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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient use of your Charles Walters Equipment CW1500 Estate Style Broadcast Spreader. This spreader is designed for distributing various granular materials such as seeds and fertilizers across lawns, sidewalks, and driveways. Please read these instructions thoroughly before assembly, operation, or maintenance to ensure proper function and longevity of your equipment.



Figure 1: Charles Walters Equipment CW1500 Estate Style Broadcast Spreader.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when operating any equipment. Failure to follow these safety guidelines may result in injury or damage to the spreader.

- **Read the Manual:** Familiarize yourself with all instructions and warnings before use.

- **Wear Appropriate Gear:** Always wear safety glasses, gloves, and appropriate footwear.
- **Keep Clear:** Ensure children, pets, and bystanders are kept at a safe distance from the operating area.
- **Inspect Before Use:** Check the spreader for any loose parts, damage, or wear before each use. Ensure tires are properly inflated.
- **Handle Materials Safely:** Follow all safety instructions provided with the materials you are spreading (e.g., fertilizers, seeds). Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
- **Do Not Overload:** Do not exceed the 65lb capacity of the hopper. Overloading can damage the spreader and affect performance.
- **Use on Level Ground:** Load and unload the spreader on a level surface to prevent tipping.
- **Not for Coarse Rock Salt:** This spreader is not compatible with coarse rock salt. Using incompatible materials can cause damage.
- **Secure Storage:** Store the spreader in a dry, secure location, out of reach of children.

### 3. COMPONENTS AND FEATURES

The Charles Walters Equipment CW1500 Broadcast Spreader is designed with several key components for effective material distribution.



Figure 2: Detailed view of key components: agitator, gearbox, and wheels.

- **Hopper:** The main container for holding up to 65lbs of material. Dimensions are approximately 31" L x 20" W x 32" H.
- **Agitator:** A 2.3" pin through the agitator ensures smooth, continuous material flow, preventing clumping.
- **Gear Box:** An enclosed composite gearbox with hard-wearing construction and extra-large bushings for durability.
- **Wheels:** Two 10-inch high pneumatic tires provide smooth operation and stability, especially on rough or hilly terrain.
- **Handle:** Ergonomically designed for pushing and maneuvering the spreader.
- **Flow Control Lever:** Adjusts the material flow rate from a scale of 1 to 20.
- **Pattern Adjustment Plate:** Allows for left and right pattern adjustment to control spread direction.
- **Powder-Coated Steel Frame:** Provides a durable and rust-resistant structure.
- **Stainless-Steel Axle:** Ensures reliable wheel rotation.

### 4. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

The CW1500 spreader typically requires minimal assembly. Follow these steps to prepare your spreader for use:

1. **Unpack Components:** Carefully remove all parts from the packaging. Verify that all components are present and undamaged.

2. **Handle Assembly:** Attach the handle to the main frame according to the included hardware. Ensure all bolts are tightened securely.
3. **Tire Inflation:** Check the pneumatic tires for proper inflation. Inflate to the recommended pressure if necessary (refer to tire sidewall for specifications).
4. **Inspect Moving Parts:** Ensure the agitator, gearbox, and wheels move freely without obstruction.
5. **Familiarize with Controls:** Locate the flow control lever and pattern adjustment plate. Understand their functions before loading material.

## 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Proper operation ensures efficient and even distribution of materials.

### 5.1 Material Compatibility

- This spreader is suitable for granular materials such as seeds and fertilizers.
- **DO NOT USE** with coarse rock salt.

### 5.2 Loading the Spreader

1. Ensure the flow control lever is in the closed (OFF) position to prevent material from spilling.
2. Place the spreader on a level surface.
3. Carefully pour the desired material into the hopper, ensuring not to exceed the 65lb capacity.

### 5.3 Adjusting Spread Rate and Pattern

The spreader features an adjustable-rate control from 1 to 20, and an adjustment plate for left and right pattern control. The approximate spread width is 20 feet.



Figure 3: Standard Material Plate (left) and Winter Material Plate (right).

- **Standard Material Plate:** Ideal for fertilizer (powdered to large-granular), grass seed, pelleted material, and large, granular ice melts.
- **Winter Material Plate:** Features a larger one-hole drop aperture for smooth, efficient spreading of sharp sand, flowable sand/soil mix, coarse marine salt, rock salt, and grit material.
- Adjust the flow control lever to the desired setting based on the material and desired application rate.
- Use the pattern adjustment plate to direct the spread, especially near borders or obstacles.

### 5.4 Spreading Techniques

For optimal coverage and to avoid over-application, consider these techniques:



Figure 4: Up and down spreading pattern (left) and cross-hatch spreading pattern (right).

- **Up and Down Track:** Use half the application rate suggested on the material bag. Cover the area by passing over it in an up and down track, taking into account the spread width of the material being applied.
- **Cross-Hatch Pattern:** Use half the application rate suggested on the material bag. Cover the area by making a first pass in an up and down direction, then repeat with a second pass going across the area. This helps ensure even coverage.
- Begin walking before opening the flow control and close it before stopping to prevent material buildup.

## 6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance will extend the life of your spreader and ensure consistent performance.

1. **Cleaning:** After each use, thoroughly clean the hopper, agitator, and spreader plate to remove any residual material. Rinse with water and allow to dry completely to prevent corrosion and material buildup.
2. **Tire Pressure:** Periodically check the tire pressure and inflate to the recommended PSI as indicated on the tire sidewall.
3. **Lubrication:** Inspect the axle and gearbox for smooth operation. Apply a light lubricant to moving metal parts as needed, avoiding contact with the hopper or spreading mechanism.
4. **Storage:** Store the spreader in a dry, covered area to protect it from weather elements.
5. **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the frame, handle, and all connections for signs of wear, damage, or loose fasteners. Tighten or replace as necessary.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Refer to this section for common issues and their solutions.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
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Material not flowing or uneven flow	Material clumping; flow gate obstructed; incorrect material plate; agitator stuck.	Ensure material is dry and free-flowing. Check for obstructions in the flow gate. Verify the correct material plate is installed for the material type. Clear any debris from the agitator.
Uneven spreading pattern	Incorrect spread rate setting; pattern adjustment plate misaligned; inconsistent walking speed.	Adjust the flow control lever. Check and adjust the pattern adjustment plate. Maintain a consistent walking speed. Use cross-hatch spreading technique for better coverage.
Tires losing air	Puncture; loose valve stem; improper inflation.	Inspect tires for damage. Ensure valve stems are tight. Inflate to recommended pressure. Repair or replace tire if necessary.
Spreader difficult to push	Low tire pressure; axle/wheel obstruction; heavy load.	Check and inflate tires. Clear any debris from wheels and axle. Reduce material load if exceeding capacity.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model	CW1500
Product Dimensions	31 x 20 x 32 inches
Item Weight	12.5 pounds
Hopper Capacity	65 lbs
Tire Size	10 inches (pneumatic)
Spread Width (Approx.)	20 feet
Rate Control	Adjustable, 1 to 20 scale
Frame Material	Powder-coated steel
Axle Material	Stainless steel
Manufacturer	Charles Walters

## 9. WARRANTY & SUPPORT

For warranty information or technical support regarding your Charles Walters Equipment CW1500 Broadcast Spreader, please contact Charles Walters customer service directly. Details for contacting support are typically found on the product packaging or the manufacturer's official website.

Please retain your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.