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» Preface

With the purchase of the E&P Hydraulics levelsystem your motothome (vehicle) will be automatically levelled and/or put stable placed with one push of a button.

Never a vehicle:

- that moves when you walk through it, or if it is windy.
- which you suffer from unwanted opening or closing doors.
- where the shower water runs through to the wrong side caused by height differences.
- wherein you have the problem of sleeping in a lean angle.

All issues that are fixed with the E&P Hydraulics levelsystem.

The ergonomic design ensures effortless handling and the sympathetic good looks will automatically enhance your working environment. It is based on proven E&P Hydraulics technology which forms the basis of all our E&P Hydraulics products. After installation one button operates the entire system. Within the E&P Hydraulics strategic vision this products is 100% user friendly and reliable.

This philosophy does not only apply to our customers (end users). Also the technicians installing this device/system at the dealers are very important to us. This product greatly depends on a proper, professional installation. That's the reason why E&P Hydraulics do all they can do to support the people who are responsible for installing our products for you.

This manual is part of our policy. In this manual we explain how to use the general characteristics as easy and efficient as possible. Precisely follow these instructions for the installation, because installing the E&P Hydraulics levelsystem is a precise job. Fully installing the system requires a high level of skill. After all, we are dealing with equipment that must be able to withstand huge forces, something that is often underrated by people with insufficient technical training. If the installation is not performed correctly, serious damages could result in a short time, and even personal injury. Therefore this system may only be installed by professional technicians with sufficient practical experience and a thorough relevant technical training. At all times, the installer will bear sole responsibility for the assembly of the system.

This product is based on hundreds of test hours as well as many successful installations. If you follow this manual step-by-step, you will see what a wonderful, user friendly, quality product this is. However there will always be aspects that can be improved. If you have any suggestions, remarks or questions concerning this product or manual, please do not hesitate to contact us.

On behalf of E&P Hydraulics,
Eric Klinkenberg & Pierre Blom

1. The E&P Hydraulics levelsystem

1.1 Operating of the levelsystem

The E&P Hydraulics levelling system is an electrically/hydraulically driven system.

A hydraulic pump is powered by a 12V or 24V **direct** current motor, which will pump hydraulic oil through a system of hydraulic hoses and four hydraulic jacks. This with the aim stabilizing and levelling the vehicle. Mounted to this pump are the oil tank, the valve block and solenoid (magnetic) valves.

The E&P Hydraulics levelsystem is electronically controlled by an operating system or so called main-unit, which is mounted on a central location in the vehicle.

The levelsystem can be operated either fully automatically or manually by means of a built-in control panel and/or (optional) remote control. In most frequent cases the control panel is mounted in the sidewall at the entrance of the vehicle.

The four hydraulic jacks are mounted directly to the chassis of the vehicle. The jacks have the bearing and levelling capacity your motorhome requires. Each hydraulic jack has a 230 mm. stainless steel foot plate on a flexible pivot guaranteeing the greatest firmness possible on any surface.



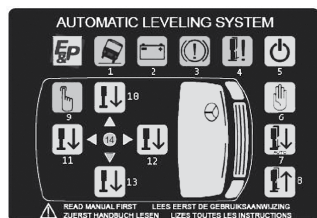
Pump unit



Hydraulic jacks



Operating system



Control panel



Remote control

The E&P Hydraulics levelsystem *(continued)*

1.2 Using the levelsystem

- Park the camper on a surface that is as level as possible.
- The HAND BRAKE of the vehicle must be engaged.
- The transmission must be in a neutral position or in the parking position.
- When the levelling system is operating, persons or animals are not allowed in the vehicle.
- The ignition of the vehicle must be switched on.

1.3 Specific characteristics of the levelsystem

- Automatically extending the jacks from a retracted position.
- Automatically retracting the jacks from a extended position.
- Automatically or manually levelling the jacks.
- Alarm mode (jacks not retracted and hand brake disengaged).
- Automatic error message jacks and error mode.
- Configuration function for levelling zero point.



2. Safety warnings

Not observing the following warnings may lead to damages to the vehicle and/or serious physical injuries.

- Using the E&P Hydraulics levelling system for other purposes than supporting the vehicle is officially forbidden according to E&P Hydraulics limited warranty.
- This product is exclusively developed as a levelling system and may not be used for other work under the vehicle such as changing the tires, maintenance or applying snow chains.
- When the system is operating, all persons and animals should keep their distance.
- Body parts (e.g. hands and eyes) should never come into contact with released fluids. Oil leaving the hydraulic levelling system may be under high pressure and could cause serious injuries to the skin.
- Never fully lift the vehicle. If the tyres no longer reach the floor, this could lead to unstable and dangerous situations.
- The vehicle should be parked on a solid, level and non-slippery surface. The parking location must be free of holes and free of waste and surrounding objects.
- If the vehicle is parked on very soft soil, you must place a support plate under each jack in order to distribute the weight.
- Check if the installation of the hydraulic levelsystem is performed by a skilled mechanic with sufficient practical experience and technical E&P Hydraulics training.
- In case of repairs/malfunctions to the hydraulic levelsystem: know what you are doing. Never try to repair it yourself, but consult your installer or dealer.
- Fully read this user manual, before using the hydraulic levelling system.
- After deploying the hydraulic levelsystem ALWAYS make an inspection tour around the vehicle. Just to be sure the vehicle stands stable (all hydraulic jacks are on the ground).

3. Control functions

3.1 Functions on the control panel

The diagram below shows the appearance of the control panel. By using the control panel (or remote control, see chapter 3.2) you can operate the hydraulic levelsystem. See also chapter 3.3 for the extended function declaration concerning buttons and indicator LED's.



Function declaration:

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (1) LED: Slope too steep | (9) LED: Manual mode |
| (2) LED: Vehicle battery low voltage | (10) Button: Left side |
| (3) LED: Engage the handbrake | (11) Button: Rear side |
| (4) LED: Jacks not (fully) retracted | (12) Button: Front side |
| (5) Button: ON / OFF | (13) Button: Right side |
| (6) Button: Manual mode | (14) LED: Level indicator |
| (7) Button: Automatic mode | (15) Button: Inclination function |
| (8) Button: Retract all Jacks | (17) LED: E&P logo |

3.2 Functions on the remote control















The diagram below shows the appearance of the remote control. By using the remote control you can operate the hydraulic leveling system. See also chapter 3.3 for the extended function declaration concerning buttons and indicator LED's.



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| (7) Button: Automatic mode | (15) Button: Inclination function |
| (8) Button: Retract all Jacks | (16) LED: Remote control Battery Low |

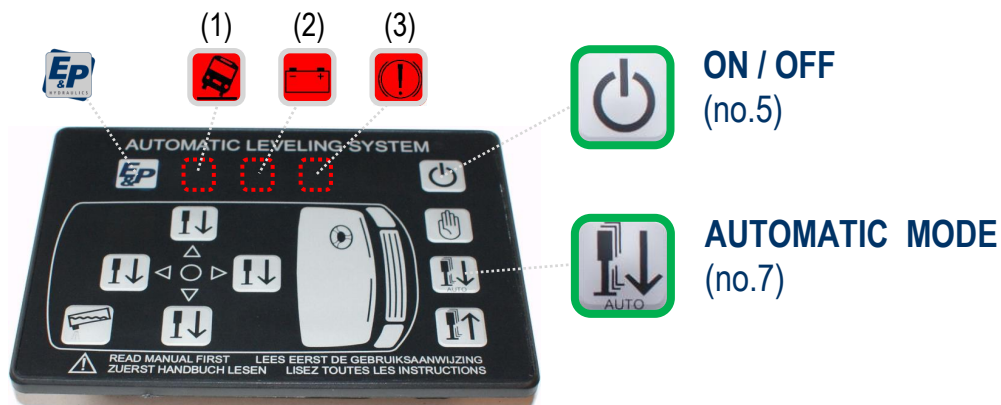
3.3 Extensive function declaration

(1)		SLOPE TOO STEEP	LED's In this position the vehicle cannot be levelled. (the surface is not even enough) If necessary switch over to manual mode.
(2)		BATTERY LOW VOLTAGE	The vehicle battery is empty or the voltage is too low to be able to work safely.
(3)		ENGAGE HAND BRAKE	Message indicating that the handbrake is disengaged. When the hand brake is engaged again, the LED will go out.
(4)		JACKS NOT (fully) RETRACTED	One or more jacks are extended or not fully retracted.
(9)		MANUAL MODE	Indicates that the vehicle can now be brought to the correct level manually.
(14)		LEVEL (zero point)	Indicates that the vehicle can now be brought to the correct level.
(16)		BATTERY 9V VOLTAGE	The battery voltage of the remote control is too low. <i>(only present on the remote control)</i>
(17)		E&P LOGO	Indicates that the levelsystem is switched on. <i>(only present on the control panel)</i>
BUTTONS			
(5)		ON / OFF	Switches the levelsystem on or off.
(6)		MANUAL MODE	Switches the levelsystem into manual mode for levelling the vehicle.
(7)		AUTOMATIC MODE	Switches the levelsystem into automatic mode for levelling the vehicle.
(8)		RETRACT ALL JACKS	Automatically retracts all jacks.
(10)		LEFT SIDE	Controls retracting and extending the left jacks.
(11)		REAR SIDE	Controls retracting and extending the rear jacks.
(12)		FRONT SIDE	Controls retracting and extending the front jacks.
(13)		RIGHT SIDE	Controls retracting and extending the right jacks.
(15)		INCLINATION	To empty easily the waste-watertank.

4. Operating the levelsystem

4.1 Automatic levelling

Before starting the automatic levelling procedure: Make sure that the vehicle's parking brake is engaged, the engine is running (the ignition is on). Also note that everyone has exited the vehicle, including yourself.



Step 1 Press **1x** on the button **“ON / OFF”** (no.5) to switch the levelsystem ON.



The “E&P-logo” LED lights up, indicating that the levelsystem is switched on.



When there is insufficient or no battery voltage, the indicator LED “LOW VOLTAGE” (no.2) lights up.



If the hand brake is not engaged, the indicator LED “ENGAGE HAND BRAKE” (no.3) lights up.



When the vehicle leans too steeply, the indicator LED “SLOPE TOO STEEP” (no.1) lights up.

REMARK: When the vehicle stands too skewed, the vehicle cannot be automatically levelled. You now have two options: Stop the levelling procedure and place the vehicle on a flatter surface and start again with automatic levelling procedure. Or let the vehicle stand as it is and go further with manual levelling procedure.



Step 2 Press **1x** on the button **“AUTOMATIC MODE”** (no.7) to start the automatic levelling procedure.



When the levelling procedure is **complete**, the indicator LED “LEVEL” (no. 14) lights up GREEN.

REMARK: Depending on the angle of the terrain and type of vehicle, the automatic levelling procedure takes about 1 minute.



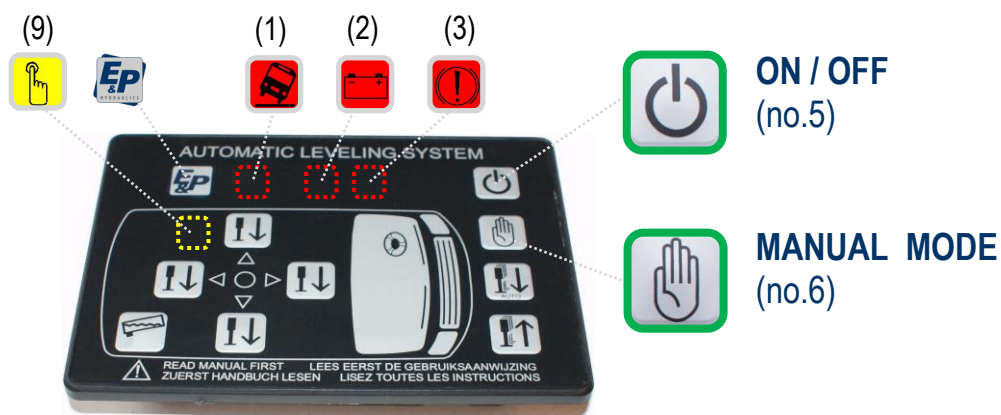
Step 3 Press **1x** on the button **“ON / OFF”** (no.5) to switch the levelsystem OFF.

4.2 Manual levelling

Before starting the automatic levelling procedure: make sure that the vehicle's parking brake is engaged, the engine is running (the ignition is on). Also note that everyone has exited the vehicle, including yourself.


The manual levelling function is mainly used when automatic levelling is not possible due to a large tilt of the vehicle. With the help of this feature it is also possible to change the position of the vehicle; think of your sleeping comfort. Most people prefer to sleep with their head up slightly. Depending on the orientation of the vehicle with this feature you can manually adjust the angle where necessary.


IMPORTANT: Before levelling the vehicle manually (in case of considerable slope) it is advisable to put some extra materials (e.g. wooden plates) under the footplate of the jacks on the lower side, this with the aim to compensate on extreme height difference. This will avoid the risk that the system is not able to level the vehicle due too large difference in height. When the difference in height is too large the hydraulic supports can come to the end of their stroke.





 **Step 1** Press **1x** on the button **“ON / OFF”** (no.5) to switch the levelsystem ON.


 The “E&P-logo” LED lights up, indicating that the levelsystem is switched on.

 When there is insufficient or no battery voltage, the indicator LED “LOW VOLTAGE” (no.2) lights up.

 If the hand brake is not engaged, the indicator LED “ENGAGE HAND BRAKE” (no.3) lights up.

 When the vehicle leans too steeply, the indicator LED “SLOPE TOO STEEP” (no.1) lights up.

 **Step 2** Press **1x** on the button **“MANUAL MODE”** (no.6)

 The indicator LED “MANUAL MODE” (no.9) lights up, indicating the manual levelling procedure may begin.

4.2 Manual levelling (continued)



Step 3 Press the button “**FRONT SIDE**” (no.12) and **hold it down** until the front jacks have reached the ground. Hold the button down a little longer to allow the vehicle to lift apr. 3 centimetres on the front side.

IMPORTANT: Always level the vehicle on the front side first.



Step 4 Press the button “**REAR SIDE**” (no.11) and **hold it down** until the rear jacks have reached the ground. Hold the button down a little longer to allow the vehicle to lift apr. 3 centimetres on the rear side.

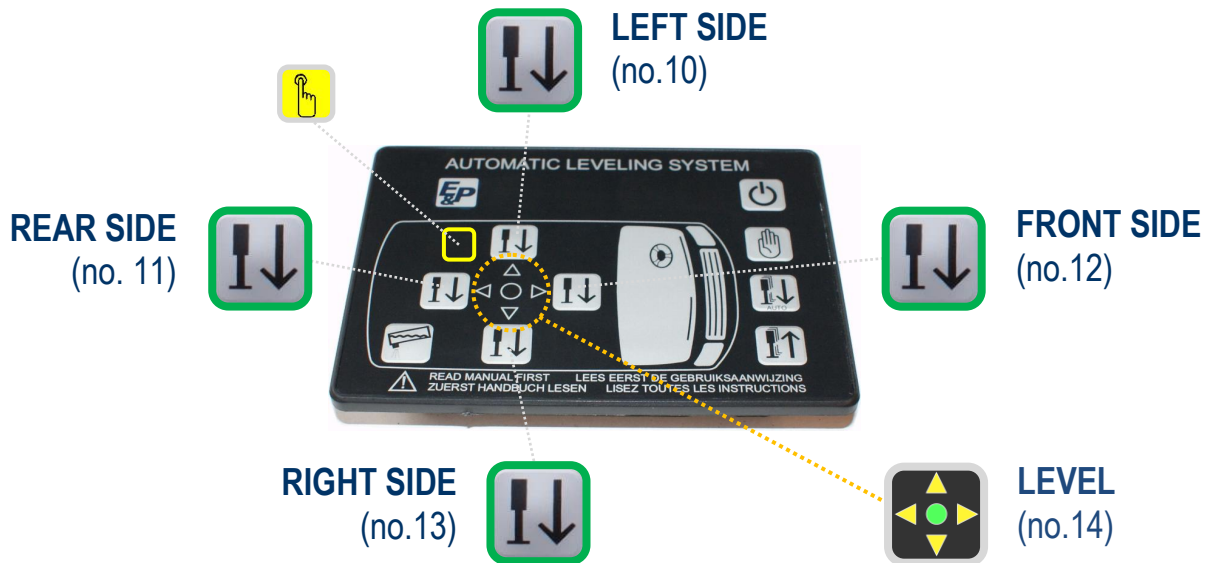
The illumination of one or two ORANGE arrows on the indicator LED (no.14) central on the control panel clears the position of the vehicle.

In the unlikely event that the vehicle is already level, then the indicator LED (no.14) lights up GREEN.



Depending on the position of the vehicle 1 of the 9 LED lights up.

4.2 Manual levelling (continued)



Step 5 Depending on the lean of the vehicle with the aid of the button's: **“FRONT SIDE”** (no.12), **“REAR SIDE”** (no.11), **“LEFT SIDE”** (no.10) or **“RIGHT SIDE”** (no.13) level the vehicle.

Keep the buttons pressed until the level system automatically stops levelling, the ORANGE arrow(s) on the indicator LED (no.14) will go out by itself.

Remark: When two orange arrows light up, level the vehicle gradually, not first completely leveling one side until the level system stops and then completely leveling the other side. Perform this action(s) in small (alternating) steps. In this way the system is working optimally .



Press button **“FRONT SIDE”** (no.12) if the orange arrow is pointing to the front side of the vehicle.



Press button **“REAR SIDE”** (no.11) if the orange arrow is pointing to the rear side of the vehicle.



Press button **“LEFT SIDE”** (no.10) if the orange arrow is pointing to the left side of the vehicle.



Press button **“RIGHT SIDE”** (no.13) if the orange arrow is pointing to the rear side of the vehicle.



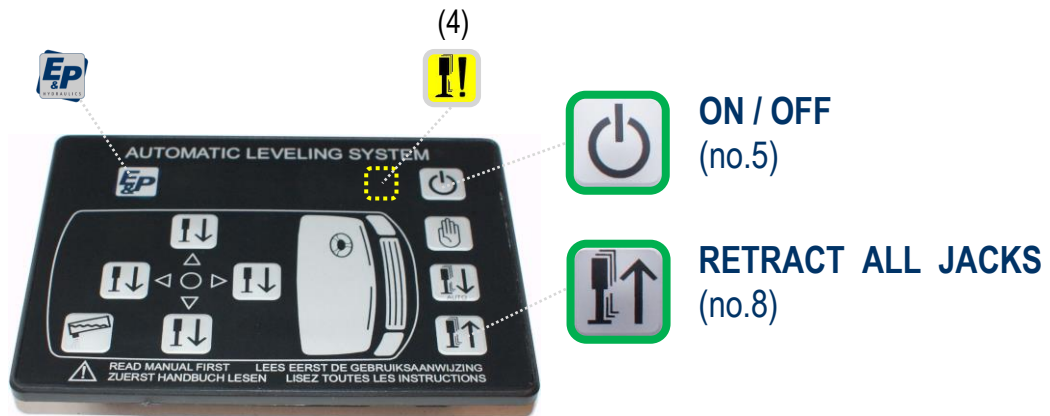
When all orange arrows in the middle of the indicator LED (no. 14) are off, a GREEN led lights up. This is the sign that the vehicle is completely levelled and stands even.



Step 6 Press 1x on the button **“ON / OFF”** (no.5) to switch the levelsystem OFF.

4.3 Retracting the jacks

Follow the procedure below to retract the hydraulic jacks.



AUTOMATIC



Step 1 Press **1x** on the button **“ON / OFF”** (no.5) to switch the levelsystem ON.



The “E&P-logo” LED lights up, indicating that the levelsystem is switched on.



Step 2 Press **1x** on the button **“RETRACT ALL JACKS”** (no.8) **once**.



The indicator LED “JACKS NOT FULLY RETRACTED” (no. 4) goes out when all jacks have been fully retracted and, within a few seconds, the hydraulic pump stops.



Step 3 Press **1x** on the button **“ON / OFF”** (no.5) to switch the levelsystem OFF.

MANUAL



Step 1 Press **1x** on the button **“ON / OFF”** (no.5) to switch the levelsystem ON.



The “E&P-logo” LED lights up, indicating that the levelsystem is switched on.



Step 2 Press the button **“RETRACT ALL JACKS”** (no.8) and **hold** until all jacks are withdrawn.



The indicator LED “JACKS NOT FULLY RETRACTED” (no.4) goes out when all jacks have been fully retracted and, within a few seconds, the hydraulic pump stops.



Step 3 Press **1x** on the button **“ON / OFF”** (no.5) to switch the levelsystem OFF.



REMARK: Depending on how the system is connected, all jacks are retracting also when the parkbrake is released or the ignition is switched on.


4.4 Inclination function

With this function, the wastewater can be easily emptied out of the wastewater-tank. In this way the wastewater is flowing more rapidly from the tank so that the soil debris is taken into account. No residual water stays in the tank.

*REMARK: The outlet of the tank must be mounted on the right or left side of the tank.
(not in the middle).*



 **Step 1** Press **1x** on the button **“ON / OFF”** (no.5) to switch the levelsystem ON.
 The “E&P-logo” LED lights up, indicating that the levelsystem is switched on.

 **Step 2** Press **1x** on the button **“INCLINATION”** (no.15)
REMARK: The vehicle will automatically assume the position as programmed by your dealer. There is a built-in maximum inclination so that the wheels will never lift off the ground.

 **Step 3** Press **1x** on the button **“ON / OFF”** (no.5) to switch the levelsystem OFF.

*REMARK: When the vehicle leans (incline) too much on the side where it has to be lifted by the levelsystem then the indicator LED **“SLOPE TOO STEEP”** (no.1) lights up RED. This is to prevent the vehicle being lifted from the ground completely.*

5. Extra functions

5.1 Calibration (*setting the zero point*)

The calibration procedure described below has already been carried out at your dealer/installer.

You don't have to perform this procedure by yourself. E&P Hydraulics has decided to include this chapter as an extra in this manual in case of failure and/or service & repair matters.

Consider setting the zero point ** as a condition to make it possible to level the vehicle automatically and/or manually. When this operation, for some reason, has not been done or has been carried out incorrectly, it is not possible to level the vehicle.

** The zero point is the point (level) at which the hydraulic leveling system (in an automatic cycle) returns.

Start: Manual levelling

Before automatic levelling can be activated, you must set the "zero point". For setting the "zero point", you must **first** perform the **manual levelling** procedure.

REMARK: Do this by placing a spirit level in the center of the vehicle.

Setting the zero point

- Step 1** Press **1x** on the button "**ON / OFF**" (no.5) to switch OFF the levelsystem after manual levelling (see chapter 4.2 for help with manual levelling).
- Step 2** Press **1x** on the button "**ON / OFF**" (no.5) to switch the levelsystem ON.
- Step 3** Press **5x** on the button "**FRONT SIDE**" (no.12).
- Step 4** Press **5x** on the button "**REAR SIDE**" (no.11).
All LED's on the control panel light up (the vehicle stands in zero mode).
- Step 5** Press **3x** on the button "**RETRACT ALL JACKS**" (no.8).
The zero point is programmed.
- Step 6** Press **1x** on the button "**ON / OFF**" (no.5) to switch the levelsystem OFF.

REMARK: when the vehicle is provided with air suspension, see chapter 5.3.1 / 5.3.2

5.2 Remote control *(optional)*

5.2.1 Preface

The procedure described below has already been carried out at your dealer/installer. You don't have to perform this procedure by yourself.

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Consider programming (setting) the remote control as a condition to make it possible to level the vehicle automatically- and/or manually. When this operation, for some reason, has not been done or has been carried out incorrectly, it is not possible to level the vehicle with the remote control.

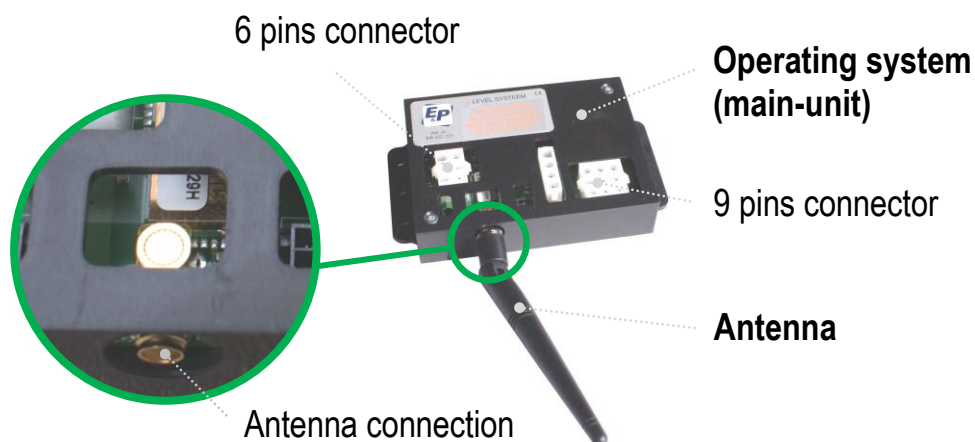
5.2.2. Antenna

Check if there is a antenna connection on the operating system (see picture below). If this is not the case, the remote control CANNOT communicate with the hydraulic levelling system. In principle, the antenna connector and the antenna are always present when you purchase the levelsystem including a remote control unit.

If you purchased the remote control at a later stage, then you should remember that this antenna connection on the operating system (main-unit) could be missing.

The presence of the antenna is dependent on the acquisition period of the levelsystem. After 2013, all operating systems have this antenna connector. In this case, the dealer/installer can directly connect the antenna to the operating system (the antenna is supplied with the remote control).

Below is the picture of the operating system including the antenna connection.



Remote control *(continued)*

5.2.3. Battery

Remove the battery-cover on the rear side of the remote control by firmly pressing the cover and then sliding out. Insert the 9V battery and carefully reassemble the battery-cover (in most common cases the battery is already fitted).

5.2.4 Programming the remote control *(calibrate/par)*

Step 1 In order to pair the remote control to the system, remove the fuse (15Amp.) out of the cable assembly from the hydraulic levelsystem or disconnect the 9 pin cable connector from the operating system (do this by gently pressing the two hooks on the side of the connector).

REMARK: When using a 24V system, remove the 6 pin cable connector from the operating system.

Step 2 Press the buttons **“AUTOMATIC MODE”** (no.7) and **“RETRACT ALL JACKS”** (no.8) **simultaneously**.

When done, the Indicator LED (no.14) with the surrounding 4 arrows starts blinking GREEN/ORANGE rapidly. This means the remote control is looking for its receiver, mounted within the operating system.

Step 3 Depending on what action you performed under step1, reconnect the 9 pin connector, the 6 pin connector or the fuse to the system.

- The pairing process should be made within a certain time (apr. 20 sec.)
- The remote control turns off automatically.
- When the Indicator LED (no.14) goes off, the pairing process is complete.

Remote control *(continued)*

5.2.5 Putting the remote control into use

After programming the remote control you now have the possibility to operate the levelsystem with the remote control.

Step 1 Switch the remote control ON by pressing button “**ON / OFF**” (no.5) for at least 1 second.

Now the GREEN LED will light up by flashing. As long as you see this LED flashing, the remote control is searching for contact with the operating system. When contact is made the flashing stops.

The illumination of one or two ORANGE arrows on the indicator LED (no.14) central on the control panel shows the position of the vehicle.

In the unlikely event that the vehicle is already level, then the indicator LED (no.14) lights up GREEN.

Further operation goes as described in the chapters 4.1 up to 4.3

5.2.6 Which device takes command

The device which is switched on first (remote control or control panel) takes the command to control the system, until that device is switched off. If you would like to switch from one control device to another, you need to switch off the power from the device that was in operation first.

REMARK 1: In the event of switching over from the remote control to the control panel: you have to wait a little time, to give the system enough time to switch off contact between the remote control and the operating system.

REMARK 2: It may be that the operating system is built in such a way that receiving a signal between the remote control and the operating system works poorly or even not at all (caused by vehicle construction materials e.g. steel, wood, plastics, etc.).

In this case there is a possibility to move the antenna away from the operating system by means of an optional extension cable (length max. 2 meters, available from E&P Hydraulics).

5.2.7 Battery Indicator

When the battery level indicator LED (no.16) lights RED, the device does not stop working immediately. After this signal it is possible to use the remote control apr. another 4 times. Make sure there is a spare battery in the vehicle.

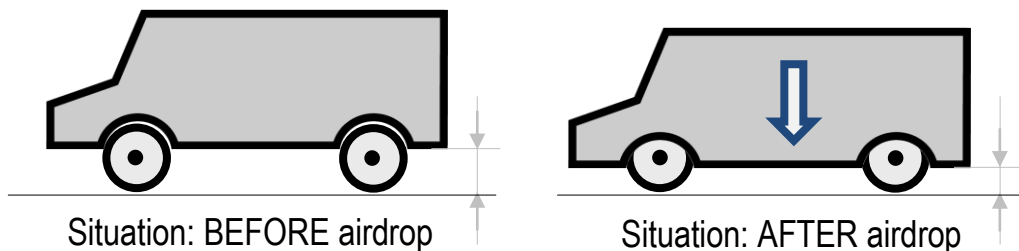
5.3 Air suspension (*general*)

By connecting the airsuspension system, via the E&P Hydraulics “air-drop system” or “air-suspension interface”, it will be possible to keep the vehicle as low as possible to the ground, when using the automatic leveling system of E&P Hydraulics.

The system is designed so that it is usable both for the front and rear axle air suspension.
(where fitted)

The system is designed to lower the vehicle towards the ground, to create the lowest step-height possible and to give the hydraulic jacks the maximum leveling stroke possible.

In other words, when the vehicle floor is as low as possible to the ground, the effectiveness of the level system will be enhanced.



The definition of airdrop: Controlled air release to allow the vehicle to be dropped to its lowest position automatically.

In this user manual we describe the operation of two air suspension systems:

- 5.3.1 : Airsuspension control by means of the E&P Hydraulics levelsystem

A independent functioning E&P Hydraulics solution for dropping air out of the airsuspension, which is useful in almost all common motorhome vehicles such as:
M.A.N. - Mercedes - Iveco - etc.

- 5.3.2 : Airsuspension control by means of the VB Airsuspension system

This possibility is offered by E&P Hydraulics by means of integration of two independently operating systems. Namely the operating systems of "VB Airsuspension" and "E&P Hydraulics".

5.3.1 Programming the E&P Hydraulics air suspension system (when installed)

Ensure the vehicle stands in a position as level as possible. Make sure that the vehicle's parking brake is engaged, the engine is running (the ignition is on) and the vehicle is levelled FIRST by means of the automatic or manual procedure.

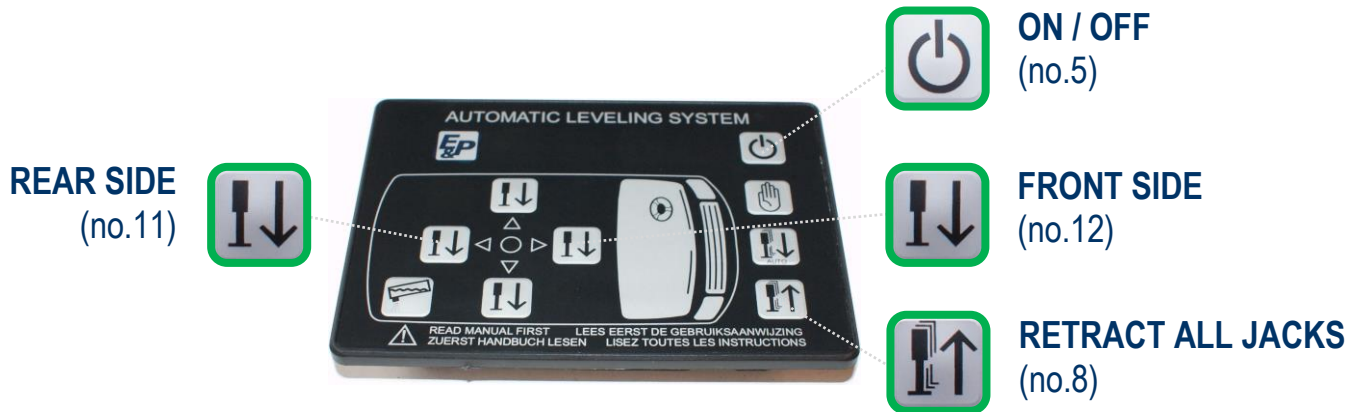


- Step 1** Press **1x** on the button **“ON / OFF”** (no.5) to switch OFF the levelsystem after manual or automatic levelling.
- Step 2** Press **1x** on the button **“ON / OFF”** (no.5) to switch the levelsystem ON.
- Step 3** Press **5x** on the button **“FRONT SIDE”** (no.12).
- Step 4** Press **5x** on the button **“REAR SIDE”** (no.11) All LED's on the control panel light up as a sign the vehicle stands in zero mode.
- Step 5** Press **1x** on the button **“LEFT SIDE”** (no.10).
- Step 6** Lower the air-suspension by means of the E&P Hydraulics air-drop system present in the vehicle.
- REMARK: At this stage you have to make the choice of how far you want to lower the vehicle. This choice is, from now on, the actual (preset) position/angle the vehicle will lower to. If you have airsuspension on the front side of the vehicle, then calibrate the front air-suspension. If you have no air-suspension on the front side then calibrate at the rear side.*
- Step 7** Press again **1x** on the button **“LEFT SIDE”** (no.10).
The system is programmed.
- Step 8** Press **1x** on the button **“ON / OFF”** (no.5) to switch the levelsystem OFF.

REMARK: The system has been designed so that the air-suspension will only drop air when it improves the programmed level (level point).

5.3.2 Programming the VB air suspension system *(when installed)*

Ensure the vehicle stands in a position as level as possible. Make sure that the vehicle's parking brake is engaged, the engine is running (the ignition is on) and the vehicle is levelled FIRST by means of the automatic or manual procedure.



- Step 1** Press **1x** on the button “**ON / OFF**” (no.5) to switch OFF the levelsystem after manual or automatic levelling.
- Step 2** Press **1x** on the button “**ON / OFF**” (no.5) to switch the levelsystem ON.
- Step 3** Press **5x** on the button “**FRONT SIDE**” (no.12).
- Step 4** Press **5x** on the button “**REAR SIDE**” (no.11) All LED's on the control panel light up as a sign the vehicle stands in zero mode.
- Step 5** Press **3x** on the button “**RETRACT ALL JACKS**” (no.8).
The system takes a few seconds to calibrate.
- Step 6** Press again **3x** on the button “**RETRACT ALL JACKS**” (no.8).
The air suspension interface is activated. **The system is programmed.**
- Step 7** Press **1x** on the button “**ON / OFF**” (no.5) to switch the levelsystem OFF.

5.4 Inclination wastewater-tank (set/programming)

The calibration procedure described below has already been carried out at your dealer/installer. You don't have to perform this procedure by yourself.

E&P Hydraulics has decided to include this chapter as an extra in this manual in case of failure and-or service & repair matters.

If the inclination of the vehicle is not set or programmed, or you want to adjust the tilt, then this can be done with this procedure:

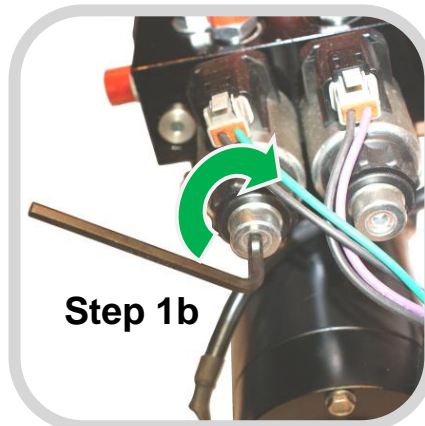


- Step 1** Put the vehicle in the desired (new) tilt position. Do this using the manual procedure (see chapter 4.2).
- Step 2** Press **1x** on the button “**ON / OFF**” (no.5) to switch OFF the levelsystem after manual levelling.
- Step 3** Press **1x** on the button “**ON / OFF**” (no.5) to switch the levelsystem ON.
- Step 4** Press **5x** on the button “**FRONT SIDE**” (no.12).
- Step 5** Press **5x** on the button “**REAR SIDE**” (no.11).
- Step 6** Press **3x** on the button “**INCLINATION**” (no.15).
The desired tilt (inclination) position is activated.
- Step 7** Press **1x** on the button “**ON / OFF**” (no.5) to switch the levelsystem OFF.

5.5 Emergency control

In case of emergency, the electronic levelling system can also be operated manually by means of auxiliary tools, such as a battery powered drill, or a battery powered screwdriver. This way, in case of a failure in the system, you can retract the jacks manually and depart to a new destination.

CAUTION! Depending on the type of hydraulic pump the valves could be adjusted by hand OR by using an Allen key. Please do this **VERY CAREFULLY** when both opening and closing the valve.

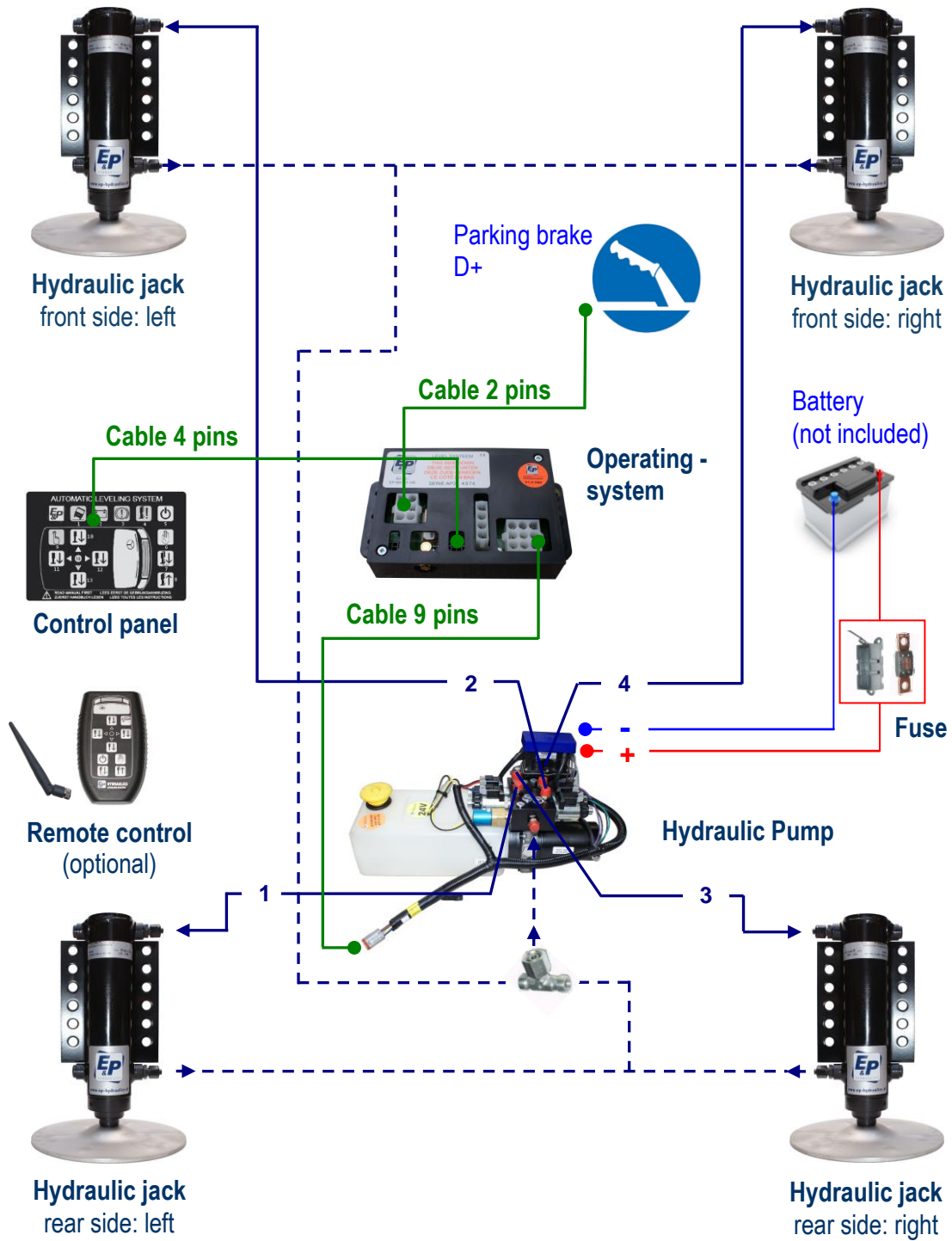


Operating the emergency system

- Step 1a-b** Turn the four valves on the pump **CAREFULLY CLOCKWISE** to the fully open position, by hand or by means of the supplied Allen key.
- Step 2** Remove the protective label on the front side of the electric motor whereby a coupling becomes visible.
- Step 3** Insert the supplied hexagon-bit (1/4" HEX) into the coupling and turn it with the auxiliary tool **ANTI-CLOCKWISE** to retract all the jacks.
- Step 4 a-b** When all jacks are fully withdrawn, turn the four valves on the pump **CAREFULLY ANTI-CLOCKWISE** to the original position.

6. Schematic diagram of the hydraulic levelsystem

Below the schematic view/diagram of the E&P Hydraulics levelsystem.



7. Remarks and recommendations

Below is an overview concerning remarks and recommendations (tips) of the hydraulic levelsystem:

- After 4 minutes of no operation, the system will switch off automatically.
- The automatic levelling cycle can only be started after all jacks have been retracted. If the jacks are not retracted when the automatic cycle starts, the system will do this automatically. So it is not possible to make short adjustments to the jacks; the system will always first completely retract its jacks.
- At a low battery voltage, the system will automatically switch off.
- Jacks are extended and you accidentally drive off: the system will immediately give an alarm and the jacks are automatically retracted as soon as the hand brake is disengaged. In case of vehicles with a pneumatic brake installation, this takes place when the engine is started.
- All normal functions of the system are switched off in error mode.
- The jacks always operate 2 at a time at 1 side. The left side, right side, front side and rear side. Only when retracting do they operate all 4 at the same time.
- Some vehicles have swivel chairs that do not function when the hand brake is engaged. As soon as the levelling system is finished and the ignition switch is off, you are able to disengage the hand-brake. Before doing that, you must of course check if the car is in gear.
- During winter conditions (e.g. in snow and ice) put something (e.g. a piece of carpet) under the jacks to avoid sliding.
- During bad weather conditions (heavy frost) when levelling is ready and the ignition is switched off you can release the parking brake. TAKE CARE you put the vehicle in gear before releasing the parking brake.
- Manual operation is mainly recommended for uneven surfaces.
- In manual operation, all four jacks should always be extended before leveling starts.
- The system cannot handle all angles, the limit values differ per vehicle.

Remarks and recommendations *(continued)*

- If the system makes a slope angle that is too big and no longer responds to requests for automatic levelling, we recommend bringing the vehicle as close as possible to the zero point in manual mode.

You will notice that the system also has a semi-automatic function. During manual operation, 1 or 2 arrows can light near the green LED 14. In this way, the system indicates where the lowest points are at that moment.

EXAMPLE: first extend the rear jacks by manual operation (vehicle is moving). Wait a moment, then press the arrow for the front jacks. It will stop automatically when the zero point is reached.

Another option, in case of a slope angle that is too high, is to drive the vehicle on wedges and to extend the jacks from this position (please do take the stability into account).

8. Troubleshooting

In case of an error message, check whether the hand brake is engaged, whether the ignition is switched on, whether the battery has sufficient voltage, whether the oil level is correct, whether there is any damage to the jacks, and check all the cables.

If this does not lead to a solution for the fault, the fault could be located in the drive units. As the drive unit does not have any repairable parts, you should contact your E&P Hydraulics dealer/installer.

The error mode

If the ignition switch is not switched on or the hand brake is not engaged, the level system cannot be switched on, unless the jacks have been lowered and the hand brake is being disengaged, in which case the "PARKBRAKE" indicator LED (no.3) will flash and the "BUZZER" will beep. You are now able to switch on the hydraulic level system with the button "ON / OFF"(no.5).

If, when retracting the jacks, the pump is running on overpressure for a few seconds, the retracting action should stop (in both manual and automatic mode). If necessary switch off the hydraulic level system by pressing the button "ON / OFF" (no.5).

A timer will run, which will count up when the pump is running and count down when the pump is not running. If this timer reaches a value that is too high, the pump will stop running in order to prevent overheating.

Under normal circumstances, all LED's are off and the unit will only respond by pressing the button "ON / OFF" (no.5) switching the system on.

The hydraulic level system does not work

Possible causes

- The ignition of the vehicle is not on
- The parking brake is not engaged
- The control panel switched itself off (4 minute rule)

Solution(s)

- Switch on the ignition
- Engage the parking brake
- Press button ON / OFF (no. 5)

Troubleshooting *(continued)***The indicator LED "BATTERY" lights up****Possible causes**

- The battery is almost empty

Solution(s)

- Start the vehicle to charge the battery

Indicator LED message "RETRACT ALL JACKS" will not go out

This while the supports are withdrawn and possibly in combination with the failure of the automatic levelling (flashing alarm)

Possible causes

- The oil level is too low
- The button for retracting the jacks does not work

Solution(s)

- Check the oil level and fill if necessary
- Check wiring connections or replace

The jacks will not (fully) go out, while the pump is in operation**Possible causes**

- Too little or no oil in the tank
- Valve or pump does not work
- Between the operation system and the valve there is no electrical contact

Solution(s)

- Control the oil level and fill if necessary
- Clean, repair or change
- Check cables for voltage loss
Repair if necessary

IMPORTANT: For all other reports and/or mal-functioning of the system, please contact your dealer/installer

9. Maintenance

The E&P Hydraulics levelsystem does not have parts that need to be maintained periodically. When parts have been taken apart, the warranty will become invalid. If necessary parts could be substituted, repaired and/or exchanged (warranty). Please contact your E&P Hydraulics dealer/installer if necessary.

WARNING: In control/service-works secure the vehicle by placing suitable axle stands under the front and rear axles. By not doing this you create a real danger of personal injury or serious accident.

Preventative controls

- Periodically checking the hydraulic oil level.
 - Check the oil when the jacks are fully retracted. When checking the oil level, the level should be about two to five centimetres below the filling hole.
 - Only fill the tank when the jacks are fully retracted. If this is done with extended jacks, the oil may overspill when they are retracted again.
 - The oil should be replaced every 36 months.
 - Only use transmission oil 'A' (Automatic Transmission Fluid - ATF). E&P Hydraulics recommends ATF with Dexron III or Mercon 5 or a mixture of both. Under freezing point, the jacks may move slower due to the viscosity of the oil. Under extremely cold weather conditions, you should use a special type of oil for low temperatures. Consult E&P Hydraulics or a recognized dealer, before using a different type of oil.
- Periodically check the electronic cables and connections.
- Periodically check the hydraulic jacks.
 - Remove dirt, sand, mud and other contamination that settles during use, it may obstruct the operation of the hydraulic leveling system.
 - If the jacks remain extended for a longer period of time, the exposed legs must be protected by spraying them with a silicon lubricant. Do this more frequently, if the vehicle is located in a salty environment.
 - We recommend spraying the complete cylinders, including hose connections, with an anti-corrosive agent. This layer (e.g. tectyle) will protect the system against corrosion. This should already have been done during assembly. Annual application of anti-corrosive agent to the system will significantly increase the product's life span. Spray when the supports are withdrawn/retracted.
 - Periodically monitoring of rail tracks and other damage to the piston rods.

Maintenance *(continued)*

- In winter (slippery) conditions.

In winter (slippery) conditions we advise you to take additional safety and precautionary measures. Especially because your safety during operation of the system. For optimal performance in frequent use under extreme conditions we recommend the use of a special hydraulic oil for low temperatures (consult an authorized dealer).

Furthermore, during the winter period we have to deal with situations in which de-icing salt will tack to the outside of the system. Preventative maintenance should be:

- Good cleaning of the jacks.
- Clean the stainless steel cylinder (piston rod) and spray with a silicone lubricant.
- Remove dirt from the stainless steel foot plate (especially at the bottom, this is the area your vehicle stands on).
- Try to put the vehicle in a location as clean and flat as possible.
- Place a piece of rubber (e.g. piece of carpet) between the frozen (slippery) surface and the the footplate.
- Before leaving make an additional check round the vehicle, if necessary remove snow and ice from the jacks, then you are free to withdraw the jacks.

10. Warranty

E&P Hydraulics has a limited factory warranty for (parts of) the hydraulic leveling system. This manufacturer's warranty applies solely and strictly on the following conditions and exclusions.

1. The guarantee is valid for a period of 24 months from date of purchase.
2. This guarantee covers only defects caused by material and / or workmanship.
3. In order to implement the guarantee, E&P Hydraulics can at its own discretion and preference write a credit note for the defective product/part, either repair or replace the defective product/part at no additional charge by an appointed E&P Hydraulics authorised technician at a location to be designated by E&P Hydraulics. This location can be the E&P Hydraulics factory, another repair facility or the location where the defective product/part is at the moment (repair on location). If E&P Hydraulics on a request as worded would be willing to deviate from her herein at its own discretion and preference choices made, if necessary appropriate fees will be charged such at the sole discretion of E&P Hydraulics.
4. The manufacturer's warranty is only valid if the product is purchased from an authorised E&P Hydraulics dealer.
5. The guarantee expires if installation, modification, maintenance or repairs are made to the product or its components by a non E&P Hydraulics authorised dealer or installer. Any attempt to repair a defect will inevitably lead to voiding the warranty.
6. An appeal on the manufacturer's limited factory warranty is only eligible for adoption if an official E&P Hydraulics dealer or installer determines the material and/or manufacturing defect within the warranty period and the appeal to guarantee is done within two weeks after this determination. E&P Hydraulics assesses independently and exclusively or a guarantee request may or may not be allocated.
7. Repair and/or restoration work must not be started before the warranty claim is assigned by E&P Hydraulics and the planned repair is approved by E&P Hydraulics. Any work carried out beforehand will result in the loss of warranty coverage.
8. A warranty claim must be made promptly upon discovery of the problem to E&P Hydraulics. Should this not be the case, E&P Hydraulics can reject the warranty claim, especially if the problem could be exacerbated by the late reporting, this is at the sole discretion of E&P Hydraulics.

Warranty (continued)

9. In the event of damage caused by abuse, misuse, overloading, improper loading (including incorrect weight distribution), improper maintenance, incorrect connection, connection to wrong parts, negligence, accident, intent or deliberate recklessness, it is at the sole discretion of E&P Hydraulics to void the warranty.
10. E&P Hydraulics is not liable for any form of physical, financial or physical direct or consequential damage caused by (parts of) the product, except where the damage concerns the product itself, as per the regulations provided in Directive 85/374/EEC.
11. Excluded are (parts of) products which are used for commercial business, in the sale or on offer, or sold with defects, and/or products where the E&P Hydraulics identification signs have been deleted, removed or made unreadable.

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