

Tech Info Americas

Trapezoidal Boom Inspection Procedure

This program was designed to establish a standard field procedure to check and inspect booms for squareness, sweep, twist, camber, flatness or convex / concave conditions.

This procedure pertains to Grove and GMK built booms: fabricated trapezoidal booms, formed trapezoidal booms, rectangular booms, rectangular swingaways, triangular swingaways and A-Frame jibs.

This boom inspection data form will be used to record all measurements taken while performing the inspection.

Note: All calculations will be done by Grove Worldwide

Note: Anytime you are using gauge blocks, record the thickness of the block used in the appropriate space on the form. Always use gauge blocks large enough to ensure the string does not touch the boom section.

All check dimensions recorded will include the gauge block thickness.

Note: All measurements are taken from the rear of the section to the front, with the exception of checking for a twist in an A-Frame jib or a swingaway. You must check A-Frame jibs and swingaways by leveling the front of the section and taking the check dimension at the rear. Because of the angle of inclination of the main chords, the front end is narrower than the width at the rear of the section.

Tools Required

Quantity 1 - 4 Foot Level

Quantity 1 - Large Square (3' x 4')

Quantity 2 - Small Squares (24" x 16")

Quantity 2 - Vise Grip Clamps

Quantity 1 - 6" scale

Quantity 1 - 12 'Tape Measure

Quantity 2 - Gauge Blocks or Rods (Same Thickness)

Mason String

Definitions

Trapezoidal Boom - A four sided boom with only 2 sides being parallel	\triangle
Rectangular Boom - A four sided boom having edges, surfaces, or faces that are right angles	
GMK Style / Megaform - A six sided boom made from two formed channels. The top half has 90° bends and the bottom half has multiple bends.	

A-Frane Jib - A boom extension suspended by cables

Swingaway - A boom extension that is pinned directly to the main boom nose

Sweep - To curve to the right or left, a deviation from being parallel. Larger than the gauge block on one side and smaller then the gauge block on the other side.

Camber - To arch slightly, to curve upward or downward

Squareness - To test for a deviation from a right angle

Twist - To rotate while taking a curving path or direction

Convex - Arched up or bulging out condition

Concave - Arched inward or curving in condition

O. D. Width - Outside dimension measured from outside of left side plate to outside of right side plate

O. D. Height - Outside dimension measured from outside edge of top plate to outside edge of bottom plate

Distortion - To twist out of normal or original shape

Maximum Deviation - The difference between a fixed number (gauge block) and the check dimension

Check Dimension - The actual measurements taken at various places on boom

Strut - Tubing that is welded between main chords of A-Frame jibs

Gauge Blocks - Are blocks, being the same size, from which measurements are being taken

Main Chord - Main support tube that runs the full length of jibs and swingaways

Lacing - Tubing that is welded between the main chords of swingaways

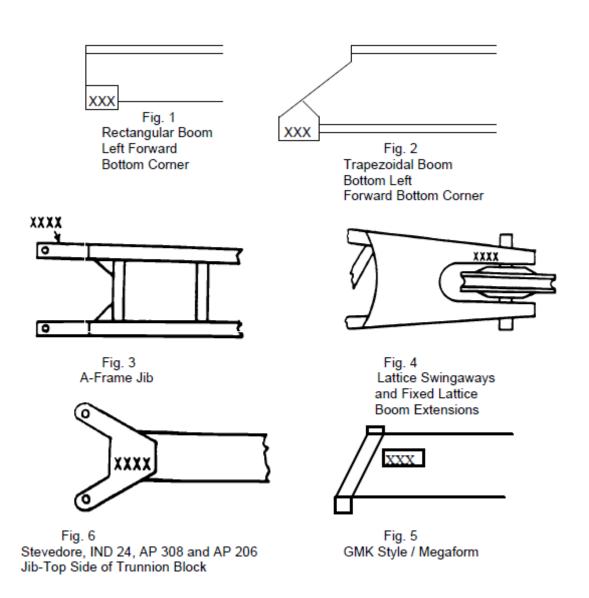
Serial Number and Part Number Locations On Booms, Swingaways and Jib Booms

Machine component serial numbers and part numbers are required for us to supply repair procedures for major weldments.

Below a list of major components with serial number locations.

Note: Part number is on opposite side of the serial number.

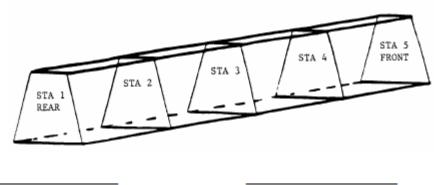
The numbers are steel stamped into the major components in the approximate locations shown.



Trapezoidal Boom Squareness

Checked By	Model		
Date	Serial #		
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Application			
Boom Section Being Checked			
Record Part Number of Boom Section			
Record Serial Number of Boom Section			
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Left Side Right Side



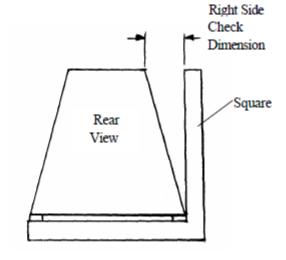
Sta 1 _____

Sta 2 _____

Sta 3 ______

Sta 5

- Select 5 stations or intervals along the length of the boom. These will be where check dimensions are taken.
- 2. Starting at the rear (Sta 1) place the square flush across bottom rails and protruding upward along side of the boom.
- 3. Measure the distance between the square and the top plate.
- 4. Record the check dimension on this form.
- 5. Repeat procedure for the other side. Taking check dimensions at the same distance from the rear to where the other dimensions were taken on the other side.

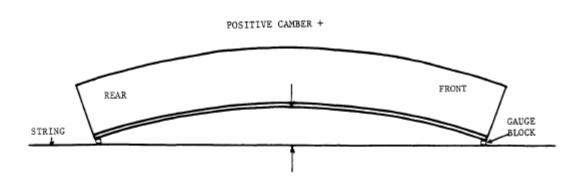


Trapezoidal Boom Sweep

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Distributor Boom Section Bei Record Part Num	ng Checked ber of Boom Section nber of Boom Section	 	
	Boom Section		
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Draw the strir blocks.	ng tightly over the		Left Side Bottom Rail
	thickness of the gauge and record on this form.	TOP UP	Right Side Bottom Rail
string and the	distance between the side of the bottom points along the string.		Distance From Rear to Maximum and Minimum Check Dimensions
Record the m dimension on			Left Side Bottom Rail
rear of the bo			Right Side Bottom Rail
	rocedure for the other d the minimum this form.		Check Dimension
greater than t the other side the gauge blo must be unifo entire length	ue sweep t, one side will be the gauge blocks and will be smaller than bocks. The sweep rm throughout the of the boom section by kinks or deviations.		Masons String Over Blocks
Record thickness gauge blocks	s of round or square		

Trapezoidal Boom Camber

Checked By	Model	
Date	Serial #	
Distributor	_	
Boom Section Being Checked		_
Record Part Number of Boom Section		
Record Serial Number of Boom Section _		



Check Dimension

Record Camber Dimension Left Side _____

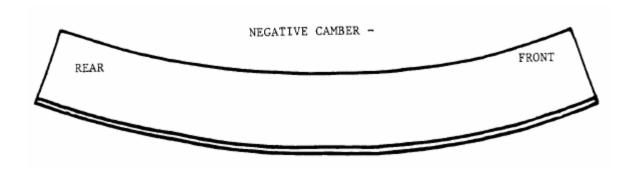
Record Camber Dimension Right Side _____

Record Distance from Rear to Max. Check Dimension Left Side _____

Record Distance from Rear to Max. Check Dimension Right Side

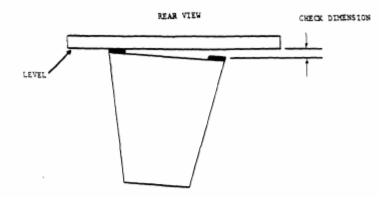
Record Thickness of Round or Square Gauge Blocks _____

- Lay boom on it's side.
- 2. Place gauge blocks on bottom rail at each end and pull string tightly over them.
- Measure the distance between string and bottom rail at various points between both gauge blocks
- 4. Record maximum check dimension.



Trapezoidal Boom Twist

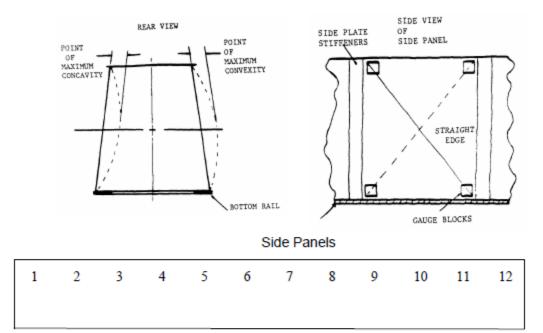
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Boom Section Being Checked		
Record Part Number of Boom Section		
Record Serial Number of Boom Section		
Pocord Width of Room Section		



- Place the boom bottom up.
- 2. Place a level across the bottom rails at the rear and level the boom.
- Once the rear is level, take the 4' level to the front of the boom and place it across the bottom rails.
- 4. Lift either end of the level, one way or the other until the bubble is level.
- Now measure the distance between the level and the bottom rail and record that dimension on this form as twist.
- To determine the direction of twist, stand at the rear looking toward the front. If you measured the distance between the level and the bottom rail on the left side of the boom then it twists to the left. If the check dimension was taken on the right side then the boom will twist to the right.
- 7. Record the direction of twist on this form.

Trapezoidal Boom Concave/Convex

Checked By	Model	
Date	Serial #	
Distributor		
Boom Section Being Checked		
Record Part Number of Boom Section		_
Record Serial Number of Boom Section		



Rear	Record Gauge Block Thickness	Front
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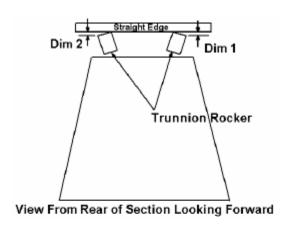
Left Side	Right Side	Bottom Plate
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6
7	7	7
88	8	8
9	9	9
10	10	10
11	11	11
12	12	12

- To check for concavity and convexity start at the rear with the first side panel. The side panel is between the vertical stiffeners welded to the side plate.
- Place the gauge blocks diagonally across from each other as close to the top plate and bottom plate weld as possible.
- Place a string or straight edge across the blocks.
 - Measure the distance between the straight edge and the boom side plate. Measuring at various points along the straight edge.
 - Record this dimension on this form.
 - Repeat this procedure for all side and bottom panels.
 - If checking a formed trapezoidal, check the side plate every 2 or 3 feet.
 - If the stiffeners are to be checked, place the gauge blocks directly on top of the stiffeners, pull the string tightly over them and measure the distance between the string and the stiffeners. Record the max. dimension

Trapezoidal Boom Trunnion Alignment

Checked By	Model	
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Distributor		
Boom Section Being Checked		
Record Part Number of Boom Section		_
Record Serial Number of Boom Section		_
Record Width of Boom Section		

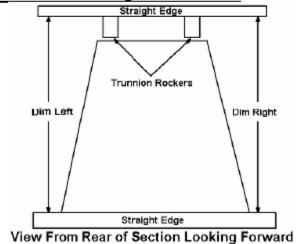
Trunnion Rocker Flatness Measurement



- Place straight edge/level across top surface of trunnion rockers.
- Take measurement from bottom of straight edge to top of trunnion rocker (Dim 1 and Dim 2)
- 3. Record Dimensions

Record Dimension 1	
Record Dimension 2	

Trunnion Rocker Height Measurement



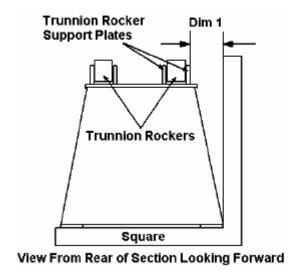
- Place straight edge/level across surface of trunnion rockers.
- Place straight edge/level across bottom rails or new skid plates.
- Take measurements (Dim Left/Dim right) from bottom rail to top of trunnion rockers.
- Record Dimensions

Record Dim.	Left	
Record Dim.	Right	

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Distributor		
Boom Section Being Checked		
Record Part Number of Boom Section		_
Record Serial Number of Boom Section		_
Record Width of Room Section		_

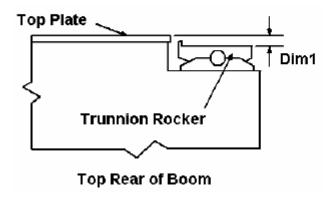
Trunnion Rocker Squareness Measurement



- Place square across bottom rails or new skid plates.
 Take measurement from outside of
- Take measurement from outside of trunnion rocker support plate to edge of square.
- Repeat for opposite side.
- 4. Record Dimensions.

Record Dim 1	
Record Dim 2	

Top Plate to Top of Trunnion Dimensional Check



- Place straight edge on top plate of boom section.
- 2. Position rockers level with top plate.
- Take measurement from bottom of straight edge to top of trunnion rocker.
- 4. Repeat measurement for opposite side.
- 5. Record Dimensions.

Record Dim 1	
Record Dim 2	