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# Tray Setup and Calibration Techniques











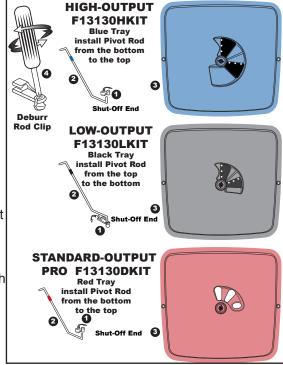
## **How to Install a Tray**

First ensure the hopper is clean and there is no debris trapped around the tray mounting area. Secondly install the Pivot Rod Clip into the Shut-off of the selected Tray. Next, insert the Pivot Rod into the Clip . TIP: The Clip may have a burr in the hole, use a Phillips screwdriver to remove the burr. See to make installing the Pivot Rod easier. Pliers may be required to help squeeze the Pivot Rod into the Clip vertex when the Rod is secure inside the Clip push the free end of the Clip over the Pivot Rod to firmly secure the rod to the clip. Next, install the Tray from the top downwards into the hopper (see figure ) positioning the center hole of the tray over the Pinion Shaft from the gear box with the Pivot Rod through the bottom of the hopper and facing toward the spreader's handlebar. For ease of locating into position the shut-off of the chosen tray is best in the open position, with the exception of the red STANDARD-OUTPUT Tray where the two adjustable throwing ports are best in the closed position.

**NOTE:** The gearbox can be moved along the axle to ease aligning of the tray hole and the pinion shaft. Once the tray is in place check that the tray is sealed and flush against the hopper sides. To check if the tray is properly located, push the tray edges downwards. Install the two quarter turn fasteners (see figure **6**) through the two exposed tray holes and push down and twist a quarter turn to secure.

Lastly, connect the free end of the Pivot Rod into the Pivot linkage at the bottom of the Control Rod. Position the Clip into the free hole and

push the Pivot Rod② into the clip. **TIP:** The Clip① may have a burr in the hole, use a Phillips screwdriver to remove the burr (see figure④) When the Pivot Rod② is positioned inside the Clip① push the free end of the Clip① over the Pivot Rod② to firmly secure the rod and the clip together.



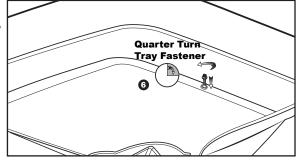
# How to ensure your spreader is properly calibrated

HIGH-OUTPUT and LOW-OUTPUT Trays: Make sure the drop holes in the bottom of the hopper are FULLY CLOSED when the Rate Control Lever is resting on the Stop #0. If the shut-off is not set correctly, please adjust Control Rod at the Pivot to position the shut-off for FULLY CLOSED at position at

the Stop #0 on the Rate Control Lever. As a side note, the HIGH-OUTPUT and LOW-OUTPUT Trays do not include or use a horizontal agitator.



Review the Control Lever position to confirm that it is set so that the forward edge of the Lever is resting at #0 (the stop) and the drop holes are closed. Move the spreader back & forth to ensure that the cam is positioned to allow the Oscillating Shut-off to close fully. If the shut-off is not properly positioned, you will need to adjust the Control Rod at the Pivot Bracket shown below.



**TIP:** If your shut-off is not able to **CLOSE** fully, loosen the top nut a few turns, then tighten the lower nut so that it allows you to push the **shut-off fully closed**. Next, tighten each nut so that they contact the pivot bracket without moving it, and then carefully tighten each nut fully so they do not loosen during use. Recheck adjustment as outlined above. **continued** 

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PIVOT ALIBRATION

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## How to ensure your spreader is properly calibrated - continued

**STANDARD-OUTPUT Tray:** Make sure the drop holes in the bottom of the hopper are **FULLY OPEN** when the Rate Control handle is on #30. If the shut-off is not set correctly, please adjust Control Rod at the Pivot to position the shut-off for **FULLY OPEN** hopper position at #30 on the Rate Control Lever. Install the horizontal agitator through the pinion shaft in the hopper bottom. Finally, install the debris screen onto the Quarter-turn fasteners and push down to snap and secure.

### **Calibration Adjustment**

Review the Control Lever position to confirm that it is set so that the rear edge of the Lever is resting at #30 (the stop) and the drop holes are open. If the shut-off is not properly positioned, you will need to adjust the Control Rod at the Pivot Bracket shown below. **TIP:** If your shut-off is not able to **OPEN** fully, loosen the bottom nut a few turns, then tighten the upper nut so that it allows you to push the **shut-off fully open**. Next, tighten each nut so that they contact the pivot bracket without moving it, and then carefully tighten each nut fully so they do not loosen during use. Recheck adjustment as outlined above.

GAUGE & LEVER

PIVOT CALIBRATION POINT

### **Control Lever Drag adjustment**

If the Control Lever does not stay in position causing the setting rate to change without your intervention, you can adjust the drag on the Lever by tightening or loosening the nut shown to the right until the drag is appropriate.

If you have any questions regarding the assembly or safe operation your spreader, please contact us at 800-294-0671 or 574-848-7491 Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm Eastern, or email us at sales@earthway.com. If you are outside of the USA, please visit our web site www.earthway.com for guidance on a dealer local to you who can assist with your enquiry.

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### FLEX-SELECT. BROADCAST SPREADER SETTING MATRIX

### GRANULAR MATERIAL

### STANDARD-OUTPUT Red Tray Fine/Small → Medium → Large → PARTICLE SIZES: (1/16" SAND) (3/32")(1/8") ICE MELT LBS. PER 1,000 SPREAD SPREAD SPREAD SPREAD SPREAD SPREAD SQUARE FEET SETTING WIDTH FT **METERS** SETTING WIDTH FT **METERS** SETTING WIDTH FT **METERS** 1 LB. 18' 5.5m 24' 7.3m 14 36 11m 2 LBS 10 18' 5.5m 13 24' 7.3m 18 36' 11m 7.3m 23 13 18 5.5m 16 24' 36 31BS 11m 4 LBS 14 18 5.5m 20 24' 7.3m 27 36 11m 5 LBS 16 18' 5.5m 22 24' 7.3m 30 36 11m 6 LBS 18 18' 5.5m 25 24' 7.3m 23 = 2 pass 36' 11m 7.3m 27 25 = 2 pass 7 I BS 20 18 5 5m 24' 36 11m 27 = 2 pass 8 LBS 22 18' 5.5m 28 24' 7.3m 36' 11m 30 9 LBS 18 5.5m 24 7.3m 28 = 2 pass 36 11m 10 LBS 26 18' 5.5m 22 = 2 pass 24' 7.3m 30 = 2 pass11m

**GRASS SEED** 

COARSE SPREAD LBS. PER 1,000 FINE **SPREAD SPREAD** SPREAD SQUARE FEET SETTING WIDTH FT **METERS** SETTING WIDTH FT METERS 2 LBS. 2.4m 14' 4.3m 14 8 22 3 LBS 16 8' 2.4m 25 14 4.3m 4 LBS 18 8' 2.4m 28 14' 4.3m 5 LBS 20 8' 2.4m 30 14' 4.3m

**Calibration:** Start by ensuring that your spreader calibration is correct. Make sure the drop holes in the **Standard-Output Tray** are fully open when the Rate Control handle is on #30. If not, please adjust control rod at the pivot to allow for a full open hopper holes with the handle at position at #30.

### **GRANULAR MATERIAL**

LOW-OUTPUT B	lack Tray					Š
PARTICLE SIZES:	Fine/Small →			Medium →		
	(1/16" SAND)			(3/32")		O
LBS. PER 1,000		SPREAD	SPREAD		SPREAD	SPREAD
SQUARE FEET	SETTING	WIDTH FT	METERS	SETTING	WIDTH FT	METERS
1 LB.	8	16'	4.9m	10	20'	6.1m
2 LBS.	10	16'	4.9m	13	20'	6.1m
3 LBS.	12	16'	4.9m	18	20'	6.1m
4 LBS.	13	16'	4.9m	20	20'	6.1m
5 LBS.	16	16'	4.9m	22	20'	6.1m
6 LBS.	18	16'	4.9m	25	20'	6.1m
7 LBS.	20	16'	4.9m	27	20'	6.1m
8 LBS.	21	16'	4.9m	29	20'	6.1m
9 LBS.	23	16'	4.9m	30	20'	6.1m
10 LBS.	24	16'	4.9m	22 = 2 pass	20'	6.1m

**GRASS SEED** 

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LBS. PER 1,000	FINE	SPREAD	SPREAD	COARSE	SPREAD	SPREAD
SQUARE FEET.	SETTING	WIDTH FT	METERS	SETTING	WIDTH FT	METERS
2 LBS.	15	9'	2.7m	21	15'	4.6m
3 LBS.	18	9'	2.7m	24	15'	4.6m
4 LBS.	21	9'	2.7m	27	15'	4.6m
5 LBS.	24	9'	2.7m	30	15'	4.6m

**Calibration:** Start by ensuring that your spreader calibration is correct. Make sure the drop holes in the **LOW-OUTPUT TRAY** are **fully closed** when the Rate Control Handle is resting on the **stop #0**. If not, please adjust control rod at the pivot to ensure the shut-off is **fully closed** with the handle at position at **#0**. Move the spreader slightly to confirm the calibration because of the cam.

### **GRANULAR MATERIAL**

### HIGH-OUTPUT Lt. Blue 2-hole Tray

PARTICLE SIZES: Large → (1/8") ICE MELT



EXTRA LARGE → ROCK SALT

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	(1/8") ICE MELT				-	
LBS. PER 1,000		SPREAD	SPREAD		SPREAD	SPREAD
SQUARE FEET.	SETTING	WIDTH FT	METERS	SETTING	WIDTH FT	METERS
1 LB.	7	28'	8.5m	8	26'	7.9m
2 LBS.	10	28'	8.5m	11	26'	7.9m
3 LBS.	12	28'	8.5m	13	26'	7.9m
4 LBS.	14	28'	8.5m	14	26'	7.9m
5 LBS.	15	28'	8.5m	15	26'	7.9m
6 LBS.	17	28'	8.5m	16	26'	7.9m
7 LBS.	20	28'	8.5m	17	26'	7.9m
8 LBS.	21	28'	8.5m	18	26'	7.9m
9 LBS.	23	28'	8.5m	19	26'	7.9m
10 LBS.	24	28'	8.5m	21	26'	7.9m

**Calibration:** Start by ensuring that your spreader calibration is correct. Make sure the drop holes in the **HIGH-OUTPUT TRAY** are **fully closed** when the Rate Control Handle is resting on the **stop #0**. If not, please adjust control rod at the pivot to ensure the shut-off is **fully closed** with the handle at position at **#0**. Move the spreader slightly to confirm the calibration because of the cam.

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# FLEX-SELECT. BROADCAST SPREADER SETTING MATRIX

### **GRANULAR MATERIAL**

STANDARD-OUTP	UT Red Tray								\$
PARTICLE SIZES:	Fine/Small → (1.5MM)			Medium → (2.0MM)		(3.	Large → .0MM) ICE ME	LT S	
Grams PER Square Metre	SETTING	SPREAD WIDTH FT	SPREAD METRES	SETTING	SPREAD WIDTH FT	SPREAD METRES	SETTING	SPREAD WIDTH FT	SPREAD METRES
5	7	18	5.5	9	24	7.3	14	36	11.0
10	10	18	5.5	13	24	7.3	18	36	11.0
15	13	18	5.5	16	24	7.3	23	36	11.0
20	14	18	5.5	20	24	7.3	27	36	11.0
24	16	18	5.5	22	24	7.3	30	36	11.0
29	18	18	5.5	25	24	7.3	23 x 2 pass	36	11.0
34	20	18	5.5	27	24	7.3	25 x 2 pass	36	11.0
39	22	18	5.5	28	24	7.3	27 x 2 pass	36	11.0
44	24	18	5.5	30	24	7.3	28 x 2 pass	36	11.0
49	26	18	5.5	22 x 2 pass	24	7.3	30 x 2 pass	36	11.0

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**GRASS SEED** 

FINE SPREAD SPREAD COARSE SPREAD SPREAD **Grams PER Square** METRES WIDTH FT WIDTH FT SETTING **METRES** SETTING Metre 10 14 8 2.4 22 14 4.3 16 8 24 25 15 14 4.3 20 18 8 2.4 28 14 4.3 25 20 8 2.4 30 14 4.3

**Calibration:** Start by ensuring that your spreader calibration is correct. Make sure the drop holes in the **STANDARD-OUTPUT Tray** are fully open when the Rate Control handle is on #30. If not, please adjust control rod at the pivot to allow for a full open hopper holes with the handle at position at #30.

### **GRANULAR MATERIAL**

LOW-OUTPUT Black Tray						Ş
PARTICLE SIZES:	Fine/Small → (1.5MM)			Medium → (2.0MM)		0
Grams PER Square Metre	SETTING	SPREAD WIDTH FT	SPREAD METRES	SETTING	SPREAD WIDTH FT	SPREAD METRES
5	8	16	4.9	10	20	6.1
10	10	16	4.9	13	20	6.1
15	12	16	4.9	18	20	6.1
20	13	16	4.9	20	20	6.1
24	16	16	4.9	22	20	6.1
29	18	16	4.9	25	20	6.1
34	20	16	4.9	27	20	6.1
39	21	16	4.9	29	20	6.1
44	23	16	4.9	30	20	6.1
49	24	16	4.9	22 x 2 pass	20	6.1

GRASS SEED						
Grams PER Square Metre	FINE SETTING	SPREAD WIDTH FT	SPREAD METRES	COARSE SETTING	SPREAD WIDTH FT	SPREAD METRES
10	15	9	2.7	21	15	4.6
15	18	9	2.7	24	15	4.6
20	21	9	2.7	27	15	4.6
25	24	9	2.7	30	15	4.6

**Calibration:** Start by ensuring that your spreader calibration is correct. Make sure the drop holes in the **LOW-OUTPUT TRAY** are **fully closed** when the Rate Control Handle is resting on the **stop #0**. If not, please adjust control rod at the pivot to ensure the shut-off is **fully closed** with the handle at position at **#0**. Move the spreader slightly to confirm the calibration because of the cam.

### **GRANULAR MATERIAL**

### HIGH-OUTPUT Lt. Blue 2-hole Tray

PARTICLE SIZES: Large

EXTRA LARGE →

	(3.0MM) ICE MELT			ROCK SALT		Page 1
Grams PER Square		SPREAD	SPREAD		SPREAD	SPREAD
Metre	SETTING	WIDTH FT	METRES	SETTING	WIDTH FT	METRES
5	7	28	8.5	8	26	7.9
10	10	28	8.5	11	26	7.9
15	12	28	8.5	13	26	7.9
20	14	28	8.5	14	26	7.9
24	15	28	8.5	15	26	7.9
29	17	28	8.5	16	26	7.9
34	20	28	8.5	17	26	7.9
39	21	28	8.5	18	26	7.9
44	23	28	8.5	19	26	7.9
49	24	28	8.5	21	26	7.9

**Calibration:** Start by ensuring that your spreader calibration is correct. Make sure the 2 drop holes in the **HIGH-OUTPUT TRAY** are **fully closed** when the Rate Control Handle is resting on the **stop #0**. If not, please adjust control rod at the pivot to ensure the shut-off is **fully closed** with the handle at position at **#0**. Move the spreader slightly to confirm the calibration because of the

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