

Vertical Drop Lifter Troubleshooting

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WARNING

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 - The system is de-energized; main electrical switches are open.
- Some maintenance/troubleshooting procedures require the equipment to be running to perform the procedure. In this case only one person should be in command of operating the equipment in maintenance mode only. Constant communication with the person commanding the equipment should be maintained through the procedure.

Problem	Possible Cause	Remedy
Lift carriage does not move	Gearmotor does not run	• Check cables and plug situation. • Gearmotor diagnosis. • Replace gearmotor.
	Control fault	• Check general fault conditions. • Determine the cause of fault and correct the problem.
Lift speed too low / high	Control fault	• Check general fault conditions. • Determine the cause of fault and correct the problem.
Wrong carriage stop position	Code rail misaligned	• Reposition code rail.
	Code rail reader defective	• Replace code rail reader.
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Carriage pulls to one side.	Different carriage to counterweight belt lengths.	• Readjustment of the belt suspension at the carriage.

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Alignment cams do not move	Gearmotor does not run	• Check cables and plug situation. • Gearmotor diagnosis. • Replace gearmotor.
	Control fault	• Check general fault conditions. • Determine the cause of fault and correct the problem.
	Alignment linkage failure	• Repair linkage.
	Proximity switch displaced	• Readjust proximity switch.
	Proximity switch defective	• Replace and readjust proximity switch.

Power Roll Bed Normal Application Troubleshooting

(Mounted on Vertical Drop Lifter)

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Skid does not move	Gearmotor does not run	• Check wiring and plugs. • Gearmotor troubleshooting. • Replace gearmotor.
	Broken toothed belts	• Replace toothed belt.
	Carrying rollers are soiled with oil	• Clean rollers.
	IDC defective	• Replace IDC.
	Proximity switch(es) defective or loose	• Replace or readjust proximity switch.
Skid speed too high / low	Malfunctioning control	• Diagnostic program.
Wrong Skid stop position	Wrong proximity switch position	• Readjust proximity switch.
Noise with / without vibrations	Loose parts	• Check module for loose parts and parts that do not belong.
	Worn belt	• Replace toothed belt.
	Bearings of carrying rollers defective or worn	• Replace carrying rollers.

General Troubleshooting

Device Type	Typical Devices	Action
Re-settable	• Light screens • Access Gate Boxes/Safety Plugs • E-stops	Visually inspect the protection area devices and reset any tripped devices.
Power Distribution	• Circuit breakers • Contactors/Relays • Connection	Check that power is distributed to the control panels, field devices, and components.
Processing	• PLC Processor • Input/Output Modules	Check the Main Control Panel processors and I/O modules for proper operation.
Communication	• EtherNet Module • DeviceNet Module	Check the Main Control Panel EtherNet and DeviceNet Modules for proper operation.
Machinery	• VFDs • Motors • Switches/Sensors • Connection System (cables/cords)	Follow a clear and logical approach to determining a failed device. Eliminate components that are a quick fix.