

# **OPERATION & SERVICE MANUAL**

Model: 01-1333-0000 Custom Towbar Grob G120A



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## Tronair towbars/heads must only be used with matching Tronair heads/towbars, and Tronair shear pins.

This product can not be modified without the written approval of Tronair, Inc. Any modifications done without written approval voids all warranties and releases Tronair, Inc., it suppliers, distributors, employees, or financial institutions from any liability from consequences that may occur. Only Tronair OEM replacement parts shall be used.

## 1.0 PRODUCT INFORMATION

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION

The Tronair Model 01-1333-0000 Custom Towbar is a designed for towing the Grob G120A Aircraft manufactured by Grob Aircraft Company.

The custom towbar includes aircraft attachment arms for remote interface to the aircraft tow point. There is a handle and an eyebolt at the end of the towbar for towing. The eyebolt incorporates a compression spring to dampen shock loads during towing.

## 1.2 MODEL & SERIAL NUMBER

Reference nameplate on unit

#### 1.3 MANUFACTURER

TRONAIR, Inc. Telephone: (419) 866-6301 or 800-426-6301

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#### 1.4 SPECIFICATIONS

Aircraft Applications......Grob G120A Aircraft manufactured by Grob Aircraft Company

Maximum Aircraft Gross Weight........3,285 lbs (1.49 Metric tons)

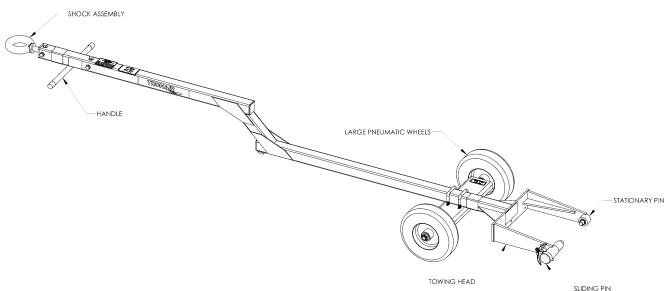
 Width
 21.88 in (55.6 cm)

 Height
 12 in (30.5 cm)

 Weight
 57 lbs (26 kg)

Finish.....Powder Coat Tronair Blue

#### 1.5 FEATURES





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#### 2.0 SAFETY INFORMATION

#### 2.1 **GENERAL**

The Tronair Model 01-1333-0000 Custom Towbar is a designed for towing the Grob G120A Aircraft manufactured by Grob Aircraft Company.

To insure safe operations please read the following statements and understand their meaning. Also refer to your equipment manufacturer's manual for other important safety information. This manual contains safety precautions which are explained below. Please read carefully.



WARNING! Warning is used to indicate the presence of a hazard that can cause severe personal injury, death, and/or substantial property damage if the Warning Notice is ignored.

CAUTION! Caution is used to indicate the presence of a hazard which will or can cause minor personal injury or property damage is the Caution Notice is ignored.



#### WARNING!

A damaged or bent towbar should not be used. Towbar should be repaired or replaced.



#### WARNING!

Tronair recommends the use of a towbar with a category 1 or category 2 tug and aircraft not exceeding 75,000 lbs gross weight. Using the towbar with aircraft weighing in excess of this specific limitation may result in excessive loads and stresses being applied to the towbar and/or the aircraft. These excessive loads may cause failure of the towbar which could cause damage (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION to the aircraft) and/or personal injury OR DEATH. TRONAIR MAKES NO REPRESENTATION, WARRANTY OR GUARANTEE AS TO SUCH MISUSE AND DISCLAIMS ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR INJURY, LOSS OR DAMAGE ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO SUCH MISUSE.

#### **TRAINING** 3.0

#### 3.1 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The employer of the operator is responsible for providing a training program sufficient for the safe operation of the towbar.

#### 3.2 TRAINING PROGRAM

The employer provided operator training program should cover safety procedures concerning use of the towbar in and around the aircraft at the servicing location.

#### 3.3 **OPERATOR TRAINING**

The operator training should provide the required training for safe operation of the towbar.

NOTE: Maintenance and Trouble Shooting are to be performed by the skilled and trained technician.

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## 4.0 OPERATION

#### 4.1 PRELIMINARY CHECKLIST

#### 4.1.1 Towbar

- Check eyebolt for wear or deformation.
- Check shock mounting bolts. Ensure shock mounting bolts are not loose or missing.

#### 4.1.2 Towing Head

- Check welds between towbar and towing head for cracks.
- Check weld between side rails and head rail for cracks.
- Check weld between side rail and stationary pin for cracks.
- Check weld between side rail and sliding pin sleeve for cracks.

## 4.1.3 Sliding Pin

- Check sliding pin for bending or excessive wear. Ensure sliding pin slides freely.
- Check sliding pin ball lok-T pin. Ensure ball lok-T pin is securely attached to the towing head via its lanyard.
- Ensure ball lok-T pin is not loose or missing.

## 4.1.4 Landing Gear

Ensure landing gear assembly is secured to sowbar Check itre pressure. Pressure to be 50 psi (3.45 bars)

#### 4.2 USAGE PROCEDURE

## 4.2.1 Aircraft Attachment



#### **CAUTION!**

It is recommended that your towbar be attached to the aircraft first, and then connected to the tug to avoid possible aircraft damage.

## 4.2.2 Tug Attachment



## **CAUTION!**

Damage to the towbar or aircraft can result from an excessive towbar angle during towing operations. *Reference Figure 1.* 

 Use a pintle height so that the towbar is as level as possible during towing. Also, the pintle hook height should prevent contact of the towbar with the ground during towing.

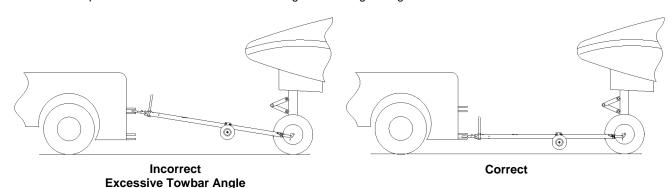


FIGURE 1

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## 4.2.3 Couplers

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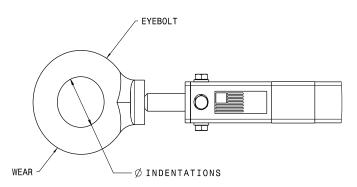
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Damage to the towbar or aircraft can result while towing with the following types of couplers:

- Lift Head
- Standard Duty Latch

- Vertical Side Swing Latch
- Swivel Hook

The couplers listed above are known to cause binding and failure in the lunette eye. Indicators of binding are wear on outside diameter of the eyebolt and indentation on the inside diameter of the eyebolt. *Reference Figure 2*.





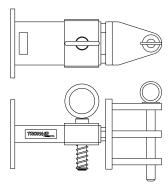
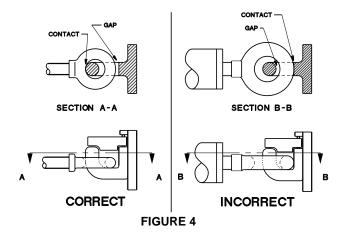


FIGURE 3 01-1950-5000 Standard Telecoupler

Tronair recommends a telecoupler pintle hook arrangement. This arrangement is known to eliminate binding. Tronair offers a Standard Telecoupler, Model Number 01-1950-5000, for use on tugs. *Reference Figure 3.* 

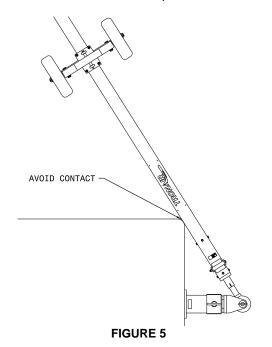
Damage to the towbar and/or aircraft can result by towing or pushing an aircraft with an incorrect size eyebolt or pintle pin. A correct size eyebolt will make contact with the pintle pin. A gap between the eyebolt outside diameter and the coupler face plate should be easily seen. An eyebolt which is too large will cause the eyebolt to make contact with the face plate of the coupler. When the eyebolt is too large for the coupler, a gap between the inside diameter of the eyebolt and the coupler face plate will be seen. *Reference Figure 4.* 

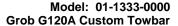
To ensure proper towing and pushing, check to make sure the pintle pin diameter is not too long for the eyebolt's inside diameter. An approximate one-half inch (½") gap between the pin diameter and the eyebolt should be seen. If any of these conditions are not met, please contact Tronair for information to obtain a new coupler.



#### 4.2.4 Towing Operation

Damage to the towbar or aircraft can result from pushing an aircraft while maintaining too sharp of an angle between the tug and the aircraft. Contact between the towbar weldment and the tug must be avoided. It is recommended that the angle between the tug and towbar not exceed 90°. **Reference Figure 5.** 







#### 5.0 PROVISION OF SPARES

Spare parts may be obtained from the manufacturer:

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#### 5.2 RECOMMENDED SPARE PARTS LISTS

Reference the following page(s) for Replacement Parts and Kits available.

Recommended Spares to be kept on hand:
G-1310-0415......Ball Lok-T Pin Replacement

G-1300-19040 ...... Roll Pin

U-1024 ......Wheel, Pneumatic Tire

R-2419 ..... Sliding Pin

#### 6.0 IN-SERVICE SUPPORT

Contact Tronair, Inc. for technical services and information. See Section 1.3 - Manufacturer.

#### 7.0 GUARANTEES/LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Tronair products are warranted to be free of manufacturing or material defects for a period of one year after shipment to the original customer. This is solely limited to the repair or replacement of defective components. This warranty does not cover the following items:

- a) Parts required for normal maintenance
- b) Parts covered by a component manufacturers warranty
- c) Replacement parts have a 90-day warranty from date of shipment

If you have a problem that may require service, contact Tronair immediately. Do not attempt to repair or disassemble a product without first contacting Tronair, any action may affect warranty coverage. When you contact Tronair be prepared to provide the following information:

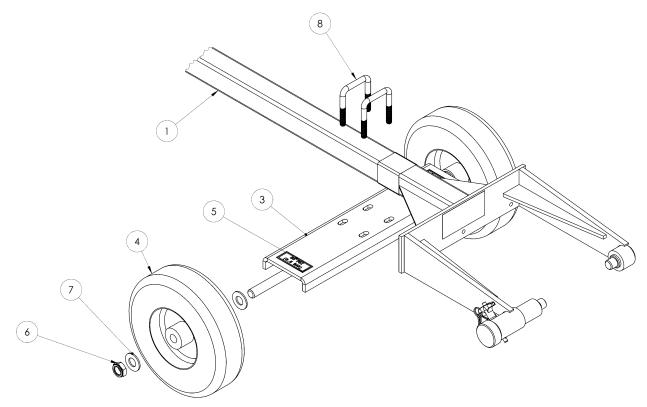
- a) Product Model Number
- b) Product Serial Number
- c) Description of the problem

If warranty coverage is approved, either replacement parts will be sent or the product will have to be returned to Tronair for repairs. If the product is to be returned, a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number will be issued for reference purposes on any shipping documents. Failure to obtain a RMA in advance of returning an item will result in a service fee. A decision on the extent of warranty coverage on returned products is reserved pending inspection at Tronair. Any shipments to Tronair must be shipped freight prepaid. Freight costs on shipments to customers will be paid by Tronair on any warranty claims only. Any unauthorized modification of the Tronair products or use of the Tronair products in violation of cautions and warnings in any manual (including updates) or safety bulletins published or delivered by Tronair will immediately void any warranty, express or implied.

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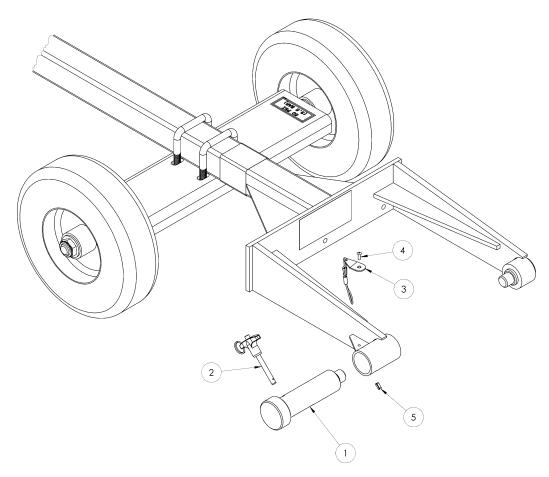
Parts List
When ordering replacement parts/kits, please specify model, serial number and color of your unit.



Item	Part Number	Description	Qty
1	Z-7043-00	WELDMENT, TOWBAR	REF
2	Z-11307	ASSEMBLY, LANDING GEAR; consists of:	1
3	Z-11306	WELDMENT, AXLE MOUNTING	1
4	U-1024	WHEEL, PNEUMATIC TIRE	2
5	V-2130	LABEL, TIRE PRESSURE	2
6	G-1203-1105	JAMNUT, 5/8-18 ELASTIC	2
7	G-1250-1100N	FLATWASHER, 5/8 NARROW	4
8	G-1370-01	U-BOLT, SQUARE BEND, 2 WD X 3 DP	2



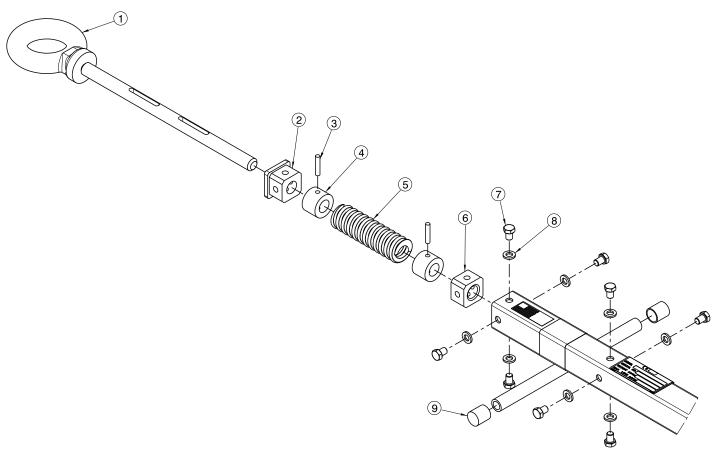
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Item	Part Number	Description	Qty
1	R-2419	PIN, SLIDING	1
2	G-1310-0415	PIN, ¼ X 1.5 BALL LOK-T	1
3	H-1026*07.0	ASSEMBLY, LANYARD	1
4	G-1351-04	RIVET, 1/8 OPEN END STEEL	1
5	G-1300-19040	PIN, 3/16 X ½ LG ROLL	1



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Item	Part Number	Description	Qty
1	Z-7042	WELDMENT, EYEBOLT	1
2	J-4421	SLEEVE, OUTER	1
3	G-1315-05*1.25	PIN, STL DOWL ¼ X 1 ¼	2
4	R-2417	SLEEVE, GUIDE	2
5	H-1231	SPRING	1
6	J-4422	SLEEVE, INNER	1
7	G-1100-107504	BOLT, 3/8 – 24 HEX HD GR 5	8
8	G-1251-1070R	LOCKWASHER, 3/8 REGULAR	8
9	H-1206	CAP, END	2



# **APPENDIX I**

**Declaration of Conformity** 



# **DECLARATION of CONFORMITY**

The design, development and manufacture is in accordance with European Community guidelines

Custom Towbar 01-1333-0000

Relevant provisions complied with by the machinery: 2006/42/EC

Relevant standards complied with by the machinery: EN ISO 12100-1

Identification of person empowered to sign on behalf of the Manufacturer:

Quality Assurance Representative







