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vacuum lifters

ELEVATING EXPECTATIONS



Autem TT400

No installation is required for our twin tank vacuum lifter which has a maximum lifting capacity of 400 Kgs.

The unit is easily changed between cranes, giving great flexibility. Both audible and visual alarms are installed on unit to help meet health and safety needs.

Pads are easily changed and very little maintenance is required.

All of our machines are UKCA/CE certified so you can be assured of their quality.



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Safety First

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE WORN WHEN CONDUCTING ANY LIFTS



Caution Training:

The Vacuum Lifting equipment should be operated only by competent persons who have been adequately trained in the safe use of the equipment and the findings of any risk assessment.

Training should cover:

- potential dangers from use of vacuum lifting equipment.
- factors which may cause equipment or lifting operation failure and how to avoid them.
- limitations on the use of the equipment.
- instructions on planning and carrying out safe lifting operations, including safe systems of work.
- specific instructions on safe use issued by the manufacturer/supplier.
- location and operation of the equipment controls.
- scheme examination, maintenance requirements and system for reporting defects.
- emergency arrangements.



Caution Lift Plan:

The responsible person/operator is required to conduct a lift plan which must address the foreseeable risks involved in the lifting of the load and identify the appropriate resources (including people) necessary for safe completion to the lift.

Factors to include may be any or all of the following:

- working under suspended loads (note; loads should not be lifted above personnel)
- visibility
- attaching/detaching and securing loads
- environment
- location
- overturning
- proximity hazards
- derating
- lifting people
- overload
- pre-use checking
- continuing integrity of the equipment

The plan should set out clearly the actions involved at each step of the operation and identify the responsibilities of those involved. The degree of planning and complexity of the plan will vary and should be proportionate to the foreseeable risks involved in the work.

The position of mobile lifting equipment or the location of fixed installations can have a dramatic effect on the risks involved in a lifting operation. It is vital to take all practical steps to avoid people being struck by loads or the equipment itself during use.



Warning Temperature Range:

The Vacuum Lifting devices should operate in a temperature range of -40°C to +60°C.



Warning Alarm Activation:

Measures to be taken as soon as the warnings are actuated



- stop and lower the load to the floor where safe to do so.
- check vacuum level visually for any noticeable decrease.
- check battery connections.
- check condition of the vacuum connections and hoses.
- check the condition of the suction pads.

In the event of damage to any item it must be replaced before commencing another lift.



Warning LOLER Inspections:

The Vacuum Lifting device should be thoroughly examined by a competent person at appropriate intervals, where the vacuum lifting attachment is permanently fixed to a crane, gantry or similar, it must be thoroughly examined at 12 monthly in accordance with a written scheme of examination. Where it is used in the same manner as a sling or other lifting tackle, ie moved between different lifting machines, it is therefore considered as a lifting accessory and must be thoroughly examined at 6 monthly intervals in accordance with the Lifting Operations and Lifting Regulations 1998 (LOLER)

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/work-equipment-machine/loler.htm>.



Warning Construction Sites:

Where vacuum lifting equipment is used on construction sites, LOLER applies requiring the load to be adequately secured to prevent danger from slipping or displacement. In applications such as the lifting of industrialised building components which have to be raised above the ground there is a risk that if the vacuum pump fails and there is significant or rapid leakage, there may not be time to lower the load after the alarm rings. Therefore, for high lift applications, ie above 10metres, safety arms should be used. These arms should be engaged while the load is being lifted or some other effective means should be provided of preventing the load from falling in the event of loss of vacuum.



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Operational Instructions

Stability During Storage

When not required for use it should be possible to set down the attachment so that it is stable during storage. To be regarded as stable it shall not tip over when tilted to an angle of 10° in any direction. This shall be achieved either by the shape of the attachment or by means of additional equipment such as a stand.

Machines kept in particularly moist/wet or dusty conditions may require frequent attention, so a dry atmosphere is preferable.

Operating Procedures

The **TT 400** should only be operated by staff who have been trained in the use of the vacuum lifting attachment and who fully understand the safe operating systems.

The vacuum lifting attachment utilises the creation of a vacuum via suction pads for attaching itself to the load being lifted. The attached suction pads fit directly onto the surface of the load thus enabling a vacuum to be created between the suction pads and the load. The suction pads are an integral part of the lifting attachment. The electric-powered suction pump is an independent unit that is connected to the lifting attachment forming a complete detachable lifting accessory. The lifting attachment is generally suspended from lifting equipment (e.g. hoist/crane/excavator/forklift truck) and can be attached by means of a hook arrangement, accessories or other mechanical means. The vacuum attachment can also be an integral part of the lifting equipment.

The power source is a battery power pack which drives a vacuum pump which evacuates a reservoir tank fitted with a vacuum gauge. This reservoir is connected to the suction pads. A control valve is located in the vacuum line between the reservoir and the lifting pads. For maximum efficiency the power pack is located as close as possible to the lifting pads which are mounted on a metal frame. The suction is formed utilising flexible pipe connection to the reservoir and fitted with a control valve.



The A weighted time averaged emission sound pressure (LEQ) measured at a horizontal distance of 1m from the centre of the unit does not exceed 70DB (A)

The vacuum lifting attachment is fitted with Audio/Visual status and alarm system

- a green vacuum conformation light.
- warning siren for low vacuum.
- red xenon flash light for low vacuum.

The warning siren red flashing light will be in multiples so the operator can have clear visibility when a low vacuum occurs.



The unit should be centred on material to be lifted then lowered ensuring that the pad/pad's do not overlap material being lifted.



The material being lifted must be free from dust and debris.

To activate control, push valve up as indicated, full vacuum will be achieved in seconds. To release, pull valve down as indicated whilst assuring material is supported and that the operator is clear of the load. Before lifting, make sure:

- the unit capacity is adequate for the load.
- the surface of load is free from dirt/detritus that could affect effective sealing.
- the surface of load has no holes/flaws which may prevent the pad from sealing.



 Caution

Before lifting any material ensure the load to be lifted is within the safe working load of the vacuum lifting attachment which is indicated on the equipment

Pad Dimensions	SWL
300 x 300	187kg
200 x 800	480kg
400 x 400	480kg
500 x 300	450kg
500 x 500	625kg
600 x 300	540kg
900 x 450	1 tonne



 Lifting

The machine may be used to lift loads of up to indicated safe working load when it has achieved a vacuum level of 40% or above as indicated by the vacuum guage. The operator must have a clear view of the vacuum guage and warning lights.



Warning

Do not attempt to lift load if the vacuum guage is not in the green zone or if alarm sounds and/or red light is flashing.

In the event of the vacuum dropping below 40% whilst lifting a load, or if an alarm sounds, lower the load to a safe position immediately.

Hoist Acceleration:

- Max 1MS-2 Lifting and Lowering.

MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

All checks should be carried out by competent personnel only.

Daily Checks:

- check vacuum level reaches the minimum suction pressure of 40% each time before use (note; a green vacuum light gives confirmation of pressure).
- check the battery is fully charged.

- at the beginning of each shift/day, all suction pads should be inspected for damage and/or wear.
- check all warning labels are clearly visible.
- test alarm systems.

Weekly Checks:

- examine all hoses and fittings for damage and/or wear.
- check valve is clean and moving freely.
- check all suspension points/pins for damage.

Please note that conditions in which machine is stored will affect the amount of attention the unit will require.

Monthly Checks:

- inspect shackles and suspension points if applicable (when the cross section is reduced by over 10% replace immediately)
- check filter element on filter between reservoir and valve is clean.

Annual or Bi-Annual Checks

A full inspection and re-certification at 12 monthly intervals or 6 monthly checks dependent on application in accordance with the Lifting Operations and Lifting equipment Regulations 1998 (LOLER) by a competent person.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Vacuum System:

Vacuum percentage is below 40%, cause:

- leakage in the vacuum hoses or badly applied hose clips.
- the seals in the suction pads have been damaged.
- the filter is blocked.

Remedy:

- change the vacuum hoses or clips.
- change the seal in the suction pads.
- clean the filters.
- demount the in-line valve, clean blast with air and remount.

Electrical System:

The vacuum pumps cannot be started, cause:

- the MCB fuse has tripped off.
- low battery level – check the battery level on the voltmeter.

Remedy:

- reset MCB'S and retry.
- put unit on charge.

Here at Autem Vacuum Lifters, we pride ourselves on the quality of the products we supply, so you can rely on us to have the replacement parts as and when you need them. To maintain the certification of the product you can only use authorised parts supplied by Autem, any modifications will also null and void the certification without prior authorisation from the manufacturer.



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Part No	Item Description	Product Code
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SB6B.25	Spiral Wrap Sleeving Size: 6mm OD (bundle dia. 5-30mm) Length; 25m bag	P00299-25
R13-112B2G12	On/Off Round Mini Rocker Switch with Green Light – 12v	P00727
CG 1001	DIN ISO 4165 Plug – 16a Max	P00776
JH-RS-5015	Panel Mounted DIN ISO 4165/Hella Power Socket-20A Max	P01961
IA06-M-04G	¼ BSP ISO A Q/R Female Prob	
IA06-F-04G	¼ BSP ISO A Q/R Female CA	
# 0-381-65	Circuit Breaker 12/24 Volt	
#-381-99	Circuit Breaker Dust Cap BG	
#0-531-24	Switch Rocker Round On/Off 10amps	
#0-534-10	Voltmeter Illuminated FOR 12v	
#0-562-12	Buzzer 1amp	
200017	Sensor 3amp	
200018	Red Warning Light 1amp	
200019	Charger 4amp	
200020	Filter	
RPZF1	Pin Relay Socket DIN Rail	124-0201
ROLP/R/S/3	Red 32 Tone Sounder 9-28v dc 102db	529-4424
RPM12JD	Non-Latching Relay SPDT 15a @ 250 v ac	179-7311
ZBY2303	Legend Plate	342-2942
ZB5AH053	Round Orange-Latching Harmony XB5 Series,22mm	746-9175
1SNA176667R0400	BJMI Jumper Bar	447-428
ZBVJ55	Harmony XB Light Block 12V	553-866
Part No	Item Description	Product Code
ZBE1015	Harmony XB Contact Block 1NO	553-973
1SNA118368R1600	FEM End Section	424-866
1SNK900001R0000	BAM4 Series ATEX End Stop	666-3357
QBS-0202	Red LED Beacon 11-35Vdc	309-6010
RXZE2S111M	Pin Relay Socket DIN Rail 250v	884-1288
ISNA115116R0700	Standard Din Rail Terminal 800V ac	424-759
ISNA115657R2500	Fused DIN Rail 630v	210-4570
ISNA116951R1500	FEM End Section	484-3952
XB54AZ101	Harmony XB5 Contact Block-1NO	331-0445

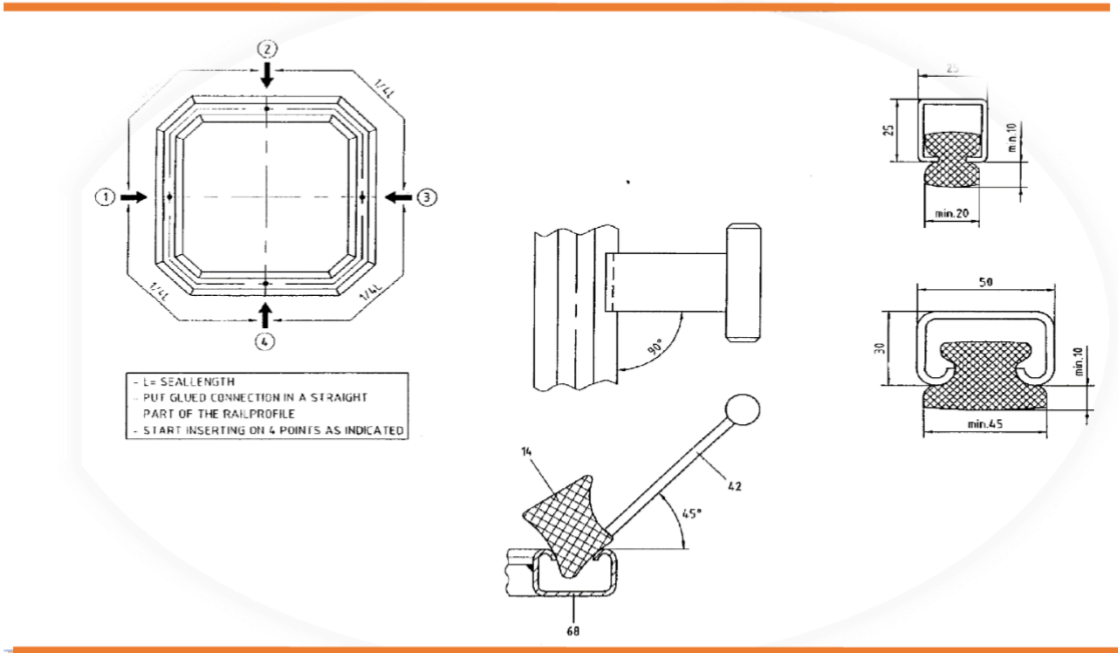
QB0203	Flashguard QBS Green Xenon Beacon, 12v dc, 24v dc	312-5398
RXM3AB2JD	Coil Non-Latching Relay 3PDT, 10a Switching Current Plug In	884-1528
200023	Main Frame	
200022	Pad	
	Pneumatic 14" Wheels	5056051480-433
	Hose Clamp	
200024	2 x Nuts	
200025	Cotter Pin and Clip	
200026	Electrical Control Box	
200027	4 x Bolts to attach Electric Box	
200028	Handgrips	
MOSS25 – 60 X 50 50LE	Rubber Seal	
	Wiring Kit	
	Dual Head Pump	
200023	Galvanised Box with Lid	



Only replace part using components sourced directly from Autem Vacuum Lifters Ltd www.vacuumlifters.co.uk



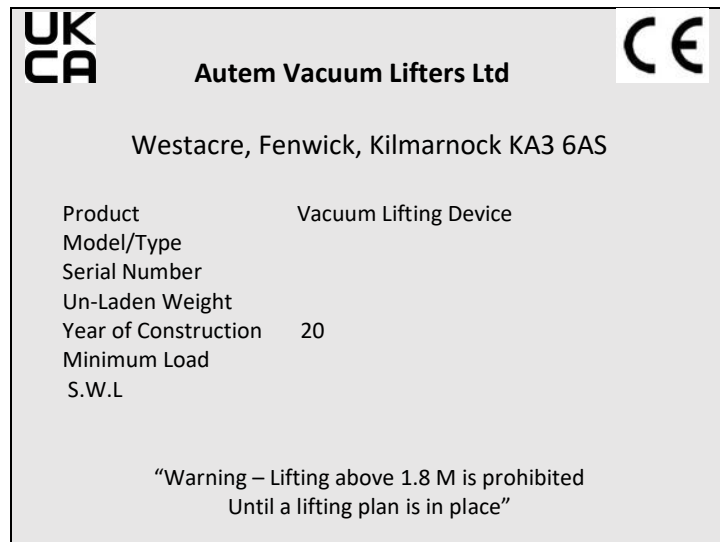
Pad Specification



Badly Worn or damaged seals should be re-placed prior to use. New seals can be inserted into seal profile using insert bar at an angle of 45 Deg, see diagram above.

Drawing Number: WFBOO2

Revision: 002



Size = 100mmX 70mm

Material= 1.0mm Satin Silver Aluminium

Colour = Black

Adhesive = Nitto D9605

Tolerance = ± 0.5 mm

GB Declaration of Conformity

In accordance with of European Parliament and Council Decision No 768/2008/EC Annex III

1. Product model / product:

Product Vacuum Lifter

Model/type
Batch/serial no.

2. *Manufacturer*

Name Autem Vacuum Lifters Ltd
Address Westacre, Fenwick, Kilmarnock KA3 6AS

3. *This declaration is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer.*

4. *Object of the declaration: Vacuum Lifter*

Product

5. *The object of the declaration described above is in conformity with the relevant Union harmonisation legislation:*

SI 2008 No 1597	Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008 (Amendment) Regulations 2011)
SI 2016 No 1091	Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Regulations 2016
SI 2012 No 3032	The Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive (Amendment) Regulations 2019

6. *References to the relevant harmonised standards used or references to the other technical specifications in relation to which conformity is declared:*

Reference & Date	Title
BS EN 12100:2010	<i>Safety of machinery General principles for design Risk assessment and risk reduction</i>
BS EN 13155:2003+A2:2009	<i>Cranes — Safety — Non-fixed load lifting attachments</i>
BS EN 60204-1:2018	<i>Safety of machinery. Electrical equipment of machines. General requirements</i>
BS EN IEC 61000-6-2:2019	<i>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC). Generic standards. Immunity standard for industrial environments</i>
BS EN IEC 61000-6-4:2019	<i>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC). Generic standards. Emission standard for industrial environments</i>

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