



## Preface

Dear user,

This operating manual provides the user of the Spierings folding crane with information concerning the crane's construction and operation. You will find detailed technical specifications and maintenance instructions in the maintenance part of this manual.

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## Explanation of the symbols used



**CAUTION!**



**Wear safety goggles!**



**Wear safety gloves!**



**Wear safety boots!**



**Wear head protection!**



**Use safety belt!**



**Check!**



**Manual action!**



**Automatic action!**



**Wrong!**



**Right!**



**Information!**



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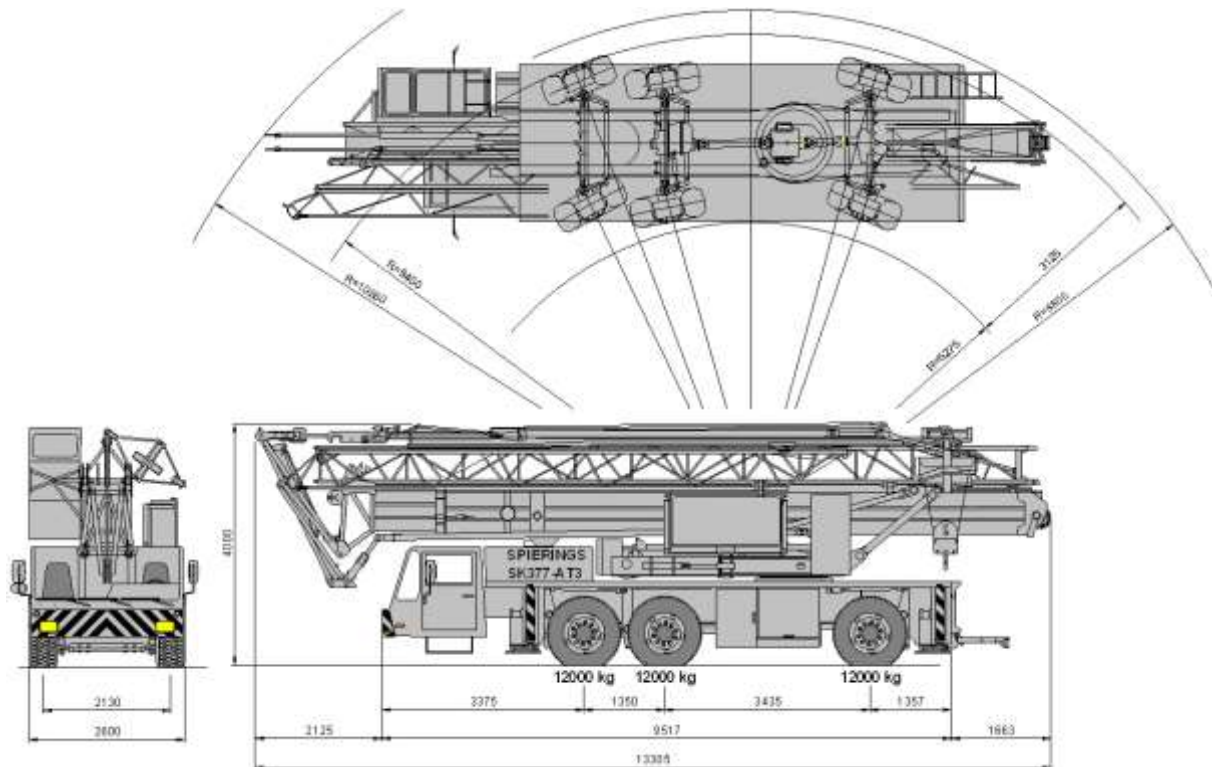


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## 1. General data AT3

The AT3 carriage is especially designed for the Spierings SK377 folding crane. Extra attention is paid to a smooth and comfortable transport to the work site. The crane is suited for driving on public roads, fully equipped with counterweight and tools. The chassis is an especially rigid structure to create a good crane support.

In *Picture 1-1* you will find the measurements of the SK377 with the AT3 carriage. The dimensions given are the overall dimensions, axle bases and turning circle.



Picture 1-1

### Measurements:

- Length: 13,5m
- Width: 2,6m
- Height: 4m

### Drive unit:

- 9.6 litres DAF diesel engine with turbo compressor and intercooler (type PE 265C).
- ZF gearbox with 16 gears forward and two gears reverse.
- STEYR high/low gear shift, transfer case, with high speed (road) and low speed (off the road) transmission.
- Three Ginaf axles, where axles one and three are driven.

**Steering:**

- All axles are steered.
- Mechanically coupled steering, where axle three is steered in the opposite direction of axle one and two, realizing a small turning circle.
- Hydraulically powered 2-circuit steering system.
- Fitted with an emergency steering pump, so when the main steering pump malfunctions, the truck remains steerable until it is at a standstill.
- Provisions for driving off the road:
  - axle height adjustable
  - high/low gear shift transfer case can be put in low gear for driving off the road
  - longitudinal and transverse differentials can be locked
- Electronic gas pedal "ESC" with speed control.

**Suspension:**

- Hydro-pneumatic suspension.
- The suspension can be blocked (e.g. when driving with erected tower).

**Braking system:**

- Pneumatic brakes with anti-blocking system (ABS)..

**4 point outrigger system:**

- Wide support base: 6,9m x 6,4m
- Narrow support base: 6,9m x 4,8m

**Power supply:**

When there is no separate diesel engine on the superstructure, the crane can be supplied with power in two different ways:

- External construction power-supply 40 kVA during rigging up/rigging down, 40 kVA during operation.
- The truck built-in Leroy Somer 70 kVA generator for power supply to the crane when (sufficient) external power is lacking.

**Further data:**

- Maximum speed limited to 85 km/h
- Minimum speed at 1000 rpm: 1,8 km/h (is 30 m/min)
- Truck weight including crane 36,000 kg
- The axle load is 12,000 kg per axle

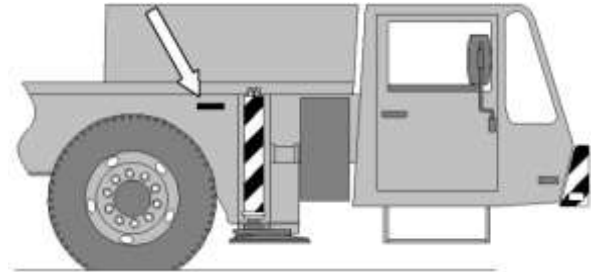


**Identification numbers:**

- Engine number: left-hand front on the engine block below the cylinder head rim.
- Vehicle identification number: on the identification plate in the co-driver's leg-room (see *Picture 1-2*) and stamped in the right frame girder in front of the first axle (see *Picture 1-3*)



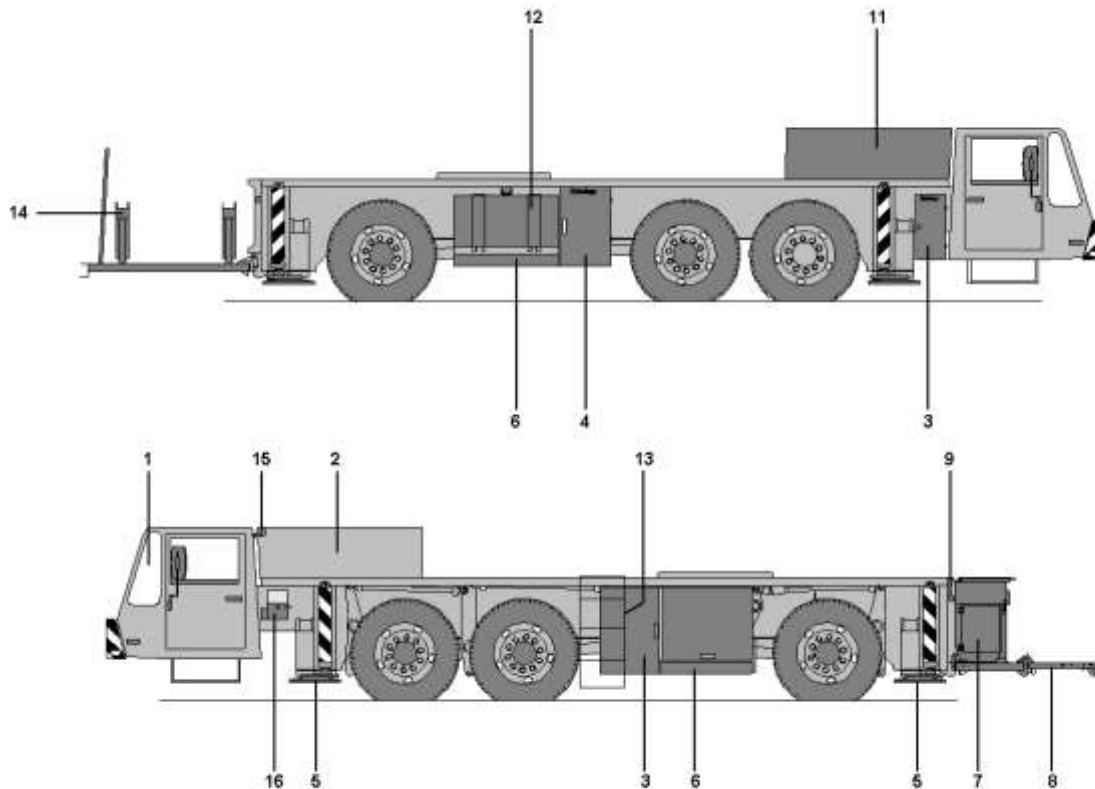
*Picture 1-2*



*Picture 1-3*

## 2. Operation

### 2.1. Get to know the truck



Picture 2-1

#### 1. Truck cab

Besides driving the crane, with the controls in the truck cab you can among other things support the crane on outriggers and adjust the carriage axle height.

#### 2. Spare tyre/sling box/pallet hook support/hullo clamp support (optional)

On this location you can install one of the following options:

- Spare tyre support. The spare tyre support is fitted with a winch and is mounted on a swing frame. When you swing the frame out you can lower the spare tyre with the winch.
- Sling box
- Pallet hook support
- Hullo clamp support

#### 3. Storage boxes

There are toolboxes on the left as well as on the right side of the carriage between the middle and rear axle.

#### 4. Storage box/power box

When the crane does not have a diesel superstructure engine, you will find the power-box on the right-hand side of the carriage next to the fuel tank.

With the selector switch on the power-box, the power supply for the crane is selected. Either an external power supply can be connected to this power box, or the built-in generator supplies the power. Power can also be branched off for accessory equipment

#### 5. Outriggers

At both sides of the truck there are 2 extending outrigger beams, and to each beam a hydraulically operated outrigger (see *Picture 2-2*). These outriggers provide stability during hoisting operation. The outrigger beams have an antiskid coating to prevent skidding. The outrigger pad holders can be used to facilitate stepping on the outrigger beam.

With a separate (remote) control box the outriggers can be radio controlled. On the rear outrigger beams are levels to check if the crane set-up is level.



Picture 2-2

#### 6. Storage room support plates

To obtain a solid support base on a weak ground, support plates can be used. Under the toolbox as well as under the fuel tank there are 2 support plates each. (Or three in combination with steel support frames)

#### 7. Toolbox at the rear (optional)

For extra storage room a toolbox can be mounted all along the rear of the truck.

#### 8. Bumper

The crane has a standard bumper at the rear. When the bumper is folded up, the towing hook can be used (refer "Driving with a trailer").

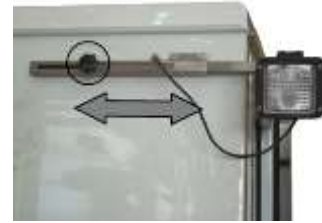
#### 9. Jib turning pipe

Through a hole in the deck you can reach the jib turning pipe. This pipe is used to swing the jib in front of the tower during erecting and folding the crane.

## 10. Work lamps

To the rear of the cab and truck are mounted work lamps, which can be switched on/off from the cab.

By unscrewing the knob, the lamp support can be moved to the left and right (see *Picture 2-3*).



Picture 2-3

## 11. Hydraulic tank/battery box

Underneath the engine cowling on this side of the truck is located the hydraulic tank, (see *Picture 2-4*, 3) with filter (2), the air filter (1), the air dryer (2) and batteries (5).



Picture 2-4

## 13. Truck ladder

To facilitate getting on the truck a ladder is mounted at the left-hand side of the truck. Pick up the free end of the ladder so the pin comes out of the deck (see *Picture 2-5*) and swing the ladder outside the frame. When swinging back the ladder, make sure the pin returns in the hole.



Picture 2-5

## 14. Concrete bucket/brick gripper support (optional)

15. On the bumper a support can be mounted to carry a concrete bucket or a brick gripper.

## 16. Rear-/side view cameras (optional)

To broaden your view at the rear and right-hand side of the truck cameras can be installed. In the cab a monitor is installed, showing the camera view.

Standard, the view of the side camera is shown. When putting the transmission in reverse, the monitor automatically switches over to rear camera view.

## 17. Central lubrication system (optional)

This is the grease reservoir for the truck's optional central lubricating system.

## 2.2. Truck cabin

In the truck cab you drive the crane safely and comfortably to its destination. This chapter makes you familiar with the cab.

### 2.2.1. Getting in

Use the step under the door. Make use of the steering wheel to hold on to.

### 2.2.2. Doors

Turn the handle up to open the door from the inside. The door can only be locked up from the outside. There is an ashtray on the inside of the door. After opening the ashtray, you push the locking device down to remove the ashtray from the holder to empty it.

The windows can be electronically operated by means of the switches on the dashboard.

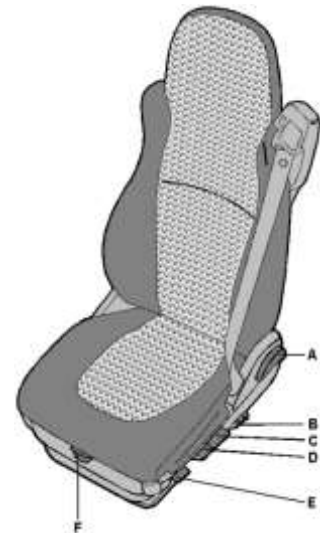
### 2.2.3. Wing mirrors

The wing mirrors may be adjusted by hand. Make sure the mirrors are adjusted before driving off, so that you have satisfactory view. The mirror heating can be switched on with the switch on the control panel.

### 2.2.4. Seats

The cab has room for the driver and a co-driver. The driver's seat has pneumatic suspension. The seats' position can be adjusted. This should only be done when the vehicle stands still.

- A) Back adjustment
- B) Lumbar support adjustment (push = pumping up and pull = deflating)
- C) Height adjustment (pulling the handle = up and pushing it = down)
- D) Tipping the seat
- E) Handle fast lowering
- F) Adjustment seat



Picture 2-6

### 2.2.5. Safety belts

The seats are fitted with safety belts. Driver and co-driver must wear them when driving. Do not modify the belt or its attachment by yourself. Regularly check its operation by jerking the belt from its winding mechanism. The belt must lock when doing this. Have the locking device repaired or replaced when it does not function properly. When the belt was heavily loaded during a collision, it must be completely replaced, even if it looks like there is nothing wrong with it.

### 2.2.6. Storage room

In the middle of the cab ceiling is a storage compartment. It has a lockable lid at the driver's side and at the side of the co-driver. There is another storage compartment at the co-driver's side in the dashboard.

### 2.2.7. Sun blind

To prevent sunlight from blinding you, a sun blind is mounted above the windscreen for the driver and the co-driver. Pull down the blind with the joggle in the middle of the blind. The blind will remain in the desired position. Push the button on the side of the blind to roll it up.

### 2.2.8. Fuse box

The fuse box is at the co-driver's side in the centre console (*Picture 2-7, A*). You will find the fuses listed in the enclosures.

### 2.2.9. Windscreen washer reservoir

(See *Picture 2-7, C*)

### Central lubrication system (optional)

The central lubricating system controls are on the centre panel at the co-driver's side. It can be opened by means of 2 clamps (*Picture 2-7 B*).



Picture 2-7

### 2.2.10. Battery charger remote control batteries

You will find the battery charger for the remote controls on the left under the dashboard at the driver's side (*Picture 2-8, D*).

Every remote control comes with 2 batteries each. While the batteries are charged, the indicator lamp lights. As soon as they are fully charged, the lamp starts flashing.



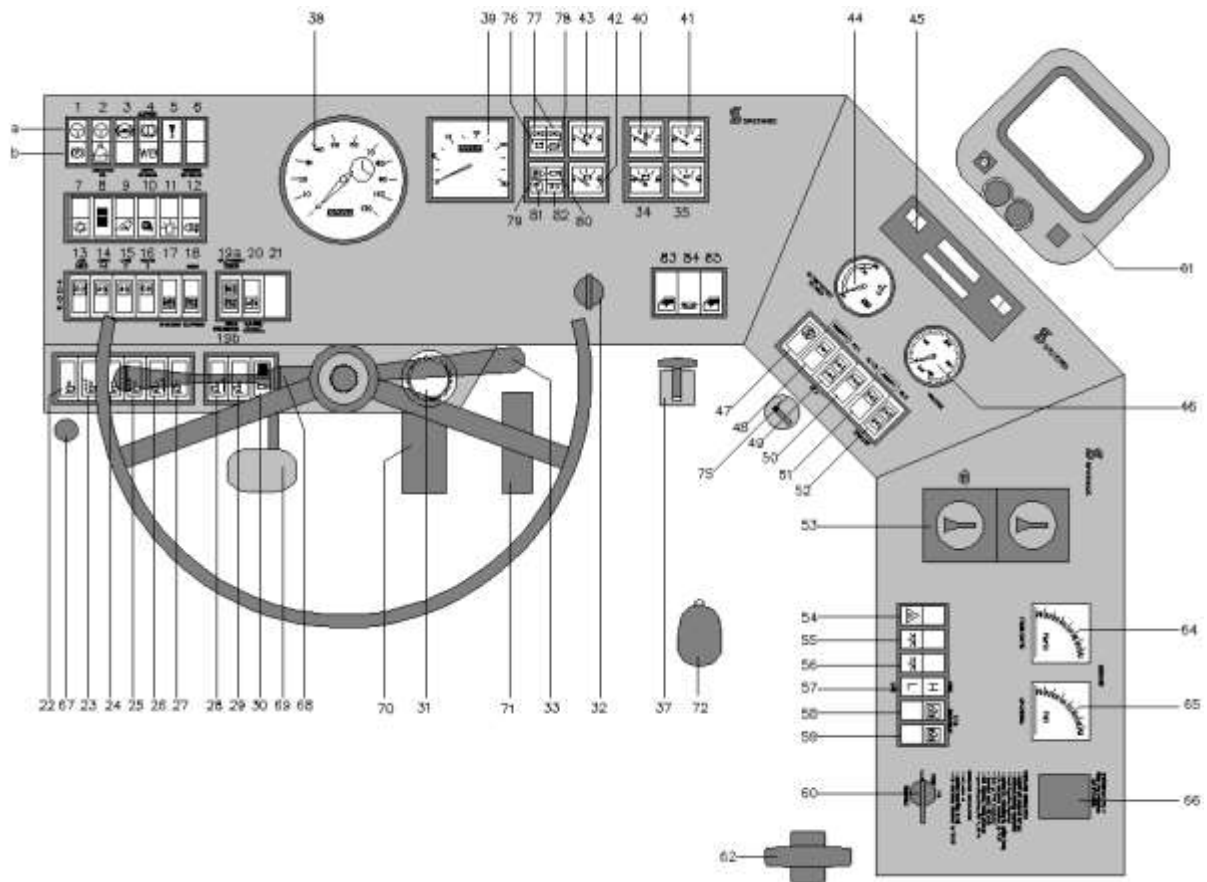
Picture 2-8

### 2.2.11. Fire extinguisher

One fire extinguisher is behind the co-driver's seat. On the right behind the control box in the crane cab is the second fire extinguisher.

The fire extinguishers must be inspected every year by the authorities.

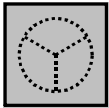
## 2.3. Control panel



Picture 2-9

1a	Indicator lamp steering pressure circuit 1	25	Switch outrigger rear left-hand side retract/extend	52	Indicator lamp longitudinal differential lock
1b	Indicator lamp parking brake	26	Switch outrigger front right-hand side retract/extend	53	Control heater/fan
2a	Indicator lamp steering pressure circuit 2	27	Switch outrigger beam front right-hand side retract/extend	54	Switch alarm light
2b	Indicator lamp coolant level	28	Switch outrigger rear right-hand side retract/extend	55	Switch cab lighting on the left
3	Indicator lamp ABS	29	Switch outrigger beam rear right-hand side retract/extend	56	Switch cab lighting on the right
4	Indicator lamp retarder on (optional)	30	Switch outrigger controls on/off	57	Indicator lamp high/low gear shift
5a	ESC malfunction diagnosis switch	31	Reservoir clutch fluid	58	Indicator lamp PTO
5b	Indicator lamp breaking sensor middle position	32	Ignition lock	59	Switch PTO
6	Not in use	33	Cruise control	60	Monitor reverse-/side camera (optional)
7	Light switch, off/parking light/dipped beam	34	Voltmeter batteries	61	Battery switch
8	Dimmer dashboard lighting	35	Oil-pressure gauge (lubrication circuit)	62	Switch position high/low gear shift, high/low, PTO on/off
9	Switch work lamps	37	Lever parking brake	64	Frequency meter generator
10	Switch mirror heating	38	Tachograph, speedometer, mileage counter, clock	65	Voltmeter generator
11	Switch rotaflare	39	Revolution counter, hour counter	66	230 V socket
12	Switch fog tail-light	40	Fuel gauge	67	Vacuum brake/engine stop
13	Switch axles up/down	41	Coolant temperature gauge	68	Switch for blower, windshield wiper, horn, signal, full beam headlamp
14	Switch axles 1 and 2 up/down	42	Air-pressure gauge circuit 2	69	Clutch pedal
15	Switch axle 3 rear left-hand side up/down	43	Air-pressure gauge circuit 1	70	Brake pedal
16	Switch axle 3 rear right-hand side up/down	44	Oil temperature gauge retarder (optional)	71	Accelerator pedal
17	Switch/indicator lamp leveling	45	Radio	72	Lever range selector with splitter
18	Switch driving/blocking	46	Gauge pump pressure steering system	75	Cigarette lighter/24V-connection
19a	Indicator lamp off the road mode	47	Indicator lamp oil temperature WSK (optional)	76	Indicator lamp charging voltage batteries
19b	Indicator lamp blocking	48	Switch/indicator lamp transverse differential lock axle 2 and 3	77	Indicator lamp blinker
20	Indicator lamp max. pressure outrigger-/suspension system	49	Indicator lamp transverse differential lock axle 2 and 3	78	Indicator lamp air-pressure
21	Not in use	50	Not in use	79	Indicator lamp full beam headlight
22	Switch outrigger beam front left-hand side retract/extend	51	Switch/indicator lamp longitudinal differential lock	80	Indicator lamp oil pressure (transmission oil)
23	Switch outrigger front left-hand side retract/extend			81	Indicator lamp air cleaner
24	Switch outrigger beam rear left-hand side retract/extend			82	Indicator lamp flame starting system
				83	Control electrical window (left-hand)
				84	Switch aeronautical warning light on jib and tower (optional)
				85	Control electrical window (right-hand)



**1. A) Indicator lamp steering pressure circuit 1**

This lamp lights up as soon as the oil pressure in steering circuit 1 is too low. Have the malfunction repaired as soon as possible. If this lamp lights together with lamp 2a: STOP IMMEDIATELY!

**1. B) Indicator lamp parking brake**

As long as the parking brake is engaged, this lamp is on (when starting the engine the parking brake remains engaged as long as the air-pressure is below 5,5 bar)

**2. A) Indicator lamp steering pressure circuit 2**

This lamp lights up as soon as the oil pressure in steering circuit 2 is too low. Have the malfunction repaired as soon as possible. If this lamp lights together with lamp 1a: STOP IMMEDIATELY! When the vehicle stands still, this lamp will light.

**2. B) Indicator lamp coolant level**

This lamp lights up as soon as the coolant level is too low. Replenish coolant.

**3. Indicator lamp ABS**

This lamp is on when operating the ignition and remains on until a driving speed of 7 km/h is reached. From 7 km/h it goes out and will only light up in case of a malfunction. At first, push and release the switch to reset the system. If this doesn't resolve the problem, have the malfunction repaired as soon as possible.

**5. A) EngineSpeedControl diagnosis lamp**

When this lamp blinks: Stop the vehicle and shut down the engine to prevent damage on the vehicle and/or engine.

When this lamp lights continuously: There is a malfunction. Some functions will not operate correctly. Have the malfunction repaired as soon as possible.

**7. Light switch**

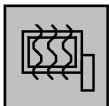
By pressing this switch halfway, the parking lights are switched on. By pressing the switch all the way, the dipped beams are switched on

**8. Dimmer dashboard lighting**

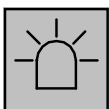
When switching on the vehicle lighting also the dashboard lighting goes on. With this dimmer you can change the dashboard lighting intensity.

**9. Work lamps**

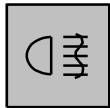
At the rear of the cab and truck are 2 work lamps each. With this switch the 4 work lamps are switched on and off.

**10. Mirror heating**

With this switch the mirror heating in the left en right wing mirror is switched on and off.

**11. Rotating beacon**

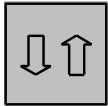
With this switch the rotating beacons can be switched on and off.

**12. Fog tail-light**

With this switch the fog tail-light on the cab can be switched on and off.

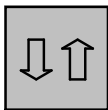
**Axle height adjustment**

ALL  
AXLES

**13. Switch all axles up/down**

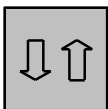
With this switch the cylinders of all axles are moved in and out simultaneously (e.g. when supporting the crane on outriggers).

AXLES  
1-2

**14. Switch axles 1 and 2 up/down**

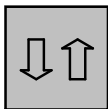
With this switch the cylinders of axles one and two can be moved in and out.

LEFT  
3

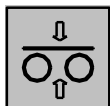
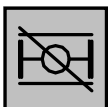
**15. Switch axle 3 left up/down**

With this switch the cylinder on the left side of the third axle can be moved in and out.

RIGHT  
3

**16. Switch axle 3 right up/down**

With this switch the cylinder on the right side of the third axle can be moved in and out.

**17. Switch/indicator lamp levelling****18. Switch/indicator lamp driving/blocking.****20. Indicator lamp max. pressure outrigger-/suspension system.**

This lamp goes on and a buzzer sounds at the rear outriggers as soon as the pressure in the outrigger/suspension system becomes too high. This may happen when the outriggers, the axles or the outrigger beams are fully in or out, or because there is an obstacle in the way when extending the outrigger beams.

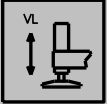
During leveling operation and when moving the axles up or down, this light could also go on. This does not present a problem



**Outrigger operation** (on the dashboard from left to right)



**22. Switch outrigger beam front left hand side retract/extend.**



**23. Switch outrigger front left hand side retract/extend.**



**24. Switch outrigger beam rear left hand side retract/extend.**



**25. Switch outrigger rear left hand side retract/extend.**



**26. Switch outrigger front right hand side retract/extend.**



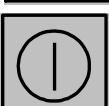
**27. Switch outrigger beam front right hand side retract/extend.**



**28. Switch outrigger rear right hand side retract/extend.**



**29. Switch outrigger beam rear right hand side retract/extend.**



**30. Switch outrigger controls on/off.**

Switch off the outrigger controls when the outriggers are not operated or when the crane is rigged up/rigged down or in operation. The remote control is also de-activated. Failing to switch off the controls means the crane can not be set to the full hoisting program (full support base)

**32. Ignition lock**

By turning the key to the right, three positions are possible, from left to right:

0 = off

1 = contact

2 = starting

**33. Rpm/speed control**

Up to a driving speed of 9 km/h the rpm can be controlled by this lever. Over 25 km/h the speed control can be switched on.



**34. Voltmeter batteries**

On this meter you can read the battery condition. The meter must be in the middle (approx. 24 Volt)



**35. Oil pressure gauge lubrication circuit.**

When starting this gauge will read approx. 5 bar. As soon as the oil is warm approx. 3 bar.

### 37. Lever parking brake

By pulling this lever backwards the parking brake is engaged. Pulling out the knob and pushing the lever forwards will release the parking brake.

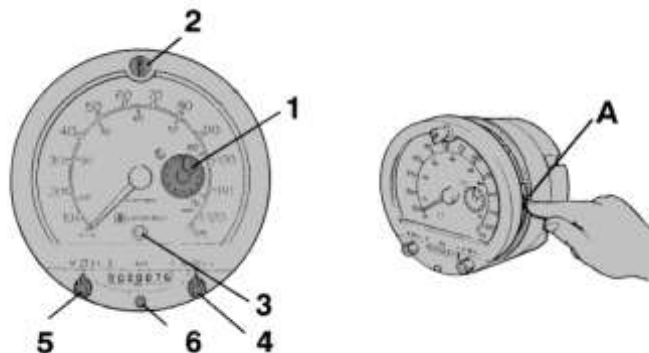
### 38. Speedometer/tachograph

The truck is equipped with a VDO tachograph. On this device you can read the driving speed and the number of kilometres driven. The tachograph also contains a clock (1). This clock drives a diagram disc. On this disc the activities of the driver are written by means of scribes. The disc can be replaced by opening slot 2 (see Picture 2-10). Never leave a disc in the tachograph for longer than 24 hrs (else it would overwrite itself). In case there is no disc in the tachograph, indicator lamp 3 will light up.

By means of switches 4 and 5 the drivers' activities can be shown. Indicator lamp 3 goes on as soon as the driving speed exceeds 80 km/h. When at a certain speed button 6 is pressed, exceeding this speed will light up the indicator lamp. However, when the ignition is switched off, the indicator lamp will be set to 80 km/h.

The clock may be set to the correct time by operating wheel A.

For more details on how to use the tachograph we refer to the tachograph manual (in the glove compartment).



Picture 2-10

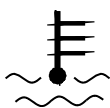
### 39. Revolution counter

On this counter you can read the diesel engine rpm. The revolution counter has a built-in hour counter. On this counter you can read the number of operating hours of the diesel engine.



### 40. Fuel gauge

This gauge only functions when the ignition is switched on.



### 41. Coolant temperature gauge

On this gauge you can read the coolant temperature. In the diesel engine safety system an overheating sensor is built-in. As soon as the temperature exceeds 110 °C, it activates the horn. The engine must be switched off immediately.

**42. Air pressure gauge circuit 2**

It indicates the air-pressure in brake circuit 2. When the pressure is below 5.5 bar, indicator lamp 78 will light up. The crane must not be driven.

**43. Air pressure gauge circuit 1**

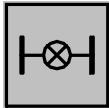
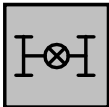
It indicates the air-pressure in brake circuit 1. When the pressure is below 5.5 bar, indicator lamp 78 will light up. The crane must not be driven.

**44. Oil temperature retarder (optional)**

During normal use the temperature does not exceed 130°C. If the indicator enters the red zone, you have to gear down or set the retarder at a lower value. If this does not help, the retarder must be switched off. In the red zone the oil temperature is too high and at 145°C you will hear an acoustic warning signal.

**46. Oil pressure gauge outrigger-/suspension system**

On this gauge you can read the pressure in the hydraulic system when supporting the crane on outriggers.

**48. Switch/indicator lamp transverse differential lock****51. Switch longitudinal differential lock****53. Heater**

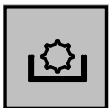
With this selector switch the heating fan can be set at 3 speeds and switched off.



By turning this rotary knob the heat supply can be continuously regulated.

**55. (+ 56) Cab lighting**

The driver and co-driver can operate the cab lighting by operating the switch (no. 55 + 56) on the dashboard. The lighting will also go on when opening the door. We advise you not to switch on the cab lighting when driving in the dark, to prevent annoying reflections in the windscreen.

**59. Selector switch PTO (Optional)**

With this switch the PTO is switched on. While the PTO is switched on indicator lamp 58 is on. The PTO drives a generator, which supplies power for crane operation. When the crane has a superstructure diesel engine, this switch has no function.

**Warning!**

**While the PTO is switched on, driving the crane is forbidden!**

#### 60. Selector switch gear shift high/low, PTO on/off

With this switch the off-the-road (*Low*) or on-the-road (*High*) gear can be selected. This is indicated by indicator lamp 57. With this switch and switch 59 the PTO is switched on. Indicator lamp 58 indicates when the PTO is switched on.



#### Warning!

Only operate the gear shift when the vehicle stands still!

#### 62. Battery switch

With this switch you can cut off the power of the vehicle's electrical system.

**Do not operate this switch while driving**

#### 64. Frequency meter generator (not in case of a superstructure diesel engine)

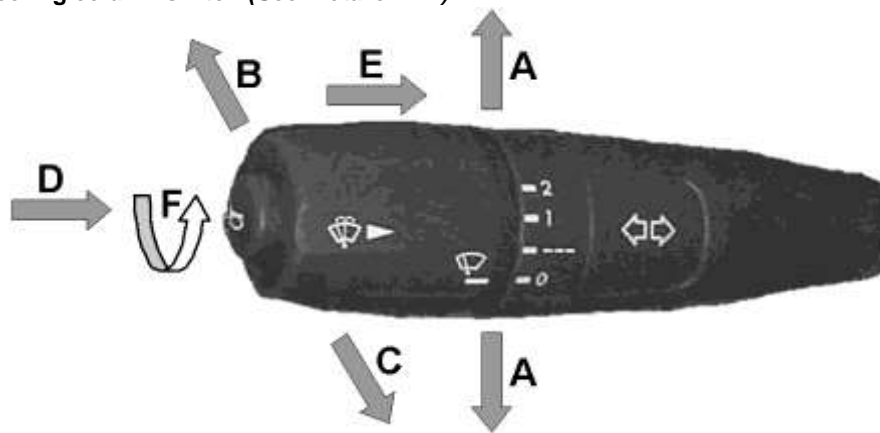
It indicates the frequency in Hertz, supplied by the generator and must be between 52.5 and 53.5 Hz.

#### 65. Voltmeter generator (not in case of a superstructure diesel engine)

It indicates the current supplied voltage by the generator. It should be approx. 400V.

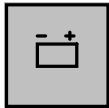
#### 67. Vacuum brake

#### 68. Steering column switch (See Picture 2-11)



Picture 2-11

- A. With this switch the direction indicator is controlled.
- B. Pushing the switch forward switches on the full beam headlight.
- C. Pulling the switch backwards you can give light signals.
- D. Pressing the switch tip towards the steering wheel activates the horn.
- E. Pressing the entire outer part of the lever towards the steering wheel activates the windscreen washer.
- F. Turning the outer part activates the windscreen wipers. The ---- position is intermittent. Position 1 is normal and position 2 high speed wiping.



#### 76. Warning lamp charging voltage batteries

If the charging voltage of the batteries is too low, this indicator lamp will go on.



#### 78. Warning lamp air pressure

If the air-pressure in brake circuit 1 or 2 is below 5.5 bar, this indicator lamp will go on. The crane must not be driven. If this lamp is on after starting the engine, leave the engine running at idling speed until the air-pressure is 5.5 bar. The lamp will go out.



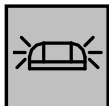
#### 82. Indicator lamp pre heating system

This lamp goes on when pre-heating the engine. As soon as it goes out, the engine may be started.



#### 83. (85) Electrically controlled door windows left/right

The door windows can be opened and closed with these switches. At the co-driver's side there is a switch on the dashboard. All these switches only function with turned on ignition and closed door.



#### 84. Aeronautical warning light on tower head and jib head (optional)

With this switch the aeronautical warning light on the tower head and jib head can be switched on and off.

## 2.4. Driving the Spierings crane



**The truck driver must observe the locally applicable rules for driving a crane on the public roads at all times.**

While driving and manoeuvring the crane, the driver must be aware of the crane's unusual form, measurements and steering characteristics.

- crane parts are sticking out at the front and rear;
- the crane's height is 4 mtrs (pay attention to low passages and low branches);
- the crane's width is 2,60 mtrs (at narrow passages this could present an obstacle for other traffic);
- the crane has a small turning circle thanks to the opposite steering of the rear axles



#### CAUTION!

**The rear of the crane swerves out when you take a bend.**



### 2.4.1. Starting

**CAUTION!**

**Do not run the diesel engine in closed or unventilated rooms. There is a high risk of suffocation.**

Before starting the engine, the transmission must be put in neutral and the parking brake must be engaged.

During pre heating the indicator lamp (82) will light up. As soon as the pre heating is finished the lamp goes out and the engine can be started.

When the engine is running the indicator lamps for oil pressure and battery charging must go out. Only when the oil pressure lamp is out, the engine speed may be increased. When the engine runs too hot or the engine oil pressure is too low, the horn will sound. If the horn keeps sounding, the engine must be switched off immediately.

The lamp for steering circuit 2 will remain on while the vehicle stands still. It will go out the moment the vehicle starts moving.

In order to drive, the air-pressure in the system must be at least 5.5 bar. Below this pressure the clutch can not be pressed and the parking brake can not be released when operated.

After a cold start you must drive in low gear and at low speed until the coolant temperature reaches 50° C.

During running in (1500 km or 30 operating hours) we advise you not to load the engine to its maximum. Gear down in time. A relatively high rpm causes less damage than overload at low speed.

### 2.4.2. Turning off the engine

The engine can be switched off by turning the ignition key to its "0" position.

If the engine has run for a longer period of time, we advise you to leave the engine running at idling speed for a few minutes before switching it off, to prevent the coolant and turbo from overheating.

A chain is mounted below the front bumper. Pulling this chain will turn off the engine. Use this when the engine stop malfunctions

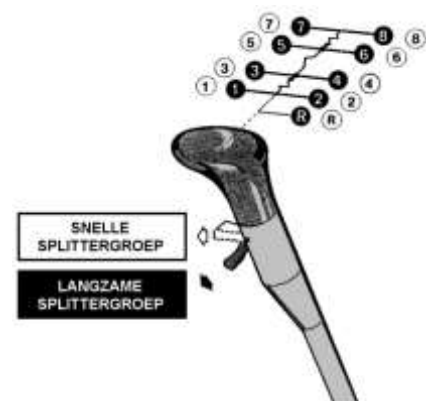
## 2.5. Driving on the road

The gearbox has 8 synchronized gears; they are divided in a low range (1st - 4th) and a high range (5th - 8th). To shift between the two ranges, the shift lever must be in neutral position and be pushed to the right through a slight resistance.

Subsequently the high range gears can be engaged. To return to the low range, the gear shift lever must be put in neutral and be pushed to the left.

Refer to the diagram in Picture 2-12.

Every gear can be shifted in an intermediate gear; the so-called splitter. Shifting to a lower or higher splitter or v.v. is done by operating the splitter switch. Then press the clutch and release it again.



Picture 2-12

**Caution!**

While gearing down from high to low range, the driving speed must be below 30 km/h!

## 2.6. Brakes

The crane is equipped with four braking systems:

- Operating brake
- Parking brake
- Vacuum brake
- Retarder

### 2.6.1. Operating brake

The operating brake is operated with the brake pedal and works fully pneumatically. The air pressure is indicated on the dashboard by two air-pressure gauges. If the pressure drops below 5.5 bar, indicator lamp on the dashboard (48C) lights up. The crane must not be driven.

### 2.6.2. Parking brake

The parking brake is engaged when the parking brake lever is moved backwards. This bleeds the spring loaded brake boosters and engages the brake. When pulled fully backwards, the lever is locked and the parking brake remains engaged. Pulling out the knob on the lever and pushing the lever forwards will release the parking brake.

If the air pressure for the operating brake is too low, the parking brake is used to slow down the moving vehicle. Move the parking brake lever gradually backwards. Once operated the parking brake can not be released until the air pressure is back to normal.

### 2.6.3. Vacuum brake

The vacuum brake works by closing the fuel supply. Also the exhaust is closed by means of a valve. The vacuum brake controls are to the left of the clutch pedal on the truck cab floor. While this foot switch is pressed the vacuum brake is active. The vacuum brake is used to slow down through the engine (e.g. when travelling down-hill).

**Warning!**

During use of the vacuum brake the rpm of the engine should never be above 3500rpm!

#### 2.6.4. Braking with the retarder (optional)

For slowing down when driving at high speed or on long stretches down-hill, the use of the retarder is profitable. Sparing the operating brake, the operating brake is fully available when it is really needed. The retarder is activated with the control lever on the control panel. This lever has six positions to control the braking force. The indicator lamp on the control panel indicates if the retarder is activated.

Using the accelerator pedal is not possible when the retarder is activated

In case of frequent use of the retarder the oil temperature can rise considerably. If so, the retarder control reduces the braking force. Keep an eye on the oil temperature gauge while the retarder is in use (*Picture 2-13*). As soon as the indicator enters the red (130-150°C) the oil temperature has risen too high. Gear down if the oil temperature is too high and put the retarder in a lower position or switch it off. If this does not help to lower the oil temperature, the retarder will automatically switch off.

When the retarder was used frequently during travel, the engine may only be switched off when the oil temperature gauge indicator is in the green.

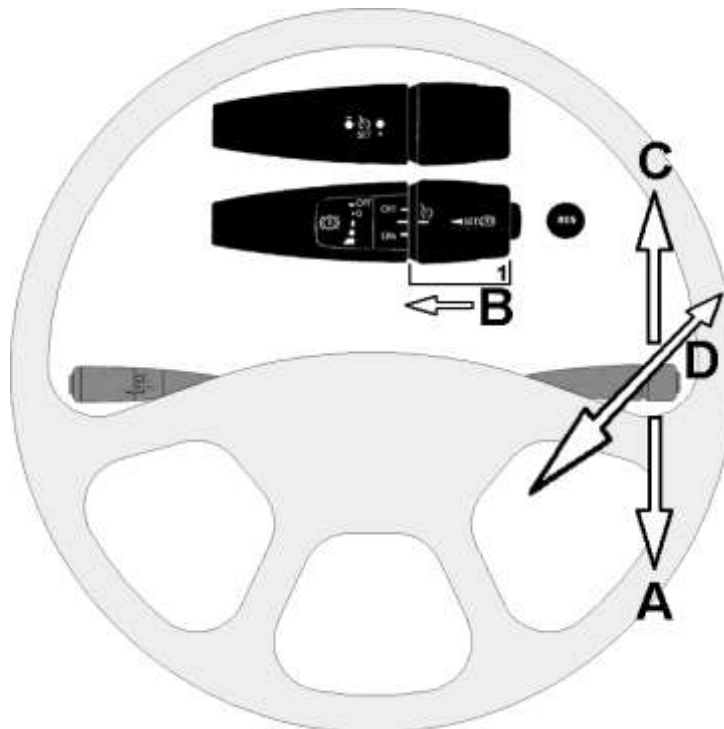


Picture 2-13

## 2.7. Retarder/ESC/CC

### 2.7.1. Retarder

To prevent excessive wear to brakes and clutch the retarder may be used. The retarder can be controlled with the control lever at the right of steering column (33) (*Picture 2-14*).



Picture 2-14



By moving the lever backward (direction A) the retarder can be set in three positions:

1. Approx. 33% of the maximum brake torque
2. Approx. 66% of the maximum brake torque
3. maximum brake torque

Move the lever to its start position to switch off the retarder option.

### 2.7.2. The Bremsomat

Using the bremsomat the retarder is set to a maximum speed. A constant speed is ensured during driving down hill.

By pushing the tip of the handle (1) towards the steering column (direction B), the Bremsomat is activated and set to the speed of that moment. (Picture 2-14)

De-activate the Bremsomat by pushing the lever forwards (direction C)

### 2.7.3. Cruise control (CC)

The Cruise Control enables you to drive at a constant speed without having to operate the accelerator pedal. The cruise control only works when the travel speed is over 30 km/h.

The CC can be switched on by:

4. Tipping the lever upwards/downwards (Picture 2-14, D)  
The actual speed at that moment is saved in the memory until the ignition is switched off.
5. Pressing the button "RES".  
If the CC is already in use since switching on the ignition, the speed will go to the last set value.

When CC is activated, you can increase/lower the speed by tipping the lever upwards/downwards. (While tipping the speed changes with 0.5 km/h per tip.)

To switch off the Cruise Control, turn the tip of the lever (1) shortly in position "OFF".

		Result		
		Switches CC off	Prevents switching on CC	Switches CC on
Operated	v = outside limit values			
	Park brake			
	Clutch			
	Operating brake			
	Vacuum brake			
	Position "OFF"			
	Lever direction D			
	Button "RES"			
	Var. speed limit			
	Retarder			

Besides braking, the CC will also be switched off when the deceleration is more than 1.4 m/s<sup>2</sup>. (E.g. in case of a collision.)



#### 2.7.4. Variable vehicle speed limit

De variable vehicle speed limit gives the opportunity to set the vehicle speed to a desired speed limit. The variable vehicle speed limit only works when the travel speed is over 30 km/h.

By turning the tip of the lever (1, *Picture 2-14*) shortly to the "LIM" position, the vehicle speed at that moment will be stored as the desired speed limit value. This value can be adjusted by tipping the lever up-/downwards (direction D).

Turn the tip of the lever (1) in its centre position or press the gas pedal fully in to de-activate the variable vehicle speed limit option.

#### 2.7.5. Speed control (ESC)

The **Engine Speed Control** of the diesel engine can be set as long as the travel speed stays below 9 km/h. Use this function for e.g. operating the outrigger support system. By pressing the button "RES" the engine speed will increase to 1260 rpm. (*Picture 2-14*)

By tipping the lever upwards or downwards (C) the rpm can be increased/reduced.

In the table below you will find the condition for switching "ESC" on or off.

		<i>Result</i>		
		Switches ESC off	Prevents switching on ESC	Switches ESC on
<i>Operated</i>	<b>v = outside limit values</b>			
	<b>Park brake disengaged</b>			
	<b>Clutch</b>			
	<b>Operating brake</b>			
	<b>Vacuum brake</b>			
	<b>Position "OFF"</b>			
	<b>Lever direction D</b>			
	<b>Button "RES"</b>			

By turning the tip of the handle (1) to the "OFF" position, the speed control is de-activated.



## 2.8. Driving off the road



The truck driver must observe the same rules as for driving a crane on the public roads or the locally applicable rules at all times.

### 2.8.1. All terrain mode transfer case

When you have to drive off the road or at low speed (e.g. driving with erected tower) you can put the gear shift high/low in low speed.



Only shift the transfer case from high to low or the other way round when the vehicle has come to a full stop!

The mode of the transfer case is shown by the indicator lamps on the control panel (*H* or *L*).

### 2.8.2. Longitudinal differential lock

When there is insufficient traction while driving off the road, the longitudinal differentials can be locked with button "longitudinal differential lock".

When the longitudinal lock is switched on, it is shown by indicator lamps on the dashboard.



#### CAUTION!

The longitudinal differential lock may only be engaged or released when the vehicle stands still!

Driving with engaged longitudinal differential lock is only allowed when the vehicle moves in a straight line!



After releasing the longitudinal differential lock, make sure the indicator lamps are out! If this is not the case, make slight steering movements when driving off. Now the lamps should go out (make sure they do!).



### 2.8.3. Transverse differential lock

If after engaging the longitudinal differential lock there is still too little traction, also the differentials in the axles may be locked.

Operate the button "transverse lock". To keep the transverse differential lock engaged, the button must be pressed. As soon as the button is released, it will snap back and release the transverse differential lock. The locking of the axles is shown by indicator lamp (49) on the dashboard.

Before driving on a paved road, it is required to release the transverse differential lock.

#### CAUTION!



**The transverse lock must only be switched on when the vehicle has come to a full stop and the longitudinal lock has already been switched on.**

**Driving with engaged transverse differential lock is only allowed when the vehicle moves in a straight line on loose ground!**



**After releasing the transverse differential lock, make sure the indicator lamps are out! If this is not the case, make slight steering movements when driving off; this should make the lamps go out (make sure of this).**

## 2.9. Parking

Put the transmission in the low range and engage the parking brake. Fully lower the vehicle. Switch off the engine and subsequently the battery switch.

Uphill parking: 1<sup>st</sup> gear forward and activate the park brake.

Downhill parking: 1<sup>st</sup> gear backwards and activate the park brake

When you park the (folded) crane temporarily in wintertime, you risk freezing due to water accumulated in the tower. To run off the water you can put the (rigged down) crane inclined as follows:

- Extend the front axles until the front axle suspension cylinders are fully extended.
- Subsequently retract the rear axles until the rear axle suspension cylinders are fully retracted.

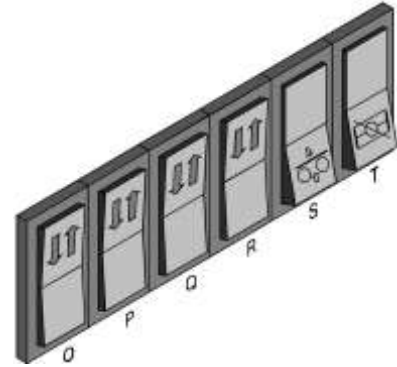
Make sure the truck is still standing on all its wheels! (all tyres are still bulging)

## 2.10. Axle height adjustment

The axles are connected to the chassis by means of hydraulic cylinders. Each cylinder is provided with an accumulator, so that the axles can compress.

The suspension system can be controlled from the truck cab (*Picture 2-15*). This system enables you to adjust the axle height according to your needs. The suspension can also be blocked; this is relevant when supporting the crane on outriggers and when driving with an erected tower.

The suspension system operation is explained below:



Picture 2-15

- O. switch cylinders of all axles; in / out
- P. Switch cylinders axles 1 and 2; in / out
- Q. switch cylinders left-hand side; left wheel axles 3 and 4 in/out
- R. switch cylinders right-hand side; right wheel axle 3 and 4 in/out

In this way, the crane set-up can be levelled on sloping grounds.

### 2.10.1. Levelling (S)

During levelling, the axle suspension is automatically adjusted in travelling mode. This is useful when the axle height had become unsettled due to e.g. outrigger operation or lengthy standstill. After using the crane it should always be levelled!

The crane must be levelled on a horizontally level base and the levelling is finished when there is no more movement in the vehicle and the indicator lamp in the levelling switch is on. Now reset the switch.

Levelling can only be done when the tower is resting on the truck.



#### Caution!

Switch "T" must be on "driving" for levelling operation. Switch after levelling switch "T" back.



### 2.10.2. Driving (T)

In this switch position the suspension is activated. The switch must be in this position while driving on the road.

Before driving off, you have to level first.



### 2.10.3. Suspension blocking (T)

In this mode the axles can not compress, enabling a stable travel. In blocking mode the indicator lamp on the switch for blocking/driving is on. In this mode the axles can be moved up or down separately by means of 4 switches. When the system is blocked, indicator lamp 19b is on.



### 2.10.4. Off the road mode

To shift the crane in off the road mode, you have to proceed as follows:

- Block the axles
- Move the cylinders of all axles out. The cylinders will not go out all the way, so that some room to move remains.
- Release the suspension to re-activate the suspension.

## 2.11. Independent rear axle steering

Independent rear axle steering is not installed on the AT3 truck.

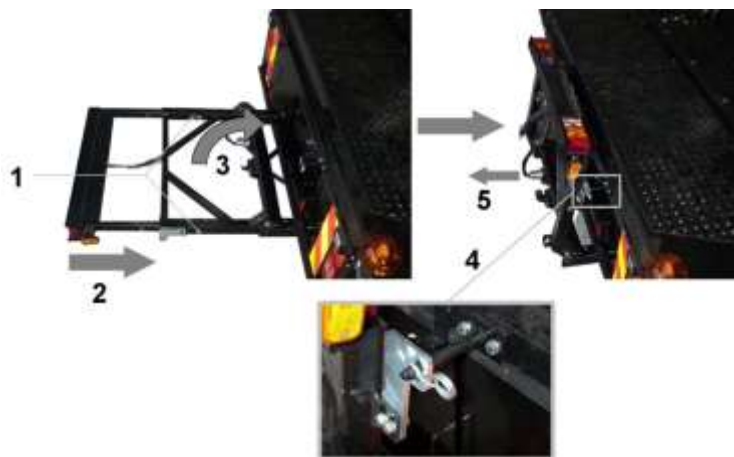
## 2.12. Driving with erected tower

See crane manual.

## 2.13. Driving with a trailer

To tow a trailer the crane is equipped with a towing hook with a 7-pins socket for lighting. To link up the trailer, first the bumper must be folded up (Picture 2-16).

1. Remove the safety clips from the 2 pins in the case and pull out the 2 pins.
2. Slide the rear part to the front until the pins can be inserted in the next hole. Then lock them with the safety clips.
3. Remove the safety clip from the pin in the frame and fold up the complete bumper against the vehicle frame.
4. Now lock the bumper with the safety clip.
5. Then pull out the plug from the socket.
6. Link up the trailer and plug the trailer plug in the socket.
7. Check de working of the lights of the trailer.



Picture 2-16

## 2.14. Towing the crane



Please always consult Spierings Cranes before towing the crane.

### 2.14.1. Towing when the diesel engine can still run

When the crane must be towed and the diesel engine can still run, you have to proceed as follows:

- Shift the gear box in its neutral position while in high range (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>).
- Shift the transmission in neutral by using switch (60) and switch (59) on the dashboard.
- The brake air circuit is kept under pressure by the running engine.
- The power steering remains activated by the running diesel engine.
- Remove the cover plate in the middle of the front bumper and attach the supplied shunt coupling with bolts.
- Link the towing vehicle with a tow bar to the crane shunt coupling. Now the crane may be towed.

### 2.14.2. Towing when the diesel engine is out of order

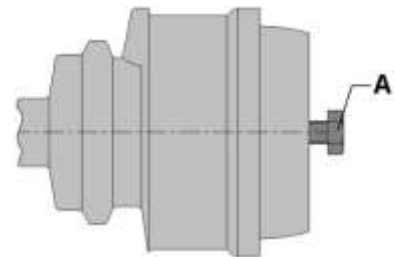
If the diesel engine is out of order you may proceed in the same way as with a running diesel engine. However, there are a number of additional problems:

- Air pressure is no longer present. No brakes available.
- The park brake can not be loosened.
- When the air vessel of the secondary is pressure less, the transfer case can not be shifted neutral.
- Power steering is not (fully) available.

#### **Releasing the park brake**

When there is no air pressure the parking brakes can be released as follows:

Unscrew the bolts at the rear of the spring brake boosters of axles 2 and 3 (*Picture 2-17*). The spring tension is removed from the brake, so it is released.



Picture 2-17

#### **External filling nipple air circuit**

The shifting in neutral of the transfer case is air powered. If the secondary air circuit vessel is empty, it must be filled, by means of the external filling nipple. You will find this nipple (*Picture 2-18, A*) on the right-hand side under the truck deck behind the cabin. As the complete air circuit will be filled through the external nipple, also the parking brake boosters may be released.



Picture 2-18

#### **Power steering**

The steering pumps that are driven by the diesel engine do not supply any oil, so the power steering will be lost for a great part. Only the emergency steering pump supplies oil for the power steering. However, it only supplies oil while the crane is moving. Therefore, the steering gets a lot tougher as only one pump is available instead of two.



### 3. Maintenance



For “normal working conditions” we have in view:

- A working-week of 5 day's/40 hours
- 15.000 – 20.000km/year
- Surroundings temperature: -15 - 40°C (5 – 104F)



All specifications concerning oil and filters can be found in chapter “Technical data”.

#### 3.1. General



All warning and safety prescriptions in this manual must be followed. Always look after safety in general.



Never repair the truck or change an adjustment without empathic permission and the correct education. Repairs or adjustments which are not correctly solved can result in dangerous situations.

##### 3.1.1. Clothing



During maintenance on the truck, the right clothing suitable for the workshop must be worn. Avoid i.e. loose clothing, long hanging down hair and ornaments which can be entangled between moving components.

##### 3.1.2. Surroundings



Keep the crane's surroundings clean and free of oil and other liquids. This to prevent dangerous situations.

##### 3.1.3. Diesel engine



Do not run the engine in a closed or non-aired room. There is danger of suffocation.

##### 3.1.4. Moving parts



Stay on a safe distance from rotating and/or moving components.



### 3.1.5. Oils and coolant



Various kinds of oil, lubrications, coolant, window washer fluid, battery acid and diesel oil can be harmful to your health when touched. Avoid any physical contact with these substances.

### 3.1.6. Environment



In order to reduce environmental pollution to a minimum we advise you to comply with the following rules:

- Do not pour used oil, hydraulic fluid and coolant in sewers or in the ground.
- Make sure all used fluids, batteries, oil filters and other chemicals are separated and sent to the respective authorities for destruction or recycling.
- See to proper and regular truck maintenance. A well maintained engine contributes to saving fuel and reduces polluting exhaust fumes.

### 3.1.7. Refreshing oil/cooling system



Be careful with oil refreshing. Hot oil can cause serious bodily harm.

Do not remove the coolant tank filler cap when the engine is at operating temperature.

### 3.1.8. Fire-risk



To prevent fire-risk, make sure no light inflammable substances are in the surroundings of the engine.

### 3.1.9. Cleaning of components



While cleaning with a high-pressure cleaner the following rules must be complied with:

- While cleaning the radiator/intercooler, make sure the cooler fins are not damaged.
- While cleaning the engine compartment, do not point the nozzle directly to electrical components like starter motor, alternator, etc.
- Make sure no water penetrates through the breathers of gearbox, transfer case and differentials.



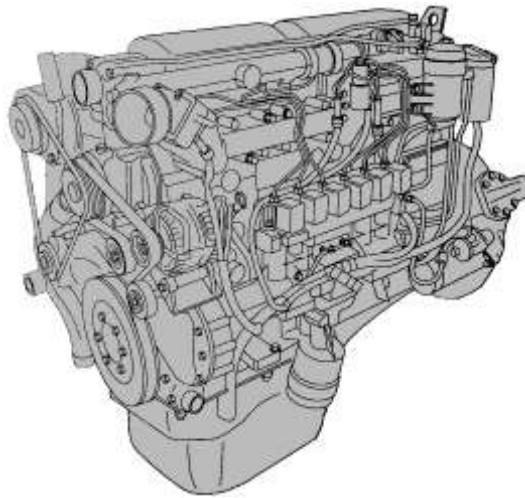
### 3.2. Maintenance plan AT3 truck

Main group	Maintenance	Daily maintenance	Weekly maintenance	2-monthly maintenance	Yearly maintenance (15.000km)	2-Yearly maintenance	5- Yearly maintenance
Diesel engine	Engine oil	Check			Refresh		
	Oil filter				Change		
	Cooling system			Check			
	Coolant		Check			Refresh	
	Anti-freeze				Check		
	Radiator/intercooler				Check		
	Air system			Check			
	Air filter		Clean		Change		
	Fuel system			Check			
	Fuel filter				Change		
	Water separator		Drain				
	Filter water separator				Change		
	V-belts				Check		
	Exhaust system			Check			
Drive-line system	Valve clearance				Check		
	Gear box			Check			
	Oil gear box			Check	Refresh		
	Oil filter retarder				Change		
	High/Low transfer case			Check			
	Oil High/Low transfer case			Check	Refresh		
	Axles			Check			
	Oil differentials			Check	Refresh		
	Oil hubs			Check	Refresh		
	tires		Check				
	Tire pressure			Check			
	Brake lining				Check		
	Venting the clutch			Check			
	System			Check	Align		
Electrical system	Lighting	Check			Check		
	Instrument lighting	Check			Check		
	Batteries			Check			
Hydraulic system	Hydraulic oil			Check			Analyze
	Return oil filters				Change		
	Fine filter				Change		
	Accumulators				Check		
	Hoses and connections			Check			



Main group	Maintenance	Daily maintenance	Weekly maintenance	2-monthly maintenance	Yearly maintenance (15.000km)	2-Yearly maintenance	5- Yearly maintenance
Pneumatic system							
	<i>Air dryer filter</i>					Change	
	<i>Air vessels</i>		Drain				
	<i>Oil atomizer</i>			Check			
	<i>Water separator</i>			Drain			
	<i>Braking pressure</i>				Check		
Grease system	<i>Hoses and connections</i>				Check		
	<i>Central grease system</i>		Clean	Check			
	<i>Manual greasing</i>			Grease			
Diverse							
	<i>Window washer liquid</i>		Check				
	<i>Extinguisher</i>				Check		

## 4. Diesel engine



Picture 4-1

### Technical data

Brand/type	DAF PE 265 C
Fuel system	Water cooled four stroke with direct injection
Inlet system:	Turbo-intercooler
Engine capacity:	9600 cm <sup>3</sup>
Maximum performance:	265 kW at 2200 rpm
Maximum torque:	1450 Nm at 1700 rpm
Compression ratio:	17,5 : 1
Bore x Stroke	118 x 140 mm
Unloaded idling speed	600 rpm
Unloaded maximum speed	2580 rpm
Loaded maximum speed:	2200 rpm



### Warning!

Only use EN 590 diesel fuel to prevent damage on the fuel system.

### 4.1. Services in the first period of use

#### 8 weeks after delivery

The diesel engine's first maintenance service must be carried out by a local DAF-dealer. This dealer should fill in a warranty form, supplied with the truck. Only the part costs will be billed.

#### 4-5 months after delivery

Spierings 4-month maintenance service (also meant for the crane).

This maintenance service is meant for the diesel engine of the truck and for the entire drive line. Ask Spierings Cranes for the possibilities of this service.

After this service all maintenance on the truck must be followed according the maintenance plan in this manual

## 4.2. Access to the diesel engine

To gain access to the diesel engine, different cover plates can be removed. The cover plates on top of the engine cowling also can be removed. However, the tower should be in a vertical position. The cover plate on top of the cabin can be tilted to gain access of the cooling system.



Picture 4-2

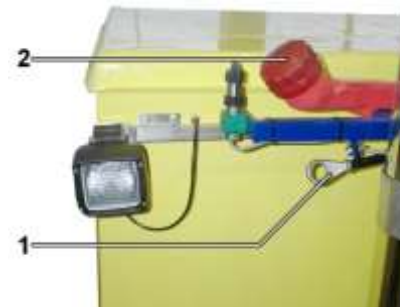
## 4.3. Engine oil

### 4.3.1. Check oil level



**Check the engine oil level every day.**

1. Make sure the crane stands on a horizontally flat base.
2. Switch off the engine and leave a hot engine at least 5 minutes so the oil sinks in the crank case.
3. Pull out the dipstick (1) and clean it with a non-fluff cloth. (Picture 4-3)
4. Put the dipstick back in the holder and subsequently pull it out again.
5. Read off the level. The oil level must be between the two marks on the dipstick.
6. Put the dipstick back again in the holder.
7. If necessary, top up the oil. (See 4.3.2 Fill up engine oil)



Picture 4-3



#### 4.3.2. Fill up engine oil

1. Make sure the crane stands on a horizontally flat base.
2. Unscrew the red filler cap (2). (*Picture 4-3*)
3. Always fill up the engine oil of the same brand and type. (In doubt consult Spierings Cranes)
4. Check the oil level with the dipstick. (*4.3.1 Check oil level*)

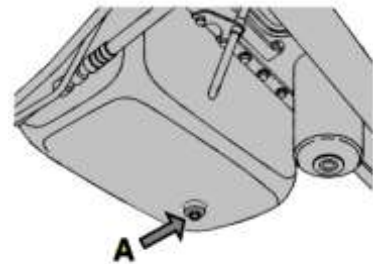
#### 4.3.3. Engine oil change



**Change the engine oil after every 15.000km or every year during the yearly maintenance service at normal working conditions.**

1. Make sure the crane stands on a horizontally flat base.
2. Draining the engine oil should preferable take place when the engine is at operating temperature. The engine must be switched off.
3. Put a trough under the drain plug. (*Picture 4-4, A*)
4. Remove the cap of the fast drainer at the bottom of the crank case and attach the provided drain hose. This hose will open the plug, so the oil can be drained.
5. Remove the drain hose and place the cap on the fast drainer.

Fill the engine with approx. 27 liters engine oil. (*See 4.3.2 Fill up engine oil*)



Picture 4-4

## 4.4. Engine oil filter

### 4.4.1. Oil filter replacement



Replace the oil filter after every 15.000km or during the yearly maintenance service at normal working conditions.

Always replace the oil filter by a new one.

1. Put a trough under the oil filter and unscrew the old filter counter clockwise using a filter wrench.



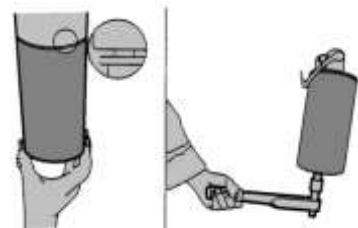
Picture 4-5

2. Fill the new filters with the prescribed oil.
3. Coat the sealing ring with oil.



Picture 4-6

4. Mount the filter until the seal makes contact, then tighten the filter with 45 Nm torque)
5. **Important:** after changing oil and mounting the filter, operate the vacuum brake and let the engine run by means of the starter motor until the oil pressure indicator lamp goes out.
6. Leave the engine running for a short while and make sure the oil filter is properly sealed.
7. Now check the oil level.
8. Check for leakages.



Picture 4-7

## 4.5. Cooling system



**Check every two months for leakages from hoses, tubes, connections and for damage on the radiator, intercooler and fan.**

The DAF diesel engine is water cooled. The radiator and intercooler are both beneath a folding cover on top the cabin.



Picture 4-8

### 4.5.1. Check coolant level



**Check the coolant level every week at normal working conditions.**



**Never remove the radiator cap when the engine is at working temperature.**

1. Cool down the engine when hot.
2. Remove the cover plate on top of the cabin by folding it.
3. Carefully remove the filler cap (1) from the coolant tank (2).
4. Check the coolant level through the filler hole.
5. When the coolant level is not seen, fill the tank with coolant. (See 4.5.2 Fill up coolant)
6. Close the filler hole with the filler cap.
7. Close the cover plate.



Picture 4-9

#### 4.5.2. Fill up coolant



**Do not add cold coolant to a hot engine. Is this by a particular circumstance inevitable, add the fluid slowly with a running engine.**



**Coolant is harmful for your health. Protect your eyes and skin.**

1. Put the heater knob on "warm".
2. Remove the cover plate on top of the cabin by folding it.
3. Carefully remove the filler cap (1) from the coolant tank (2). *(Picture 4-9)*
4. Fill up the coolant level to the filler neck.
5. Start the engine and slowly fill the coolant system with coolant.
6. Leave the engine running for some minutes.
7. Switch off the engine and check the coolant level. *(4.5.1 Check coolant level)*

#### 4.5.3. Change coolant



**Change coolant every two years at normal working conditions.**

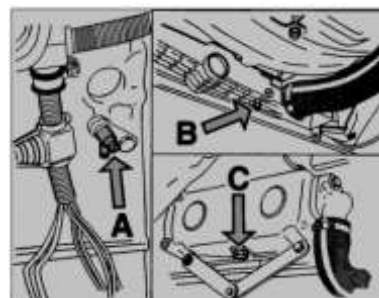


**Do not add cold coolant to a hot engine. Is this by a particular circumstance inevitable, add the fluid slowly with a running engine.**



**Coolant is harmful for your health. Protect your eyes and skin.**

1. When hot, cool down the engine.
2. Put the heater knob on "warm".
3. Remove the filler cap from the coolant tank.
4. Put a trough under the drain plugs.
5. Drain the coolant from the engine at point A. *(Picture 4-10)*
6. Drain the coolant from the radiator at point (B).





7. Reinstall all drain plugs.
8. Fill the cooling system with coolant. (4.5.2 Fill up coolant)

Picture 4-10

#### 4.5.4. Anti-freeze



**Check the anti-frost concentration every year before winter season.**

We advise to check the coolants anti-frost concentration before every winter season.  
Use 40% anti-frost on ethyleneglycol-basis.

#### 4.5.5. Radiator and intercooler



**Check the radiator and intercooler every year for filthiness.**



**Be careful concerning the electrical system when cleaning with water.  
Never use a high pressure cleaner for cleaning the radiator.**



**Wear safety glasses during cleaning the radiator.**

Remove the cover plate on the right hand side and on top of the engine cowlings to clean the radiator.

- Cleaning the radiator with air pressure

Using air pressure for cleaning the radiator is the easiest way. Aim the air pressure nozzle always parallel to the radiator's cooling segments to prevent damage.

- Cleaning the radiator with cold or warm water

Use for preference a cold cleanser. Let this soak for approx. 10 minutes and wash it away with a dense water beam parallel to the radiator's cooling segments to prevent damage.

## 4.6. Air inlet system

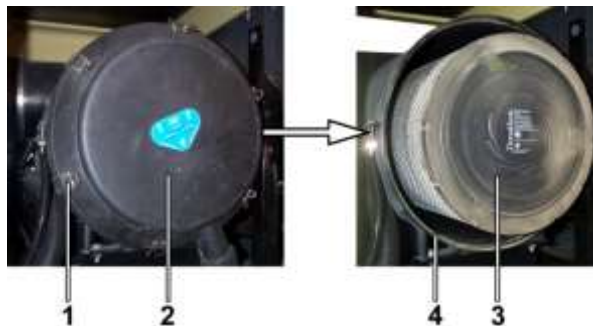


Check the air inlet system every two months for leakages and damage.

### 4.6.1. Cleaning the air filter



Clean the air filter every week at normal working conditions. When the air filter cartridge and sealing ring is damaged, renew the cartridge.



Picture 4-11

1. Make sure the engine is not running.
2. Remove the right hand side cover plate from the engine compartment.
3. Detach the clips (1) from the air filter and remove the filter cover (2). (Picture 4-11)
4. Remove the air filter cartridge (3) from the air filter housing (4).
5. Check for filthiness inside the filter housing and filter cover. Clean if necessary.

6. Use air pressure (Max. 5 bar) to clean the air filter from the inside.



Picture 4-12

7. Reinstall the filter cartridge after coating the sealing ring with oil. (Use Vaseline)
8. Attach the filter cover with the clips.
9. Reinstall the cover plate.

#### 4.6.2. Air cleaner cartridge replacement



**Replace the air cleaner cartridge every year under normal operating conditions.**

1. Make sure the engine is not running.
2. Open the right side plate of the engine cowling.
3. Release the clips (1) at the side of the air cleaner lid (2) and remove the lid. *(Picture 4-11)*
4. Remove the filter cartridge (3) from the housing (4).
5. Check for filthiness inside the housing and clean if necessary.
6. Fit a new filter cartridge in the housing after having slightly oiled the seal ring with a non-aggressive oil or grease which will not harm the rubber (Vaseline).
7. Fasten the air cleaner lid with the clips.

#### 4.7. Fuel system



**Check hoses, pipes and couplings for leaks every two months.**



**Prevent open fire while working on the fuel system at all times. Smoking is strictly forbidden!**

##### 4.7.1. Replace fuel filter



**Replace the fuel filter during the annual maintenance or every 15.000 operating hours under normal operating conditions.**

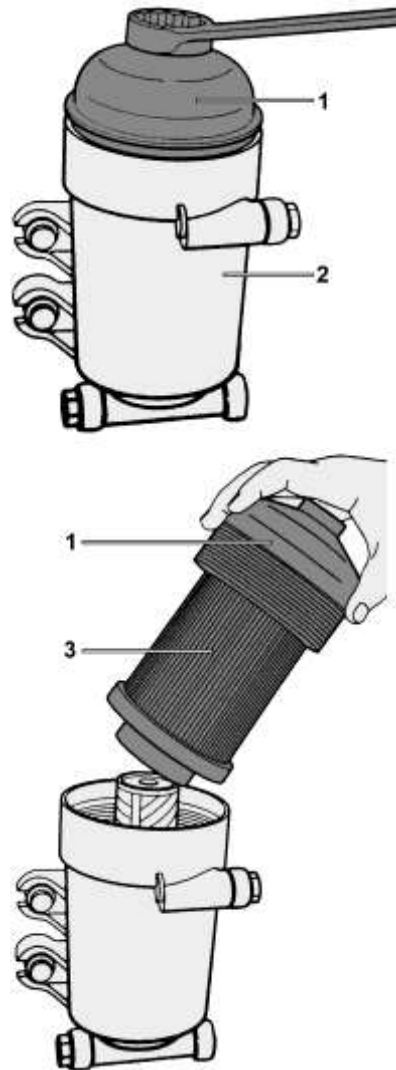
The fuel filter (A) is situated at the left of the diesel engine *(see Picture 4-13)*.

To get access to the filter the tower has to be in upright position.  
Subsequently the centre plate on the engine cowling must be removed.



*Picture 4-13*

1. Make sure the engine is not running.
2. Unscrew the cap (1) from the filter housing (2) and take the cap together with the filter element (3) from the filter housing (see *Picture 4-14*).
3. Remove the filter element from the cap.
4. Check the sealing rubber in the cap and renew if necessary.
5. Place a new filter element in the cap.
6. Install the cap together with the filter element on the filter housing.
7. Do not screw on the cap too tight.
8. Start the engine and check for possible leaks.
9. Reinstall the centre plate on the engine cowling.



Picture 4-14

#### 4.8. Fuel filter/water separator

The fuel filter/water separator can be found on the right side of the truck behind axle 2. (See *Picture 4-15*)  
This filter is the fuel system pre-filter.



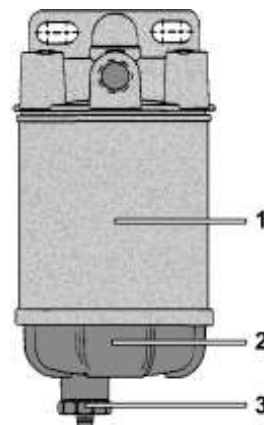
Picture 4-15

##### 4.8.1. Drain the water separator



**Drain the water separator every week.**

1. Put the tower in upright position.
2. Loosen the drain plug (3) at the bottom of the water separator some turns and let the water run off (*Picture 4-16*)
3. Close the drain plug as soon as diesel fuel comes out.



Picture 4-16

#### 4.8.2. Fuel filter/water separator replacement



**Replace the filter in the water separator during the annual maintenance under normal operating conditions.**

1. Put the tower in vertical position and switch off the engine.
2. Place a trough under the filter.
3. Loosen the drain plug (3) at the bottom of the water separator some turns and drain all the fuel from the filter (see Picture 4-16)
4. Loosen the filter element (1) together with bottom (2) by turning it to the left.
5. Remove the bottom from the old filter and clean the O-ring with a clean, non-fluffy cloth.
6. Grease the bottom sealing rubber and the new filter element with engine oil.
7. Screw the bottom on the new filter element and fill it with clean diesel oil.
8. Reinstall the element manually.
9. De-aerate the fuel system.

#### 4.9. V-belts

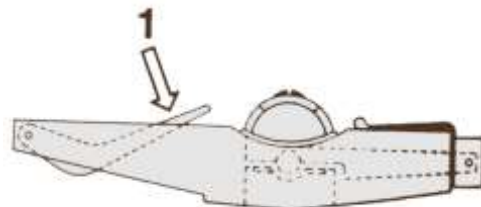
##### 4.9.1. V-belts inspection



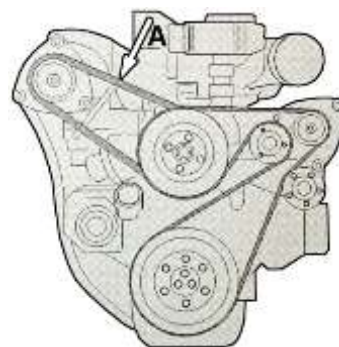
**Check the V-belts during the annual maintenance or every 15.000 operating hours under normal operating conditions.**

Check the V-belt tension with special tools (DAF No. 1240443).

1. Set the gauge on zero by pressing the gauge arm (1). (Picture 4-17)
2. Place the V-belt extensometer in the centre of the V-belt (A) between the pulleys (Picture 4-18).
3. Slowly press the V-belt with the extensometer until the extensometer produces a click-sound.
4. Carefully remove the extensometer. Make sure the gauge arm does not move.
5. Read the value indicated by the gauge arm position compared to the scale. Compare this value with the recommended pre-load (see Table 4-1).



Picture 4-17



Picture 4-18

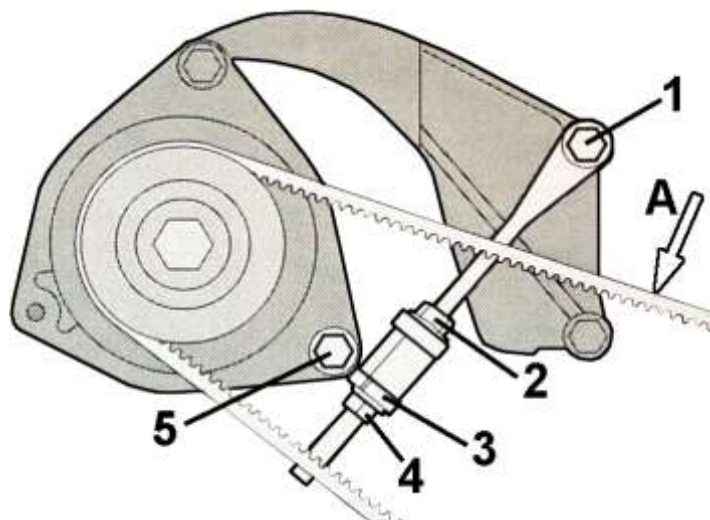
Table 4-1

V-belt tension "12,5mm" V-belts in Newton (N)				
	multiple V-belt		single V-belt	
	encased <sup>1</sup>	open flank <sup>2</sup>	encased <sup>1</sup>	open flank <sup>2</sup>
<b>New V-belt<sup>3</sup></b>				
Adjustment tension	900	1200	500	600
Check tension	>600	>800	>300	>400
<b>Worn in V-belt<sup>4</sup></b>				
Lowest tension	400	500	200	250
Correction tension	450	700	250	350

- (1) Encased V-belts can be recognized by the textile fabric present in the rubber, at the inside as well as at the V-belt flanks. Construction: without teething.
- (2) V-belts with open flank can be recognized by the flanks and inside, at which opposite to the belt's top side, there is no textile fabric in the rubber (ground belt flank). Construction: with or without teething.
- (3) After mounting a new V-belt the pre-tension must be adjusted to the adjustment tension. After the test drive the pre-tension must at least equal the check tension. If necessary, adjust to the check tension.
- (4) If the worn-in V-belt is below the "lowest tension" it must be adjusted to the adjustment tension.

#### 4.9.2. V-belt adjustment

1. Loosen the locknut (2) on the spindle.  
(See Picture 4-1)
2. Loosen the fixing bolt (1) of the spindle to the generator bracket.
3. Loosen the lower fixing bolt (5) of the generator.
4. Loosen the locknut (3) on the threaded bush.
5. Move the generator by means of the threaded bush until the correct V-belt tension is reached. (See Table 4-1)
6. Tighten the lower fixing bolt on the generator.
7. Tighten the locknut (3) on the treaded bush.
8. Tighten the fixing bolt (5) on the generator and subsequently fixing bolt (1) and locknut (2).



Picture 4-19

#### 4.9.3. Gear belt check

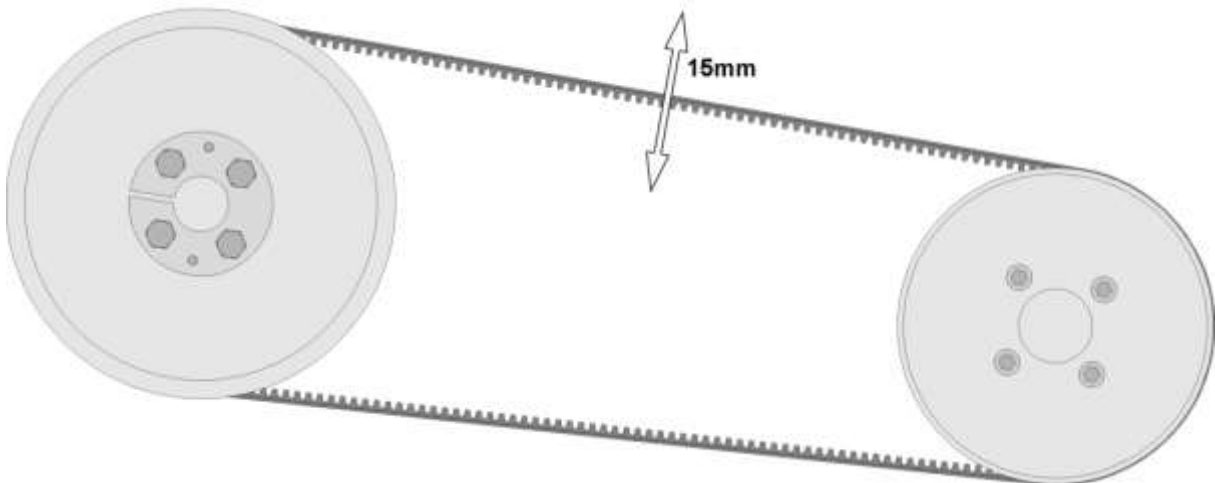


**Check the gear belt during the annual maintenance or every 15.000 operating hours under normal operating conditions.**

The hydraulic steering pump of steering circuit 1 is mounted on the right hand side on the PE engine. This pump is driven by means of a gear belt.

The transmission of the gear belt will not take place by friction like the V-belt. Therefore the gear belt should not be tensioned.

1. Be sure the engine is shut down.
2. Move the gear belt between the pulleys as shown in Picture 4-20 without force.
3. The deflection should be  $15^{+2}_0$  mm. **(No less than 15mm!)**
4. Adjust the gear belt if necessary.



Picture 4-20

#### 4.9.4. Gear belt adjustment

**Warning!**

Never tighten gear belts during adjustment. The pump can be damaged this way.

1. Loosen the locknut on the spindle (4, Picture 4-21).
2. Re-adjust the hydraulic pump (2) with the pulley (3) using the adjustment nut on the spindle.
3. Adjust the gear belt as described in 4.9.3 Gear belt check.
4. Tighten the locknut on the spindle.



Picture 4-21

#### 4.10. Exhaust system



Check the muffler, exhaust pipe and flange couplings for leaks every two months. Check also for dirt piling up near the exhaust system due to fire-risk.

**Caution!**

The exhaust system is hot when the engine has been running for some time.

#### 4.11. Valve clearance check and adjustment

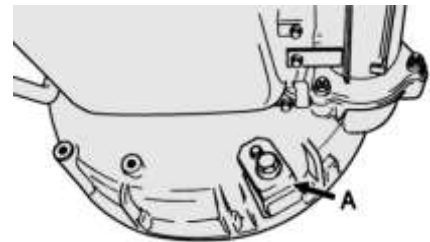


Check the valve clearance and adjust if necessary during the annual maintenance.



When opening the engine or parts of the engine dirt can enter the system, which could cause serious damage to the engine. Clean the engine before opening it.

1. Clean the valve housing cover surroundings.
2. Remove the fixing bolts on the differential.
3. Remove the valve housing cover with gasket.
4. Remove the cover plate from the flywheel housing and put the special tool (DAF No. 1310477) on the flywheel recess.
5. Using special tool (A) turn the crank shaft to the right (seen from the distributor side) until the valve of cylinder 1 start to tumble. The pistons of cylinder 1 and 6 are now in the upper dead centre (see Picture 4-22).  
*Tumble: the moment at which the inlet valve starts to open and the outlet valve finishes closing*



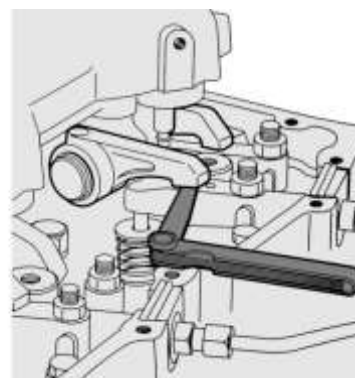
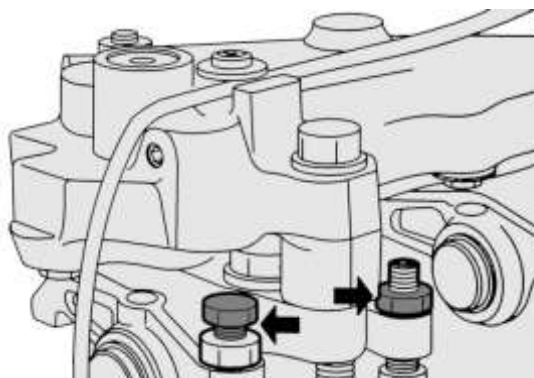
Picture 4-22

6. Check and adjust the valve clearance of the 6th cylinder. Adjust the correct valve clearance by unscrewing the locknut and turn the adjustment bolt in the correct direction. (Picture 4-23)

##### Valve Clearance

Inlet	0,45mm
outlet	0,45mm

7. By repeatedly turning the crank shaft  $\frac{1}{3}$ -turn with the special tool, the valves can be adjusted in injection order 1-5-3-6-2-4

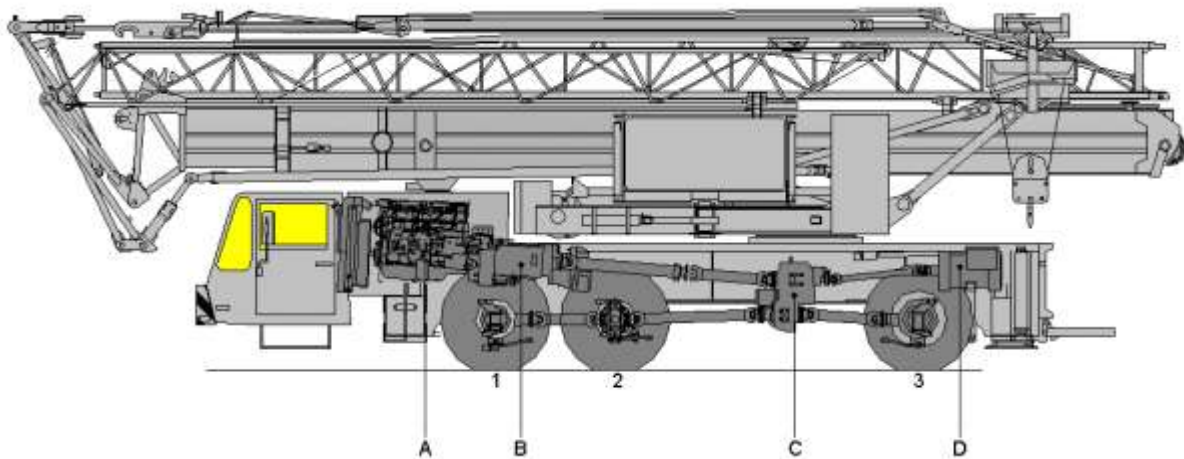


Picture 4-23

8. Clean the sealing surface of the valve housing and valve cover.
9. Install the valve housing with a new gasket.
10. Tighten the valve cover fixing bolts with a torque of 25Nm.

## 5. Drive line

Picture 5-1 shows the drive line of the AT3 truck.



Picture 5-1

- A. Diesel engine
- B. Clutch and gearbox
- C. High/low transfer case
- D. Generator (Not present when a superstructure diesel engine is mounted.)

### 5.1. Gearbox

The ZF 16S-151 gearbox, installed in the AT3, has 16 gears forward and two gears reverse

The gearbox shifts automatically (by means of air pressure) between the low and high range

The dry disc clutch (F&S) between gearbox and engine is single. The operation is hydraulic and air powered. On the gearbox, a hydraulic pump is installed, which is shift on continuously, and is intended for the suspension and outrigger system.

To prevent gearing down to the lower range at too high speed, an extra valve is mounted on the gearbox.



Picture 5-2



### 5.1.1. Maintenance gear box



Check the gearbox every two months for external leakages and filth on the breather.



Make sure no water penetrates through the breather by using a high pressure cleaner. This could cause serious damage to the gear box.

### 5.1.2. Check oil level of the gear box

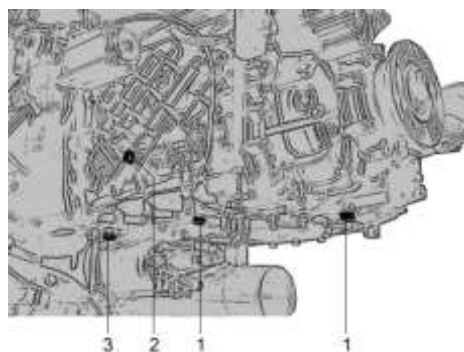


Check the oil level of the gear box every two months at normal working conditions.



To prevent measuring faults: Do not check the oil level when the gear box is hot. The oil temperature must be below 40°C (104F).

1. Make sure the truck stands on a horizontally flat base.
2. Unscrew the plug from the filler hole (2). (Picture 5-3)
3. The oil level should be at the rim of the filler hole. If not, fill it up through the filler hole. (2)
4. Reinstall the plug.



Picture 5-3

### 5.1.3. Gear box oil change



Change the gear box oil every year during the yearly maintenance service at normal working conditions.



**Caution!**

The gear box and oil are hot after driving the truck for a while.

1. Make sure the truck stands on a horizontally flat base.
2. Put a trough under the drain plugs.
3. Unscrew the magnetic drain plugs (1 and 3). *(Picture 5-3)*
4. Clean the magnetic drain plugs and renew the seals.
5. Reinstall the drain plugs after draining the oil.
6. Fill the gear box with approx. 7.3 liter oil through the filler hole (1) till the oil level reaches the rim.

## 5.2. Transfer case

The transfer case is a STEYR type VG1600/396. This transfer case divides the power at the inlet (1, by means of a cardan shaft connected to the driven shaft of the gear box) over 3 or 4 outlets. *(Picture 5-4)*

Outlet (2) drives axle 1 and 2.

Outlet (3) drives axle 3.

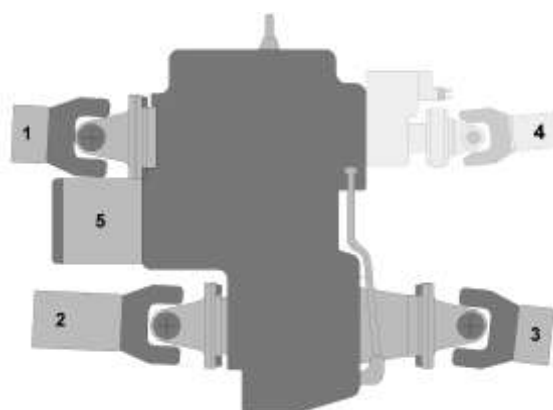
Outlet (4) drives the generator when present.

The transfer case has two transmission ratios:

High: 1 : 0,89

Low: 1 : 1,536

A hydraulic pump is driven by outlet axle (A). This emergency pump is used when the engine fails and the vehicle is still moving.



Picture 5-4

### 5.2.1. Maintenance transfer case



Check the transfer case every two months for leakages and filth on the breather.



Make sure no water penetrates through the breather by using a high pressure cleaner. This could cause serious damage to the transfer case.

### 5.2.2. Check oil level transfer case

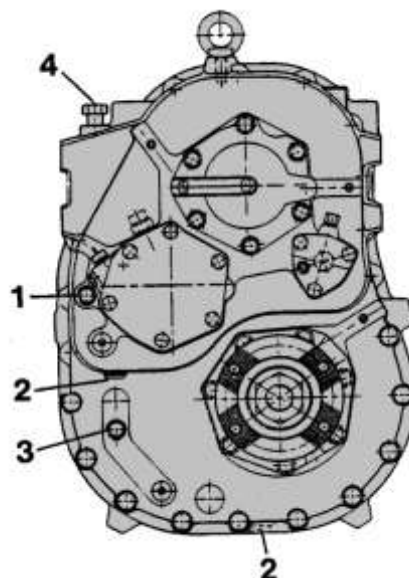


Check the oil level of the transfer case every two months at normal working conditions.



To prevent measuring faults: Do not check the oil level when the transfer case is hot. The oil temperature must be below 40°C (104F).

1. Make sure the truck stands on a horizontally flat base.
2. Unscrew the plug from the filler hole (3). (Picture 5-5)
3. The oil level should be at the rim of the filler hole. If not, fill it up through the filler hole (3).
4. Reinstall the plug.



Picture 5-5

### 5.2.3. Transfer case oil change



Change the oil of the transfer case every year during the yearly maintenance service at normal working conditions.

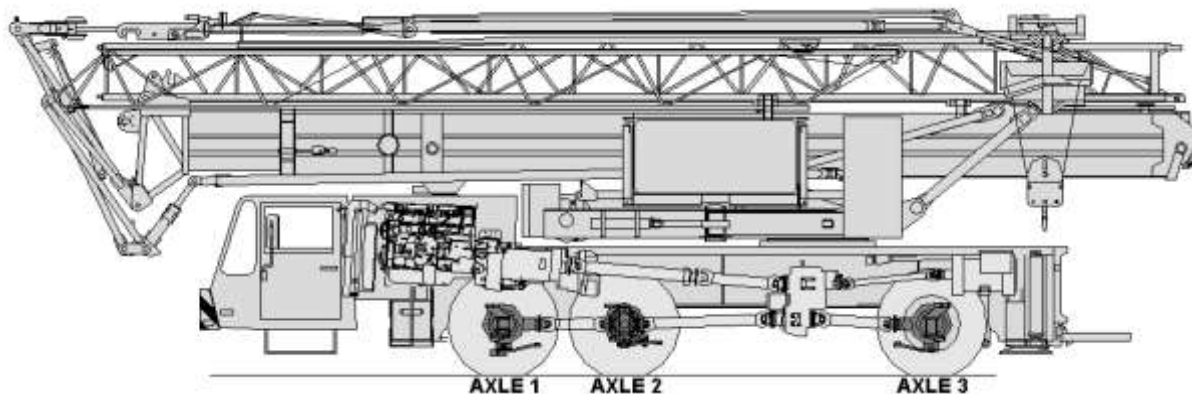


**Caution!**

The transfer case and oil are hot after driving the truck for a while.

1. Make sure the truck stands on a horizontally flat base.
2. Put a trough under the drain plugs.
3. Unscrew the drain plugs (2). (Picture 5-5)
4. Clean the drain plugs and renew the seals.
5. Reinstall the plugs after draining the oil.
6. Remove the plugs from the filler holes (1 and 3).
7. Fill the transfer case with approx. 7.5 liter oil through the filler holes till the oil level reaches their rims.
8. Reinstall the plugs of the filler holes with renewed seals.

### 5.3. Axles



Picture 5-6

All axles are Ginfax axles.

Axle number	Steered		Driven	Differential	Reduction
Axle 1	Yes	Yes	Mechanic	Single	6,57
Axle 2	Yes	Yes	Mechanic	Lead-through	6,57
Axle 3	Yes	Yes	Mechanic	Single	6,57

### 5.3.1. Maintenance axles



Check the hubs and differentials of axle 1, 2 and 3 every two months for leakages and filth on the breathers.



Make sure no water penetrates through the breathers by using a high pressure cleaner. This could cause serious damage to the hubs and differentials.

### 5.3.2. Check oil level differentials

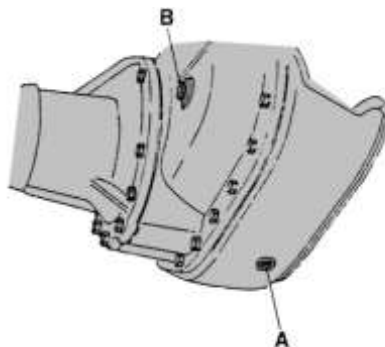


Check the oil level of the differentials every two months at normal working conditions.



To prevent measuring faults: Do not check the oil level when the differentials are hot. The oil temperature must be below 40°C (104F).

1. Make sure the truck stands on a horizontally flat base.
2. Unscrew plug (B) from the filler hole of the differential. (Picture 5-7)
3. The oil level should be at the rim of the filler hole. If not, fill it up through the filler hole (B).
4. Reinstall the plug.



Picture 5-7

### 5.3.3. Differential oil change



Change the oil in the differentials every year during the yearly maintenance service at normal working conditions.



**Caution!**

The differentials and oil are hot after driving the truck for a while.

1. Make sure the truck stands on a horizontally flat base.
2. Put a trough under the drain plug.
3. Unscrew the drain plug (A) and drain the oil. (Picture 5-7)
4. Clean the drain plug and replace the sealing ring.
5. Reinstall the drain plug and unscrew plug (B).
6. Fill up with approximately 15 litre oil through the filler hole. The oil level should be at the rim of the filler hole

### 5.3.4. Check oil level hubs

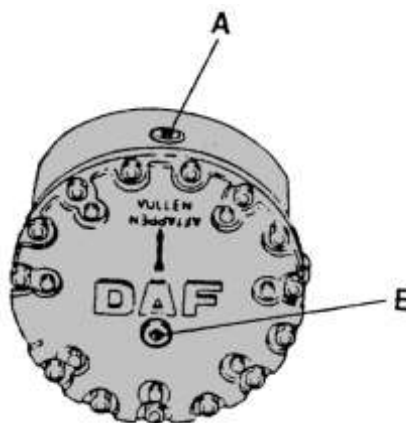


Check the oil level of the hubs every two months at normal working conditions.



To prevent measuring faults: Do not check the oil level when the hubs are hot. The oil temperature must be below 40°C (104F).

1. Make sure the truck stands on a horizontally flat base.
2. Make sure that drain plug (A) is at his highest point. (See Picture 5-8)
3. Remove plug (B) from the filler hole.
4. The oil level should be at the rim of the filler hole. If not, fill it up through the filler hole (B).
5. Reinstall the plug.
6. Repeat this for all six hubs.



Picture 5-8



### 5.3.5. Hubs oil change



**Change the oil of the hubs every year during the yearly maintenance service at normal working conditions.**



**Caution!**

**The hubs and oil are hot after driving the truck for a while.**

1. Make sure the truck stands on a horizontally flat base.
2. Make sure that drain plug (A) is at his lowest point. *(Picture 5-8)*
3. Put a trough under the drain plug.
4. Unscrew the drain plug (A).
5. Clean the plug and renew the seal.
6. Reinstall the drain plug after draining the oil and turn the hub until the drain plug (A) is at his highest point
7. Unscrew plug (B).
8. Refill the hubs till the rim through filler hole (B) with approximately 1,1 liter oil.

## 5.4. Tires

### 5.4.1. Maintenance tires



**Check the tires rims every week at normal working conditions.**

To ensure safety, all tires and rims must be checked regularly for wear and damages. This has to be done on the outside as well on the inside of the wheels. To get better access, turn the wheels entirely to the left or right using the steering wheel.

### 5.4.2. Tire pressure



**Check the tire pressure every two months at normal working conditions.**

Check all tires for a tire pressure of **9 bar**.  
Correct this if necessary

## 5.5. Check the brake lining thickness



**Check the brake lining thickness every year during the yearly maintenance service at normal working conditions.**

To check the brake lining thickness, remove the synthetic sealing caps at the rear of the brake drums (*see Picture 5-9*).

Now you can check if the brake lining is still sufficient.

If in doubt make use of the wear ridge to check.

- Proceed by first supporting the crane on outriggers and removing the wheels.
- Subsequently unscrew the 3 fixing bolts on the brake drums.
- Then the brake drum is pushed from the hub by means of screwing 3 bolts M12x50 in the respective bores.
- Now check in view of the wear ridge how far the brake lining is worn and replace it if necessary. The brake lining must be replaced at a thickness of approx. 8 mm



*Picture 5-9*

### 5.5.1. Brakes

We advise to test the brakes every year on a brake tester.

## 5.6. Clutch



**Check the clutch every year during the yearly maintenance service at normal working conditions.**

### 5.6.1. Checking the clutch

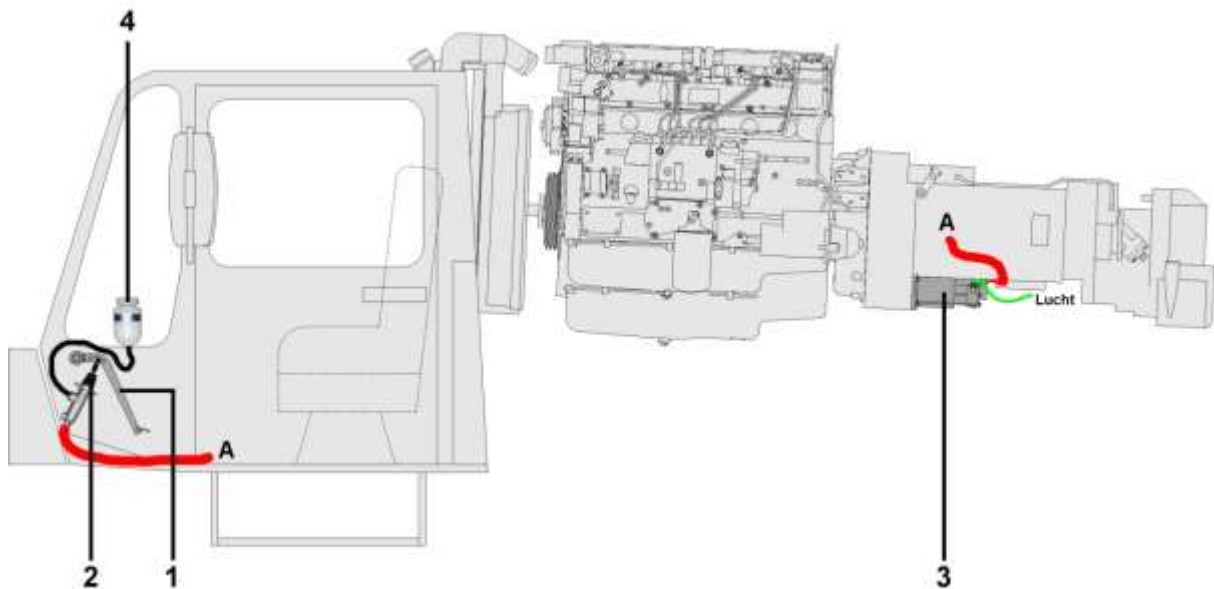
1. Press the clutch pedal a few times completely in.
2. It is necessary to vent the clutch when the clutch feels "spongy".
3. Feels the clutch "hard", driving gives no problems.

### 5.6.2. Venting the clutch



#### Caution!

During venting the clutch fluid level must stay above the minimum level.



Picture 5-10

1. Be sure the engine is turned off.
2. Vent the 10 litre accessories tank.
3. Person 1: Press the clutch pedal for 2/3. (Picture 5-10, 1 and 2)
4. Person 2: Vent the clutch by opening the vent nipple. (The vent nipple is located on the cylinder beneath the clutch housing.) (See Picture 5-10, 3 and Picture 5-11, B)



Picture 5-11

5. When the clutch feels "hard" close the vent nipple.
6. Fill up the clutch fluid tank with clutch fluid.



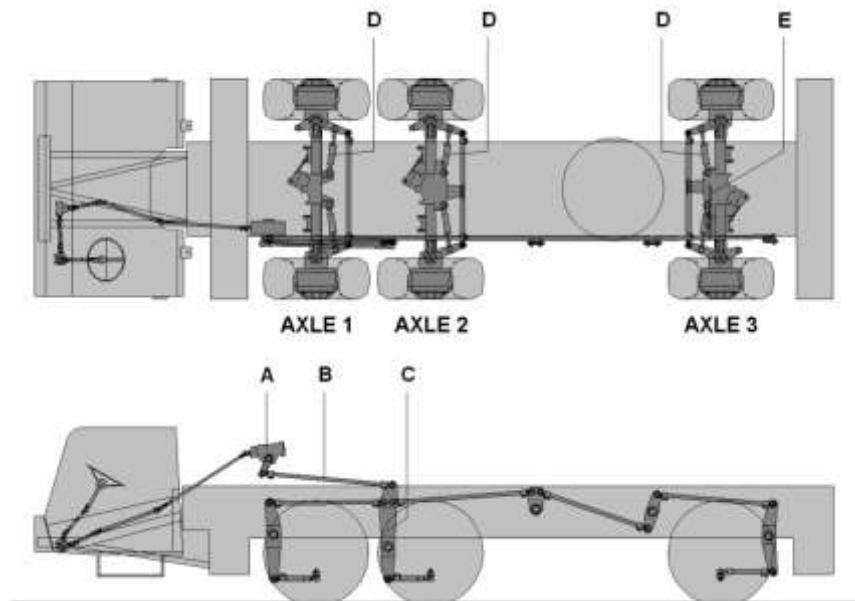
### 5.6.3. Clutch fluid change



**Change the clutch fluid every two years at normal working conditions.**

1. Be sure the engine is turned off.
2. Vent the 10 litre accessories tank.
3. Place a drainage hose onto the vent nipple (*B*, *Picture 5-11*) of the cylinder (3). (Beneath the clutch housing)
4. Open the nipple by turning it half a stroke.
5. Pump all the fluid out of the system by means of the clutch pedal (*1 en 2*) until no fluid comes out of the vent nipple.
6. Fill up the reservoir (4) with new clutch fluid and pump it in the system by means of the clutch pedal.
7. Keep pumping and filling until clean clutch fluid appears at the vent nipple.
8. Close the vent nipple and remove the drainage hose.
9. Fill up the reservoir if necessary. The fluid level in the reservoir should always be above the minimum mark.

## 6. Steering system



Picture 6-1

- A) Steering housing
- B) Steering rods
- C) Steering arms
- D) Hydraulic auxiliary cylinders
- E) Emergency cylinder

The AT3 steering system steers all three axles, whereas axles 1 and 2 are steered in opposite direction, to create a smaller turning circle.

Picture 6-1 shows how the steering is constructed.

The turning motion of the steering wheel is mechanically converted to the motion of the steering rods. These in turn operate the steering arms (B), whereas the 3<sup>rd</sup> axle steers opposite compared to the first and second axle. This provides a small turning circle

When the main steering pump falls out by means of a malfunction, the emergency steering pump takes over. The crane remains steerable as long as it is in motion, but must be stopped immediately for repair. You can see which steering circuit has a malfunction on the dashboard. Lamp 1A for circuit 1 and lamp 2A for circuit 2.



## 6.1. Check the steering system



**Check the play of the steering arms, ball joints, steering housing (bolts) and steering rods every two months.**

1. The crane must be fully folded.
2. Person 1: Wiggle the steering wheel to the left and right.
3. Person 2: Check the play of the steering arms, ball joints, steering housing (bolts) and steering rods.
4. Repair if necessary.

## 6.2. Align the steering system



**To prevent excessive tire wear, align the steering system every year during the maintenance service.**

All play in the steering system must be checked before aligning it.

Please contact Spierings Kranen for instructions.



## 7. Electrical system

The on-board voltage is 24 volt. It is supplied by two 12 volt/165Ah batteries, series connected. They are charges by a 24V alternator with a maximum charging current of 35A.

With the battery switch next to the battery box, the truck's electrical circuit can be cut off. It must be done in case of welding jobs and when the crane is parked for a longer period of time.

On the co-drivers side in the dashboard, a print with fuses and relays is situated. Even so are some electrical components situated under the middle console.

In the enclosures you will find all electrical diagrams

### 7.1. Lighting



**Check the lighting of the truck every day before driving off and during the yearly maintenance service.**

Replace a lamp as soon as possible when the lamp is dead or when the lamp shines to bright. Do this to guarantee optimal safety.

### 7.2. Dashboard lighting



**Check the dashboard lighting every day before driving off and during the yearly maintenance service.**

Check the dashboard lighting for broken indicator lamps. Replace as soon as possible to prevent serious damage of the vehicle.

## 7.3. Batteries

### 7.3.1. Check the batteries



**Check the batteries of the truck every two months.**



**Caution!**

**Battery acid is harmful for human and environment. Be very careful with it!**

The batteries must be checked on the following points:

- Is the fluid level still acceptable (Fill it up with distilled water when necessary)
- Is there no cable wear
- Are the battery clamps still attached on the right way
- Are the batteries still attached on the right way
- Do the batteries need to be recharged

### 7.3.2. Recharging the batteries



**Caution!**

**Never recharge the batteries of the truck by means of the superstructure engine batteries. The superstructure engine batteries could discharge also. Especially during winter time.**

You need a charging device and a charging cable (2-pole NATO connector) for recharging the batteries. If you use a quick-charger, all battery cables must be disconnected in order to prevent damage to electronic components.

1. Be sure the engine is not running. (Remove the ignition key from the ignition slot)
2. Remove the left engine compartment cover.
3. Connect a NATO-cable on the truck and the charger. (Behind the left engine compartment, under the hydraulic tank)
4. Switch on the charger device.
5. First switch off the charger device after charging the batteries.
6. Remove the cable.
7. Start the engine and leave it for several minutes.
8. Replace the engine compartment cover



### **7.3.3. Replacing batteries**

We advise to replace the batteries when the engine will start difficulty. (The batteries must be fully recharged.)  
Use new batteries with the same brand and dimensions.

1. Be sure the engine is not running. (Remove the ignition key from the ignition slot)
2. Remove the left engine compartment cover.
3. Unscrew the wing nuts from the battery box and remove the hood.
4. First remove the battery clamp at the “-” poles.
5. Next those on the “+” poles.
6. Remove the battery-holder.
7. Remove the old batteries and place the new ones.
8. Reinstall the battery-holder.
9. First connect the battery clamp at the “+” poles. Next those on the “-” poles. (Be sure to tighten them well)
10. Use Vaseline to grease the poles.
11. Start the engine and leave it for several minutes.
12. Replace the engine compartment cover.

## 8. Hydraulic system

### 8.1. Check oil level hydraulic tank



Check the oil level of the hydraulic tank every two months at normal working conditions.



To prevent measuring faults: Do not check the oil level when the oil is hot. The oil temperature must be below 40°C (104F).

1. Make sure the truck stands on a horizontally flat base.
2. Put the tower in its upright position.
3. Remove the right hand side engine compartment cover. (Picture 8-1)
4. Check the gauge (3) of the oil tank (1). The oil level must be at approx. 80% of the gauge.
5. If necessary fill up the tank with hydraulic oil through the filler hole (2).
6. Always use hydraulic oil of the same brand and type. (Consult Spierings Cranes in case of doubt)



Picture 8-1

### 8.2. Hydraulic oil change



Change the hydraulic oil every 5 years after analysis.

First analyze an oil sample before changing the oil. When oil change is necessary all hydraulic cylinders (including the suspension cylinders) must be retracted.

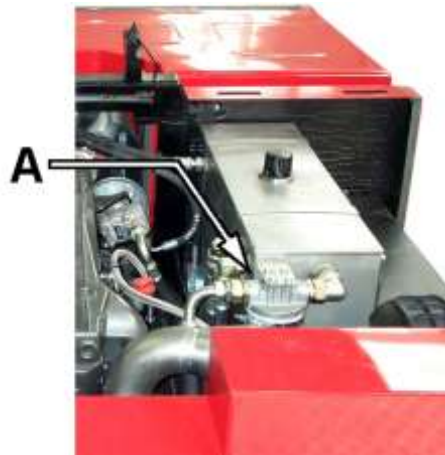
1. Unscrew the filling cap (2) from the oil tank (1). (Picture 8-1)
2. Put a trough under the drain plugs underneath the hydraulic oil tank.
3. Remove the drain plugs and drain the oil from the tank.
4. Reinstall the drain plugs with a renewed seal.
5. Fill the hydraulic tank with 100 liter oil through the filler hole, till it is 80% full. (Check the gauges (3))

### 8.3. Hydraulic return filter change



**Change the hydraulic return filter every year during the yearly maintenance service at normal working conditions.**

#### 8.3.1. Hydraulic return filter



Picture 8-2

The return filter can be found under the right engine cowling behind the air filter as indicated in Picture 8-2.

1. Use a filter wrench to remove the return filter.
2. Coat the sealing ring with oil.
3. Place the new filters onto the filter holder manually. Do not use a wrench.
4. Switch on the engine for a few minutes.
5. Check the oil level by looking at the gauge and fill up when necessary.
6. Check for leakages.
7. Reinstall the right engine cowling.

### 8.4. Check the suspension's accumulators



**Check the suspension's accumulators every year during the yearly maintenance service at normal working conditions.**

The suspension system of the AT3 has six accumulators. All are mounted on the hydraulic suspension cylinders of every axle. You need a special tool of HYDAC to check the accumulators. The pressure must be 110 bar.



### 8.5. Hoses and connections hydraulic system



**Check all the components of the hydraulic system for leakages and damages every two months.**

All hoses, connections, hydraulic blocks, filters, cylinders and oil tank must be checked regularly for damages and leakages. Replace the part as soon as possible to prevent serious damage.



## 9. Pneumatic system

The pneumatic system consists of a primary system and a secondary system.

- The primary system is for the brakes of the truck (approx. 9,8 bar)
- The secondary system is for the accessories (approx. 7 bar)

A compressor mounted on the engine delivers the air pressure.

Further is the system secured by a four-circuit safety valve. If one circuit has a leakage, this valve sees to it that the remaining circuits keep air pressure.

### 9.1. Primary system: brake system

Relay valves are the foundation of the braking system. Control lines from the brake pedal valve and parking brake valve operates the relay valves. When operated, the valves activate the brake boosters by means of the feeder lines.

The braking system consists of three air vessels:

- Vessel 1 (40 litre)  
Activates the (working)brake boosters of axle 1.
- Vessel 2 (40 litre)  
Activates the (working)brake boosters of axle 2 and 3.
- Vessel 3 (40 litre)  
Activates the park brake boosters of axle 2 and 3.

The parking brake activates by venting the boosters.

### 9.2. Secondary system: accessories and gearbox

A secondary system is present to control all pneumatic components of the drive system.

This system needs its own 10 liter vessel. To extend life of the valves a pressure reducer with water separator and air lubricator is mounted.

The pressure reducer is adjusted for 9.8 bar.

The secondary system consists of two air vessels.

- Vessel 3 (10 litre)  
Controls all secondary components (accessories).
- Vessel 4 (5 litre)  
An emergency vessel for the clutch. When the air pressure in the secondary system fails, changing gears is still possible a few times.



Components activated by the secondary system:

- Gear box: - Controlling various functions gear box
- Engine brake: - Shut off the exhaust valve  
- Switch off/on fuel pump
- Transfer case: - Switch off/on high/low gearing  
- Switch off/on longitudinal differential lock  
- Switch off/on PTO
- Axles: - Switch off/on transverse differential lock axle 1 and 3.

### 9.3. Air dryer

To extend life of all components and guarantee there operation, the pneumatic system consist of an air dryer.

#### 9.3.1. Air dryer filter change



**Change the air dryer filter every two years at normal working conditions.**

The air dryer is mounted on the right hand side beside the hydraulic oil tank behind the air inlet of the engine  
(Picture 9-1)

- Be sure the tower is in its vertical position and the engine is not running.
- Remove the necessary cover plates of the motor compartment.
- Remove the air dryer filter (A) by means of a filter wrench.
- Coat the sealing ring of the new filter with oil.
- Place the new filters onto the filter holder manually. Do not use a wrench.
- Switch on the engine for a while and check for leakages.
- Reinstall the cover plates.



Picture 9-1

## 9.4. Air vessels



**Check the air vessels every week for the presence of condensate water.**

Check the air vessels for condensate water by pulling or pushing the drainage valve mounted underneath the vessels. When there is regularly condensate water found, change the air dryer filter. (See 9.3.1 Air dryer filter change)



Picture 9-2

## 9.5. Air lubricator/water separator



**Check the level of the air lubricator and drain the water separator every two months at normal working conditions.**

You can find the air lubricator/water separator between axle 1 and 2 in the middle of the truck.

The air lubricator/ water separator is shown in Picture 9-3 and consist of the following components:

1. Pressure reducing valve
2. Water separator
3. Water separator drain valve
4. Control screw air lubricator
5. air lubricator



Picture 9-3



### 9.5.1. Refill air lubricator

1. Make sure the diesel engine is not running.
2. Unscrew the bowl (5) and top up with oil.
3. Reinstall the bowl with oil.
4. Eventually adjust the amount of lubrication by means of the control crew (4)

### 9.5.2. Water separator

If necessary, drain water from the water separator using the valve (3). Do this by turning the valve into its neutral position and press. The neutral position is the semi-automatic position;

- When there is air pressure, the valve is closed
- When there is no air pressure, the separator drains automatically.

Turning the knob clockwise, the valve will be closed.

The air pressure in the secondary system can be adjusted by means of knob (1).

## 9.6. Check brake pressure



**Check the brake pressures of all axles every year during the yearly maintenance service.**

An inspected pressure gauge must be attached to the brake boosters in order to measure its pressure. Turn on the engine and activate the brake pedal valve.

- Pressure brake boosters of axle 1: 8.7 – 9.8 bar
- Pressure brake boosters of axle 2 and 3: 7.8 bar

If necessary adjust the pressures by means of the pressure reducing valves mounted in the feeder lines.

Also check the pressure of the system. Attach a pressure gauge to one of the 40 liter vessels. The system pressure must be 9.8 bar. If not, adjust the pressure by means of the overpressure valve mounted on the air dryer.

## 9.7. Hoses and connections pneumatic system



**Check all components of the pneumatic system every two months for leakages and damages.**

All hoses, connections, pneumatic valve blocks, filters, cylinders and air vessels for leakages and damages. If necessary replace the component as soon as possible to prevent serious damage.

## 10. Lubrication

### 10.1. Central lubrication system (Option)



**Check all the lubrication points of the central lubrication system every 2 months. Also check the grease reservoir for sufficient grease.**

Joints, hinges and bearings must be lubricated regularly. A central (automatic) lubrication system is therefore used. Nevertheless all grease points must be checked for sufficient grease. If not, damage is the result.

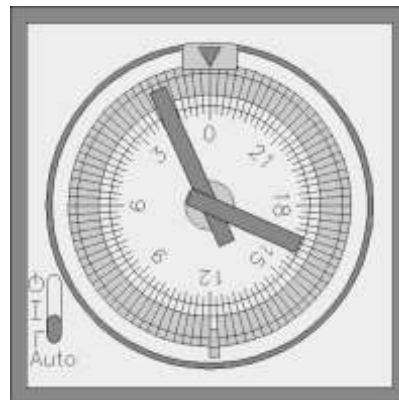
#### 10.1.1. Timer central lubrication system

The central lubrication system is controlled by a timer on which the grease time in relation to the operating time can be set. (Picture 10-1)

The timer must be set in such a way that 24 hours of operation are followed by 15 minutes greasing. To do this one clock slide must be extended.

When the timer is set to "Auto" or "A" the timer starts functioning. If extra greasing is needed, the grease pump can be operated by setting the timer to "I". The timer must be set to "Auto" after 15 minutes.

The central lubrication system timer is in the centre console at the co-driver's side.



Picture 10-1

#### 10.1.2. Grease reservoir central lubrication system

The grease pump with reservoir is mounted on the left hand side in front of the most front outrigger beam beneath the deck. (Picture 10-2)

For checking the grease level and topping it up the cover plate must be removed.

The grease level must be above "min." (1). If not, fill it by means of a grease gun through the respective grease nipple (2).

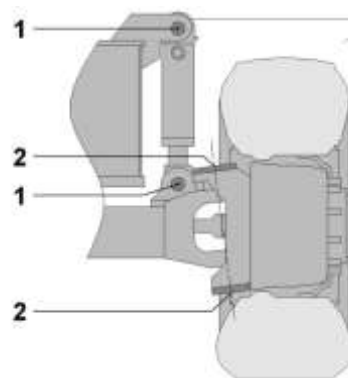
Use grease according the specifications in the chapter "Technical data".



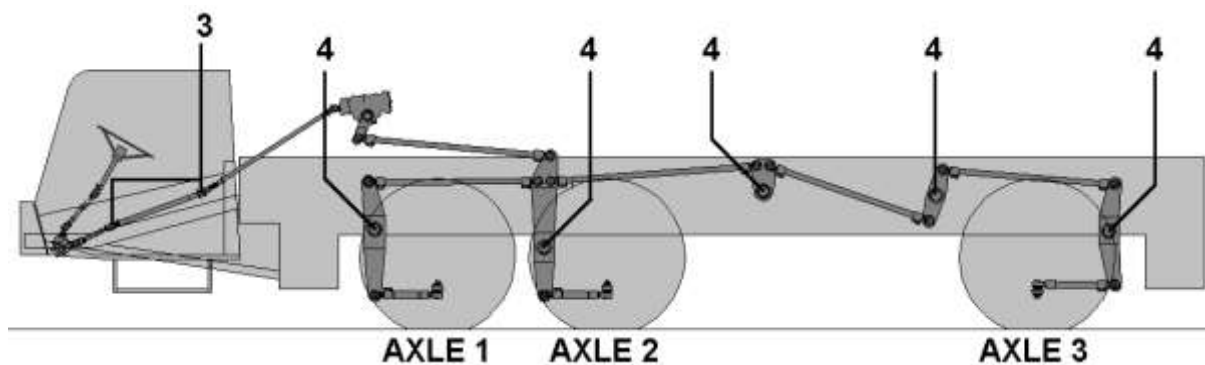
Picture 10-2

### 10.1.3. Greasing points central lubrication system

1. Pin joints suspension cylinders above and below. (Picture 10-4)
2. Hubs above and below



Picture 10-3



Picture 10-4

3. Support bearing steering rod
4. Pin joints steering arms

## 10.2. Manual lubrication



The grease interval for all manual greasing points is 2 monthly.



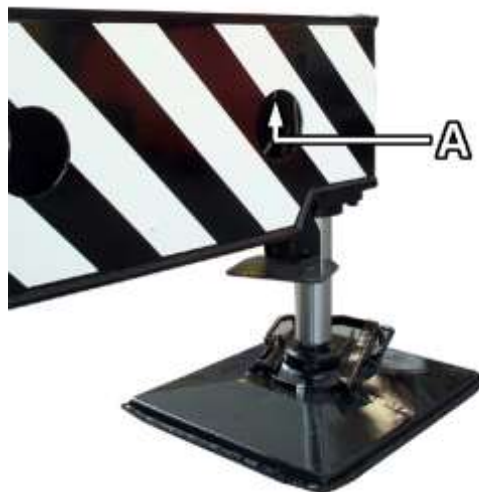
When not chosen for the central lubrication option, the lubrication points mentioned in chapter 10 should be manual lubricated too.

Use a grease gun with EP2 grease for manual lubrication.

### 10.2.1. Outrigger beam cylinders

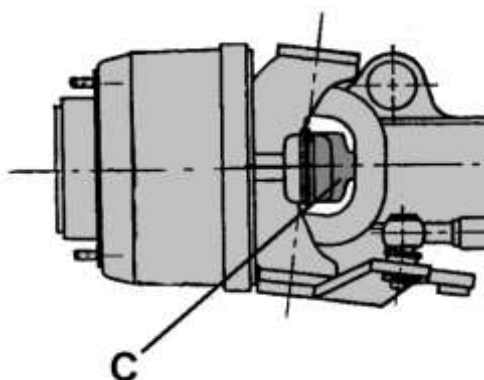
In Picture 10-5 is shown the position of the grease nipple of the cylinder inside the outrigger beam. (A)

Extend the outriggers to reach the grease nipples through the holes. (1 nipple per outrigger beam)



Picture 10-5

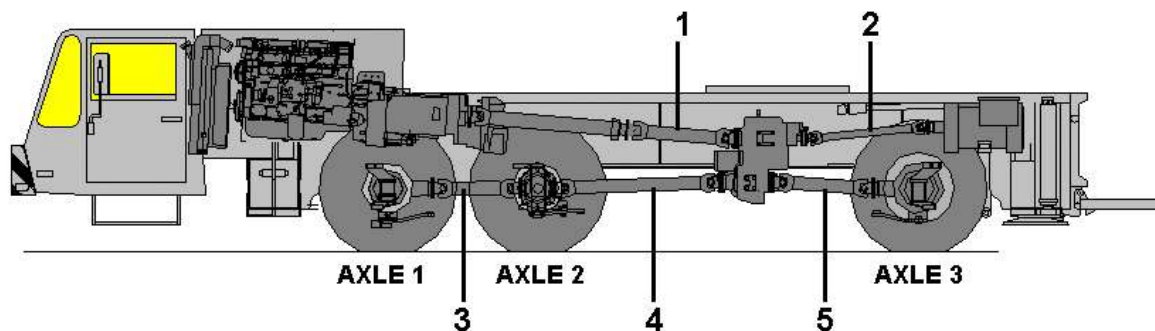
### 10.2.2. Driven axles



Picture 10-6

Grease all universal joints manually shown in Picture 10-6, C

### 10.2.3. Cardan shafts



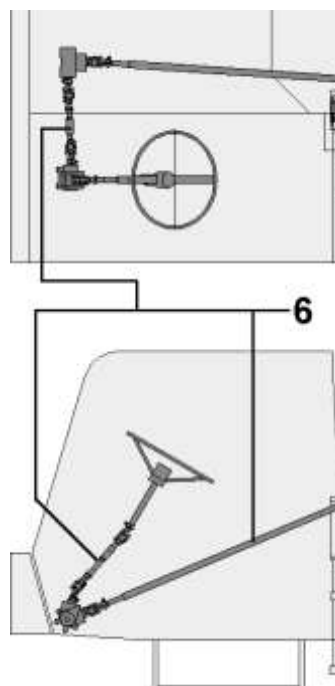
Picture 10-7

1. Cardan universal joints gear box
2. Cardan universal joints generator (optional)
3. Cardan universal joints axle 1
4. Cardan universal joints axle 2
5. Cardan universal joints axle 3

### 10.2.4. Steering system

The various steering rods ball joints are maintenance-free. Only the steering rod spline bushings must be manually lubricated. (Picture 10-8, 6)

Also check the play of all joints and connections of the steering system.



Picture 10-8



## 11. Various

### 11.1. Window washer fluid



Check the window washer fluid level every week.

### 11.2. Fire extinguisher



The fire extinguisher must be inspected every year by an acknowledged instance.



## 12. Technical data

<b>Diesel engine</b>		<b>Spierings nr.</b>
Engine oil	SAE 15W40 ACEA E4-98	
Oil filter	DAF nr. 1397764	SERV01150060
V-belt water pump-, fan- and alternator drive	DAF nr. 1398637 2380 Lb 2Z	
V-belt tension measuring tool single-belt	Krikit I (DAF nr. 1240442)	
V-belt tension measuring tool Twin-belt	Krikit II (DAF nr. 1240443)	
coolant	SAE-J-1034 of ASTM D 3306 (COOLELF PLUS 37C)	OLSM00100080
Air filter	DAF nr. 1363025	SERV03100160
Pre filter fuel	DAF nr. 1296851	SERV04300010
Fuel filter	DAF nr. 1397766	SERV01150080
Nozzle special tools	DAF nr. 1329309 en 0694928	
<b>Gear box</b>		
Oil gear box (At delivery)	SAE 15W40 ACEA E4-98	
Oil gear box (During maintenance by Spierings)	ELF: TRANSELF SYNTHESE FE 75W90	OLSM00100120
Clutch fluid	Remvloeistof DOT 4 ELF: Frelub 650	OLSM00300010
<b>Transfer case</b>		
Oil transfer case (At delivery)	SAE 80W90 API GL5/MIL-L-2105D (±6,5 liter)	
Oil transfer case (During maintenance by Spierings)	ELF: TRANSELF SYNTHESE FE 75W90	OLSM00100120
Seal oil drain plug	D.RING-A22x27-Cu DIN 07603	
<b>Axles/brakes/tires</b>		
Oil axles (At delivery)	SAE 80W90 API GL5/MIL-L-2105D	
Oil axles (During maintenance by Spierings)	ELF: TRANSELF SYNTHESE FE 75W90	OLSM00100120
Brake-shoes truck	Ferodo 3652 F	AAAS03000010R
Tires	445/75 R22.5	AACA01100020
Tire pressure	9 bar	
Rims	22,5" x 14"	AACA01100030
<b>Hydraulics</b>		
Oil hydraulics	ATF Dexron-IID, -IIE, -III of Mercon-M (±100 liter)	OLSM00100040
Oil return filter	ELF: Elfmatic G3 22051 CS-15AN	HYIN04100211
<b>Various</b>		
Grease (Manual lubrication)	EP2 (o.a. AVIA Mystiek JT-6)	OLSM01500030
Grease central lubrication system	EP2 (o.a. AVIA Mystiek JT-6)	
Oil air lubricator	ISO/UNI FD22 (bijv. Berulit 75)	OLSM00400010



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