# SERVICE GUIDE

**CPB-305** 

# AGRICULTURAL TRACK

AGCO Challenger MT735, MT745, MT755, MT765, MT775 AGCO Challenger MT738, MT740, MT743 AGCO Challenger MT835, MT845, MT855, MT865, MT875





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## Introduction

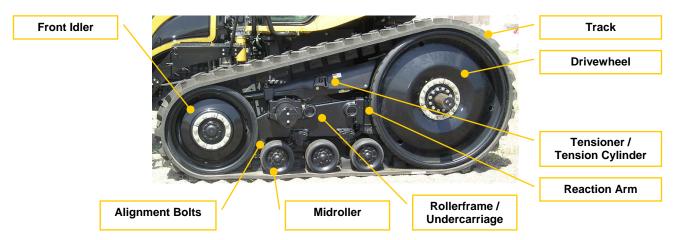
This service guide is intended for distributors and dealers to provide the basic information needed for track installation and service. As part of this guide, installation procedures are included for aligning tracks which is required to maximize overall track life.

#### **Notice**

When servicing track machines, follow all manufacturers recommended safety precautions. Failure to follow safe procedures can result in injury or death.

### Track Terminology

Within the service guide, several references are made to the tractor undercarriage components. One should familiarize himself or herself with the terms below before reading further instructions or working on any tracked machine.



## General Tooling Requirements

Table 1 lists both the standard and specialized tools required for the removal, installation, and alignment of Camso tracks. Refer to publication list CPB-0330 "Agricultural Track Technical Literature and Tooling List" for the list of specialized tools available from Camso.

| Safety Glasses and Steel Toed Shoes                    | 1" Air Impact Wrench (with 700 ft-lb capacity)  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| Pilot Pins (for idler / idler weight                   | Several large wood blocks                       |  |  |
| /drivewheel)                                           | (2) Lifting Eyes                                |  |  |
| Air Impact Socket Set (up to 38mm)                     | Air / Hydraulic Jack (min 15 Ton Capacity / 12" |  |  |
| Ratcheting Strap / "Come Along"                        | stroke)                                         |  |  |
| Selection of Pry Bars                                  | Soap solution                                   |  |  |
| Infrared Thermometer*                                  | CST-0120 Detension Kit*                         |  |  |
| Torque Wrench (700 ft-lb capacity)                     |                                                 |  |  |
| (4) [15 Ton Minimum] Support Stands                    |                                                 |  |  |
| Table 1 - Tooling List (* denotes special track tools) |                                                 |  |  |

## Time Estimates - Removal, Installation, and Alignment

The time required to change a track depends mainly on the skill of the technician and the tools available. Table 2 lists average times for removal, installation, and alignment. These estimates are based on a service technician of average skills with the basic, proper tools and working on firm, level ground. Working in adverse conditions can take significantly longer, while experienced technicians will be able to work in a shorter time. Two individuals, in general, can reduce total man hours as compared to one person.

Note: Additional time for undercarriage component repairs and/or replacements are NOT included in the labor hours shown below.

| Track Removal, Inspection & Installation |                      | Track Alignment           |                      | Total                   |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Single Track<br>(man hrs)                | Machine<br>(man hrs) | Single Track<br>(man hrs) | Machine<br>(man hrs) | Total Time<br>(man hrs) |
| 2                                        | 4                    | 0 - 0.5                   | 0-1                  | 4-5                     |

Table 2 - Estimated man hours required for average track set installation and alignment

## **Tractor Preparation**

- 1. Move the tractor to a hard, flat surface and place the transmission in the Park position. The machine can be jacked up and supported much easier under these conditions and will be more stable during track removal and installation. Furthermore, a hard surface makes it easier to slide the track out from under the machine and allows use of a forklift when available.
- 2. Make sure that any implements are disconnected from the hitch or drawbar. Never work on a tractor with an implement attached as this creates an unstable condition. Also, if the tractor is equipped with outboard spray tanks, remove tank assembly on the side the work will be performed on.
- 3. Clean the tractor before working on it. Dirt and debris make access to bolts difficult.
- 4. Once the tractor is positioned shut down and remove the key. Do not start the machine while track undercarriage is disassembled or injury and machine damage could result.

Important: Record new <u>track serial numbers</u> in the operators guide located in the tractor, on the warranty certificate, and for your records. Guide lugs or edge strips can be damaged....so make sure to record these numbers!

#### **Track Removal**

- 1. Raise the rear of the tractor to at least 8" above the ground. This allows enough clearance for the drive lugs to slide out from underneath the midrollers.
- 2. Place 2 jack stands under the final drive housing. Spread them as far apart as possible for increased stability.
- 3. Raise the front end of the tractor approximately 8".
- 4. Place 2 jack stands using support brackets attached to the side of the frame to further stabilize the tractor. Support brackets attaching to the frame are available through the Challenger dealer.

#### Detension the Track

5. Using the CST-0120 Camso Detensioning Hose Kit provided in the toolbox shown below, remove the required hoses and fittings pertaining to the MT tractors. This detensioning hose kit will service the Challenger MT700, MT800, Challenger 35/45/55, as well as the JD 8000T and 9000T tractors. The gate valve (B) is used with the MT Series and the Caterpillar 35/45/55. The ball valve (C) is used with the JD series, and is attached to the end of the Cat hose section when working on those machines.



Gage - All series

Valve (C) - JD 8000T/9000T

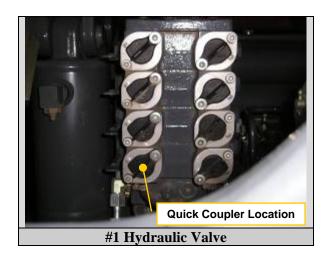
"L" adapter and drain hose – Used to transfer hydraulic fluid to and from the tension cylinder on Caterpillar 35/45/55, AGCO MT700/800  $\,$ 

Gate Valve (B) – Caterpillar 35/45/55, AGCO MT700/800, Installed in-line with gage shown

Locate the charging port on the undercarriage. Remove the dust cap. Make sure the hand valves on the detensioning hose assembly are CLOSED. Then attach the hose to the coupling.



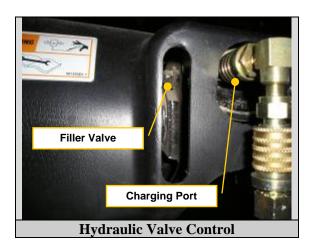
6. Connect the opposite end of the detensioning hose to the lower port on the hydraulic valve bank at the rear of the machine.



7. Locate the hydraulic control lever in the cab.



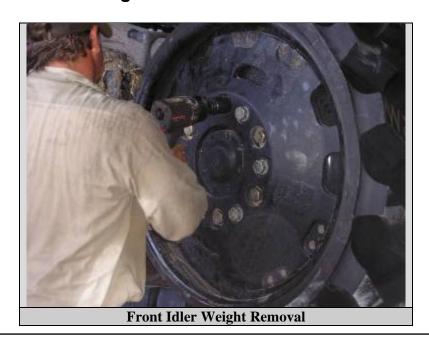
- 8. Start the tractor and move the hydraulic control lever all the way forward to FLOAT position.
- 9. OPEN the detensioning hose hand valves.
- 10. Slowly OPEN FILLER valve a maximum of 1 turn to release the track tension pressure into the implement hydraulic system. When the cylinder rod stops moving, this indicates the pressure from the tensioner is released.



11. Stop engine. CLOSE FILLER valve by tightening to 28 N-m (21 lb-ft). Disconnect the detensioning hose.

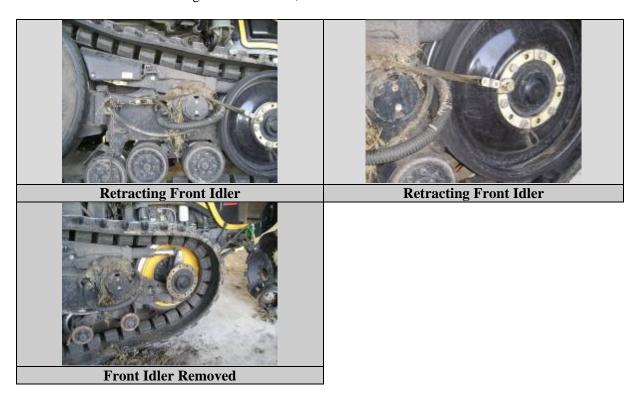
NOTE: Track removal and installation can be achieved by removing either the outer idler wheel or the outer drive wheel. In cases where there are several idler weights installed, it is recommended that the drive wheel be removed. This may reduce overall time to replace a track as the idler weights will not need to be removed from the idler. The procedure listed below removes the idler.

## Removing front idler weights



## Removing front idler

12. If the tension cylinder is still partially extended. It will greatly help in track installation later if you use a come-along attached as shown below to pull the tensioner back as far as possible. Remove the remaining front idler bolts, and then remove the front idler.



Note: Only on the MT700, the rear midroller will want to hang down making it difficult to get enough clearance for track removal. Secure the rear midroller assembly to the undercarriage making it level with the front midrollers. See photos below.



Note: removal of the track will require the use of either a forklift or a boom truck, as the tracks weigh between 800 and 2100 lbs each. Use care when removing tracks or injury could result.

- 13. Use a pry bar to work the track off the inside front idler or drive wheel. As an alternative, you can install a nylon strap around the track and hook it to the forklift or boom truck.
- 14. Gently pull the track off the front idler or drive wheel.
- 15. Once loose from the inner idler or drive wheel, lift and disengage the track from the drivewheels or idler wheels. Slowly slide the track out from under the midrollers, and move to a suitable location. See photos below.



## **Undercarriage Inspection**

#### **Midroller Condition**

- A. Check the condition of the midroller seals. Look for any wet areas that indicate a leaking seal.
- B. Check condition of midroller rubber. Worn or midrollers in poor condition can damage the track if not replaced in a timely fashion.

The general guidelines for replacement of a midroller are as follows:

- More than 1/3 of the total rubber is missing around the entire midroller
- All the rubber is missing at any point all the way across the midroller
- Any flat spots are seen which may indicate midroller stopped turning



#### **Drivewheel Condition**

The drivewheels should be inspected for damaged rubber and for any cracks. Check the grooves for sharpness and for depth of more than 1/8". If wear is excessive, track may not be able to tension properly and if grooves are rounded or shallow, track slippage could result. Finally, inspect the reaction arm frame for signs of rubbing as this may indicate a problem with the wheel bearing and cause alignment issues.

#### The drivewheel should be replaced in the following circumstances:

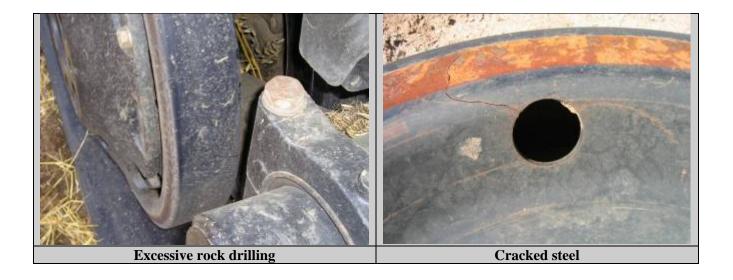
- If the tread pattern depth is less than 3/16"
- If any large sections of rubber are missing
- Cracks are found in the steel
- Rubber grooves are worn down to a rounded edge

#### **Idler Condition**

The front idlers should be inspected for damaged in the steel or rubber. Below are examples of damage that would require replacement.

#### The idler should be replaced in the following circumstances:

- If any large sections of rubber are missing
- Cracks are found in the steel
- Excessive amount of rocks embedded in the rubber



## Swing link Cap Bolts

The Swing link cap bolts should be inspected for damaged, broken, or missing bolts. On scraper tractors, it is recommended that these bolts be replaced while the track is off to prevent future down time. There is 2 bolts that come down from the top in the front and 2 bolts that come up from the bottom in the rear. Broken or missing swing link bolts may prevent track from aligning or cause future damage to the track.



Swing link Cap

## **Installation of Replacement Track**

Installation of track is basically the reverse order of the removal.

- 1. Attach strap or chain to the new rubber track and carefully slide it under the midrollers while also lifting it over the rear drivewheel or idler wheel. You may have to use a pry bar to adjust the tracks so that the track guide lugs fall into the drive wheel or idler slot. Always use caution when using pry bars and forks as the track can become damaged.
- 2. Using a forklift, boom truck, or pry bar, gently push the track beneath the track undercarriage.
- 3. Attach strap to the track and raise it up and over the front, inside idler or inner drivewheel with the hoist or forklift. Application of a soap solution to the front idler or drivewheel can make the installation easier.
- 4. Reinstall the front, outside idler wheel or drivewheel and weights (if Applicable). The use of a guide bolt/pin will aid in installation of the wheels and weights. Torque wheel bolts to the values listed in the table below. Make sure to follow a crisscross sequence during tightening and retorque after tightening. These bolts should also be retorqued after track alignment check is done

| Torques                          | MT700 Series | MT800 Series |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Front Idler and Drivewheel Bolts | 670 ft-lbs   | 670 ft-lbs   |

- 5. Tension the track. Make sure the hand valves in the detensioning hose assembly are CLOSED. Then reattach the hose to the charging port. The opposite end of the detensioning hose should still be connected to the lower port on the hydraulic valve bank at the rear of the machine.
- 6. Locate the BLEEDER valve which is on the opposite side of the charging port. Also, locate the drain hose behind the FILLER valve. Place a container under the drain hose to collect the hydraulic oil. OPEN the BLEEDER valve ¼ to ½ turn.
- 7. Start the tractor and run the engine at low idle. Pull the hydraulic control lever back to the EXTEND position.
- 8. Slowly open the FILLER valve ½ to a maximum of 1 turn to fill the tension cylinder. Once no large air bubbles are present in the drain hose, tighten the BLEEDER valve to 28 N-m (21 lb-ft).
- 9. Continue charging the system until the system pressure reaches 2900 psi on the pressure gauge.
- 10. With the hydraulic control lever in EXTEND position, CLOSE the hand valves on the detensioning hose assembly which isolates tensioner and pressure gauge from the tractor hydraulic system.
- 11. Put the hydraulic control lever all the way forward to FLOAT position.

- 12. OPEN the hand valve a small amount on the detensioning hose assembly while closely watching the pressure gauge. Note the pressure when a sudden decrease occurs as this indicates the nitrogen pressure in the accumulator. The nitrogren pressure should be in the range of 2100 2300 psi. If a low nitrogen pressure is present, consult the Challenger dealer before operating the tractor further.
- 13. Pull the hydraulic control lever back to the EXTEND position, OPEN the hand valve on the detensioning hose assembly and leave the hand valve OPEN for a minimum of 50 seconds to allow the system to charge.
- 14. Once charged and with the hydraulic control lever in EXTEND position, CLOSE the hand valves on the detensioning hose assembly.
- 15. Put the hydraulic control lever all the way forward to FLOAT position and stop the engine.
- 16. Check that the pressure gauge reads a minimum of 2900 psi. If the pressure is below 2900 psi, then repeat step 13.
- 17. CLOSE FILLER valve by tightening to 28 N-m (21 lb-ft).
- 18. OPEN the hand valve on the detensioning hose assembly to relieve pressure in the hose.
- 19. Disconnect the hose from the charging port.

## **Track Alignment**

It is very important to check the alignment after a track installation. Tracks must always be aligned in order to maximize track and wheel life and reduce overall rolling resistance. Note: Failure to align the track may result in damage and or failure of the track in a short amount of time. Damage due to poor alignment is not warrantable.

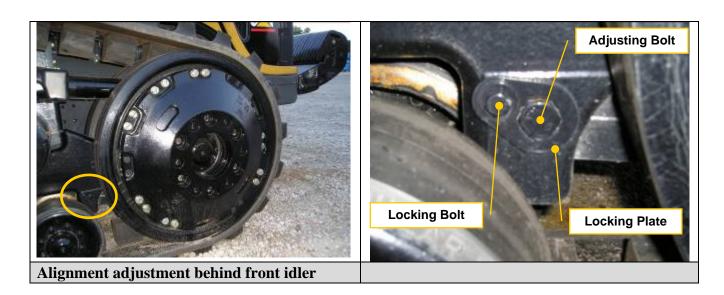
Note: Track misalignment will reduce the life of the drive lugs on the track. It is very important to align the tracks when new and periodically recheck them for proper alignment to maximize track life.

## Track Alignment Check

- 1. Drive the tractor in a straight line on level ground at moderate speed without steering input approximately 400 m (1300 ft ) or approximately ½ mile.
- 2. Coast to a complete stop without steering or braking.
- 3. Put the transmission in park and stop the engine.
- 4. Place chocks at the front and rear of the tracks to prevent unwanted movement.
- 5. Check the temperatures of the inner and outer face of the guide lug using an infrared heat gun.
- 6. If the temperature difference is greater than 30 degrees, then an alignment adjustment is required. See Alignment Adjustment procedure below.
- 7. Repeat above steps until temperatures of the guide lug faces are similar on both sides.

## Track Alignment Adjustment

The alignment adjustment is done by moving an alignment arm attached to the front idler. The alignment arm can be moved by turning the adjustment bolts located behind the front idlers.



#### **Alignment Adjustment Procedure**

- 1. Remove the LOCKING BOLT and LOCKING PLATE from both inside and outside of frame.
- 2. Loosen the ADJUSTING BOLT on the "cold" side by 1/2 turn.
- 3. Tighten the ADJUSTING BOLT on the "hot" side to 200 N-m (150 lb-ft).
- 4. Install the LOCKING PLATE and LOCKING BOLT on both sides of frame.
- 5. Recheck alignment and repeat above steps as needed to center the track.

## **Warranty Information**

After alignment and installation are completed, make sure to give customer the following documents:

- Warranty certificate
- Track Operational Guidelines brochure
- Warranty registration card

Take a few minutes to review the information in the brochure and to discuss the warranty period. Also, make sure to record track serial numbers on the warranty certificate for future reference.

## **Summary**

Installation and adjustment of tracks is straightforward and not complicated once you know the proper procedures. As you gain experience, you will find more efficient ways to accomplish the work in a shorter period of time.

For additional information on the maintenance of the undercarriage, and on the extended procedures for servicing and rebuilding these areas, refer to the proper OEM service or owners manual (available from the local OEM dealer)

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