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EXPCRL-50

ELECTRICAL WARNINGS

- Properly ground equipment before use in accordance with both the National Electric Code and local electrical codes and ordinances.
- Disconnect electrical power from the cable reel before any service functions are performed.
- Do not use this cable reel for loads greater than the current rating listed on the label and voltage greater than the slip ring rating. The ampacity (current) rating of the cable must be in accordance with the National Electric Code.
- Electrical wiring on the reel must be done by a qualified electrician.

OPERATIONAL WARNINGS

- Exercise care when handling the cable reel during normal operation. This cable has a rotating spool powered by springs under tension.
- **DO NOT** disassemble the spring motor for any reason. Serious personal injury could result. This cable reel is equipped with springs under tension. Contact the factory for assistance.
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MAINTENANCE WARNINGS

- Do not use cable different from that for which the reel is intended. Changes in diameter, weight per foot, length of cable or flexibility will affect the operation of the reel.
- Mounting hardware and fasteners should be installed to maintain tightness under vibration and checked periodically to assure tightness.
- Overhead installation mountings should be such that the reel is not suspended by bolts in tension. A safety chain or cable is strongly recommended to minimize damage and/or possible injury in the event of mounting failure.
- **WARNING:** Modifications of this equipment may cause excessive wear and will void the warranty. Contact the manufacturer regarding changes or modifications of equipment which could affect reliability or safety.

INSTALLATION

Stretch Applications



The cable is suspended without any intermediate support. Stretch reels generally require a line pull equal to two times the weight of the cable, which allows approximately 10% sag at full extension. On long applications where sag cannot be tolerated, it is sometimes desirable to put supports at intervals of 5 to 10 feet.



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Drag Applications



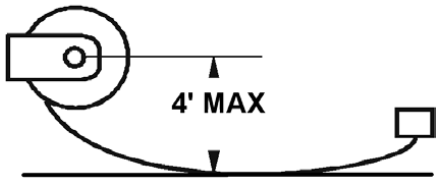
The reel is mounted on a stationary object and is required to drag the cable over the surface to the reel. The cable is supported by the ground or some type of cable tray.

Lift Applications



The cable is lifted vertically in lift applications. The reel is normally designed to handle only the total weight of the cable. Some lift applications may require a ball stop and ratchet to control the length of cable to be retracted.

Retrieve Applications



The reel is mounted on the moving object and winds up or pays out the cable as the machine approaches or moves away from the fixed end. Retrieve applications can be elevated up to 4 feet from the cable support surface.

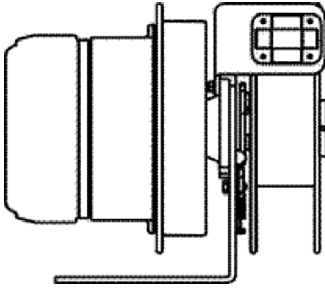
MOUNTING

Standard Mounting

1. The reel may be mounted by bolting the base to any flat surface which is structurally sound enough to support it and the forces of winding and unwinding the cable.
2. The spool drum must rotate on a level horizontal axis.
3. Position the guide arm so that cable payout is perpendicular to the face of cable roller guide. The total cable deflection should not exceed 15° to either side of the centerline of the spool.
4. If deflection is constant to either side of the reel and operation is impaired, re-mount the reel.
5. If the angle of deflection exceeds a Pivot Base should be used, otherwise excessive cable wear and unreliable operation will result.
6. A safety chain is recommended for all overhead installations. Attach the safety chain using the 0.39 hole provided in the base.



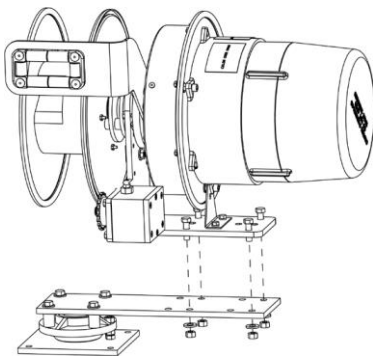
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Cable Deflection with Roller

Pivot Base Mounting

1. All EXPCRL cable reels can be furnished with a spark proof pivot base to allow the reel to rotate and keep the extended cable perpendicular to the application.
2. The pivot base has the ability to rotate up to 340°. This pivot base is not suitable for applications requiring continuous rotation.
3. A pivot base is required carousel or loop-track applications.
4. When a pivot base is used, the reel must be mounted horizontally (ceiling or floor mounted).
5. The roller guide should be mounted so the cable will travel perpendicular to the axis of rotation. This will guard against the cable twisting and ensure effective swivel action from the pivot base.
6. Selection of mounting holes should be such that the spool center is in line with the center point of the pivot base.



Reel with Pivot Base

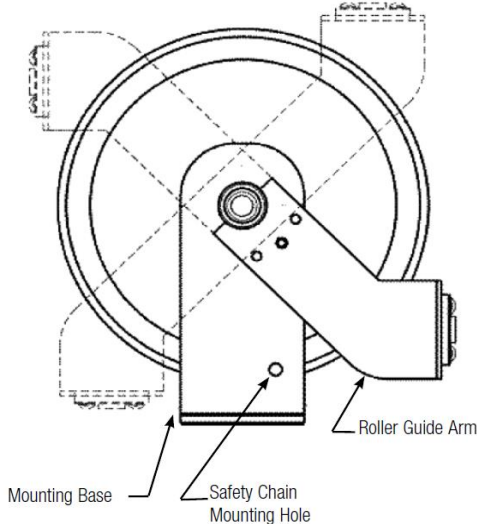
Roller Guide

1. All EXPCRL units are equipped with a roller guide arm. The function of the guide is to center the cable on the spool and to help the reel cable more evenly.
2. The cable should not pile against either end of the spool during winding as this will tend to inhibit level winding of the cable.
3. The guide should be secured at the best of twelve possible positions so that a minimum change of direction occurs at the guide; otherwise, cable life will be reduced.
4. The guide is shipped installed on the reel. The guide must be aligned per application and secured prior to making any electrical connections.



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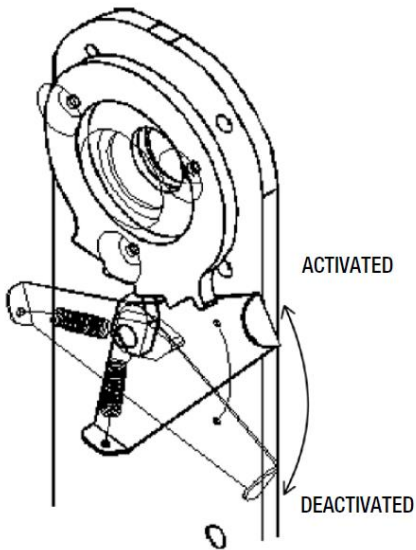
5. Mount the roller guide to the reel over the entrance coupling on the frame. Secure using the provided 3/8-16 hex head cap screw, including the split lock washer. Tighten this to 15 ft.-lbs.



Roller Guide Locations

INSTALLATION

Ratchet



Ratchet Lock

- The ratchet lock can be activated or deactivated, depending upon the application.

Operation with Ratchet

- The ratchet on the EXPCRL is spring loaded. It is designed to function in all acceptable mounting configurations.

Operation without Ratchet

- Deactivate the ratchet by pivoting the lock-out bar to the lower position. This will remove the ratchet pawl from the path of the ratchet plate. Locate the dimple on the lock out bar in the hole provided.

WARNING: Do not activate the ratchet abruptly. Sudden activation may cause excessive shock loads to the ratchet pawl which may cause lock-up and/or breakage.

Cable Installation

Cable is factory installed and sealed. Consult factory for changes.



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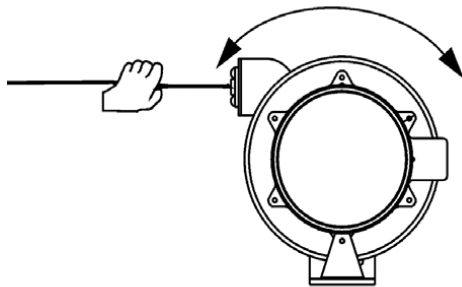
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Spring Tension Adjustment

WARNING: Do not allow cable to retract without restraining the retraction speed. Walk the cable back to the reel during the spring tension adjusting process. Always maintain two full cable wraps on drum at maximum cable extension, size cable accordingly.

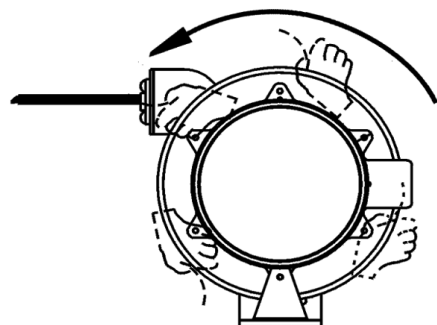
1. The EXPCRL reels come with pre-tension from the factory. Some adjustments may be required to meet specific application requirements.
2. To assure that the cable will retract properly and operate under the correct tension for intended application; the reel should be tested. Securely mount reel before testing with cable installed on drum and end of spool cable not connected, proceed with the next steps.
3. Pull the cable out to the intended travel distance and allow it to rewind. This procedure should be repeated five (5) to ten (10) times in order to set the spring. Walk the cable back to the reel during the spring tension adjusting process.

Rotate Spool while holding Cable to Test the Spring Tension



4. With all the cable wound on the reel, grasp the end of the cable and rotate the drum and cable together in the direction of pay out in order to pre-tension the spring. The number of pre-tension turns is determined by cable size and footage. Usually, four to sixteen turns is sufficient, but additional turns may be used if testing indicates that the cable will not fully retract as desired with just four turns.

Adding Spring Tension





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5. Feed the end of the cable through the cable guide and pull the cable out the required length.
6. Repeat steps 3 to 5, if necessary, to add tension. To decrease tension, rotate drum and cable counter-clockwise.

Power Connections

1. Provide power source with over-current protection to prevent overheating of the reel and cable.
2. Reels are supplied with 6' feeder cords. Those cords are the same cable as is supplied on the spool. They are factory sealed with explosion proof potting compound and supplied with a watertight strain relief. If a conduit connection is required, the strain relief must be removed and conduit connections made.

OPERATION

1. Do not exceed the voltage or amperage for the cable. Overheating, fire, damage to equipment or personal injury could result.
2. Do not allow cable to retract without restraining the retraction speed.
3. Operate the reel within the cable size and length and spring tensioning limits for which it was intended.
4. Keep two wraps of cable on the reel at maximum extension to avoid excessive tension on the cable and to prevent pullout of cable from entrance watertight.

MAINTENANCE

WARNING: Be sure all power is off for all maintenance.

Lubrication

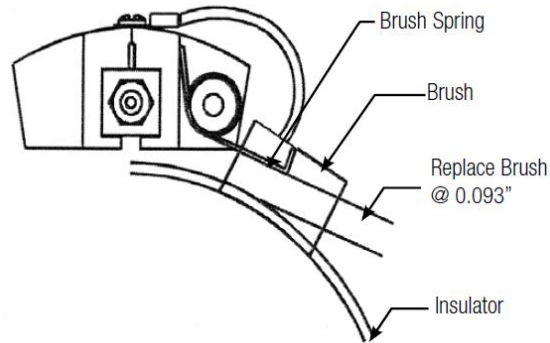
1. All components requiring lubrication are lubricated for life at the factory. Additional lubrication is not required.
2. Do not apply any lubricants or solvent cleaning agents to slip ring, brush or insulator surfaces.

Inspections

1. Periodically check the reel for any loose or missing fasteners. Tighten or replace as necessary.
2. The slip ring assembly should be checked periodically as follows:
 - Clean to remove dust and dirt from the slip ring housing area and all slip ring assembly and brush surfaces.
 - Brushes should be centered on slip rings and brush springs should be seated in terminal post grooves. Terminal screw connections should be tight. Check for excessive brush wear, Replace brushes as necessary.
 - Inspect cable for damage or wear which would make it unsafe to use.



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Slip Ring Replacement

1. **NOTE:** The slip ring assembly should be replaced, not rebuilt, if it becomes damaged.
2. Due to factory sealing of explosion proof unit, slip ring replacement should only be done by the factory.

Cable Replacement

1. Cable replacement should only be attempted by the factory. This is due to the cable being epoxy sealed into the entrance ring.

Spring Motor Replacement

1. **CAUTION:** Do not open the spring motor or personal injury may result.
2. Due to spool cable being sealed in the shaft, spring motors can only be factory rebuilt and replaced.



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TROUBLE SHOOTING

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
Reel will not retract cable but has some tension	1. Improper pretension 2. Incorrect reel for application (lift vs. stretch) 3. Cable guide adjustment	1. See section "Spring Tension Adjustment" 2. Quantify application vs. reel selection 3. Check guide alignment
Reel does not have any spring tension	1. Broken spring. Quantify application to prevent recurrence	1. Factory rebuild
Ratchet will not activate	1. Broken ratchet pawl spring 2. Lock-out option arm deactivated	1. Replace ratchet pawl spring 2. Activate lock-out arm
Ratchet will not deactivate	1. Over-extension of reel	1. Manually rotate reel spool to deactivate ratchet. Do not over-extend. (Guide adjustment may prevent lock –up when over-extended)
Cable wraps improperly (uneven wrapping, wraps above or jumps flange)	1. Reel mounting no level 2. Cable retraction rate too high 3. Cable guide out of adjustment	1. Mount reel on level surface 2. Maintain steady retraction rate 3. Properly adjust cable guide
Cable twisting and knotting	1. Improperly installed cable 2. Cable rubbing on or bending around fixed object 3. Excessive spring tension 4. Inadequate anchoring of cable	1. See section "Cable Installation" 2. Check roller guide for function and cable payout path 3. Quantify application vs. reel selection Also check pretension 4. Adjust anchoring method i.e. and strain relief
Open or intermittent circuit	1. Inadequate connection 2. Loss of brush contact to slip ring 3. Cable defective	1. Check all termination points 2. Check brush wear, spring tension & alignment 3. Perform continuity check on cable termination points
Circuit trips and/or pitted burned rings or brushes	1. Inadequate amp rating of reel selection	1. Quantify application requirements vs. reel and cable rating
Circuit arcing	1. Amp or voltage above rating of reel 2. Excessive carbon dust accumulation 3. Loss of brush to ring contact	1. Quantify application requirements vs. reel and cable rating 2. Clean dust from inside slip ring 3. Replace brush and/or brush spring