

OWNER'S MANUAL

MODEL 511/512/582

FIXED AND ADJUSTBALE HEIGHT GANTRY CRANE



SERIAL #:

WARNING

This equipment should not be installed, operated or maintained by any person who has not read and understood all the contents of this manual. Failure to read and comply with the contents of this manual can result in serious bodily injury or death, and/or property damage.

PHONE (888) 352-1213 • FAX (708) 352-6593 • McCook, IL

Table of Contents

Section	Page Number
Important Information and Warnings	3
Technical Information and Specifications	4
Crane Terms	5
Pre-Installation and Installation	6
Swivel and Wheel Lock Assembly	11
Tight Wire Kit (If Applicable)	12
Operation Introduction	13
Shall's and Shall Not's for Operation	14
Maintenance Inspection	15
Lubrication	16
Troubleshooting	17
Warranty	18
Parts Information	19
Fixed Height Gantry Crane Parts Breakdown	20
Adjustable Height Gantry Crane Parts Breakdown	21

WARNING

ONLY COMPETENT ERECTION PERSONNEL FAMILIAR WITH STANDARD FABRICATION PRACTICES SHOULD BE EMPLOYED TO ASSEMBLE HANDLING SYSTEMS CRANES BECAUSE OF NECESSITY IN INTERPRETING THESE INSTRUCTIONS. HANDLING SYSTEMS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR QUALITY OF WORKMANSHIP PERFORMED DURING CRANE INSTALLATION.

WARNING

ALL HANDLING SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IS NOT DESIGNED FOR OR MADE FOR TRANSPORTING HU-MANS. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY ONE OF THE LIMITATIONS STATED IN THIS CRANE MAN-UAL CAN RESULT IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH. PLEASE TAKE ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS DURING INSTALLATION.

WARNING

CONSULT WITH A QUALIFIED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR SUPPORT STRUCTURE IS ADEQUATE TO SUPPORT THE LOADS GENERATED BY ANCHOR BOLT FORCE, OVERTURNING MOMENT, OR AXIAL LOAD OF YOUR CRANE.

WARNING

CRANE CANNOT BE UTILIZED AS A GROUND: A SEPARATE GROUND WIRE IS REQUIRED.

WARNING

DO NOT MODIFY CRANE IN ANY WAY. ANY ALTERATIONS DONE IN THE FIELD WITHOUT CONSENT FROM HANDLING SYSTEMS WILL VOID ALL WARRANTY.

WARNING

OVERLOADING AND IMPROPER USE CAN RESULT IN INJURY

WARNING

• MANUAL MUST BE FULLY READ AND UNDERSTOOD BY QUALIFIED ERECTION PERSONNEL PRIOR TO INSTALLATION AND USE OF PRODUCT.

• CRANE IS NOT DESIGNED FOR AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR LIFTING OR TRANSPORTING HUMANS

• CRANE CAN NOT BE UTILIZED AS A GROUND.

• DO NOT FIELD MODIFY CRANE IN ANY WAY

• CONSULT WITH QUALIFIED STRUCTURAL ENGINEER TO DETERMINE IF JIB CRANE SUPPORT STRUCTURE IS ADEQUATE BASED ON THE LOADS GENERATED BY THE JIB CRANE



Technical Information and Specifications



Operating Conditions and Environment

Temperature range: -30° F to $+150^{\circ}$ F (-34° C to 66° C)

Relative Humidity: 85% or less

Crane Terms

In order to better understand jib cranes, here are the commonly used terms that are used to specify and design jibs.

- Anchor Bolts: Large steel bolts used to mount a base mounted pillar jib crane to the H.S.I. recommended foundation.
- **Boom:** The horizontal beam on which the hoist trolley travels.
- **Fitting Centers:** The distance, centerline to centerline, between two support brackets (fittings) of a wall mounted jib crane.
- Capacity: The maximum live weight that the crane is designed to support.
- End Stops: Bolted to each end of the boom to prevent the trolley from falling off of the beam.
- **Foundation:** For free standing pillar base mounted jibs. Foundations are used to support the jib and prevent it from tipping over.
- **Gussets:** Reinforcing plates used to stiffen mast at the base plate.
- Head: Houses the roller, and lowers the crushing forces that are imposed on the mast.
- Height Under the Boom (H.U.B.): The distance from the finished floor to the underside of the crane boom. To
 find the under- boom, take the height of the load, plus the distance the load is lifted, plus the headroom requirements of the hoist/trolley and any attachments. Extra room aside from mandatory room needed could be helpful.
- Mast: The vertical member of the jib, which supports the crane. Pillar jibs have round pipes as masts.
- **Overall Height:** The highest point of the jib crane (including any hardware). A minimum clearance (usually 3") is required from any overhead obstruction.
- **Hoist:** The actual lifting mechanism (powered by electric, air, or manual movement) that hangs from the trolley that rides on the boom of a jib crane.
- **Trolley:** The mechanism that travels back and forth on the crane boom (powered by electric, air, or manual movement) which the hoist hangs from.
- **Overturning Moment:** The overturning moment is the force applied to the mounting structure of a sefl-supporting pillar jib. This load is created by suspending a load from the boom, and is greatest at full load, at the very end of the boom.
- **Rotation Stops:** Limits the rotation of a pillar base mounted jib crane boom (which are standard at 360°). Stops are field welded to the mast.
- **Span:** The span for a pillar base mounted jib crane is the distance from the center of the mast to the end of the boom. The span for a column mounted crane is measured from the face of the mounting surface to the end of the boom. The span for a mast type jib crane is measured from the center of the vertical mast to the end of the boom.
- **Thrust and Pull:** Thrust and Pull are forces applied to a wall/column mounted jib cranes support structure. Thrust is the pushing force exerted on the structure, and pull is the tensile, or pulling force. Thrust and Pull are equal to each other (but opposite in direction), and are given for maximum at full load at the end of the boom.
- Clear Span: The measurement between the end stops on a crane boom.
- Hook Travel: The distance that the hook on the hoist travels.

Pre-Installation

- 1. Check crane for physical damage due to shipping.
- 2. Prior to assembly make sure all capacity stickers and warning labels are clearly visible and properly affixed.
- 3. Check packing list to ensure no parts have been lost prior to initiating assembly of crane.
- 4. See Crane Drawing for bolt locations and dimensions.
- 5. Read entire manual before installing the crane.
- 6. WARNING Do not assemble/disassemble without proper lifting equipment.
- Identify crane model (511 = fixed height, 512 = adjustable height). Reference Crane Drawing. Find the applicable assembly instructions on Page 6 or Page 8 based on your crane model type.
- 8. **CAUTION** Figures are for reference only and may differ for your particular application. Reference Crane Drawing included with crane information packet for specific information.

Installation

WARNING If multiple cranes were ordered, locate stamped serial number on each crane part for proper part matching during installation. Although crane parts may appear to be identical, each crane is assembled and built separately. All parts that do not have the same stamped serial number may not line up properly for installation.

For Model 511 (Fixed Height Gantry):

- 1. Reference Figure 1 for general assembly layout.
- Bolt two (2) CASTER WHEELS to each LEG ASSEMBLY using BOLTS, LOCK WASHERS, AND NUTS provided and make sure that all fasteners are securely tightened (see Figure 2). If applicable, attach optional swivel locks or wheel locks (see Page 9).
- 3. Secure span BEAM to the top of each LEG ASSEMBLY with the provided BOLTS, NUTS, LOCK WASHERS, and (if applicable) BEVELED WASHERS (see **Figure 3**).
- 4. **WARNING** Do not operate or move crane without all fasteners and hardware in place and properly secured. See **Table 1** for torque specifications.
- 5. Install END STOPS onto BEAM using the hardware provided.
- 6. For units with Tight Wire Kit, refer to Page 10.







For Model 512 & 582 (Adjustable Height Gantry):

- 1. Reference Figure 4 general assembly layout.
- Bolt two (2) CASTER WHEELS to each LEG ASSEMBLY using BOLTS, LOCK WASHERS, AND NUTS provided and make sure that all fasteners are securely tightened (see Figure 2). If applicable, attach optional swivel locks or wheel locks (see Page 9).
- Secure span BEAM to the top of each LEG ASSEMBLY with the provided BOLTS, NUTS, LOCK WASHERS, and (if applicable) BEVELED WASHERS (see Figure 5). Repeat step for attaching other LEG ASSEMBLY to other end of BEAM (See Figure 5).
- 4. To obtain desired height, remove PINS (shipped in place at bottom-hole position) and lift to desired height. Reinstall PIN and COTTER PIN securely.
- 5. **WARNING** Do not operate or move crane without all pins, fasteners and hardware in place and properly secured. See **Table 1** for torque specifications.
- 6. If applicable, install END STOPS onto BEAM (see Figure 1 for End Stops).
- 7. For units with Tight Wire Kit, refer to Page 10.



Optional Adjustable Span Kit:

Note: As of 2022, all Handling Systems Gantry cranes are built with a fixed span as standard. If the user desires an adjustable span gantry crane, an Adjustable Span Kit can be purchased at time of order. If one is not purchased, there is yet an option to purchase an adjustable span retrofit kit.



Beam to Leg Connection – Installation Instructions (Adjustable Span Gantry Crane)

- 1. Align and Attach Beam to Leg Assemblies:
 - Carefully center the **main span beam** onto the top plate of each **leg assembly**.
 - Using the provided hardware bolts, clips, clamps, washers, and nuts — fasten the beam to each leg assembly.
 - On the outermost holes, install the Lindapter clamps as shown in the reference image. These clamps grip the flange securely without the need for welding or drilling.
 - Repeat this process for both sides, ensuring both legs are firmly secured to the beam.
- 2. Install Center Safety Hardware:
 - In the center holes between the outer clamps, install the following components:

- Safety clamps
- Bolts
- Shims (as required for leveling or gap adjustment)
- Refer to the detailed zoomed-in view in the image for correct stacking of:
 - Filling washers
 - Clip washers
 - **Flat washers** (placed on both sides of each bolt)
- Ensure all hardware is tightened securely according to specified torque requirements.

Note: All fasteners should be checked for tightness after installation and again after initial load testing. Always follow site-specific safety and engineering protocols.

Swivel Lock Assembly

- 1. Refer to Figure 6.
- Attach the SWIVEL LOCK to each caster wheel using the BOLTS, LOCK WASH-ERS, and NUTS provided.
- 3. Pull on the PIN RING and rotate the WHEEL to the desired PIN HOLE position.
- 4. Release the PIN RING so that the LOCK-ING PIN goes into the desired PIN HOLE.
- 5. Ensure that the LOCKING PIN is in engaged in the PIN HOLE.

Wheel Lock Assembly

- 1. Refer to Figure 7
- 2. Center SPANNER into WHEEL ASSEMBLY.
- 3. Place BRAKE SHOE over SPANNER and WASHER 1.
- Position WHEEL between LEGS and insert BOLT through one side of CASTER to opposite side.
- 5. Position WASHER 2 over protruding thread at the end of BOLT.
- 6. Position BRAKE LEVER over BOLT and against WASHER 2.
- 7. Position WASHER 3 and LOCK NUT over BOLT.
- 8. With BRAKE LEVEL in horizontal position, tighten LOCK NUT until wheel rotation is impeded.
- Rotate LOCK NUT counter clockwise by ¼ turn increments until the WHEEL rotates freely with the BRAKE LEVEL in a horizontal position.
- 10. Ensure proper operation. WHEEL must turn freely with BRAKE LEVER in "off" position (horizontal). WHEEL must be locked with BRAKE LEVER in "on" position (rotated from horizontal).







Operation Introduction

The suggestions below are not intended to take precedence over existing plant safety rules and regulations or OSHA regulations. It is the responsibility of the owner to make personnel aware of all federal, state and local rules and codes, and to make certain operators are properly trained.

DANGER

DO NOT WALK UNDER A SUSPENDED LOAD

KEEP HANDS CLEAR OF ROTATING PARTS

WARNING

CRANE OPERATORS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO READ THE OPERATION SECTION OF THIS MANUAL, THE WARNINGS CONTAINED IN THIS MANUAL, INSTRUCTION AND WARNING LABELS ON THE HOIST OR LIFTING SYSTEM, APPLICABLE ANSI AND OSHA SAFETY STANDARDS, AND THE CRANE OPERATOR'S MANUAL PUBLISHED BY THE CRANE MANUFACTURER'S ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (CMAA). THE OPERATOR SHALL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THE CRANE AND CRANE CONTROLS BEFORE BEING AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE THE CRANE OR LIFTING SYSTEM.

CRANE OPERATORS SHOULD BE TRAINED IN PROPER RIGGING PROCEDURES FOR THE ATTACHMENT OF LOADS TO THE HOIST HOOK.

CRANE OPERATORS SHOULD BE TRAINED TO BE AWARE OF POTENTIAL MALFUNC-TIONS OF THE EQUIPMENT THAT REQUIRE ADJUSTMENT OR REPAIR, AND TO BE IN-STRUCTED TO STOP OPERATION IF SUCH MALFUNCTIONS OCCUR, AND TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE THEIR SUPERVISOR SO CORRECTIVE ACTION CAN BE TAKEN.

CRANE OPERATORS SHOULD HAVE NORMAL DEPTH PERCEPTION, FIELD OF VISION, REACTION TIME, MANUAL DEXTERITY, HEARING, AND COORDINATION.

CRANE OPERATORS SHOULD NOT HAVE A HISTORY OF OR BE PRONE TO SEIZURES, LOSS OF PHYSICAL CONTROL, PHYSICAL DEFECTS, OR EMOTIONAL INSTABILITY THAT COULD RESULT IN ACTIONS OF THE OPERATOR BEING A HAZARD TO THE OPERATOR OR TO OTHERS.

CRANE OPERATORS SHOULD NOT OPERATE A CRANE OR LIFTING SYSTEM WHEN UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR MEDICATION.

NOTICE

Read OSHA Specification 1910.179 "Overhead and Gantry Cranes," ANSI B30.11, "Monorails and Underhung Cranes," ASMEB30.16, and any other applicable standards.

Read the hoist manufacturer's Operating and Maintenance Instructions.

Read all labels attached to equipment.

Shall's and Shall Not's for Operation

WARNING

Improper operation of a crane can create a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury, and substantial property damage. To avoid such a potentially hazardous situation **THE OPERATOR SHALL**:

- **<u>NOT</u>** operate a damaged, malfunctioning or unusually performing crane.
- **NOT** operate a crane until you have thoroughly read and understood Manufacturer's Operating and Maintenance Instructions or Manuals.
- Be familiar with operating controls, procedures, and warnings.
- **<u>NOT</u>** operate a crane that has been modified without the manufacturer's approval.
- **<u>NOT</u>** lift more than rated load for the crane/hoist/trolley.
- **NOT** use the crane to lift, support, or transport people.
- **<u>NOT</u>** lift loads over people.
- <u>NOT</u> operate a crane unless all persons are and remain clear of the supported load.
- <u>NOT</u> operate unless load is centered under hoist.

- <u>NOT</u> leave load supported by the crane/hoist unattended unless specific precautions have been taken.
- **NOT** allow the crane to be used as an electrical or welding ground.
- **NOT** remove or obscure the warnings on the crane.
- **NOT** operate a crane on which the safety placards or decals are missing or illegible.
- <u>NOT</u> operate a crane that has any changes in rolling effort or unusual noises.
- Warn personnel before lifting or moving a load.
- Warn personnel of an approaching load.
- Ensure that end-stops are in place.
- Ensure that all bolts are tight and have lockwashers.
- **<u>NOT</u>** put hands near rotating parts.

WARNING

Improper operation of a crane can create a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury, or property damage. To avoid such a potentially hazardous situation **THE OPERATOR SHALL**:

- Maintain a firm footing or be otherwise secured when operating the crane.
- Make sure the load is free to move and will clear all obstructions.
- Avoid swinging the load or hook.
- Inspect the crane regularly, replace damaged or worn parts, and keep appropriate records of maintenance.
- Use the crane manufacturer's recommended parts when repairing the unit.

JIB BOOM OPERATION

- Verify the hook is high enough to clear any obstruction before using the boom of the jib crane.
- Ensure the jib boom is directly over the load before lifting the load.
- Start moving the jib boom slowly and bring it up to speed gradually.
- Reduce the speed of the boom as it approaches the place where it should stop. **14**

- Lubricate the roller bearings per crane manufacturer's recommendations.
- **NOT** allow your attention to be diverted from operating the crane.
- **NOT** allow the crane to be subjected to sharp contact with other cranes, structures, or objects through misuse.
- <u>NOT</u> adjust or repair the crane unless qualified to perform such adjustments or repairs.
- Ensure that festooning cannot be snagged or pinched.

TROLLEY OPERATION

• Refer to the trolley's operating instructions.

HOIST OPERATION

• Refer to the hoist's operating instructions.

Maintenance Inspection



Table 2 Crane Inspection			
Figure No.	ltem	Inspection	Frequency
1	Top Plate Hardware	Check that the lock-washers are fully compressed and the nuts are tightened to manufacturer's specifications (Table 1).	Before and After Each Use
2	Caster Hardware	Check that the lock-washers are fully compressed and the nuts are tightened to manufacturer's specifications (Table 1).	Before and After Each Use
3	Locating Pins and Cotter Pins	Make sure locating pins and cotter pins are securely in place.	Before and After Each Use
4	Casters	Keep casters lubricated through zirk fittings. Check for cracks, grooves, pitting, or excessive wear. Wheels should be replaced if these conditions exist.	Every 1000 hours Or 6 months
5	End Stop/Tight Wire Kit	Check that the lock-washers are fully compressed and the nuts are tightened the proper torque specifications (Table 1).	Every 500 hours Or 3 months
-	Additional Items	Conduct a general inspection of all additional items you may have purchased.	Every 1000 hours Or 6 months
-	General	Conduct a visual inspection of the crane overall and speak with the crane operator about the crane's performance, if any flaws are noticed take crane out of service and report to manufacturer immediately.	Every 1000 hours Or 6 months

WARNING

Any changes in rolling effort or unusual noises must be immediately identified and corrected.

Lubrication

- 1. The most economical way to maintain a jib/gantry crane and keep it in good operating condition is to lubricate all moving parts regularly.
- 2. Regular inspection of all parts should be made and all loose parts should be adjusted. Parts that become worn should be replaced at once.
- 3. The interval of lubrication varies as to the use of the machine. A crane operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, should demand lubrication once a week. Whereas a standard duty crane, operating eight hours a day on a five day week should be lubricated once every two to three weeks. Cranes under a standby classification, being used once or twice a month, should be lubricated at least once every six months.
- 4. The actual interval from one lubrication to the next depends entirely upon the type and length of operation to which the crane is subjected. These factors are variable and sometimes cannot be definitely determined. In this case, the crane operator or maintenance engineer would determine when the crane should be lubricated.
- 5. The casters on the gantry crane require lubrication. Grease fittings are provided.
- 6. Grease for casters should comply with NLGI No. 1 or No. 2.
- 7. If Texaco products are not available, equivalent lubricants are satisfactory.

Troubleshooting

Table 3 Troubleshooting Guide			
Symptom	Cause	Remedy	
Crane does not move smoothly	Casters are worn or damaged	Replace casters	
	Casters need grease	Grease casters	
	There is an obstruction at wheel(s)	Remove obstruction	



11 Year Warranty

HSI's 11 year warranty is the best in the industry.

What Products Are Covered?

- Manual Rotation Jib Cranes
- Manual Steel Gantry Cranes
- Defects in material and workmanship

The Fine Print:

Handling Systems International, Inc. (known as H.S.I.) warrants manual push/pull Jib and Gantry Crane products it manufactures against defects in material or workmanship for a period of eleven years from date of receipt by purchaser or customer. This warranty does not cover failure or defect in paint or material finish. This warranty does not cover failure or defect caused by operation in excess of recommended rated capacities, misuses, negligence or accident, and alteration or repair of any kind not authorized by H.S.I. H.S.I. systems shall not be modified after manufacture without written authorization of H.S.I. Any field modifications made without written authorization of H.S.I. shall void all H.S.I.'s warranty obligation. H.S.I. agrees to furnish the same or substantially similar replacement part (new or repaired) free of charge, providing the buyer gives immediate written notice of alleged defects, and if requested by H.S.I., returns the defective parts to the factory, for H.S.I.'s inspection and examination. Purchaser or end user shall be solely responsible for all freight and transportation costs incurred in connection with any warranty work provided by H.S.I. hereunder. H.S.I. will not be liable for any loss, injury or damage to persons or property, nor for damages of any kind resulting from failure or defective operation of any materials or equipment furnished hereunder. H.S.I. shall not be liable under any circumstances for any incidental, special and/or consequential damages whatsoever, whether or not foreseeable, including but not limited to damages for lost profits and all such incidental, special and/or consequential damages are hereby also specifically disclaimed. This warranty applies only to H.S.I. equipment or materials which, after our inspection, are determined to be defective either in material supplied or workmanship performed by H.S.I. Where equipment is furnished by H.S.I. but not of its manufacture, H.S.I.'s liability is limited to such adjustment as the actual manufacturer makes to H.S.I. H.S.I. will not be liable for the cost of repairs, alterations, or replacements or any expense connected therewith made or incurred by the purchaser or his agents or employees, except upon written authority from H.S.I. This warranty is personal to purchaser only and applies only to equipment which purchaser has properly operated and maintained in accordance with H.S.I.'s written instructions. H.S.I. assumes no liability for any consequential damages suffered through the use of loss of use of its equipment. This constitutes H.S.I.'s sole warranty with respect to the equipment and material manufactured by itself. H.S.I. makes no other warranty of any kind whatsoever, expressed or implied, and all implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose which exceed the aforementioned obligation are hereby disclaimed by H.S.I.

Parts Information

When ordering Parts, please provide the crane serial number which is stamped into each crane part (see **Figure 9**). The serial number is also located underneath the "HSI" logo.







Figure No.	Description	Qty
1	Caster	4
2	Bolt	16
3	Locking Washer	16
4	Nut	16
5	Leg Assembly	2
6	Beam	1
7	Bolt	-
8	Locking Washer	-
9	Nut	-
10	End Stop	4
11	Bolt	8
12	Locking Washer	8
13	Nut	8

Model 512 Adjustable Height Gantry Crane Parts Breakdown



Figure No.	Description	Qty
1	Caster	4
2	Bolt	16
3	Locking Washer	16
4	Nut	16
5	Leg Assembly	2
6	Beam	1
7	Bolt	-
8	Plate	-
9	Square Beveled Washer	-
10	Locking Washer	-
11	Nut	-
12	Pin	2
13	Cotter Pin	2



Model 582 Adjustable Height Aluminum Gantry Crane Parts Breakdown

			CAPACITY FOR MODEL 582 (TON)		
FIGURE NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY	1	2	3
1	Caster	4	0550000	0550001	0550002
2	Bolt	16	0960022	0960023	
3	Locking Washer	16	0980004	0980003	
4	Nut	16	0970004	0970003	
5	Leg Assembly	2			
6	Beam	1	SEE BILL OF MATERIALS ON CRANE DRAWING		
7	Bolt	-			
8	Plate	-			
9	Square Beveled Washer	-			
10	Locking Washer	-			
11	Nut	-			
12	Pin	2	-		
13	Cotter Pin	2			



www.hsicrane.com

Handling Systems Intl. Inc. 8000 Joliet Rd. McCook, IL 60525

(888) 352-1213 Toll Free