (ii) be free from substantial defects in design, materials, and workmanship for a period of one year from date of shipment to the original buyer, or six months from date of placing in service by buyer, whichever date is earlier.

During this period, if any equipment is proved to SPR's satisfaction to be defective, SPR will, at our sole and absolute discretion, and as SPR's sole warranty liability and buyer's sole remedy, repair, replace, or credit buyer's account for any equipment that fails to conform to the warranties, provided that: (i) SPR is notified in writing within 10 days following discovery of such failure with a detailed explanation of any alleged deficiencies; (ii) SPR is given a reasonable opportunity to investigate all claims; and (iii) SPR's examination of such equipment confirms the alleged deficiencies and that the deficiencies were not caused by accident, misuse, neglect, improper use, unauthorized alteration, repair, or improper testing.

Shipping cost of the alleged defective equipment to SPR is to buyer's account. However, if SPR agrees that the equipment is defective, then pursuant to this warranty, SPR will reimburse buyer its shipping cost to return the equipment to SPR.

The warranty against defects does not apply to: (1) consumable components or ordinary wear items, and (2) use of the equipment with equipment, components, or parts not specified or supplied by SPR or contemplated under the equipment documentation.

The following actions will void the one-year warranty:

- 1. Repairs or attempted repairs have been made by persons other than SPR personnel, or authorized service repair personnel;
- 2. Repairs are required because of normal wear;
- 3. The tool has been abused or involved in an accident;
- 4. There is evidence of misuse such as overloading of the tool beyond its rated capacity, use after partial failure, or use with improper accessories.
- 5. Damage to the motor due to lack of oiler/mister while tool was in use (pending motor type).

NO OTHER WARRANTY IS VALID



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