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Potential Injury and Damage from Improper Lift Bar Orientation
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To our valued customers and partners:

Wood's Powr-Grip® takes pride in its products and is committed to providing you with the best service available. A corporate goal is to provide education to our customers. With this in mind, we want to address a concern about misuse of vacuum lifters and the potential risks involved.

Lift Bar Orientation:

Operator instructions and labeling on the vacuum lifters indicate correct lift bar orientation. Operators must always use the lifter with the lift bar in the correct orientation (see right). Using the lifter with the lift bar latched parallel to the ground may result in damage to the lifter (specifically PN#57154BA), the load or injury to the operator or others. A video, [Using the P1 to Lift Flat Loads](#), demonstrates the correct method.

Operator Training and Responsibilities:

ASME B30.20, chapter 2 outlines minimum requirements for operator qualifications and responsibilities in the use of vacuum lifters. The main qualifications are for operators to be instructed in the use of the vacuum lifter, to demonstrate the ability to operate the lifter as instructed, and to be familiar with standard hand signals. Reading and understanding the instruction manual provided with the lifter is a key component to meeting these qualifications.

Included in operators' responsibilities are to understand and apply the information contained in the instruction manual provided by the manufacturer of the lifting device, and to understand the lifting device's functions and limitations, as well as its particular operating characteristics.

ASME B30.20, chapter 2 also lists responsibilities for the lifter owner, including the necessity of employing operators who are qualified.

Sincerely,

The team at Wood's Powr-Grip

