


## WARNING JOHNSON BAR

Any piece of equipment can be dangerous if not operated properly. **YOU** are responsible for the safe operation of this equipment. The operator must carefully read and follow any warnings, safety signs and instructions provided with or located on the equipment. Do not remove, defeat, deface or render inoperable any of the safety devices or warnings on this equipment. If any safety devices or warnings have been removed, defeated, defaced or rendered inoperable, **DO NOT USE THIS EQUIPMENT!!!**

 **WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including Chromium from steel products, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to [www.P65warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65warnings.ca.gov)

Never operate equipment of any kind if you are tired or if you are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, medication, or any substance that could affect your ability or judgment. Be alert! If you get tired while operating this equipment, take a break. Tiredness may result in loss of control.

**DANGER:** This equipment creates multiple pinch points that can cause dismemberment or death. Keep hands, feet and all other body parts clear at all times.

This Johnson Bar is used to lift a corner or an edge of an object in order to place a dolly under the load. Usually used in pairs and for this purpose only. A Johnson Bar is not to be used to transport or move an object or load.

- 1) Slide the pry plate under the object. Apply steady pressure to the axle to push the plate under the object; then
- 2) Carefully pull down the end of the handle. Make sure that the pry plate does not slip out from under the object.
- 3) Have assistant place appropriately rated dolly under load and remove Johnson Bar.
- 4) Repeat, as necessary.

Improper use could result in serious personal injuries.

- *Failure to read & understand the entire manual before using the pry bar is misuse.*
- Read the manual to refresh your understanding of proper use.
- DO NOT exceed the maximum rated load.
- Only use the pry bar on improved surfaces (concrete or asphalt).
- DO NOT apply more than 150 lb. downward force on the end of the handle.
- DO NOT hang on, sit on, or bounce on the pry bar while attempting to tip or hold a load.
- ALWAYS carefully watch the load on the pry bar.
- Inspect the pry bar before each use (see “Inspections” section below).
- DO NOT use the device unless it is in satisfactory condition.
- DO NOT use the pry bar to transport loads. Only use the bar to lift an edge or a corner of a load.
- DO NOT lean over the pry bar while using it to lift a load.
- DO NOT use the pry bar if it is damaged.
- DO NOT modify the pry bar in any way.

Inspections: Perform the inspections explained below and maintain the pry bar as described to ensure that the unit is and remains in normal, safe operating condition.

**If a problem is discovered during an inspection, contact the rental center immediately.** While inspecting the pry bar, DO NOT modify it in any way. A “modification” is a change that alters the product from original condition, like bending the structural members or removing parts. Modifications might make the device unsafe to use.

Before each use, including first use, inspect:

1. Handle and pry plate: look for regions of significant wear, cracks, deformation, and rot.
2. Wheels and mounting hardware: roll the pry bar to confirm that the wheels and bushings are in normal condition.

Examine the axle, machine bushings & cotter pins. The axle should be straight & undamaged. Bushings should be undamaged & allow the wheels to turn smoothly without contacting the cotter pin. The cotter pin should be undamaged & securely attached to the axle pin.

If the person receiving this handout will not be the user of the equipment, forward these instructions to the operator. If there is any doubt as to the operation or safety of the equipment, **DO NOT USE!!! CALL A TOOL SHED IMMEDIATELY!!! FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH**