

# **Manual for the UniMove Unit**

## **Models CM1000/1400/3000**

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## **Section A: Introduction**

Welcome to the rapidly growing list of satisfied UniMove users! The UniMove unit will allow your plant personnel to handle a wide variety of objects and products that have been manually lifted in the past. The use of this unit will drastically curtail or eliminate the potential for operator injury while retaining (or increasing) the productivity your operation demands.

The UniMove is not operated by vacuum in the traditional sense. Traditional high vacuum systems (90-95% vacuum) require a near perfectly smooth, non-porous attachment surface and any air flow into the seal area will result in an immediate release of the load. A high vacuum system is highly aggressive, can damage many surfaces and is very dangerous to an operator should accidental skin contact occur. Traditional high vacuum systems require a secondary materials handling device (electric hoist, air cylinder, manipulator arm etc.) to lift and transport your load. Moreover, the necessary utilization of compressed air to power these systems can result in high energy and operating costs.

The UniMove is a high air flow suction device and does not suffer (within it's rated capacity) from the limitations of traditional vacuum systems. The unit pulls up to approx. 210 CFM of air at 16-18" Hg vacuum (45-55% vacuum) at all times regardless of whether or not your load is porous or non-porous. This moving column of air grabs, supports, lifts and lowers your load and does it quickly, controllably and effortlessly. Transport from point A to point B is accomplished by mounting the unit on ergonomically designed, very light weight crane systems. The high air flow produced by this unit allows your load handling surfaces to be porous and still be gripped very securely but quite gently. Note: The handling of a living being is never recommended, however accidental contact is not dangerous. Since the air column is always moving through the UniMove unit, there is no lag time at either attachment or release points. The unit is self-contained and powered by a economical NEMA 184T frame 5 or 7.5HP three-phase TEFC electric motor.

The American-made UniMove is an extremely versatile, effective and cost efficient materials handling device that will protect plant personnel from injury and add to the profitability of your company. UniTech Industries, Inc. is the most experienced supplier of this type of materials handling equipment to the industrial market and we and our local dealers stand fully prepared to support and aid your company in it's application of these units.

## **Section B: Installation**

### **Unpacking:**

Carefully unpack the unit from its shipping container. Place the lift tube assembly in a protected space until you are ready to hang it from your crane trolley. **Do not** place anything on top of the lift tube assembly that could damage it!

### **Installation of Power Unit:**

Assemble the power unit according to the instruction sheet you will find inside of the enclosure. Keep this instruction sheet for future reference.

Mount and secure the power unit in a location that will not interfere with the operation of the crane system or any other plant equipment. Floor level installation is not recommended! When choosing a location keep in mind that the power unit must be connected to the in-line air filter with the length of the 2" blue suction hose cut from the hose provided with the unit. The suction hose can lose approx. 30% of its overall length when the UniMove is handling a load. Keep this in mind when determining the location of the filter housing, the maximum travel of the unit on the crane system and in determining the length of suction hose to cut to connect them.

**Caution:** Secure the hose ends to their attachment points with high-torque hose clamps. **Failure to follow these instructions could result in operator injury!**

The power unit can be remotely located from the system and hard-piped with 2" O.D. gray PVC vacuum tubing. The flexible hose is necessary only on the crane system! Consult your local dealer or UniTech on any remote installations.

**Never** mount the power unit on any moveable component (such as the bridge or jib boom) of the crane system!

Suggested mounting locations: A simple steel shelf connected to a column or wall at a height to allow for unrestricted aisle passage. Suspend a similar baseplate from overhead with suitable support rods if ceiling loading permits.

**Always** fasten or otherwise contain the power unit within its support to prevent any movement.

**Electrical Hook-up:** The power unit has a 3.0 HP, 208/230/460 volt, 3 ph, 60 Hz NEMA 145TC frame TEFC electric motor. "Take over point" (T.O.P.) is the electrical junction box on the motor. Use your choice of strain relief to pass through the wall of the junction box. We recommend the installation of a suitable motor starter/overload protection device and an ON/OFF push button control of the proper NEMA ratings for your facility.

**Caution:** It is critical that this unit be connected to an electrical service that will provide suitable and constant voltage and amperage! The UniMove is powered by a 3,450 RPM high speed motor and any drop in RPM's can affect the performance of the unit in gripping power and lifting capacity.

All local electrical codes and insurer's requirements must be adhered to.

**Note:** Proper rotation of the pump is required. Air must flow into the inlet port located at the upper left front of the power unit enclosure (side with "UniMove" logo) and be exhausted through the silencer at the upper left side of the power unit.

The exhaust air flow (including much of it's noise and heat) should be directed away from the power unit by means of open duct or hose having an equal or greater diameter than the silencer outlet. **Note:** Exhaust hose must be able to withstand 250°F or more on CM1000 units, 400°F on CM1400/3000 units.

Never block or otherwise obstruct the free flow of the exhaust air.

**Always** connect the complete air filter to the inlet port before testing or running the power unit!

#### **Installation of unit on crane system:**

Crane system must be installed and checked for level and free movement before the unit is installed. Power unit and filter should be located and installed.

**Caution:** If you feel the crane system dragging or binding at any point, correct the problem before installing the UniMove unit. Anything less than a totally free-moving crane system will seriously affect the overall operation of the whole system!

Attach the lift tube assembly to the crane trolley. A rigid attachment is preferable as it will transmit the movement of the unit to the crane system more effectively.

Move the unit through all areas of the crane system's possible movement and make sure that no part of the lift tube assembly can hit any obstruction. Stop damage before it occurs!

**Adjustment of lift tube length:** Due to low overhead clearance and other reasons you may wish to shorten the lift tube. The lift tube may be cut to any desired length quickly and easily (see Maintenance Section).

**Mounting air filter:** Mount the in-line air filter housing in a convenient location of your choice (nearby column, wall, etc.)

**Important!!** The standard filter (#3000) normally supplied with the unit has a filter element rated at 10 micron particle diameter protection. This will protect the pump from most dust found in industrial areas. If you have smaller particles in your environment contact your dealer or UNIMOVE.

Mount the filter housing so that the access cover to the filter element is facing down. This will allow any dirt in the housing body to fall out of the system when the filter element is changed.

**Failure to mount the filter body as noted above will void any warranty coverage on the pump.**

Utilize the 2" blue suction hose to festoon along the crane system and to connect the filter housing to the inlet located on the upper swivel assembly of the lift tube. Use the minimum number of festoon hanger points that will keep the suction hose out of your active workspace as every hanger adds a slight amount of friction to the unit's travel.

To connect the festooned loops of suction hose to the festooning hangers we suggest the following: Place a S/S hose clamp around the hose at the desired attachment point and tighten loosely. Slip a 7" or 8" long heavy nylon ty-rop between the hose and the clamp, then tighten the clamp firmly. Use the ty-rop to attach to the festoon trolley on the crane. This will allow the suction hose to coil and twist naturally while following a straight line of travel during operation. The tight grip of the hose clamp around the hose should prevent the hose from "snaking" thru the connection during use.

Keep in mind that one end of a crane bridge and runway will have to accommodate all of the retracted festooned suction hose (the same as a crane with a traditional electric hoist) and you will lose that area of your work space. The minimum number of festoon hangers will result in the least work area lost.

Note on Festooning: Festooning a coil of hose is somewhat different than festooning electrical cable. First, uncoil the suction hose and stretch it out on the floor in a straight line. When you pull the hose towards you as you festoon, the hose will be able to rotate and will allow you to easily control the size and shape of the festooning loops. We suggest that you let the hose follow its natural twist and form an upward pointing loop where you wish to attach the festooning trolley. Attach the trolley at the top of the loop. In this manner the hose, when fully retracted, will fall into a series of mating loops. By tightening and loosening individual hose clamps you can easily adjust the festoon loops so that they are all the same size and shape.

**Caution:** After the unit is under power and holding a load, move the lift tube and festooned suction hose throughout the entire coverage area of your crane system. Watch the movement of the festooned hose and be sure that the hose

cannot "kink" or pinch together. This can cause a major restriction of the air flow that will cause pump and/or motor damage and possibly affect the safe operation of the system!

Sections of suction hose can be simply joined together by using a short (4"-6") section of 2" O.D. automotive exhaust pipe as a splice and securing the hose ends over each end of the pipe with high torque clamps. Splice kits are available from UNIMOVE LLC.

Firmly attach the suction foot to the bottom of the control head on the lift tube with the two mounting screws provided. Be sure that the mounting gasket is properly positioned between the suction foot and the control head and that the mounting screws pass through the holes provided in the mounting gasket.

**Note:** Proper tightness of the mounting screws is when the gasket is firmly seated and compressed so that a slight bulge of gasket material can be seen around it's perimeter. **Do not over-tighten!!!**

**Note:** A mounting gasket must be used at every connection between the bottom of the control head and any attachment (including the mechanical adaptor) to insure an airtight seal.

We strongly recommend that you choose a "unit-off" position and provide either a shelf or hook to secure the lift tube when not under power. We have found that units left unattended and dangling from their crane systems when turned off are much more likely to be damaged by other plant equipment or personnel. The unit should be removed from this support before turning the power on.

**Caution:** CM1000/1400/3000 dual/triple tube units must have the control heads supported at all times while the units are turned off. The dead weight of these large units can cause the tube attachments to loosen when the units is not under power. This will not happen while the units are in use.

Check that a clean filter element is properly installed in the air filter housing **at all times** during the unit's operation. Always insure that the rubber seal under the air filter access cover is properly seated and that there are no air leaks.

**Caution:** Check all connections on the unit and crane system for proper tightness and seal.

Have your dealer inspect the installation before you "start up" the system. **This inspection is required for full warranty and liability coverage!**

**Caution:** Understand all of the procedures outlined in the "Operations" section of this manual before operating this equipment!

The UniMove unit is now ready for operation.

**Section C: Operation**

The operation of the UniMove unit is simple indeed and one of it's greatest assets.

**Caution: DO NOT attempt to operate this unit until you have read and understand all of the operational instructions and "Cautions" contained in this manual.**

The blue handrest is adjustable up and down, in and out by loosening the four (4) black knobs or locknuts on the handrest, choosing your desired position and re-tightening.

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**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*** Adjust the handrest on the control head, with your palm resting on the handrest, so that **only your fingertips** will naturally slide into the blue & yellow colored control handle. The fingertip opening in the control handle can be easily widened or narrowed by turning the two black knobs on the handle. Proper adjustment of the opening size will allow you to easily insert your **fingertips only** while retaining a "snug" fit front and back.

**DO NOT insert more than your fingertips thru the control handle!** You will not have enough front to rear stroke to properly operate the unit and it will feel very uncomfortable. Place your thumb on the curved thumbrest provided on the blue handrest. This will allow your hand to grip the control and will improve the overall comfort and control of the unit.

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The UniMove control head is designed to be used by both right- and left-handed operators.

Remove the UniMove unit from it's "unit-off" position and pull the control handle back to the "release" position.

Turn on the power.

## Controls

Lift/lower is controlled in either the loaded or unloaded mode of operation by the blue & yellow colored operating handle on the control head. Push the operating handle in (toward the lift tube)- the unit lifts, Pull the operating handle back (toward the operator)- the unit lowers.

Speed is controlled by how rapidly and how far in (lift) or out (lower) you move the control handle. The unit is capable of very slow or fast movement that is easily controlled by the operator.

Varying weights and surfaces will **automatically** set their own point in the stroke of travel of the control handle where the unit begins to lift or lower.

Note: The UniMove unit is designed to give you a comfortable and controllable stroke for lifting and lowering a load. If the control feels too "touchy" see the Troubleshooting section of this manual or contact your dealer.

Attachment of the load to be handled is accomplished by simply placing the suction foot on top of the load. The constantly moving air flow will cause the rubber seal(s) of the suction foot to grab the load surface. A good suction seal (grip) must be made before the unit can lift more than it's own weight.

A good seal (grip) on your load will happen instantly or not at all. You do not have to wait for vacuum to build up, it's always ready.

**Caution:** Always place the suction foot directly over the center point of even weight distribution for your load. A very unbalanced load can "peel" away from the seal and cause the load to drop. You will discover from operating this unit that it is simply easier to handle a balanced load than an unbalanced load.

**Caution:** Any suction or vacuum seal can be broken by peeling the seal away from the load.

**Caution:** Never touch, in any manner, the seal area while the unit is handling a load. Lifting the edge of the sealing gasket or otherwise breaking the seal will result in the instantaneous release of the load!

**Caution:** When handling long or wide loads (eg. sheets, pipe, long rolls, etc.) do not press down or pull up on the load with your free hand. The distance from your free hand to the edge of the suction seal becomes a lever and could cause the load to release. Control your load by pushing straight forwards or pulling straight back on the unit. Let the UniMove lift and lower your load!

Release of the load (standard units) is accomplished by placing your load in it's

desired resting place and taking all weight off of the unit. Then pull the control handle all the way back through it's maximum travel toward the operator and the load will release instantly. As you reach the end of the control handle's travel and as the load releases, lift one corner of the suction seal slightly to prevent re-attachment, move the control handle back to the operating position and power the unit away for your next load.

Optional remote release control is available on all units.

This release is suggested only when a hazardous, very delicate or valuable load is being handled. The remote release is only to be used in conjunction with a permanent lock-out of the standard release. The remote release requires the use of the operator's second hand in a very deliberate action to release the load. Accidental release with the standard control is very difficult; accidental release with the optional remote control is, as far as we know, impossible. The remote release control is located either on the left or right side of the control head or as a separate housing under the control head. The operator must reach to the release control, flip the safety cover up with their fingertips, place their thumb behind the release control lever, open the valve and release the load. As soon as the operator's fingers leave the release control lever the safety cover falls by gravity to securely lock the control closed. The remote release is designed in such a manner that the unit cannot lift more than it's own weight when the release control valve is open and the release control valve must be fully closed before the unit can attach or lift another load.

Automatic loaded/unloaded balance control is built into the UniMove's unique control valve system. The unit may be stopped at any point in it's vertical length of travel and will remain at this point until the operator moves the control handle to change the position. Note: Control handle tension adjustment (see below) set at it's higher levels (screwed in) can effect unloaded balance. A minute of experimentation by each operator will allow them to find a comfortable "blend" of these controls.

**Caution:** We strongly recommend that the operator allow an unloaded unit to balance at a height no higher that waist level. The control head of the unit, hanging at eye level, could result in injury to any unwary fellow employee!

**Caution:** Allowing the unit to remain attached to any surface for extended periods of time can cause premature pump and/or motor wear and possible damage. Never allow the unit to remain near full lift (loaded OR unloaded) for longer than one minute. This is equivalent to parking your car and "flooring" the accelerator pedal for long periods!

Unloaded speed control is located on the lower left side (operator facing the control handle) of the control head. This control allows each operator to set a comfortable unloaded rate of response in a matter of seconds. The small S/S knob controls pre-set unloaded unit speed. This control has no effect on the unit's loaded

performance. Turning the knob counterclockwise slows the rate at which the control head will move in response to movement of the control handle. Turning the knob clockwise will increase the speed of the control head. We suggest that you turn the knob counterclockwise until the unit becomes too slow, then begin to turn the knob clockwise until the response is where you want it.

Control handle tension control is the black knob located directly below the control handle. Adjustment of this knob will allow you to set a level of tension on the control handle and to allow the control handle to "spring" out of the full release position into the beginning of the operating stroke. Rotating the knob clockwise will increase the tension on the handle and rotating the knob counter-clockwise will reduce the tension. We suggest that this control should be screwed in until the base of the black knob is flush with the valve enclosure wall (optional controls available). This will allow the unit to balance at any point that the operator chooses. Always keep some tension on the control handle so that the response of the unit feels predictable and comfortable to you.

Once you have set these controls to your desired operational levels, no further adjustment will be necessary unless you wish to change the performance of the unit.

### **Operation**

Rotation of the unit is provided by the top swivel at the top of the lift tube assembly. The lift tube has continuous 360 degree manual ball bearing-mounted rotation.

**Caution:** A totally inexperienced operator should not attempt to handle a load with this unit immediately. Raise and lower the unloaded unit for a few seconds (or more) to get a "feel" for how the unit operates.

When attaching to a load for the first time use a **slow** movement of the operating handle to get a "feel" for the speed control of the unit while lifting and lowering, then set the load straight down, release, re-attach and repeat several times. Then attempt a transport of your load through it's cycle.

**Rated maximum capacities** of each unit are located to the right of the control handle on all units. Maximum capacities on solid or non-porous surfaces will remain constant unless there is a leak somewhere in the system. Maximum rated capacities on a porous surface may be affected by the changing porosity of packaging materials. Maximum rated capacities on any surface may also be affected by the use of optional attachments and/or adapters.

**Warning:** **Never attempt to handle any load that exceeds the maximum rated capacity of the unit!**

Transport of your load from point A to point B is accomplished by the lightweight crane system from which the UniMove unit is hung.

The operator should use both hands to move the unit through your workspace. You will find that it is much easier to operate with both hands on the unit. Handholds are provided on both sides of the control head for this purpose. The handholds are angled to follow the natural way that the human hand grabs a vertical object.

**Caution:** The UniMove unit, or any other hoist, is designed to be used only in the plumb and vertical position. Never try to handle a load that is outside of the work envelope of your crane system! Never attempt to attach to and lift any object with the yellow lift tube angled towards the object! This is absolutely prohibited and a dangerous action with ANY type of lifting equipment including traditional electric hoists!!

**Caution:** Never place any body part under, stand under or over or allow someone else to stand under or over a load being lifted or transported. This is simply a good safety practice with any lifting device!

In the event of a power outage the unit will trap the existing vacuum in the lift tube, however the unit will immediately begin a controllable decent to the ground. The unit will not drop the load. Moving the control handle forward into the lift position (a natural reaction) will allow you to "brake" the decent of the load and place it on the floor. Should you have fragile loads or critical surfaces, we strongly suggest covering your floor with suitable matting. End-users with dangerous, very fragile or valuable loads should consult with their local dealer and UniTech for additional safeguards.

Note: We strongly suggest that a new operator handle a non-critical load while a second person deliberately cuts off power to the unit. This will allow the operator to become used to the action of the unit should a power outage occur and will result in a safer operation. Since power outages generally occur infrequently, we also suggest that even experienced operators practice this procedure on a regular basis.

### **Safety**

The UniMove unit must be operated within the guidelines contained in this manual. All safety procedures required by OSHA, your insurer, company policy, federal, state and local agencies must be adhered to. Required protective clothing, devices and procedures for the handling of potentially dangerous loads must be utilized.

Do **NOT** attempt to operate the unit until you have read and understand all of the "Cautions" and "Warnings" contained in this manual.

Should you have any questions concerning the safe operation of this equipment, contact UNIMOVE LLC **before** you attempt to use the unit.

## **Operating Tips**

The adjustability of the handrest and control handle allows many different positions of the operator's hand. Experiment to find the position most comfortable and productive for you.

When operating the unit through its work cycle, relax and let the unit do the work for you. Never "muscle" the unit through the cycle. A smooth flowing motion will result in an almost effortless and fast work cycle for the operator.

When transporting the unit along the crane system, don't lift your load straight up, move to your release position and lower the load straight down. As you begin to lift your load also begin your side-to-side transfer. This will result in your moving in a smooth arc up, across and down. You will find that a great deal of the unit's energy used to lift and lower will be transferred to "power" your side-to-side travel. You will find that even in transfers over long distances the light weight crane systems will allow you to move with very little effort.

**Critical positioning:** The UniMove control will allow very precise positioning of any load. If you have a load that requires extremely precise positioning you will find that the unit, when balanced, has several inches of up and down "float". This built-in "float" allows you to let go of the controls and gently guide the weightless load for final perfect positioning with your free hand.

**Any** questions concerning the operation of this unit that are not answered to your full satisfaction by this manual should be directed to your local dealer or to the factory.

## **Section D: Maintenance & Parts List**

You will discover, as other end-users have, that the UniMove unit will require less maintenance and attention than almost any other piece of equipment in your plant.

**Note:** All of the following recommended maintenance intervals are based on a **single shift or two thousand (2,000) working hours per year**. Adjust the recommended intervals as determined by your actual usage of the unit.

**Warning:** Failure to follow a proper preventive maintenance program as scheduled and outlined below can result in shortened component life, loss of warranty and possible operator injury.

### **Daily Preventive Maintenance (Operator)**

\***Keep** unit as clean as possible in it's working environment.

\***Visually** check lift tube assembly, any suction foot hose, festooned hose and all connections for damage and potential leaks.

\***Insure** that the control handle, speed and tension controls, top swivel and any optional adapters are working smoothly and properly.

\***Always** check that rubber suction foot seals are properly seated on the metal suction foot body.

\***Report** any "sluggishness" or slow-down of the unit to your maintenance department immediately.

### **Weekly Preventative Maintenance**

\***Check** all connections on the unit and crane system to insure their tightness and that the system is sealed.

\***Inspect** rubber suction foot seals for flexibility and lack of tears or cracks.

\***Check** fit and tightness of the clamps attaching the suction hose to the top swivel, filter housing and the power unit.

\***Check** that the safety valve is operating properly by attaching a non-critical load to the unit and shutting the power off.

### **Monthly Preventative Maintenance**

\*Inspect rubber suction foot seals, lift tube body and suction hose for wear or degradation due to physical or chemical reactions to other materials used in your operation.

\*Check that the control handle tension spring is operational.

\*Check that the unloaded speed control is operating properly.

\*Inspect all fasteners on the unit for proper tightness.

**\*\*\*\*Clean air filter element. (Maximum interval)\*\*\*\***

### **Semi-annual Preventative Maintenance**

\*Check power unit for belt wear and tension.

\*Inspect and clean interior of power unit, if necessary.

### **Yearly Preventative Maintenance**

\*Remove control head assembly from lift tube and inspect operation of control valve system. Replace components if excessive wear is noted.

\*Clean interior of control head assembly, if necessary.

\*Remove power unit enclosure and generally inspect pump and motor for cleanliness and overall condition.

\*Check belt tension, electrical connections and all fasteners.

### **General Major Component Preventative Maintenance**

#### **Filter Element**

The filter element and housing should be cleaned at a maximum interval of **once every month**. The filter element (if kept dry) can be removed, blown out with compressed air and replaced a number of times. The actual number of times a single filter element can be re-used is greatly dependent upon the amount and type of dust present in the air around the unit.

**Important:** The standard UniMove filter system provides

protection against dust particles down to 10 micron diameter. If you have finer particles in your environment, contact UniTech or your local dealer.

We suggest that you keep one or more filter elements on hand so that a dirty filter can be removed and replaced with a clean filter. The dirty filter element can now be cleaned at your leisure and, if still functional, can be re-used at the next required filter cleaning. This will also result in the shortest possible "downtime" for performing this maintenance function. Filter element replacement should require no more than two to three minutes!

Assuming that your dust levels remain constant, you will be able to predict your cleaning interval (see below).

To establish your individual filter element cleaning cycle after initial start-up, begin by checking the filter element condition after the first day, then every two or three days, then every week and so on up to one month. Somewhere within this time span you will find your required filter element cleaning cycle when the element is dirty enough for replacement. Increases in dust levels around the unit may decrease filter cleaning interval.

**Note:** Always check that the filter access cover gasket is properly seated when replacing the access cover and that no air leakage is occurring.

**Caution:** Operation of this unit without a clean and properly operating air filter can cause the premature release of a load and/or damage to the power unit. Never neglect proper filter element replacement.

### **Power Unit**

Inspect power unit for obvious signs of developing problems (excessive noise, heat, vibration, etc.). **Note:** Pump is a sealed unit, contains no internal lubricants, and is not field serviceable. **Opening of the pump housing will void any remaining warranty.** Call UNIMOVE or your local dealer.

Maintain pump and motor according to the manufacturer's recommendations enclosed with the unit.

The pump manufacturer recommends that the pump should be disassembled every 20,000 hours, inspected and have the bearings re-lubed and packed by hand.

The drive belt can be adjusted for proper tension by means of a adjustment screw on the end of the motor baseplate. Loosen the four (4) motor mounting bolts, adjust drive belt to desired tension and re-tighten motor mounting bolts.

Should a pump or motor be replaced or following belt tension adjustment, use care in realigning the pulleys on the shafts.

Align the pulleys using their inside (towards pump & motor) surfaces. Both pulleys are mounted using taper-lok shaft bushings, pullers are not required for removal. Note: Should you remove the pump fan shroud to check pulley alignment, note the position and number of spacing washers on the fan shroud mounting screws. Replace screws and washers exactly as you found them! There is very little clearance between the pump fan blade and the fan shroud. Rotate the pump fan manually to check for free movement!

### **Lift Tube**

The lift tube carries no load during operation of the unit and should exhibit a long life as a result. However the tube body can be punctured by accident or intention. A hole or rip in the lift tube can be quickly repaired by patching over the opening with a good quality vinyl tape.

#### **Adjustment of lift tube length:**

1. Shortening or cutting the lift tube can be easily done in the field. A badly damaged top or bottom section of the lift tube can be removed (assuming there is enough remaining travel to suit your application) or shortened to fit the unit into a lower overhead. You will need a roll of duct tape, electrical tape, a sharp blade, a pair of wirecutters, a screwdriver and, if available, a small high-speed grinding tool (eg. Dremel Moto-tool or a die grinder) with a thin cut-off wheel, then:
2. Remove top swivel or control head from the lift tube by removing the rubber cover strip, loosening the clamp, and unwrapping the tape seal. Note the appearance of the lift tube and how it was fastened.
3. Cut the lift tube at desired point, snip the wire reinforcement and discard unused portion of the lift tube.
4. Remove several wraps of the wire reinforcement from the inside of the lift tube until you have a band of approx. 1" of unsupported lift tube. The wire is held inside a pocket on the lift tube wall. Cut through the wall material on top of the wire wrap using care not to puncture the outer wall of the lift tube. This operation is most easily done with a razor blade or a grinding tool with a thin cut-off wheel under a good light source. Note: Expose a short (2-3") section of the wire (see #7 below).
5. Re-insert the top swivel or control head into the lift tube until it contacts the remaining wire reinforcement. **Do not pull any portion of the tube containing non-exposed wire reinforcement over the body of any component!!** Check that the reinserted component is square and plumb in relation to the lift tube and is not installed at an angle. Note: Have a second person hold the lift tube vertically over the component.
6. Note the position of the unsupported (no wire) lift tube now around the component and wrap a full length of duct tape around the connection so that the tape has equal

(half and half) contact on the lift tube and the component being reinserted. Smooth the tape with your hands to insure a good seal. Put a second layer of black electrical tape over the duct tape and smooth it down.

7. Position the loose worm gear clamp(s) over the area of the unsupported lift tube and align over the taped portion of the tube. Note: Be sure you are clamping the unsupported portion of the lift tube to the component and not clamping just the tape to the component. Note: **Clamp the short exposed section of the wire under the worm gear clamp to prevent any possible movement of the wire.**

8. Tighten the clamp securely with a wrench and cover the clamp worm gear with a small piece of electrical tape and smooth. Re-position the rubber cover strip over the new connection and resume use of the unit.

### Control Head and Top Swivel

These components contain no lubricants and have very few moving parts. There are no specific preventative maintenance procedures for these components beyond visual inspection and replacement of worn components.

Note: **DO NOT** use any greases or oils in the control head or top swivel assemblies.

### Cosmetic Care

The power unit enclosure is resistant to most solvents and cleaners and may be cleaned quite easily. A plastic finish such as Armorall may be used to restore the blue color and give a good even appearance.

The stainless steel surfaces of the unit will retain a good appearance for many years with minimal care. Almost any solvent or cleaner may be used to remove heavy build-ups of oil or grease. Residue that the solvents leave behind, as well as fingerprints, usually can be removed by rubbing with a clean cloth soaked in denatured alcohol and wiping dry with another clean cloth. A glass cleaner, such as Windex, is also very effective.

### Troubleshooting

Unit is operating slowly or has trouble establishing a good seal on load- Check entire system for **leaks** and tightness of connections. A small smoke (ammonium chloride) generator (or a lit cigarette) is a very effective and efficient leak detector. **Check that the filter element is clean!** These two conditions are responsible for 95% of all operational complaints and are easily avoided. Check suction feet, inlet hosing, interior of control head, interior of top swivel and suction hosing for obstructions (wadded paper, cigarette butts, popcorn packing, etc.).

Check whether or not your load has been changed, eg. new style or grade of packaging.

Check that your electrical service is sufficient for the rating of the motor (brownouts, too many motors on one service, etc.).

Check that the black rubber mounting gasket is installed and properly tightened between the bottom of the control head and the suction foot and between any additional optional adapters, if present!!

Control lever does not operate smoothly- Check interior of control head for obstruction caught in control valve. Remove outer control valve housing and inspect control lever bearing points for free movement.

Lift/lower controls feel too sensitive- Your particular operation may require the use of an optional bleeder valve, mechanical adaptor or other option. Consult with your local dealer.

Lift/lower controls are not sensitive enough- See above.

Note: When handling extremely light loads a particular unit will feel more responsive than normal simply because it is too powerful! We do not recommend the use of the CM700 unit on loads lighter than 70 pounds, the use of the CM750 unit on loads of less than 100 pounds, the use of the CM1000/1400 on loads of less than 175 pounds or the use of the CM3000 unit on loads of less than 250 pounds. The occasional use of these on lighter loads is generally not a problem as long as the operator realizes that the "feel" of the unit will change and that their safety margins in the grip may, in some cases, be substantially reduced.

Drive belt breaks- While very rare, this will result if one of the drive pulleys moves out of alignment on its shaft or if the belt is not replaced due to normal wear over a long period. Re-align pulley and replace belt. Check belt tension.

Power unit does not operate- Electrical problem, pump or motor failure. Refer to manufacturer's instructions. Check your electrical service connections. If the pump does not rotate easily and quietly by hand, contact your dealer. Do **NOT** open a vacuum pump that is still covered by warranty, this will void any remaining warranty on the pump!

Note on "Brownouts": The UniMove is powered by a high-speed (3450 RPM) electrical motor. "Brownouts" or connection to an service with inadequate amperage will affect the performance of the unit as the motor will drop in RPM. If your operator complains that the unit lowers of its own accord without movement of the controls, check your electrical service. This can be difficult to isolate if another piece of equipment is coming on and offline on the same service and overdrawing

the available amperage. Note: Motor will run hot if it is trying to operate on less than required amp service. Normal skin temperature of the motor is approx. 135°F. Motor failure will result if this situation continues.

Pump runs "Hot": Check for obstructions that block air flow in the system. Check filter. Check to see that the festooned hose is not "kinking". **Check that operators are not leaving the unit in full or high lift positions for extended periods of time or allowing the unit to remain attached to a lifted load for extended periods of time.** Note: Normal skin temperature of the pump is about 170° to 180°F.

Any unusual operational or maintenance problem- Contact your local dealer at once for prompt service or consultation.

**UniMove Spare Parts List**  
**Models CM1000/1400/3000**

(Effective 04/20/2020)

<u>Part No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b><u>Power Unit</u></b>	
1104	Power Unit, Complete (CM1000)
1106	Power Unit, Complete (CM1400)
1107	Power Unit, Complete (CM3000)
1112	Drive Belt Set (CM1000/1400/3000)
1204	Motor Pulley, (CM1000)
1205	Motor Pulley, (CM1400/3000)
1205X	Motor Pulley, Special (CM750/1000/1400)
1275	Motor, 7.5 H.P. (Std.)
1276	Motor, 7.5 H.P. (575 volt)
1277	EX Motor, 7.5 H.P. (Std.)
1278	EX Motor, 7.5 H.P. (575 volt)
1280	Key, Motor Pulley
1290	Mtg. Bolts, Vacuum Pump, set (2)
1300	Vacuum Pump (CM1000)
1305	Vacuum Pump (CM1400/3000)
1315	Pump Pulley
1315X	Pump Pulley, Special
1316	Cooling Fan, Pump (CM1000)
1316A	Cooling Fan, Pump (CM1400/3000)
1317	Fan Shroud (CM1000)
1317A	Fan Shroud (CM1400/3000)
1318	Retaining Ring, Fan Shaft
1318A	Retaining Ring, Pump Pulley
1319	Key, Fan Shaft
1319A	Key, Pump Pulley
1320	Pump Exhaust Mtg. Flange (CM1000)
1322	Pump Exhaust Mounting Flange (CM1400/3000)
1325	Ex. Mtg. Flange Gasket (2) (CM1000)
1327	Ex. Mtg. Flange Gasket (2) (CM1400/3000)
1328	Locknut, Exhaust Silencer
1330	Exhaust Hose Connector (CM1000)
1332	Exhaust Hose Connector (CM1400/3000)
1335	Hose Connector Gasket (CM1000)
1337	Hose Connector Gasket (CM1400/3000)
1338	Mtg. Bolt, Exhaust Hose Connector, set (4)
1340	Intake Hose Connector (CM1000)
1342	Intake Hose Connector (CM1400/3000)

- 1345 Intake Hose Connector Gskt. (CM1000)
- 1347 Intake Hose Connector Gasket (CM1400/3000)
- 1380 Pump Silencer (Int/Exh) (CM1000)
- 1382 Pump Silencer (Int/Exh) (CM1400/3000)
- 1383 Mtg. Bolts, Pump Silencer, set (2)
- 1385 Silencer Gasket (CM1000)
- 1387 Silencer Gasket (CM1400/3000)
- 1400 Frame, Power Unit
- 1450 Divider, w/brackets (CM1000)
- 1450A Divider, w/brackets (CM1400/3000)
- 1451 Mtg. Screws, Divider, set (2)
- 1500 Enclosure, Power Unit (CM1000)
- 1501 Enclosure, Power Unit (CM1400/3000)
- 1525 Grommet, Power Cord
- 1531 Vent, Enclosure Int/Exhaust
- 1545 Grommet, Enclosure Int/Exh (CM1000)
- 1546 Grommet, Enclosure Intake/Exhaust (CM1400/3000)
- 1550 Enclosure Mounting Feet, set (6)
- 1551 Mtg. Bolts for Feet (long), set (4)
- 1552 Mtg. Bolts for Feet (short), set (2)
- 1600 Enclosure Clasps, set (6)
- 1601 Mtg. Screws, Enclosure Clasps, set (64)
- 1700 Enclosure Labels, set

**Suction Hose**

- 2000 Hose, 2" Blue Suction (25')
- 2001 Hose, 2" Blue Suction (50')
- 2102 Hose Clamps, 2"
- 2400 Hose, 2" Hi-temp Exh. (10')

**In-Line Filter**

- 3000 Standard HD S/S Filter System, Complete
- 3100 Filter system #3000 above with Compressed  
Air Access Option installed
- 3105 Filter Cover "O" Ring (Black Steel Filter)
- 3107 Filter Cover "O" Ring (S/S filter)
- 3109 Filter Cover "O" Ring (Cyclonic)
- 3110 Body, Filter Housing
- 3112 Cover, Filter Housing
- 3114 Intake Connector
- 3115 Intake Connector, Comp. Air Access Option
- 3116 Gasket, Intake Connector
- 3118 Plate, Intake Connector
- 3120 Locknuts, set (8)

3122 Cover, Filter Element Sealing  
 3124 Locknut  
 3126 Exhaust Connector  
 3128 Gasket, Exhaust Connector  
 3130 Plate, Exhaust Connector  
 3206 Filter Element  
 3406 Filter Element, Cyclonic

**Lift Tube Assembly**

4006 Top Swivel, Complete (CM1000/1400)  
 4007 Top Swivel, Complete (CM3000)  
 4010 Top Swivel Housing (CM500/550)  
 4015 Top Swivel Housing (CM700/750)  
 4016 Top Swivel Housing (CM1000/1400)  
 4017 Top Swivel Housing (CM3000)  
 4021 Inlet Hose Connector  
 4022 Inlet Hose Connector Plate  
 4023 Inlet Hose Connector Gasket  
 4024 Inlet Hose Connector Mtg. Bolts  
 4030 Top Swivel Bearing  
 4037 Bearing Assembly Retainer Screws, Set (4)  
 4045 Upper Bearing Seal  
 4055 Lower Bearing Seal  
 4060 Bearing Retainer  
 4070 Lock Collar  
 4087 Lock Collar Safety Bolt  
 4090 Safety Valve  
 4091 Safety Valve Conn. Bolt  
 4272 Tube Clamps, each  
 4273 Cover Strips, each  
 4275 Lift Tube, each  
 4290 Tube Assembly, Complete (CM1000)  
 4290A Tube Assembly, Compressed Air Access Option,  
 Complete (CM1000)  
 4291 Tube Assembly, Complete (CM1400)  
 4291A Tube Assembly, Compressed Air Access Option,  
 Complete (CM1400)  
 4292 Bottom Connector Assy. (CM1000/1400)  
 4294 Tube Assembly, Complete (CM3000)  
 4294A Tube Assembly, Compressed Air Access Option,  
 Complete (CM3000)  
 4296 Bottom Connector Assy. (CM3000)  
 4305 Control Head, Complete (CM1000)  
 4306 Control Head, Complete (CM1400)  
 4306A Control Head, Complete (CM3000)

4307	Control Head Mounting Gasket
4308	Control Head Mounting Bolts, set
4310	Control Housing Body, (CM500)
4312	Control Housing Body, (CM700)
4315	Control Housing Body, (CM750)
4316	Control Housing Body, (CM1000)
4317	Control Housing Body, (CM1400)
4318	Control Housing Body, (CM3000)
4320	Housing Grab Handle
4325	Handle Bushings, (4)
4327	Handle Mounting Screws/seals, (4)
4372	Valve Enclosure, (CM1000)
4373	Valve Enclosure, (CM1400)
4374	Valve Enclosure, (CM3000)
4377	Valve Enclosure Lower Mounting Screws, (4)
4387	Valve Enclosure Upper Mounting Screws, (2)
4390	Valve Enclosure Edging, (3)
4400	Adjustable Hand Rest
4410	Hand Rest Mounting Plates (2)
4419	Hand Rest Adjustment Nuts (4)
4420	Control Handle Frame
4430	Adjustable Finger Grip
4437	Control Handle Pivot Screw and Locknut
4438	Finger Grip Adjustment Knobs, (2)
4439	Finger Grip Tension Springs, (2)
4440	Valve Connecting Rod
4500	Control Valve Body (CM1000)
4501	Control Valve Body (CM1400/3000)
4503X	Control Valve Body, Special Design
4507	Control Valve Body Set Screw
4508	Control Valve Retaining Ring
4509	Control Valve O-ring
4510	Control Valve
4513	Wrist Pin
4520	Rocker Arm
4524	Rocker Arm Mounting Shaft
4527	Rocker Arm Connecting Screw and Locknut
4530	Bearing Blocks, (2)
4537	Bearing Block Mounting Screws and Locknuts (4)
4600	Tension Spring Retainer
4609	Tension Spring
4610	Tension Spring Retaining Plate

4620	Tension Spring Operating Rod
4628	Tension Spring Knob
4700	Unloaded Speed Control Valve Plate
4701	Unloaded Speed Control Lock Collar
4705	Unloaded Speed Control Nylon Bushing
4707	Unloaded Speed Control Adjustment Screw
4708	Unloaded Speed Control Adjustment Knob
4709	Unloaded Speed Control Valve Spring (2)
4800	Valve Plate Mounting Stud Assembly (2)
4980	Capacity Label, (Specify Model)
4981	Model Label, (Specify Model)
4982	Control Label

### **Spare Parts for Suction Feet**

5611	16" H.D. Spreader bar
5612A	24" H.D. Spreader bar
5613A	36" H.D. Spreader bar
5614A	48" H.D. Spreader bar
5628	Suction foot (5925)
5637	Spring for suction feet on spreader bar, (2)
5639	Thumbscrew for #5638 spreader bar clamp, ea.
5643	Suction foot retaining pin, (2)
5655	CM1000/1400/3000 Spreader bar mounting plate
5656	CM1000/1400/3000 Suction foot mounting gasket
5657	Rubber gasket only for #5656
5658	Metal plate only for #5656
5660	1-1/4" dia. Suction foot hose, per foot
5664F	Flexible gasket for #5665 gasket
5665	Suction foot gasket (5960)
5665FC	Suction foot gasket (5960) fully clamped
5665W	White #5665 gasket
5667	Spreader bar safety screw assembly & cap (2)
5668	Suction foot, metal body (5960)
5668FC	Suction foot, fully clamped metal body (5660)
5670X	Special spreader bars
5671	Suction foot gasket (5963)
5672	Suction foot, metal body (5963)
5673	Suction foot gasket (5950)
5674	Suction foot, metal body (5950)

..... All parts F.O.B., Palmerton, PA. (UPS or Freight Best Way, unless otherwise specified)

## **Section E: Warranty**

The UniMove unit is covered by a twelve (12) month warranty providing 100% coverage of all parts and transportation (excluding filter elements and gaskets) and is subject to the restrictions noted below.

The above warranty is based on a term of one (1) year of single shift operation or two thousand (2,000) operating hours in one (1) year, whichever occurs first.

The above warranty does not cover claims resulting from abuse, damage, loss or unauthorized use of the UniMove unit and/or its components. The above warranty does not provide any guarantee of continuous operation and, specifically, does not provide same-day parts replacement.

A UniMove dealer representative must inspect and approve each installation to initiate valid warranty coverage.

The end user must complete and return the Warranty Validation Form enclosed with the unit to UniTech Industries, Inc. within 15 days from delivery of the unit.

All parts claimed for warranty must be returned to UniTech Industries, Inc. for final approval. Note: All returns must be accompanied by a UniTech-issued RAN (Return Authorization Number)

Any allowed warranty labor claims will be reimbursed at average internal labor rates prevailing at the time of claim.

Determination of valid warranty claims and compensation is the sole province of UniTech Industries, Inc.

The installation of this unit on a crane system not approved in advance by UniTech Industries, Inc. and its authorized dealer will result in loss of warranty on the entire unit.

No warranty service is to be performed without the express knowledge and prior written approval of UniTech Industries, Inc. and its authorized dealer.

Modifications to or alterations of this unit and/or its components without the express knowledge and prior written approval of UniTech Industries, Inc. will void any warranty or liability responsibility

on the part of UniTech Industries, Inc. and/or it's authorized dealers

## **UniMove Data Sheet**

This page contains specific information about your UniMove unit. **Keep this for future reference!**

**Dealer:**

**Phone:**

**Unit Model #:**

**Unit Serial #:**

**Date Shipped:**

**Date Installed:**

**Suction Foot Model #:**

**Replacement gasket #, main molded:**

**Replacement gasket #, secondary flexible:**

**Custom suction foot data:**

**Custom attachment data:**

**Optional Equipment:**

**Quick reference replacement parts:**

Filter element: #3206  
2 " blue suction hose: #2000  
Lift tube:  
Foot mounting gasket:  
Vacuum pump:  
Electric drive motor:  
Drive belt(s):

1 1/4" black suction hose: #1110  
Handrest adjustment knobs: #4418 (4)  
Control head assy., complete:  
Top swivel assy., complete:

**Other Notes:**