



ACTERRA MAINTENANCE MANUAL

Models: MX

Foreword

Scheduled maintenance provides a key element for the safe operation of your vehicle. A proper maintenance program also helps to minimize downtime and to safeguard warranties. This maintenance manual provides information necessary for years of safe, reliable, and cost-efficient vehicle operation.

IMPORTANT: The maintenance operations in this manual are **not all-inclusive**. Also refer to other component and body manufacturers' instructions for specific inspection and maintenance instructions.

Perform the operations in this maintenance manual at scheduled intervals. Perform the pretrip and post-trip inspections, and daily/weekly/monthly maintenance, as outlined in the vehicle driver's manual. Major components, such as engines, transmissions, and rear axles, are covered in their own maintenance and operation manuals, that are provided with the vehicle. Perform any maintenance operations listed at the intervals scheduled in those manuals. Your Sterling Dealership has the qualified technicians and equipment to perform this maintenance for you. They can also set up a scheduled maintenance program tailored specifically to your needs. Optionally, they can assist you in learning how to perform these maintenance procedures.

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Environmental Concerns and Recommendations

Whenever you see instructions in this manual to discard materials, you should attempt to reclaim and recycle them. To preserve our environment, follow appropriate environmental rules and regulations when disposing of materials.

NOTICE: Parts Replacement Considerations

Do not replace suspension, axle, or steering parts (such as springs, wheels, hubs, and steering gears) with used parts. Used parts may have been subjected to collisions or improper use and have undetected structural damage.

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Frame and Fifth Wheel **31**

31-01 Frame Fastener Torque Checking

Because of "bedding in" (or seating), frame fasteners must be torqued at recommended intervals. When tightening fasteners, check the frame for cracks and other damage.

CAUTION: Continued vehicle operation with loose fasteners could result in bracket or frame damage.

Frame fasteners are used on front frame brackets, axle stops, equalizer stops, suspension brackets, fuel tank brackets, exhaust and air-intake brackets, engine trunnion supports, rear engine supports, frame crossmembers and gussets, fifth wheel mounting angles, and fifth wheel legs.

Refer to the frame section in the vehicle service manual for additional information on frame fasteners, and to the general information section in the vehicle service manual for fastener information and torque values.

31-02 Fifth Wheel Inspecting and Lubricating

WARNING: All fifth wheel maintenance, adjustment, and rebuilding must be done only by a qualified mechanic. Improper or incomplete procedures could result in a possible disengagement of the trailer from the tractor, which could result in personal injury or property damage.

Parts are under spring compression. Wear safety goggles during removal, installation, and rebuilding. Failure to do so can result in personal injury, due to parts ejecting with force.

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- 1 Disconnect the tractor from the trailer. For instructions, refer to the vehicle driver's manual.
- 2 Thoroughly steam-clean the fifth wheel.
- 3 Look for cracks in the fifth wheel assembly, mounting brackets, and mounting parts.

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- 1 Disconnect the tractor from the trailer. For instructions, refer to the vehicle driver's manual.
- 2 Thoroughly steam-clean the fifth wheel.
- 3 Check for loose nuts or broken bolts on the fifth wheel assembly.
- 4 Inspect for cracks or wear on the mounting bolts.
- 5 Check for improper locking action and for cracks or wear on the jaw locking mechanism.

4 Check moving parts for wear or damage

5 Test the safety lock latch for free operation

6 Check for loose nuts or bolts in the fifth wheel and in the mounting

7 Check all springs to see if they are securely fastened and not deformed

8 Check wedge adjustment

8 1 Open the kingpin lock and vertically insert a 2-inch diameter shaft

8 2 Release the lock by tripping the release latch at the bottom of the throat

8 3 Adjust the wedge stop at the end of the wedge to approximately 1/4-inch (6-mm) clearance

9 If you observe any problems when doing the above steps, correct them immediately. For instructions, refer to the fifth wheel section in the vehicle service manual

10 Oil all moving parts on the fifth wheel, and grease the top plate and the two zerkl fittings for the bracket bearing area

11 Replace cracked, worn, or damaged parts with new parts. Replace loose mounting bolts with 5/8-11 SAE grade 8 bolts, grade C locknuts, and hardened washers. Do not re-use bolts, nuts, and washers on fifth wheel mountings

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General Information

Federal Law, Part 205: Transportation Equipment Noise Emission Controls

Part 205, Transportation Equipment Noise Emission Controls, requires the vehicle manufacturer to furnish, with each new vehicle, such written instructions for the proper maintenance, use, and repair of the vehicle by the ultimate purchaser to provide reasonable assurance of the elimination or minimization of noise emission degradation throughout the life of the vehicle. In compliance with the law, the Noise Emission Control Systems maintenance located in each applicable group within this manual, in conjunction with the vehicle workshop manual, provides these instructions to owners.

Normal Vehicle Use

The maintenance instructions contained in this manual are based on average vehicle use and normal operating conditions. Unusual vehicle operating conditions may require service at more frequent intervals.

Recommendations for Replacement Parts

Replacement parts used for maintenance or for the repair of noise emission control systems should be genuine Sterling parts. If other than genuine Sterling parts are used for replacements or for the repair of components affecting noise emission control, the owner should be sure that such parts are warranted by their manufacturer to be equivalent to genuine Sterling parts in performance and durability.

Sterling Noise Emissions Warranty

See the vehicle owner's warranty information book for warranty information concerning noise emission control systems.

Tampering With the Noise Control System Is Prohibited

Federal law prohibits the following acts or the causing thereof: (1) the removal or rendering inoperative by any person other than for purposes of maintenance, repair, or replacement, of any device or element of design incorporated into any new vehicle for the purpose of noise control prior to its sale or delivery to the ultimate purchaser or while it is in use, or (2) the use of the vehicle after such device or element of design has been removed or rendered inoperative by any person. Among those acts presumed to constitute tampering are the acts listed below:

- A. Removal of engine noise-deadening panels.
- B. Removal of or rendering the engine speed governor inoperative so as to allow engine speed to exceed manufacturer's specifications.
- C. Removal of or rendering inoperative the fan clutch, including by-passing the control on any thermostatic fan drive to cause it to operate continuously.
- D. Removal of the fan shroud.
- E. Removal of or rendering inoperative exhaust system components, including exhaust pipe clamping.
- F. Removal of air intake system components.
- G. Removal of hood liners (noise-deadening panels).

Maintenance Instructions

Scheduled intervals are in the maintenance tables in Group 00 of this manual. A "Verification of Inspections Log" is contained in the following table, and should be filled in each time the noise emission controls on the vehicle are maintained or repaired.

Verification of Inspections Log: 00–02

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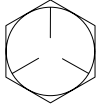
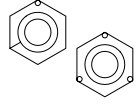
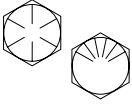
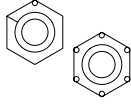
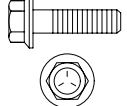
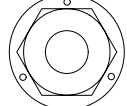
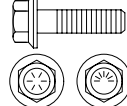
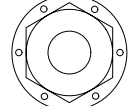
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Verification of Inspections Log — Group 20 — Engine Cooling/Radiator				
Date	Mileage	Repair Description	Cost	Repair Facility

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Date	Mileage	Repair Description	Cost	Repair Facility

Torque Specifications Tables: 00–03

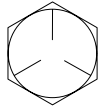
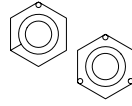
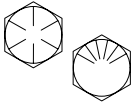
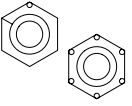
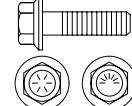
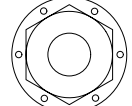
Torque Values for U.S. Customary Thread Fasteners With Lubricated* or Plated Threads†								
Thread Diameter–Pitch	Regular Hex				Flanged			
	Grade 5 Bolt	Grade 5 or B Nut	Grade 8 or 8.2 Bolt	Grade 8 or C Nut	Grade 5 Bolt	Grade B Nut	Grade 8 or 8.2 Bolt	Grade G Nut
	Torque: lbf-ft (N·m)		Torque: lbf-ft (N·m)		Torque: lbf-ft (N·m)		Torque: lbf-ft (N·m)	
	 f230002	 f230003	 f230004	 f230005	 f230006	 f230007	 f230008	 f230009
1/4–20	7 (9)		8 (11)		6 (8)		10 (14)	
1/4–28	8 (11)		9 (12)		7 (9)		12 (16)	
5/16–18	15 (20)		16 (22)		13 (18)		21 (28)	
5/16–24	16 (22)		17 (23)		14 (19)		23 (31)	
3/8–16	26 (35)		28 (38)		23 (31)		37 (50)	
3/8–24	30 (41)		32 (43)		25 (34)		42 (57)	
7/16–14	42 (57)		45 (61)		35 (47)		60 (81)	
7/16–20	47 (64)		50 (68)		40 (54)		66 (89)	
1/2–13	64 (87)		68 (92)		55 (75)		91 (123)	
1/2–20	72 (98)		77 (104)		65 (88)		102 (138)	
9/16–12	92 (125)		98 (133)		80 (108)		130 (176)	
9/16–18	103 (140)		110 (149)		90 (122)		146 (198)	
5/8–11	128 (173)		136 (184)		110 (149)		180 (244)	
5/8–18	145 (197)		154 (209)		130 (176)		204 (277)	
3/4–10	226 (306)		241 (327)		200 (271)		320 (434)	
3/4–16	253 (343)		269 (365)		220 (298)		357 (484)	
7/8–9	365 (495)		388 (526)		320 (434)		515 (698)	
7/8–14	402 (545)		427 (579)		350 (475)		568 (770)	
1–8	—		582 (789)		—		—	
1–12	—		637 (863)		—		—	
1–14	—		652 (884)		—		—	

* Sterling recommends that all plated and unplated fasteners be coated with oil before installation.

† Use these torque values if either the bolt or nut is lubricated or plated (zinc-phosphate conversion-coated, cadmium-plated, or waxed).

Table 1, Torque Values for U.S. Customary Thread Fasteners With Lubricated or Plated Threads

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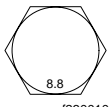
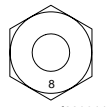
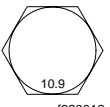
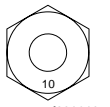
Torque Values for U.S. Customary Thread Fasteners With Dry (Unlubricated)* Plain (Unplated) Threads†						
Thread Diameter–Pitch	Regular Hex				Flanged	
	Grade 5 Bolt	Grade 5 or B Nut	Grade 8 or 8.2 Bolt	Grade 8 or C Nut	Grade 8 or 8.2 Bolt	Grade G Nut
	Torque: lbf-ft (N·m)		Torque: lbf-ft (N·m)		Torque: lbf-ft (N·m)	
	 f230002	 f230003	 f230004	 f230005	 f230008	 f230009
1/4–20	8 (11)		10 (14)		—	
1/4–28	9 (12)		12 (16)		—	
5/16–18	15 (20)		22 (30)		22 (30)	
5/16–24	17 (23)		25 (34)		—	
3/8–16	28 (38)		40 (54)		40 (54)	
3/8–24	31 (42)		45 (61)		—	
7/16–14	45 (61)		65 (88)		65 (88)	
7/16–20	50 (68)		70 (95)		—	
1/2–13	70 (95)		95 (129)		95 (129)	
1/2–20	75 (102)		110 (149)		—	
9/16–12	100 (136)		140 (190)		140 (190)	
9/16–18	110 (149)		155 (210)		—	
5/8–11	135 (183)		190 (258)		190 (258)	
5/8–18	155 (210)		215 (292)		—	
3/4–10	240 (325)		340 (461)		340 (461)	
3/4–16	270 (366)		380 (515)		—	
7/8–9	385 (522)		540 (732)		—	
7/8–14	425 (576)		600 (813)		—	
1–8	580 (786)		820 (1112)		—	
1–12	635 (861)		900 (1220)		—	
1–14	650 (881)		915 (1241)		—	

* Threads may have residual oil, but will be dry to the touch.

† Male and female threads (bolt and nut) must both be unlubricated and unplated; if either is plated or lubricated, use [Table 1](#). Sterling recommends that all plated and unplated fasteners be coated with oil before installation.

Table 2, Torque Values for U.S. Customary Thread Fasteners With Dry (Unlubricated) Plain (Unplated) Threads

Torque Specifications Tables: 00–03

Torque Values for Metric Thread Fasteners With Lubricated* or Plated Threads†				
Thread Diameter–Pitch	Class 8.8 Bolt	Class 8 Nut	Class 10.9 Bolt	Class 10 Nut
	Torque: lbf·ft (N·m)		Torque: lbf·ft (N·m)	
				
	f230010	f230011	f230012	f230013
M6	5 (7)		7 (9)	
M8	12 (16)		17 (23)	
M8 x 1	13 (18)		18 (24)	
M10	24 (33)		34 (46)	
M10 x 1.25	27 (37)		38 (52)	
M12	42 (57)		60 (81)	
M12 x 1.5	43 (58)		62 (84)	
M14	66 (89)		95 (129)	
M14 x 1.5	72 (98)		103 (140)	
M16	103 (140)		148 (201)	
M16 x 1.5	110 (149)		157 (213)	
M18	147 (199)		203 (275)	
M18 x 1.5	165 (224)		229 (310)	
M20	208 (282)		288 (390)	
M20 x 1.5	213 (313)		320 (434)	
M22	283 (384)		392 (531)	
M22 x 1.5	315 (427)		431 (584)	
M24	360 (488)		498 (675)	
M24 x 2	392 (531)		542 (735)	
M27	527 (715)		729 (988)	
M27 x 2	569 (771)		788 (1068)	
M30	715 (969)		990 (1342)	
M30 x 2	792 (1074)		1096 (1486)	

* Sterling recommends that all plated and unplated fasteners be coated with oil before installation.

† Use these torque values if either the bolt or nut is lubricated or plated (zinc-phosphate conversion-coated, cadmium-plated, or waxed).

Table 3, Torque Values for Metric Thread Fasteners With Lubricated or Plated Threads

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