# The EASY BALANCE

#### Fabrication and Assembly Plans

Everything Needed to Build--Material List

- -Cut List
- -Fully Illustrated Plans
- -Operation Instructions

# AUTO ROTISSERIE

Hydraulic Jacking Rock Solid Disc Brake Locks Hand Crank Balance System Portable Adjustable For Any Vehicle

# Easy Balance Rotisserie



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# **Exploded View**



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#### **Rotisserie Storage**

![](_page_4_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### **Material List**

(All square tubing is 3/16" wall except 1" square tubing, which is 1/8"). **Metal** 

3" 2 1/2" 2" 1" 2 1/2" 2" 2" x 2" x 3/16" 8" x 1/4" 4" x 3/8" 4" x 1/4" 4" x 3/16" 3 1/2" x 1/4" 3" x 3/16" 2" x 1/2" 2" x 3/16" 1 1/2" x 3/16" 1 1/2" x 3/16" 1 1/2" x 3/16" 1 1/2" x 3/16" Hardware Size	Square Tubing Square Tubing Square Tubing Square Tubing Schedule 40 Pipe Schedule 40 Pipe Angle Strap	6" 43' 52' 8' 2' 9" 17" 9" 33" 36" 38" 7" 9" 22" 7" 17" 9" 22" 7" 9"
3/8" x 3" 3/8" x 3 1/2" 3/8" x 1"	Carriage Bolt Bolt Bolt	2 20 54
3/8 X I 1/4" X 3/4" 1/2"	Bolt	54 8 °
1/2" 1/2"	Lock Nut	o 6
3/8" 1/2"	Nut Lock Washer	80 10
3/8"	Lock Washer	38
1/4" 7/16"	Lock Washer	8
5/16"	Flat Washer	54
3/8" x 1/2" x 2"	Steel Spacer 2	0
3/8"	Threaded Connector	4
1/2" x 4"	Clevis Pin	10
1/2" 1/2"	All Thread All Thread	6' (When Using 6" Casters) 7' (When Using 10" Casters)
	Shifter Ball	2 (HELP! #76933 or Equiv.)
	Torrington Bearing	2 (McMaster-Carr #5909K31 or Equiv.)
	3 Ton Hydraulic Jack	2 (Northern #144878 or Equiv.)
	6" Pneumatic Caster 10" Pneumatic Caster	<ul><li>(25" - 44 1/2" Operating Range)</li><li>4 (Northern #189222 or Equiv.)</li><li>4 (Northern #11000 or Equiv</li></ul>

#### Cut List

Label	Material	Name	<u> # Of Pieces</u>	Length
А	3" Square Tubing	Rotator Top Cover Side	2	1" -
В	2 1/2" Square Tubing	Lateral Base	2	41" *
С	2 1/2" Square Tubing	Longitudinal Base	2	18" *
D	2 1/2" Square Tubing	Base Upright	2	18" *
Е	2 1/2" Square Tubing	Jack Mount, (Upper and Lower)	4	5" *
F	2 1/2" Square Tubing	Head Slider	2	19" *
G	2 1/2" Square Tubing	Rotator Housing	2	22" *
Ĥ	2 1/2" Square Tubing	Base Connector	1	54" *
i.	2 1/2" Square Tubing	Base Connector	1	48" *
J	2 1/2" Square Tubing	Base Connector	1	42" *
ĸ	2 1/2" Square Tubing	Base Connector	1	36" *
Î	2 1/2" Square Tubing	Base Connector	i	30" *
M	2 1/2" Square Tubing	Base Connector	1	24" *
N	2 1/2" Square Tubing	Jack Mount	4	2 1/2" *
$\overline{\mathbf{O}}$	2" Square Tubing		4	16" *
P	2" Square Tubing	Leg Insert	4	22 1/2" *
$\mathbf{\dot{o}}$	2" Square Tubing	Cross Mount Upright	+ 2	22 1/2
	2" Square Tubing	Main Upright	2	57" *
C C	2" Square Tubing	Latoral Cross Mount	2	57 60" *
т	2" Square Tubing	Croce Mount Attach Arm	2	10" *
1	2 Square Tubing	Page Connector Link	4	15"*
U V	2 Square Tubing	Connector Link Con Dettionria Storage		10
V W/	2 Square Tubing	Connector Link (For Rottisene Storage	3) I 1	∠4 ∕" *
VV	2 Square Tubing	Leg Extension (TO Casters)	4	4
	1 Square Tubing	Read Unright Press	2	111/2
ř Z	1 Square Tubing	Base Oplight Brace	0	0"
	2 1/2 Schedule 40 Pipe	Rotator Innor Pino	2	9 0 1/2"
		Cross Mount Press	2	91/2
	2 X Z X 3/10 Allyle	Brake Deter	4	∠ o"
	$0 \times 1/4 \text{ Strap}$	Brake Accombly Spacer Plate	2	0 1"
	$4 \times 3/6 \text{ Strap}$	Stabilizar Jack Basa Plata	2	4 1"
	$4 \times 1/4$ Strap $4" \times 1/4"$ Strap	Inpor Brako Pad	4	+ 2 2/4"
	$4 \times 1/4$ Strap $A'' \times 1/A''$ Strap	Outer Brake Pad	2	3 3/4
	$4 \times 1/4$ Oliap $1'' \times 3/16'' $ Strap	Caster Mount	2	1 1/2"
	4" x 3/16" Strap	Brake Assembly Backing Plate	+ 2	4 1/2 8"
	$3 1/2" \times 1/4"$ Stran	Attach Arm Mount	8	4 1/2"
	$3" \times 3/16"$ Strap	Botator Top Cover	2	3"
	$2" \times 1/2"$ Strap	Stabilizer Jack Swivel Block	4	2"
	$2" \times 3/16"$ Strap	Cross Mount Ton Plate	2	2"
ΔΝ	2" x 3/16" Strap	Cross Mount Brace	4	<u>ک</u> 4"
AO	1 1/2" x 3/16" Stran	Stabilizer Jack Ton Plate	4	1 1/2"
AP	1" x 1/4" Stran	Balance Jack Crank Handle	2	8"
AO.	1/4" Square Stock	Brake Pad Spacer	2	4"
AR	1/2" Threaded Bod	Balance Jack Assembly	2	14"
AS	1/2" Threaded Rod	Stabilizer Jack (6" Casters)	4	11"
AT	1/2" Threaded Rod	Stabilizer Jack (10" Casters)	4	13"
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\* To minimize waste, cut tubing as follows:

Cut details for 2 1/2" tubing: Pieces B, C, D, and E, F and M are cut from 20' length of 2 1/2" tubing. Pieces G, H, I, J, K and N are cut from 20' length of 2 1/2" tubing. Piece L is cut from 3' length of 2 1/2" tubing.

Cut details for 2" tubing: Pieces O, P, Q, V and W (W is for 10" Casters) are cut from 20' length of 2" tubing. Pieces R and S are cut from 20' length of 2" tubing. Pieces T, and U, are cut from 12' length of 2" tubing.

# Drill Diagram

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1. Construction of the EASY BALANCE Rotisserie only requires basic metal fabrication and welding skills. Ensure that all joints to be welded are clean of all dirt, grease and rust preventative protection. Pay particular attention to the welding notes in the assembly instructions on the stressed areas that need to be welded securely and as instructed for proper strength.

The fabricator/assembler should understand how each assembly goes together before each step is started. The accuracy in the cutting, grinding, modifying and assembly of each part is important to insure that the accurate and functional operation of the rotisserie are as advertised. To insure a safe product, the end result regarding the final quality, application, and maintainance of this product is the sole responsibility of the person constructing, assembling and maintaning this rotisserie.

- 2. Cut pieces from Material List by using Cut List sheet. Follow suggested cutting combination of each piece of steel to minimize waste. After each cut, mark each piece with the corresponding letter ID as listed in the Cut List for easy identification.
- 3. Drill and modify cut pieces. Use Drill Diagram for dimensions.
- 4. On all 3/8" jam nuts, carefully center nuts over 3/8" holes of the 2-1/2" square tubing pieces and weld, taking care not to overheat and distort the nut.
- 5. Assemble and tack weld subassemblies together by following Assembly Sheets. Note that on the Head Assembly, page 3, Part N should be welded to Part F after verifying its postion using the compressed length of the hydraulic jack when it is attached to the Part N of the Base Assembly.
- 6. After rotisserie subassemblies are assembled and tacked together, verify proper operation. Then securely weld all joints. Note the lubrication of key parts during the final assembly.
- 7. When constructing the Leg Assemblies, choose which size caster is desired and follow the appropriate drawing.
- 8. When welding the connector Parts U to the 2-1/2" tubing, (Parts H through M), keep the free end of Part U up about an 1/8" from its free hanging position. When the conectors are assembled together, this will impart a slight upward preload that arches the connectors up in the middle to prevent possible sagging if a heavy vehicle is mounted on the rotisserie. All six Base Connectors do not have to built if the vehicle that will be mounted on the rotisserie is shorter than 18'.
- 9. Paint all surfaces with a quality paint of choice.

#### **Base Assembly**

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#### **Base Assembly**

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## **Base Assembly**

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#### **Rotator Assembly**

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#### **Brake Assembly Installation**

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#### **Brake Assembly Dimensions**

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# **Cross Mount Assembly**

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# **Balance Jack Assembly**

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# Leg Assemby Details

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#### **Stabilizer Jack Assembly**

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Vohiclo	Connector Sections						
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18	Х	X	X	X	X	X	-
17.5	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Cut Piece "H" To 48")
17	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	(Cut Piece "H" To 42")
16.5	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	(Cut Piece "H" To 36")
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15.5	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	-
15	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	_
14.5	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	-
14	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	_
13.5	Х	Х	Х	Х			_
13	Х	Х	Х		Х		_
12.5	Х	Х		Х	Х		_
12	Х		Х	Х	Х		_
11.5	Х		Х	Х		Х	_
11	Х		Х		Х	Х	_
10.5	Х	Х	Х				_
10	Х	Х		Х			_
9.5	Х		Х	Х			_
9	Х		X		Х		_
8.5	Х		Х			X	_
8	X			Х		<u>X</u>	-
7.5	X				Х	Х	-
/	X	Х	X				-
6.5	X		X	V			-
6	X			X	V		-
5.5	X				X	V	-
	~	V					-
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#### **Operation Instructions**

Congratulations on the successful construction of the EASY BALANCE Auto Rotisserie! A few minutes spent here will allow you to get the most out of the world's easiest-to-use rotisserie!

The EASY BALANCE Rotisserie will support the typical weight of any passenger vehicle or light truck with the transmission and engine removed. When selecting the caster's load capacity for mobile use, keep in mind the total weight of the vehicle and the rotisserie.

There are many combinations of ways to mount a vehicle on the rotisserie based on the type of vehicle and the attachment points selected. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the user to fabricate the mount adapters that best fit the vehicle. Keep in mind when choosing the location of the mounting points that they must be located within the range of the rotisserie's Balance Jacks to provide proper balance of the vehicle. After the adapter design is selected and fabricated, they are simply welded to 12" lengths of 1-1/2" square tubing. This tubing will be inserted into the Cross Mount Assembly Arms.

The first step in mounting the vehicle on the rotisserie is to select the proper combination of Base Connectors using the "Connector Usage Chart". Use the Connectors that will allow the Mount Adapters to be inserted as deep as possible into the Cross Mount Attach Arms.

Move the rotisserie into place at each end of the vehicle. If the legs with casters are being used, lowering the Stabilizer Jack Pads to the floor will help keep each rotisserie end stable until the Base Connectors are attached. Sliding the Leg Assemblies to their outer position will give better stability when rolling the rotisserie and vehicle across unlevel surfaces.

Attach the required number of base connectors. Slide the Cross Mount Arms along the Cross Mount until they match the mounting points on the vehicle, being sure to center the arms on the Cross Mount. It is usually easier to slide the mount adapters into the Cross Mount Arms then loosely attach the adapters to the vehicle.

If the mounting point heights are different at each end of the vehicle, extend the Hydraulic Jack at the appropriate end of the rotisserie until the Mount Arms are at the proper height to mount to the vehicle in a level condition.

After everything is aligned, tighten all bolts securely, including the Base Connector Jam Bolts and the Base Assembly Jam Bolts. Note that the Cross Arm Mount clamps do not have to be tightened to the extreme. 11/04/06

The clamping action secures the Mounts with minimal bolt torque.

After all loose items in the vehicle are removed, the jacking process can begin. Normally, the Balance Jacks are in their fully lowered position prior to jacking. To ensure that the vehicle does not rotate as the result of an out-of-balance condition, engage both Brake Assemblies by tightening the Caliper Bolt on each Brake.

Note that the brakes are very efficient. Only apply the necessary torque to the Caliper Bolts to lock the vehicle in the desired position.

Begin jacking both ends of the rotisserie equally until the vehicle is approximately at the height needed to clear the Base Connectors when the vehicle is rotated. The final height will be determined later after the vehicle is balanced on the rotisserie.

NOTE: To prevent damage to the vehicle, do not allow one end of the rotisserie to become appreciably higher than the other. If jacking is being accomplished by one person, jack each end a few inches at a time.

Carefully loosen the Brake Caliper Bolts to determine the balance condition of the vehicle. Normally, with the Balance Jacks in the lowered position, the vehicle will be bottom heavy. Rotate the vehicle back and forth to determine the balance. Crank each Balance Jack Handle equally to raise the vehicle until balance is achieved. Tighten the Rotator Assembly Jam Bolts to minimize movement. Once properly balanced, the vehicle will rotate easily.

If necessary, extend the Hydraulic Jacks to the minimum height required to fully rotate the vehicle 360 degrees. For safety, jack to the nearest hole to insert the Safety Pins through the Head Assemblies at each Upright. Tighten the Head Assembly Jam Bolts. This helps keep the Head Assembly in alignment and keeps slack in the rotisserie to a minimum.

Use part V (24" x 2" square tubing) to connect the rotisserie base ends for transportation and storage.

Maintenance of the EASY BALANCE Rotisserie is simple. The only lubrication that is necessary is the occasional light oiling of the Stabilizer Jack threads and the Balance Jack Torrington Bearing. Also, keep the Rotator Assembly Pivot Tube well greased and Balance Jack Knob greased. The Balance Jack threads should be greased during assembly. No lubrication is necessary on the sliding areas of the Upright Tube and Head Assembly.