



OPERATION AND SERVICE MANUAL

CABLE TENSIO METER TYPE C8 AND C9



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SECTION I

INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION

- 1-1. **INTRODUCTION** - This publication is issued as the basic Manual of Operation and Service Instructions for Types C8 and C9 Cable Tensiometers manufactured by OPTI Manufacturing Corp., Luquillo, Puerto Rico. The equipments covered are listed in table 1-1. Instructions contained in this publication apply to both types listed, unless specifically noted otherwise.
- 1-2. **PURPOSE** - The cable tensiometer are designed to measure cable tension in an aircraft control system while the cables are in a rigged condition.
- 1-3. **DESCRIPTION** - (See figure 1-1) The cable tensiometer is a hand-held instrument. A jaw is located at the top of instrument. Actual contact on the cable is made by the riser block and the two sectors located in the jaw. A sliding yoke slides up the frame of the instrument to provide a measuring force. A dial indicator is located at the bottom of the instrument to give the actual tension indication. An actuating handle is pivoted at the center of the instrument and is motivated by a trigger spring within the body of the tensiometer. A pointer lock button is situated just above the dial indicator and a handle latch is located on the left side of the frame to engage the detent notch of the actuating handle.
- 1-4. **WARRANTY** - The T60 cable tensiometer has a warranty to the original customer for a period of (1) one year on *new* units and (6) six months for *repaired* units from the invoice date. This warranty is to ensure the cable tensiometer is free of defects in materials and workmanship under correct and normal use. The warranty can be void if the unit has been tampered, altered, dropped or damaged by an accident.

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Table 1-1 Type Identification Table

TYPE	MFR'S PART NUMBER	CABLES	RANGE
Type C8	T60-1001-C8-1A	1/16", 3/32", 1/8"	10 to 200 lbs-tension
		5/32", 3/16"	30 to 200 lbs-tension
		7/32", 1/4"	80 to 200 lbs-tension
Type C9	T60-1001-C9-1A	1/8", 5/32", 1/8"	150 to 450 lbs-tension
		7/32", 1/4"	150 to 450 lbs-tension

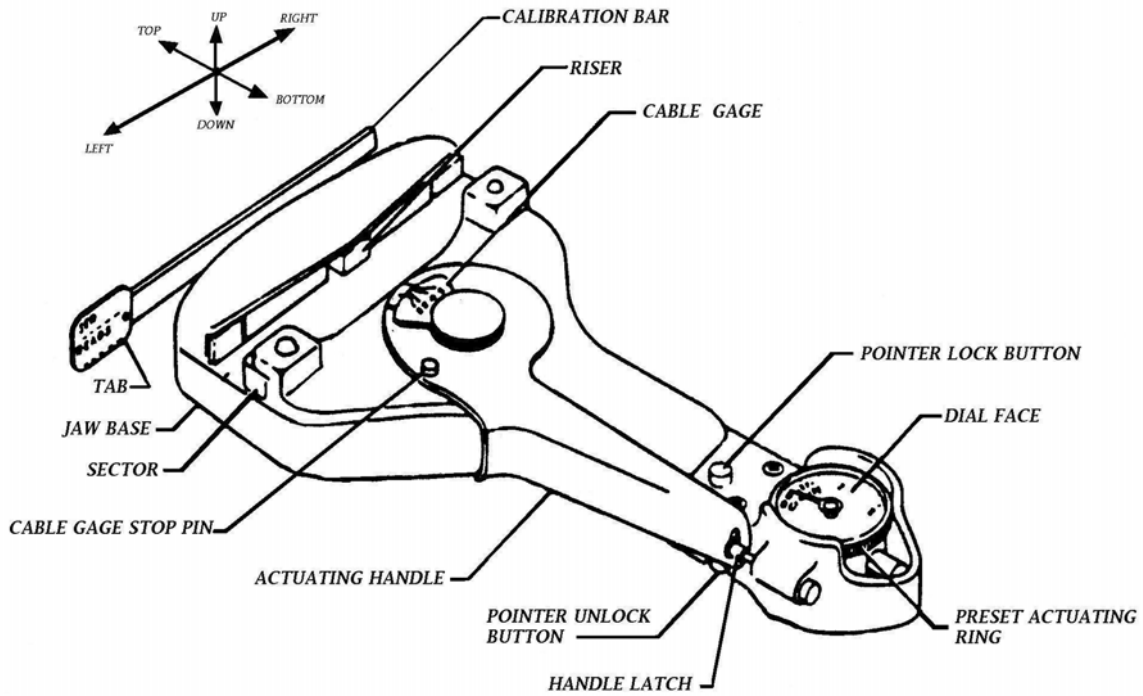


Figure 1-1 Cable Tensiometer, Typical

SECTION II

SPECIAL SERVICE TOOLS

- 2-1. **SPECIAL SERVICE TOOLS** - No special tools are required for service or maintenance of the cable tensiometer.

SECTION III

PREPARATION FOR USE, STORAGE, and SHIPMENT

- 3-1. **PREPARATION FOR USE** - The cable tensiometer is shipped by the manufacturer in its own carrying case and is ready for use. Each time the cable tensiometer is used it shall be removed from the case and the serial number stamped on the nameplate checked against the serial number on the tab of the calibration bar.
- 3-2. **STORAGE** - When the cable tensiometer is not in use it must be placed in its carrying case. There are no special instructions or precautions relative to storage.
- 3-3. **SHIPMENT** - If the cable tensiometer is to be shipped, it shall be placed in its carrying case and packed in such a manner as to avoid damage by common carrier.

SECTION IV

OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 4-1. **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS** - Each time the instrument is removed from its case for use check the serial number on the nameplate to ascertain that it agrees with the serial number on the calibration bar. Before using the instrument check the calibration by means of the calibration bar. (See paragraph 4-9.)

WARNING

Cable tensiometers should not be used for adjusting the rig load in a cable system where an automatic cable tension regulator is installed. All such cable systems should be rigged by adjusting them so that the pointer on the cable tension regulator scale indicates the correct number based on the surrounding temperature as indicated on the chart provided by the aircraft Maintenance Manual. The tensiometer may be used to check the tension so obtained, but it must be remembered that the actual cable tension will vary from the nominal depending on the errors in the instrument itself, manufacturing tolerance of springs in the regulators, rate of the regulator spring, and condition of the control cable. Cable tension readings taken on a regulated control system therefore can be misleading and can result in damage through improper rigging.

- 4-2. **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS** - Either the right- or left-hand may be used to operate this instrument. The handle latch retains the actuating handle. The latch is automatically released when the actuating handle is squeezed. To re-latch the actuating handle, the handle must be squeezed firmly against the side of the tensiometer and the handle latch pushed up from the bottom against its spring load and held in the extended position while the actuating handle is slowly released against the handle latch. The latch end will be retained in the detent socket provided in the actuating handle.

NOTE

When operating the instrument handle, the handle should never be allowed to snap open; it should be released gradually, allowing the unit to clamp firmly on the cable.

- 4-3. **MEASURING CABLE DIAMETERS**

- a. With the actuating handle in the latched position, move the cable size gage to the left against the cable stop pin.
- b. Release handle latch by squeezing the actuating handle. Retain the actuating handle unlatched against the side of the tensiometer. Place the instrument on the cable, making certain that the cable is squarely aligned in the jaws and resting on the sectors and riser block. Care should be taken that the cable is resting flat against the jaw base. Slowly release the actuating handle, allowing the sectors to slide up and grip the cable. Remove all restraint from the actuating handle.
- c. Remove tensiometer from the cable by returning the actuating handle to the latched position. The black line opposite the position on the cable size gage indicates the cable diameter.

WARNING

When re-latching actuating handle, verify that the latch is positioned in the detent socket before releasing the handle. If this is not done, the handle will be allowed to snap open with possible personal injury.

4-4. TAKING CABLE TENSION READINGS, TYPE C8

- a. Preset dial by rotating the knurled rim of the dial indicator until the pointer is directly over the white square corresponding to the cable diameter.

NOTE

An examination of the dial will indicate that for the larger size cables there are two rows preset squares. One row is identified by 125-; the other row is identified by 125+. When measuring tensions below 125 pounds use the minus square; when measuring tensions in excess of 125 pounds use the plus square. (See figure 4-1.)

- b. Release the handle latch by squeezing the actuating handle. Retain the actuating handle unlatched against the side of the tensiometer. Place the instrument on the cable, making certain that the cable is squarely aligned in the jaws and against the jaw base. Slowly release the actuating handle, allowing the sectors to slide up and grip the cable. Remove all restraint from the actuating handle.
- c. With the tensiometer clamped on the cable the tension is read directly by the pointer position on the dial face.
- d. To remove the tensiometer compress the actuating handle firmly against the side of the tensiometer and latch the handle in position with the handle latch.

4-5. TAKING TENSION READINGS, TYPE C9 - The Type C9 cable tensiometer is used in the same manner as the Type C8 with the following exception: the larger size cables have two rows of preset squares, one row identified by 250-, the other row identified by 250+. When measuring cable tensions below 250 pounds use corresponding squares in the row indicated by 250- and conversely, for the opposite condition, use 250+.

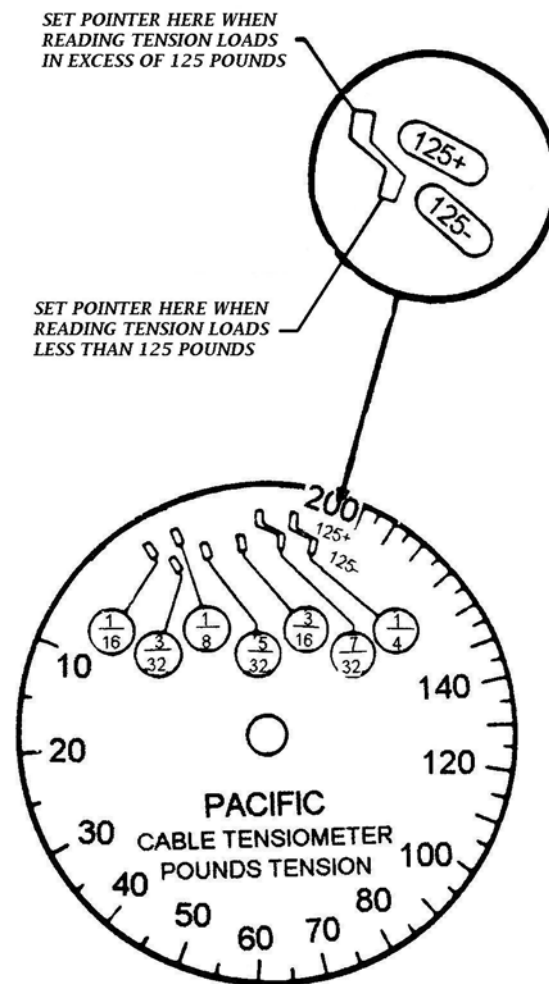


Figure 4-1 Preset Instructions, Type C8

- 4-6. DIFFICULT LOCATIONS** - When taking readings among closely grouped cables or in awkward or blind locations, let the actuating handle remain open with the instrument clamped on the cable. While in this position, press the pointer lock button down. Remove the tensiometer by compressing the actuating handle against the case and remove. The dial indicator pointer will be locked in a position directly over the tension reading obtained on the cable. To release this reading, press up on the pointer unlock button.

NOTE

Do not attempt to take cable tension readings with the pointer lock button pressed down. If the pointer lock button is depressed during a tension reading, a false reading will result due to the friction of the brake mechanism.

- 4-7. **ACCURACY** - Because of the uneven surface of stranded cable, slight variations in reading may occur on the same cable at the same tension. This is especially true of 5/32-inch diameter cable and larger. To obtain the greatest possible accuracy, take three to five readings at slightly different locations on the cable. Average these readings to obtain the maximum degree of accuracy.
- 4-8. **TYPE OF CABLE** - The cable tensiometer is calibrated for use on standard, multiple-strand, aircraft cable of 7 x 7 stranding in sizes of 1/16, 3/32, and 7 x 19 stranding for 1/8 through 1/4 inch diameter on cable. Do not attempt to use the cable tensiometer on cables of a different construction.
- 4-9. **USE OF CALIBRATION BAR** - A Calibration bar is supplied with each tensiometer. This provides an immediate means of checking the accuracy of the instrument while in use. The calibration bar has been carefully checked to read the load marked on the identification tab. The identification tab also carries the serial number of the instrument for which that particular calibration bar is provided. To check calibration proceed as follows:
- a. Preset the indicator dial to the smallest cable size listed.
 - b. Grasp the calibration bar identification tab in the left hand.
 - c. Place the bar in the instrument with the identification tab facing the user, and the right end of the bar flush with the edge of the instrument.
 - d. Slowly release the actuating handle, allowing the jaws to grip the calibration bar. Note the reading on the dial indicator. The reading obtained in this manner should correspond with the reading marked on the identification tab within +/- 2 points of the value marked. The tensiometer's serial number shall be marked on the bar.
- 4-10. **OVERLOAD** - The cable tensiometer cannot be damaged by use on cables loaded in excess of the amount indicated by the dial on the tensiometer.

SECTION V

PERIODIC INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE, AND LUBRICATION

- 5-1. **GENERAL** - No periodic inspection, maintenance, or lubrication is required for cable tensiometers. As a matter of general practice, the instrument should be kept clean at all times. Particular attention should be paid to the two sectors and the riser block to see that they are always free from foreign matter. The instrument as shipped by the manufacturer has been lubricated. In the event that repairs are made as outlined in Section VI, lubrication should be accomplished as listed in table 5-1. Method of application is a light wipe.

***Explanation:**

D. C. #33: Dow Corning Grease #33 fluid type or equivalent to NATO G-395 fluid type per MIL-PRF-81322.

Table 5-1 Lubrication Chart

FIG. 8-1 INDEX NO.	LUBRICATION*	LOCATION
20	D.C. #33	Both sides
23	D.C. #33	On OD of pins and flat face
26	D.C. #33	ID and OD
29	D.C. #33	OD
32	D.C. #33	OD
39	D.C. #33	OD
41	D.C. #33	OD

SECTION VI

TROUBLE SHOOTING

- 6-1. **GENERAL** - The instrument will be free from trouble such as would be caused by nominal use. The instrument, however, can be damaged by mistreatment and improper usage. If a detail part of the instrument becomes damaged or broken, disassemble the instrument in the order of the index numbers indicated on the exploded view, figure 8-1. All detail parts of the instrument are so integrated that in order to perform a disassembly operation it is necessary that disassembly be started with index number 1 and continued in numerical sequence. The only exception to this is the latch mechanism (38 through 41, figure 8-1). Reassembly is the opposite of disassembly. Whenever the instrument has been disassembled, it must be recalibrated. (See Section VII.)
- 6-2. **SERVICE TROUBLES AND REMEDIES** - (See table 6-1) A listing of common troubles together with their probable causes and remedies is presented as a trouble-shooting chart, table 6-1.

Table 6-1 Trouble Shooting Chart

TROUBLE	PROBABLE CAUSE (See figure 8-1)	REMEDY
Tensiometer reads high	Faulty dial indicator (36)	Replace dial indicator and calibrate
Tensiometer reads low	Weak trigger spring (29)	Replace trigger spring and calibrate
	Dirt and foreign matter between frame (42) and sectors (24)	Clean and reassemble
	Worn out sectors (24) or riser Block (5)	Replace sectors and riser block; then calibrate
	Faulty dial indicator (36)	Replace dial indicator and calibrate
Pointer lock will not function	Switch spring (30) broken	Replace switch spring and calibrate
Handle latch will not lock handle in close position	Handle latch spring (40) weak or broken	Replace latch spring. Do not calibrate

SECTION VII

CALIBRATION

- 7-1. **EQUIPMENT REQUIRED** - To calibrate the cable tensiometer it will be necessary to have aircraft cables of various sizes and a method of accurately loading these cables with a range of loads from 10 to 500 pounds.
- 7-2. **DISASSEMBLY PRIOR TO CALIBRATION** - (See figure 8-1) Disassemble the instrument following the order of the index numbers, starting with index number 1 down through and including index number 10.
- 7-3. **CALIBRATION** - Calibrate the instrument as follows:
 - a. Move shaft post (12) up and down and check for free movement and that the pointer returns to the same position on the dial indicator each time.
 - b. If binding or erratic indication occurs disassemble the instrument further to ascertain the cause.
 - c. Check for free movement of sectors (24). There shall be 0.015-inch maximum clearance between sectors (24) and frame (42). This is controlled by number of washers (25) placed under the sectors (24).
 - d. Place a washer (8) on each top pin of frame (42). Position mainspring (7) and secure with clips (6).
 - e. Check that shaft post (12) just or almost contacts mainspring (7) and that mainspring does not deflect shaft post and consequently pointer of dial indicator (36). If necessary, adjust position of shaft post (12) on indicator shaft (13) by loosening setscrews (11) to obtain this condition. Be careful not to get a false position. This can occur if indicator shaft (13) is not bottomed in dial indicator (36).
 - f. Position risers block (5). The riser block should not deflect the mainspring (7). If it does, select a riser block with a low tolerance.
 - g. Place clips (4) on the lower pins of frame (42). Between the pins and the top of the clip place a 0.010-inch shim (3) on each side of the instrument.
 - h. Drop spring (10) onto shaft (13) and secure with screw (9).
 - i. Check for a symmetrical bite. On a pre-loaded 7/32" cable, start to take a tension reading but do not remove all restraint from handle. With the tensiometer in this position, wiggle the cable with free hand to determine that the resistance to movement is the same at both sectors (24). Add shims (3) as necessary to balance bite. Add shims to obtain lower readings and remove shims to obtain higher readings. Use shims that are 0.003 or 0.005 inch thick and place them on the bottom of the pins. After the bite is balanced, place equal shim thickness on each side of the instrument for subsequent calibration.

- j. Proceed with calibration by preloading the 7/32" cable with a load equal to the high end of the instrument range. The high end is 200lbs for the type C8 and 450 lbs for the type C9. Measure the tension and add or remove shim (3) as necessary to make indicator read between 190-210lbs for Type C8 and between 427-450lbs for the Type C9. Remember, the addition of shims (3) makes lower readings. On the other hand, the remove of shims (3) makes higher readings.
- k. Proceed to verify calibration by preloading the 7/32" cable with a load equal to the low end of the instrument. Measure tension and add or remove shims (3) as necessary to make indicator read between 75-80 lbs for Type C8 and between 142-150 lbs for the type C9.
- l. Repeat steps *i* and *j* for 1/16" cable, 1/8" cable on Type C8 and 1/8" cable on Type C9, to improve indicator accuracy to +/- 5 percent (If closest possible accuracy is desired take three to five reading at slightly different locations on the cable and average them). On step *j* for 1/16" & 1/8" cable on Type C8 the low end is 10 lbs and the desired indicator read between 9-11. Do not remove the 0.010 inch shims from the top of the frame pins. After this, the unit shall make linearity for all cables and tension ranges.
- m. Replace cover (2) and secure with screws (1).
- n. Drop spring (10) onto shaft (13) and secure with screw (9).
- o. Preset the indicator dial to the smallest cable size. Measure the load required to deflect the calibration bar. Remove the load marked on the identification tab and mark the new value indicated on the tensiometer.

7-4. **CABLE SIZE INDICATOR** - To re-establish the accuracy of the cable size indicator, proceed as follows:

- a. Remove existing mark on center pin washer (17) with a fine file.
- b. With handle in locked position, rotate cable size indicator (16) counterclockwise until it contacts stop on handle assembly (19).
- c. Clamp cable tensiometer on a cable of known diameter.
- d. Return handle to lock position.

NOTE

In next step, do not move the cable size indicator (16).

- e. Mark center pin washer (17) with a scribe opposite known diameter increment on cable size indicator.

SECTION VIII
GROUP ASSEMBLY PARTS LIST

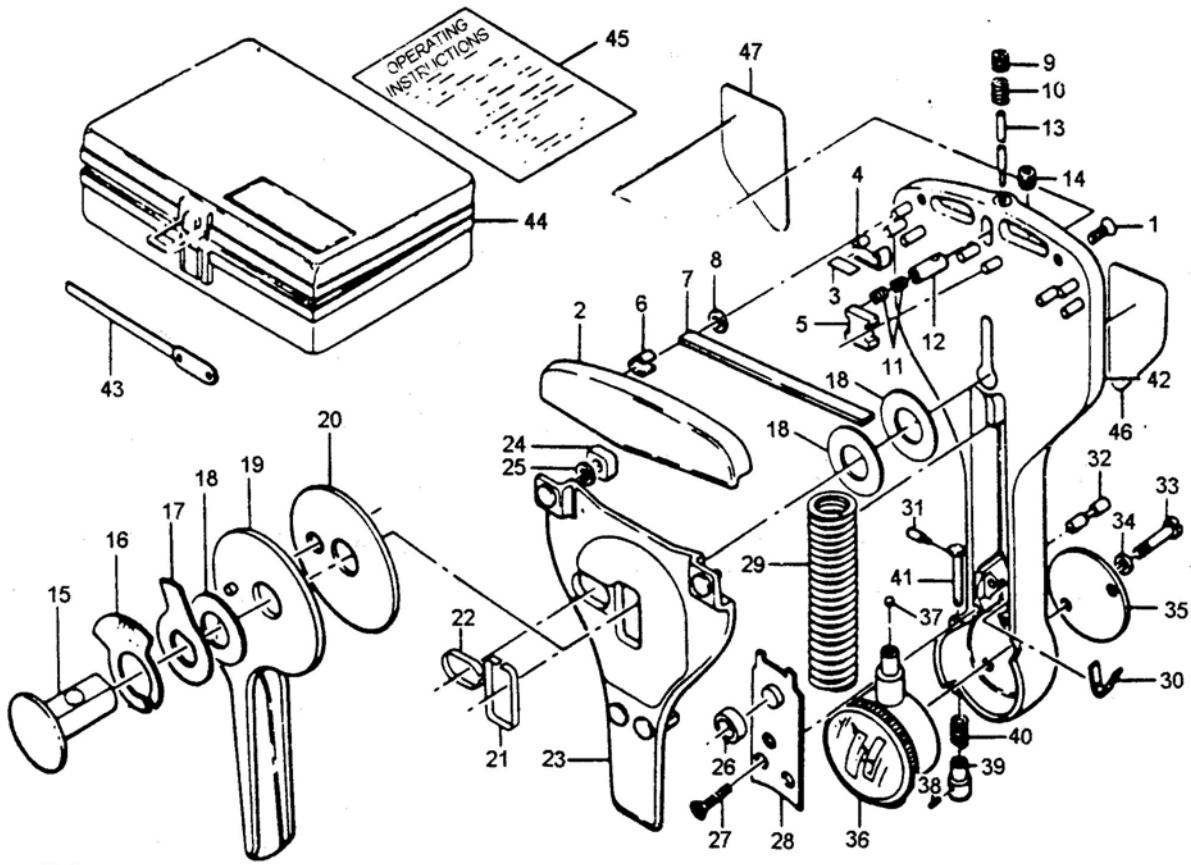


Figure 8-1 Cable Tensiometer, Type C8 and C9

FIG. & INDEX NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	USABLE
			PER ASSY	ON CODE
8 -	T60-1001-C8-1A	TENSIOMETER ASSY, Cable	REF.	A
	T60-1001-C9-1A	TENSIOMETER ASSY, Cable	REF.	B
-1	COML # 0901100-55	. SCREW, 4-40 x ½ inch long Phillips oval head	2	
-2	T60012	. COVER, Head	1	
-3	T5033-3	. SHIM, Clip, 0.003 inch thick	A/R	
	T5033-5	. SHIM, Clip, 0.005 inch thick	A/R	
	T5033-10	. SHIM, Clip, 0.010 inch thick	A/R	
-4	T5018	. CLIP	2	
-5	T5013	. BLOCK, Riser	1	
-6	T5020	. CLIP, Mainspring	2	
-7	T5019-1	. MAINSPRING	1	A
	T5019-3	. MAINSPRING	1	B
-8	T5034	. WASHER	2	
-9	T60032	. SCREW, Spring adjusting	1	
-10	T541	. SPRING, Follower riser	1	
-11	COML # 0901100-48	. SCREW, 4-40 x 3/16 inch long hexagonal socket head cup point black oxide	2	
-12	T60031	. POST, Shaft	1	
-13	T60026	. SHAFT, Indicator	1	
-14	COML #0901100-99	. SCREW, 10-32 x 5/16 inch long socket head half dog hexagonal socket Nylok	1	
-15	T60018	. PIN, Center	1	
-16	T60022	. INDICATOR, Cable size	1	
-17	T60019	. WASHER, Center pin	1	
-18	T60068	. WASHER, Spacer	3	
-19	T60014-1	. HANDLE ASSY	1	
-20	T60037	. WASHER, Spacer	1	
-21	T60070	. LINER, Pin	1	
-22	T60071	. LINER, Roller	1	
-23	T60023	. YOKE ASSY	1	
-24	T537	. SECTOR	2	
-25	T60052	. WASHER	A/R	
-26	T60030	. ROLLER, Guide yoke	1	
-27	AN531-4RF6	. SCREW, 4-40 X 3/8" thread cutting Phillips head 82° C sunk	2	
-28	T60008	. PLATE ASSY	1	
-29	T60050	. SPRING, Trigger	1	
-30	T60035	. SPRING, Switch	1	
-31	T60048	. PIN, Switch spring	1	
-32	T60006	. SHAFT, Switch	1	
-33	MS35207-202	. SCREW, Indicator, 2-64 x 3/6" long round head Phillips Recess UNF-2A	2	

FIG. & INDEX NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UNITS PER	USABLE ON
			ASSY	CODE
-34	AN960C3L	. WASHER	2	
-35	T60063	. PLATE, Cover	1	
-36	T60059	. INDICATOR, Dial	1	A
	T60060	. INDICATOR, Dial	1	B
-37	COML #0908100-03	. BALL BEARING, 0.093 dia cres	1	
-38	COML #0913200-02	. . PIN, Groove type # 4, 1/16 dia x 5/16 inch long	1	
-39	T60025	. . CAP, Handle lock	1	
-40	T60028	. . SPRING, Handle latch	1	
-41	T60024	. . PLUNGER, Handle lock	1	
	T60074 (not shown)	. . BEARING	1	
-42	T60011	. . FRAME	1	
	T60033	. . . PIN-FRAME	8	
-43	T60054	. BAR ASSY, Calibrating	1	
	T60053	. . TAG	1	
	T5036	. . TEST BAR	1	
	MS20470AD2-3	. . RIVET, 1/6 dia x 3/16 inch long	1	
-44	T5138-60	. CASE ASSY	1	
	0922100-88	. . BLACK CASE	1	
	T5185-51	. . INSERT CUSHION	2	
	T5184-01	. . CUSHION, T60	1	
	T620-01	. . LABEL	1	
-45	T60047 (WI-CU-002)	. . INSTRUCTIONS SHEET, Operating	1	
-46	T60039	. . LABEL, INSTRUCTIONS	1	
-47	T60040	. . LABEL, NAMEPLATE	1	

REVISION HISTORY

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