

Tech Info – Rectangular Boom Inspection Americas

Rectangular 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 AFrame

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 the 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

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

<u>Twist</u> - 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

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

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

<u>Strut</u> - 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

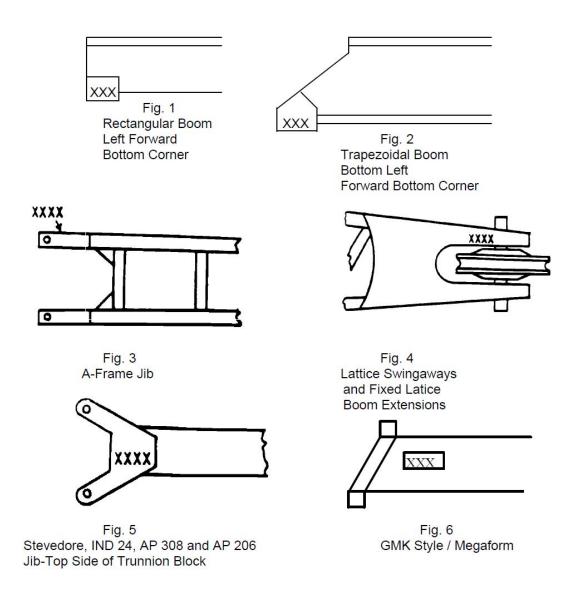
Serial Number and Part Number Locations On Booms, Swingaways and Jib Booms

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

We have attached a list of major components with serial number locations.

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

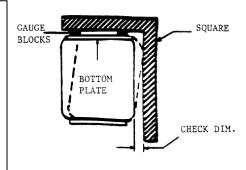
The numbers are steel stamped into the major components in the approximate locations shown.



Rectangular Boom Squareness

Chkd. By	Model
Date	Serial #
Distributor	
Boom Section Being Checked	
Record Part Number of Boom Section	
Record Serial Number of Boom Section	1

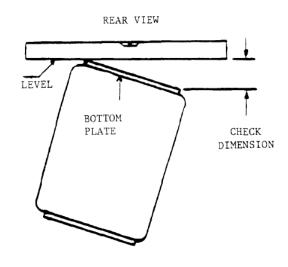
- 1. Select 5 stations along the length of the boom where check dimensions are to be taken. Station 1 being at the rear.
- 2. Now with the bottom plate up. Place the gauge blocks on the outside edge of the bottom plate.
- 3. Put a square across the blocks and against the side plate.
- 4. Measure the gap between the square and the boom and record on this form.
- 5. Check the other side at the same stations following the above procedure.



Left Side	Right Side	Rear				Front
Sta1Sta2Sta3Sta4Sta5		Sta1	Sta2	Sta3	Sta4	Sta5

Rectangular Boom Twist

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



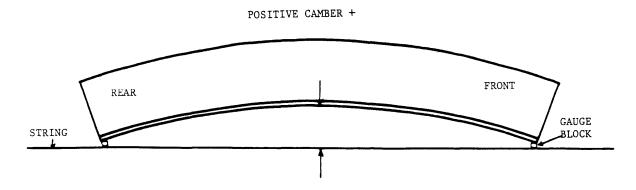
Record Check Dimension as Twist_____ Record Direction of Twist _____

Rectangular Boom Sweep

Chkd. By Date	Model			
Distributor Boom Section Being Checked Record Part Number of Boom Section	_			<u>—</u>
Record Serial Number of Boom Section Record Length of Boom Section				
1. Place the gauge blocks against Record the outer edge of the bottom rail, Minim one at each end.		FRONT		Maximum and Check Dimensions
2. Draw the string tightly over the blocks	s.	TOP UP		Left Side Bottom Rail
3. Measure the thickness of the gauge blocks used and record on this form.				Right Side Bottom Rail
4. Measure the distance between the various points along the string				Distance from Rear to Maximum and Minimum Check Dimensions
string and the side of the bottom rail at				
5. Record the maximum check dimension on the form.				Left Side Bottom Rail
6. Now measure the distance from the rear of the boom section to where the maximum check dimension was found. Record that dimension on this form.				Right Side Bottom Rail
7. Repeat this procedure for the other rail and record the minimum dimension on this form.		→		— Check Dimension
8. To obtain a true sweep measurement, one side will be greater than the gauge blocks and the other side will be smaller than the gauge blocks. The sweep must be uniform throughout the entire length of the boom section and free of any kinks or deviations.			 - -	—Tightly Stretched Masons String Over Blocks
Record thickness of round or square gauge blocks				

Rectangular Boom Camber

Chkd. By	Boom Model	
Date	Boom 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 _____

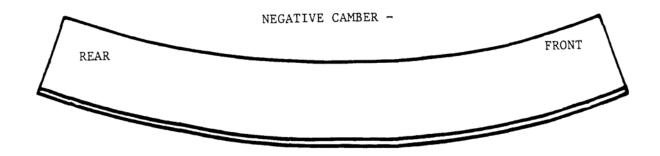
Record Camber Dimension Right Side

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 _____

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



Rectangular Boom Concave/Convex

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			Concave /	Convex		
Rear	STA1	STA2	STA3	STA4	STA5	Front
'			Left S	Side		
Front	STA5	STA4	STA3	STA2	STA1	Rear
'			Right	Side		

- 1. Select 5 stations at which to take measurements. Station 1 being at the rear and station 5 at the front.
- 2. Place gauge blocks on the side plate close to the outer edge and place a straight edge across them.
- 3. Measure the distance between the bottom of the straight edge and the boom side plate.
- 4. Find the maximum check dimension and record on form in the box under STA 1,2,3,etc.

Record thickness of gauge blocks _____

Rectangular Boom O.D. Width/Height

		Boom Model Boom Serial #	
Distributor		boom serial #	
Boom Section B	Being Checked		
Record Seriai N	umper of Boom Section		
	O.D. Width	0.1	D. Height
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ecord Set vimension To v.D. Width	of the boom.	all stations the entire length t measure from top and bottom te to side plate.	Record Set Dimension To O.D. Height