Vehicle Restraint
Installation Manual
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PRECAUTIONS

Recognize Safety Information

Safety-Alert Symbol

The Safety-Alert Symbol is a graphic representation intended to convey a safety message without the use of words. When you see this symbol, be alert to the possibility of death or serious injury. Follow the instructions in the safety message panel.

DANGER

The use of the word DANGER signifies the presence of an extreme hazard or unsafe practice which will most likely result in death or serious injury.

WARNING

The use of the word WARNING signifies the presence of a serious hazard or unsafe practice which could result in death or serious injury.

CAUTION

The use of the word CAUTION signifies possible hazard or unsafe practice which could result in minor or moderate injury.

NOTICE

The use of the word NOTICE indicates information considered important, but not hazard-related, to prevent machine or property damage.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Indicates a type of safety sign, or separate panel on a safety sign, where safety-related instructions or procedures are described.

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including lead, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer or birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

General Operational Safety Precautions

Read and understand the Owner’s/User’s Manual and become thoroughly familiar with the equipment and its controls before operating the transport vehicle restraint.

Never operate a transport vehicle restraint while a safety device or guard is removed or disconnected.

Never remove DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION signs, Placards or Decals on the equipment unless replacing them.

Figure 1

Do not start the equipment until all unauthorized personnel in the area have been warned and have moved outside the operating zone (see Figure 1).

Remove any tools or foreign objects from the operating zone before starting.

Keep the operating zone free of obstacles that could cause a person to trip or fall.
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Operational Safety Precautions

Learn the safe way to operate this equipment. Read and understand the manufacturer’s instructions. If you have any questions, ask your supervisor.

DANGER

Stay clear of dock leveling device and restraint when transport vehicle is entering or leaving area.

Do not move or use the dock leveling device and restraint if anyone is under in front or near it.

Keep hands and feet clear of pinch points. Avoid putting any part of your body near moving parts.

Do not operate any equipment while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

WARNING

Chock/restrain all transport vehicles. Never remove the wheel chocks until loading or unloading is finished and transport vehicles driver has been given permission to drive away.

Do not use a broken or damaged restraint device. Make sure proper service and maintenance procedures have been performed before using.

If the NOVA Lock & Load™ vehicle restraint does not operate properly using the procedures in this manual, BE CERTAIN TO CHOCK THE VEHICLE WHEELS BEFORE LOADING OR UNLOADING. Contact NOVA or your local representative for service.
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Maintenance Safety Precautions

**DANGER**

Electrical power must be OFF when servicing the equipment. For maximum protection, use an OSHA approved locking device to lock out all power sources. Only the person servicing the equipment should have the key to unlock the device.

**WARNING**

ALWAYS disconnect electrical power source and ground wire before welding on restraint.

DO NOT ground welding equipment to any electrical components of the restraint. Always ground to the restraint frame.

**WARNING**

Always post safety warnings and barricade the work area at dock level and ground level to prevent unauthorized use of the unit before maintenance is complete.

**WARNING**

DO NOT grind or weld if hydraulic fluid or other flammable liquid is present on the surface to be ground or welded.

DO NOT grind or weld if uncontained hydraulic fluid or other flammable liquid is present. Stray sparks can ignite spills or leaks near the work area. Always clean up the oil leaks and spills before proceeding with grinding or welding.

Always keep a fire extinguisher of the proper type nearby when grinding or welding.
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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

A NOVA Lock & Load™ vehicle restraint may be installed on docks with or without levelers; consult NOVA for proper application.

Follow the simple installation procedures below:
- Inspect NOVA Lock & Load™ vehicle restraint parts.
- Install roller track.
- Install NOVA Lock & Load™ vehicle restraint into roller track.
- Install electrical components.
- Install safety & instruction signs.
- Test operation.

NOTICE
A 4" thick bumper is required regardless of whether or not there is a leveler. DO NOT install a NOVA Lock & Load™ vehicle restraint on docks without 4" thick bumpers. For thicker bumpers consult factory.

DANGER
Post safety warnings and barricade work area, at dock level and at ground level, to prevent unauthorized use of the dock position.

INSPECT NOVA LOCK & LOAD™ PARTS
Open packaging and inspect all parts and materials—see Figure A above. Immediately report any damage or missing materials to factory. Review the component assemblies to determine their correct locations.

FIGURE A—LOCK & LOAD COMPONENTS DESCRIPTION
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

INSTALL ROLLER TRACK
Install roller track onto dock face at specified location by welding to an embedded steel plate or by using the fifteen (15) concrete anchors provided in conjunction with welding to pit steel and a leveler frame. Refer to Figures B and C.

If you have questions, contact NOVA Technical Support at (800) 236-7325.

NOTICE
The roller track must be plumb with dock face. If not, use and weld (6) shims 2" wide x 25 5/8" long. If shims are over 1/2" thick use longer anchors. If shims need to be 1" thick or more, contact NOVA.

If the dock face is not perpendicular, contact NOVA Technical Support at (800) 236-7325.

The carriage roller track cannot be bent or deformed. Straighten or replace if necessary.

NOTE: Trim roller track, as necessary, up to a maximum of 5" from the bottom.

NOTE: Some mechanical dock levelers have an adjusting nut access hole in the leveler front subframe. If the NOVA Lock & Load™ vehicle restraint roller track interferes with the access hole, the roller track must be cut to allow access.

NOTE: Some levelers are slightly recessed within the pit and thus require a shim to be inserted between the roller track and the leveler front subframe and welded in place.

ANCHOR INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS
1. Put roller track in place.
3. Insert anchor and drive flush with roller track, making sure that the threaded wedge is inserted first. Do not disassemble anchor prior to installation.
4. Install all anchors and torque to 60 ft-lbs. See figure B.

FIGURE B—ANCHORING ROLLER TRACK
WELDING INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

If the installation being worked on is a retrofit or replacement situation, the following electrical connections must be disconnected prior to welding.

LOCKOUT/TAGOUT the power at the fused disconnect, then remove the motor and limit switch connections from the control harness located in the outside junction box. Once all welding has been completed, reconnect all the wires.

NOTES:

a. Never install the NOVA Lock & Load™ vehicle restraint directly onto concrete block or brick dock face.

b. When welding the NOVA Lock & Load™ vehicle restraint, disconnect power and ground leads to leveler.

c. Due to actual conditions, total mounting height may be different.

d. Plug weld all holes that are in contact with the embedded mounting plate. All fifteen (15) holes must be either plug welded or anchored. See figure C.

e. Shims must be the full length of the roller track. Minimum electrode must be 1/8” 7018 or better. See figure D.

NOTICE

Never weld on the NOVA Lock & Load™ vehicle restraint after the motor is wired into the control box and power to the control box is on. Electrical current from the welder can loop back through the circuit and damage the motor and other components.

FIGURE C—WELDING ROLLER TRACK FRONT VIEW (WITH EMBEDDED PLATE)

FIGURE D—WELDING ROLLER TRACK SIDE VIEW
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

INSTALL VEHICLE RESTRAINT INTO ROLLER TRACK

**CAUTION**

Use lifting device (e.g. crane, jack) when lifting carriage (approx. 110 lbs.). Lifting by hand may cause back injury.

- Attach the four (4) springs to the lower spring bar.
- Pull springs upward and slide over top spring mount on the track roller.
- Slide the carriage assembly into the roller track. Refer to Figure E.
- Install right and left spring cover with clip nuts and flat head screws provided.
- Position and bolt the lower spring bar to the bottom of the NOVA Lock & Load™ vehicle restraint carriage.
- Install the motor cover and spring covers.
- Install slope extension.
INSTALL ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS

**DANGER**

Make sure that the power source has been locked out and tagged according to OSHA regulations and approved local electrical codes.

If the incoming electrical power for the NOVA Lock & Load vehicle restraint is taken from a nearby electrical appliance, e.g., overhead door opener, verify that the amperage is in accordance with local and federal codes.

The NOVA Lock & Load™ vehicle restraint 1/10 HP motor requires 120V, single phase power, 60 Hz power and 10 amps of current to operate properly.

Two (2) NOVA Lock & Load™ vehicle restraints can be connected into one (1) 20 amp branch circuit breaker per the 1999 National Electrical Code Paragraph 430-53.

If you have questions, contact NOVA Technical Support at (800) 236-7325.

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**NOTICE**

Where indicated, all components must be connected to a SAFETY EARTH GROUND that conforms to the 1999 National Electric Code Section 250-50 section (a) or section (c) for a grounding electrode system.

The NOVA Lock & Load™ vehicle restraint assembly includes a 63" long flexible wiring harness, the control box with lights and the outside signal light box. The outside junction box, conduit fittings and wire are provided by others; be sure to use a qualified installer utilizing quality materials. Refer to Figures F and G.

Refer to Figure H, page 13 for component location information. Electrical schematics for wiring information can be found inside the control box.

**CONTROL BOX INSTALLATION GUIDELINES—TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED APPLICATIONS.**

1. Route the conduit to enter through the side or bottom of the enclosure. If the conduit could fill with water, a drip leg may be needed.
2. Seal the conduit in any location where the conduit crosses over temperature zones that could produce condensation.
3. Install spacers between the wall and enclosure to provide temperature insulation and air flow.
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

INSTALL ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS

![Diagram of installation instructions]

**OUTSIDE JUNCTION BOX**

Supplied by others

**3/4" CONDUIT AND FITTINGS**

(Supplied by others)

**GROUND IN BOX**

Safety earth ground required for proper operation

**#14 GAGE WIRE**

(TYP.)

(Supplied by others)

**FROM OUTSIDE LIGHT BOX**

**CONTROL HARNESS**

**NEMA 4 JIC BOX**

(Waterproof)

4" X 4" X 3" SUGGESTED size (3" MAX. projection from wall allowable)

**TO LOCK&LOAD GROUND IN BOX**

**IMPORTANT:** All components must be connected to a safety earth ground where indicated. This ground must conform to 1996 N.E.C. Section 250-81 Par. (a) and Par. (c), for grounding electrode system.

**FIGURE F—OUTSIDE JUNCTION BOX**

**FIGURE G—OUTSIDE LIGHT WIRING**
There is one (1) driver warning sign and one (1) inside operator sign supplied with each NOVA Lock & Load™ vehicle restraint. (Mounting hardware supplied by others.) Mount outside sign as shown in Figure H. Mount the inside sign next to the control box. Attach placard to control box with zip tie supplied or mount next to the control box. Install all signs provided.

**NOTES:**
- Some docks may have dock/truck seals or shelters which are larger than standard. The outside light, sign location, and mounting should be studied before proceeding to avoid interference.
- If necessary, signs may be trimmed for fit. However, DO NOT cut or eliminate sign letters or words.
- Attach signs with concrete anchors or screws. Do not use nails.
- NEVER put conduit in front of signs. A clear view must be maintained at all times of the exterior and interior signs.
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

TEST OPERATION
This test operation is specifically for the installation instructions to verify the NOVA Lock & Load™ is working properly. If the NOVA Lock & Load™ does not work properly, contact NOVA Technology.

1. Power-Up
   a. Unlatch metal clips on the right side of control box holding the cover on.
   b. Open the cover of the control box.
   c. Turn on the circuit breaker by flipping switch upward.

   ![Circuit Breaker Diagram](image1)
   FIGURE I—CIRCUIT BREAKER

   d. Close the cover of the control box.
   e. Re-latch the metal clips to secure the cover.
   f. Remove protective film from PLC display.
   g. Verify PLC screen shows “Lock & Load™” as shown in figure J.
   h. Verify the red light on the control box is flashing.
   i. Verify the outside green light is flashing.

   ![PLC Screen Diagram](image2)
   FIGURE J—STANDARD PLC SCREEN

   ![Store Position Diagram](image3)
   ![Control Box Status Diagram](image4)
   ![Outside Light Status Diagram](image5)
   FIGURE K—STORE POSITION/NO VEHICLE PRESENT
2. Test Restrain Function
   a. Depress “RESTRAIN” (#1 button).
   b. Verify the hook has rotated to the up position.
   c. Verify the red light on the control box is flashing.
   d. Verify the alarm beeping at 1 second intervals.
   e. Verify the outside red light is flashing.
3. Test Horn Over-Ride Function
   a. Depress the “HORN OVER-RIDE” button (#0 button).

   b. Verify the red light on the control box is flashing.

   c. Enter default Over-Ride code, 5528, then press “ENTER” as shown.
      i. If the wrong code was entered, the “Wrong PW: Reenter Or Wait” display will appear. On this display, repeat steps 3a through 3c to enter horn over-ride.
      ii. Or, if no further input is completed within 30 seconds, the “Wrong PW: Reenter Or Wait” display will clear and the screen will return to last display.
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

d. Verify the red and green lights on the control box are flashing.
e. Verify the outside red light is flashing.

f. Manually rotate hook downward until the hook has turned LS2 on.
   i. See example of the hook position as shown in Figure R.

   FIGURE Q—HORN OVER-RIDE LIGHT INDICATION

   FIGURE R—RESTRAINT POSITION

g. Verify the outside red light continues to flash.

   FIGURE S—OVER-RIDE STATE, HOOK IS IN LOCK POSITION OUTSIDE LIGHT
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

4. Turn off Horn Over-Ride Function
   a. Verify the red and green lights on the control box are flashing.
   b. Depress the “HORN OVER-RIDE” button (#0 button).

   ![IMAGE OF CONTROL BOX STATUS]

   ![IMAGE OF NOVA IntelliDock]

   FIGURE T—DISENGAGING HORN OVER-RIDE

   c. Enter default Over-Ride code, 5528, then press “ENTER”.
      i. If the wrong code was entered, the “Wrong PW: Reenter Or Wait” display will appear. On this display, repeat steps 4a through 4c to exit horn over-ride.
      ii. Or, if no further input is completed within 30 seconds, the “Wrong PW: Reenter Or Wait” display will clear and the screen will remain in horn over-ride.

   ![IMAGE OF NOVA IntelliDock]

   FIGURE U—EXITING HORN OVER-RIDE DIAGRAM

   d. Verify the green light on the control box is flashing.
   e. No horn should be sounding.
   f. Verify the outside red light is flashing.

   ![IMAGE OF CONTROL BOX STATUS]

   ![IMAGE OF OUTSIDE LIGHT STAFFS]

   FIGURE V—ENGAGED STATE LIGHT INDICATION
5. Test Release Function
   a. Verify the green light on the control box is flashing.
   b. Depress “RELEASE” (#7 button).

   c. Verify the hook has rotated downward.
   d. Verify the red light on the control box is flashing.
   e. Verify the outside green light is flashing.
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WARRANTY

NOVA TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL, LLC warrants that its products will be free from defects in design, materials and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of shipment. All claims for breach of this warranty must be made within 30 days after the defect is or can with reasonable care, be detected. In no event shall any claim be made more than 30 days after this warranty has expired. In order to be entitled to the benefits of this warranty, the product must have been properly installed, maintained and operated in accordance with all manufacturer’s recommendations and/or specified design parameters and not otherwise have been subject to abuse, misuse, misapplication, acts of nature, overloading, unauthorized repair or modification, application in a corrosive environment or lack of maintenance. Periodic lubrication, adjustment and inspection in accordance with all manufacturers’ recommendations are the sole responsibility of the Owner/User.

In the event of a defect, as determined by NOVA TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL, LLC, covered by this warranty, NOVA TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL, LLC shall remedy such defect by repairing or replacing any defective equipment or parts, bearing the cost for the parts, labor and transportation. This shall be exclusive remedy for all claims whether based on contract, negligence or strict liability.

PRODUCT SPECIFIC WARRANTY
LOCK-UP VEHICLE RESTRAINT

In addition to the “Standard Product Warranty” provided with all Nova Products, NOVA TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL, LLC guarantees materials, components and workmanship to be free of defects for the following extended periods:

• Extended 2-Year General Warranty—for a period of two (2) years from date of shipment, this warranty specifically applies to; the roller track assembly, carriage assembly, RIG sensor assembly and control box only.

• Extended 5-Year Structural Warranty—for a period of five (5) years from date of shipment, product will carry a prorated structural warranty. This warranty specifically applies to; the roller track, carriage weldment, motor/chain cover, barrier assembly and lower spring bar only.

NOT COVERED UNDER WARRANTY

• Routine maintenance, lubrication, adjustments, including initial field set-up.

• Repairs required as a result of failure to follow routine maintenance procedures specified in the owner’s manual, abuse, accident, willful damage, neglect, improper installation, submersion, or shipping damage.

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