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# 1. Safety

This chapter contains an overview of the chain feeding system safety concerns and includes:

- Safety Overview
- Safety Conventions
- Cautions and Warnings
- Storage, Transport, and Installation
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### Safety Overview 1.1

Plasson's chain feeding system has been designed to meet all known safety requirements. During normal operation, the chain feeding system presents no hazards to the operator or other personnel. However, in certain circumstances, the following potential hazards to operators and maintenance team personnel exist:

- Electrical shock (220 VAC)
- Mechanical hazard (moving parts, pinch points, etc.)
- Overhead hazard
- Heavy object hazard

The information and instructions presented in this document are intended to help personnel work with the chain feeding system in a safe, effective, and efficient manner.



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### Safety Conventions 1.2

Safety information is presented as follows:

Caution is the signal word used to indicate a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used alert against unsafe practices.

Warning is the signal word used to indicate a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or severe injury.

**Danger** is the signal word used to indicate an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or severe injury. This signal word is limited to the most extreme situations.





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### **Cautions and Warnings** 1.3

The following instructions and guidelines are necessary to ensure safe operation and long system life. Before performing any work on the system, become familiar with the following safety sections:

### **General Safety Cautions** 1.3.1

<ul> <li>Read the installation and operation instructions prior to installing or before servicing the system.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Follow operation instructions build-up.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Before working on the system, read all safety standards and instructions to avoid injury or damage to equipment or property.</li> </ul>	• Follow operation instructions surfaces.
<ul> <li>Electrical connections must be serviced by a qualified electrician, using certified components only, and according to local regulations and standards.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>DO NOT use water containing</li> <li>DO NOT use water containing</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Shut off the system before conducting system maintenance.</li> </ul>	corrosion.
<ul> <li>Proper operation of the system is not guaranteed if unauthorized parts are used.</li> </ul>	
Clean up spills and leaks immediately	

- Clean up spills and leaks immediately.
- In case of unusual or irregular noise or vibration, it is necessary to switch off the system.



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g chlorides content higher than 200 mg/L as it will cause



### **General Warnings** 1.3.2

• Hazardous Voltage: Contact with electrical equipment can cause electric shock or burn if the power supply is turned on. Before starting any work on electrical equipment, disconnect the machine from the power socket.

# 1.4 Storage, Transport, and Installation

Storage safety:

- Ambient temperature must be between 5°C and 60°C.
- System must not be exposed to humidity, rain, condensation, dust, or direct sunlight during storage.

Transport safety:

- Move the system using appropriate lifting equipment.
- Avoid heavy vibration during transport.
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Installation safety:

- The operator is responsible for the equipment and must not allow unauthorized persons to use the system or be in its vicinity.
- Whenever you handle or repair the equipment, turn off the power supply first.
- Maintenance and repairs must be carried out by qualified technicians authorized by Plasson.
- Always use Plasson components when replacing any defective components.
- All electrical parts must be grounded and installed by a qualified electrician.
- Pay close attention to the safety symbols on the components, as carelessness can lead to serious injury and even death.



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### EMC Safety 1.5

All chain feeding system components comply with IEC EN 61000-6-3, the emission standard for residential, commercial, and light industrial environments.





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# 2. Introduction

The Chain Feeding System is a durable feeding line which enables fast and even distribution of feed in the chicken house. Multiple configurations are possible, and installation is quick and easy with minimal maintenance required.

This chapter introduces the Chain Feeding System and includes:

- System Concept
- Major Components
- Hopper
- Direct Feed
- Trough Assembly
- Chain and Drive Unit
- Suspension System
- Common Layouts

The system must be installed by a trained and qualified personnel authorized by Plasson.



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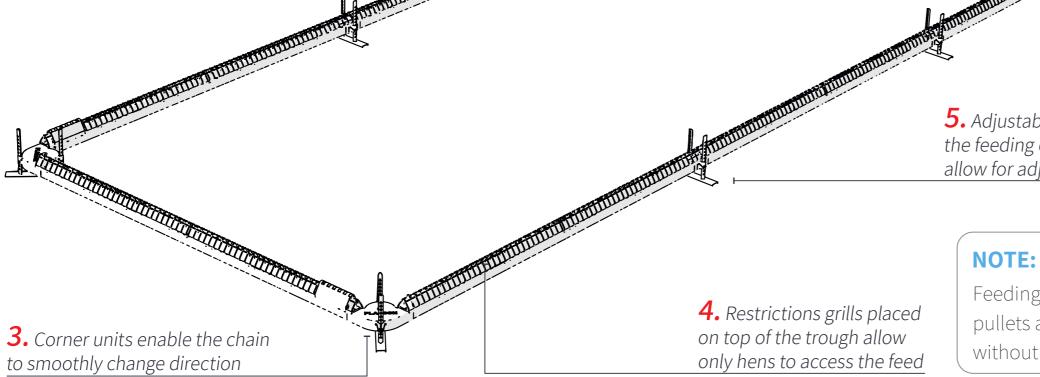
### System Concept 2.1

**1.** Feed is poured into a hopper and then released onto the chain located in the trough

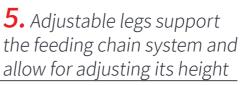
## **NOTE:**

There is an option to pour feed directly into the troughs (see Direct Feed).

**2.** An electric drive unit pulls the chain with the feed around the entire system







## **NOTE:**

The entire feeding chain system can be placed either on legs (shown), on the ground, or suspended in the air using a suspension system.

Feeding chain system for pullets and layers is supplied without restriction grills



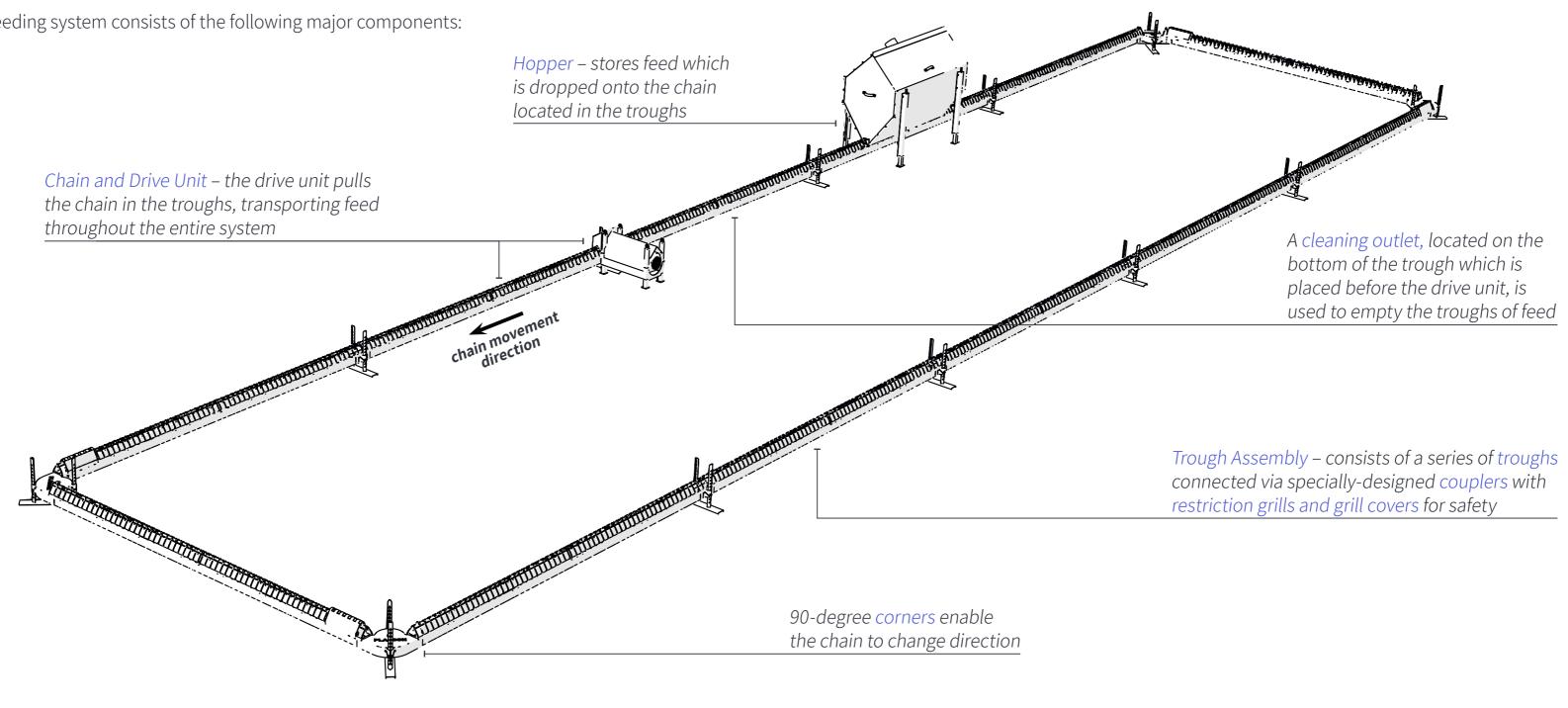
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### Major Components 2.2

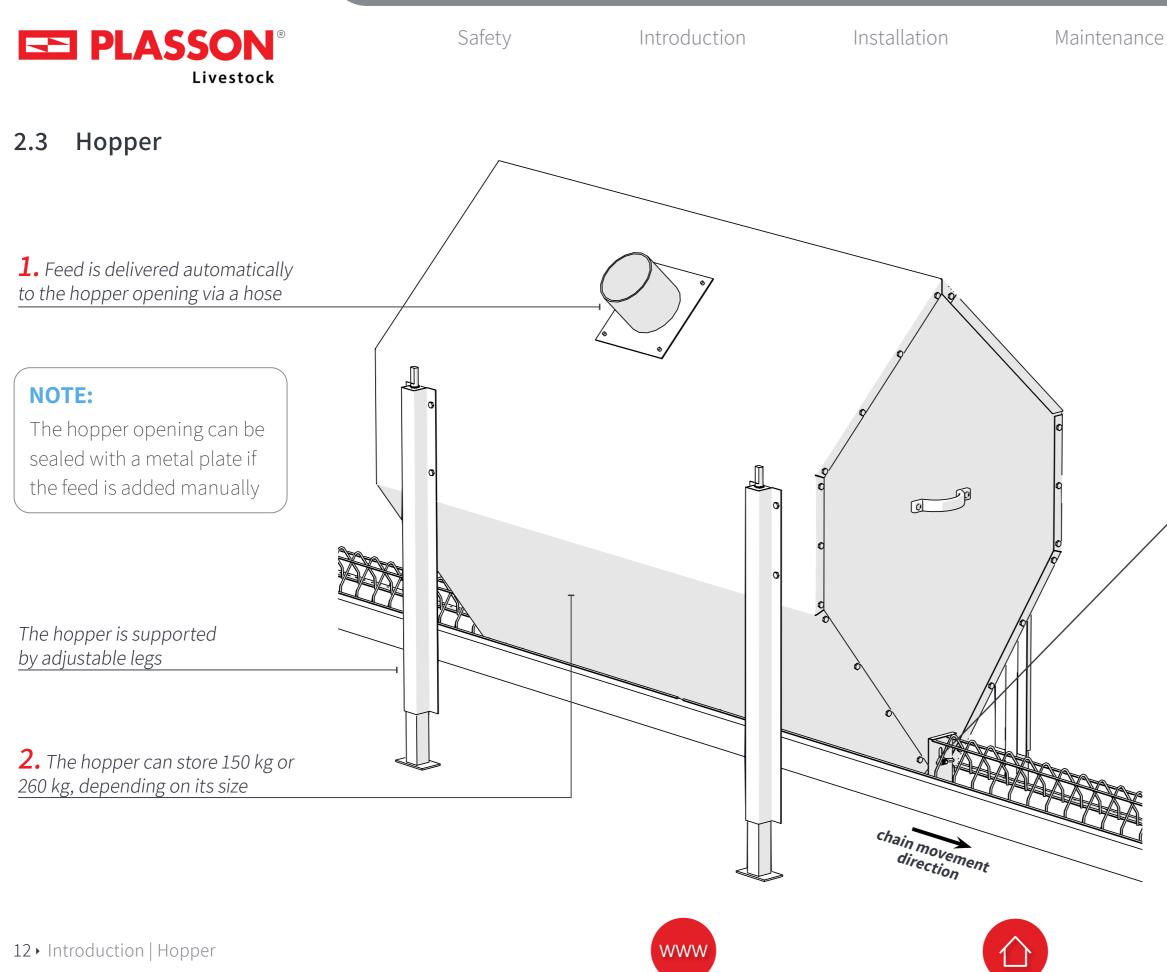
The chain feeding system consists of the following major components:



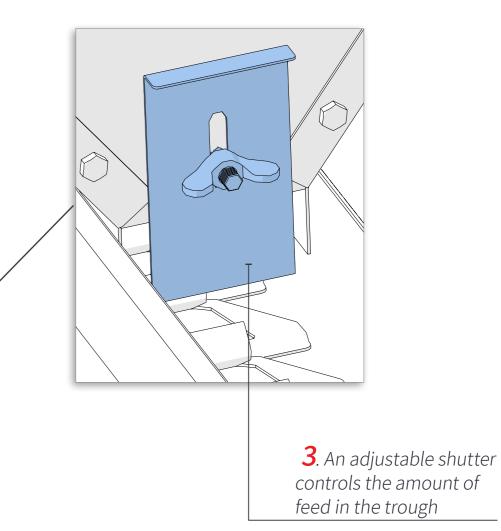




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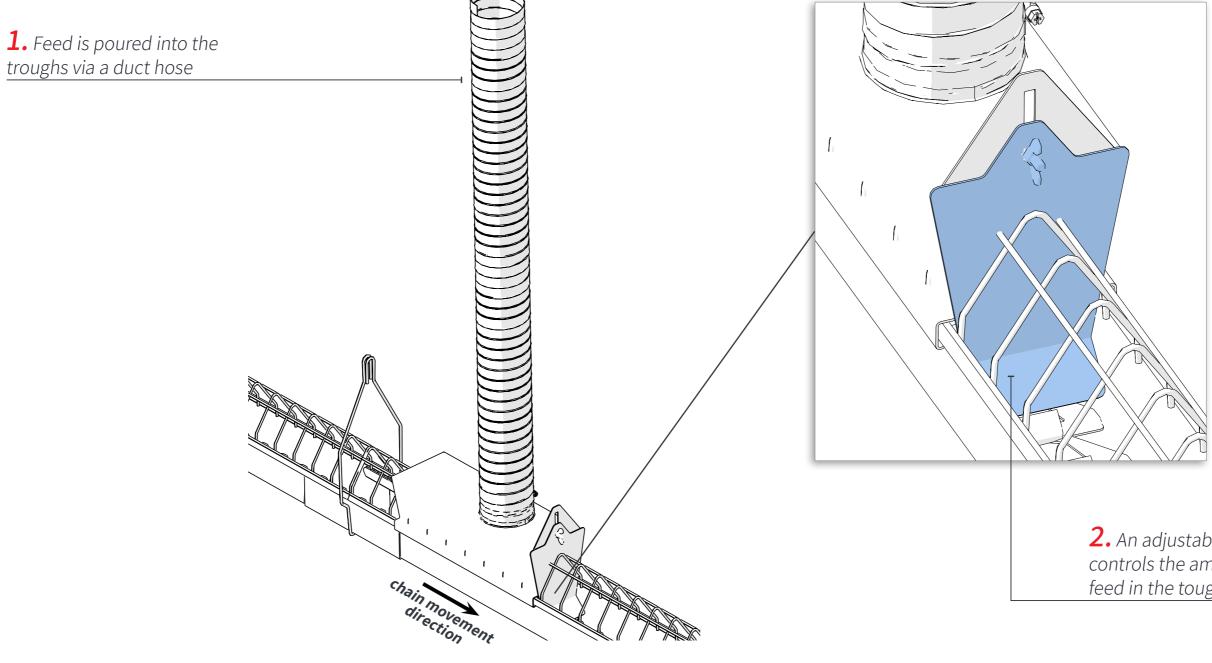




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### **Direct Feed** 2.4

An optional setup allows for feed to be poured directly into the troughs as follows:







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**2.** An adjustable shutter controls the amount of feed in the tough



### Trough Assembly 2.5

The trough assembly consists of the following:

- Troughs and Couplers
- Corners
- Legs
- Suspension Hooks
- Restriction Grills and Grill Covers
- Cleaning Outlet







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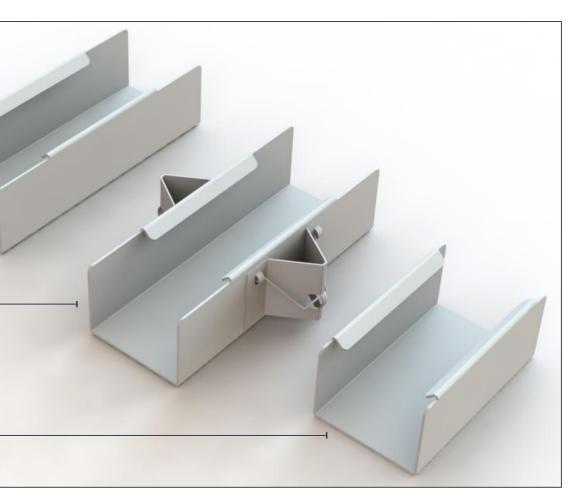
Safety Installation Introduction Maintenance Troughs and Couplers 2.5.1 Feed is delivered throughout the system via a metal chain located in the troughs Coupler for suspension system installation Troughs slide into the couplers from both sides Coupler for leg support installation Coupler for floor installation



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## **NOTE:**

Choice of couplers depends on system configuration.





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## 2.5.2 Corners

A corner unit is attached to the troughs whenever there is a need to change the chain direction.

The chain is supported by a wheel which rotates freely to allow for smooth direction change

## **NOTE:**

A high-corner option is also available. When using a high corner, the grill cover is not necessary

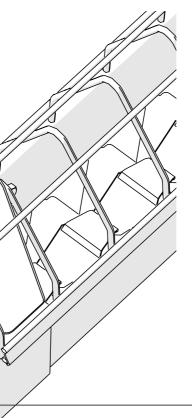


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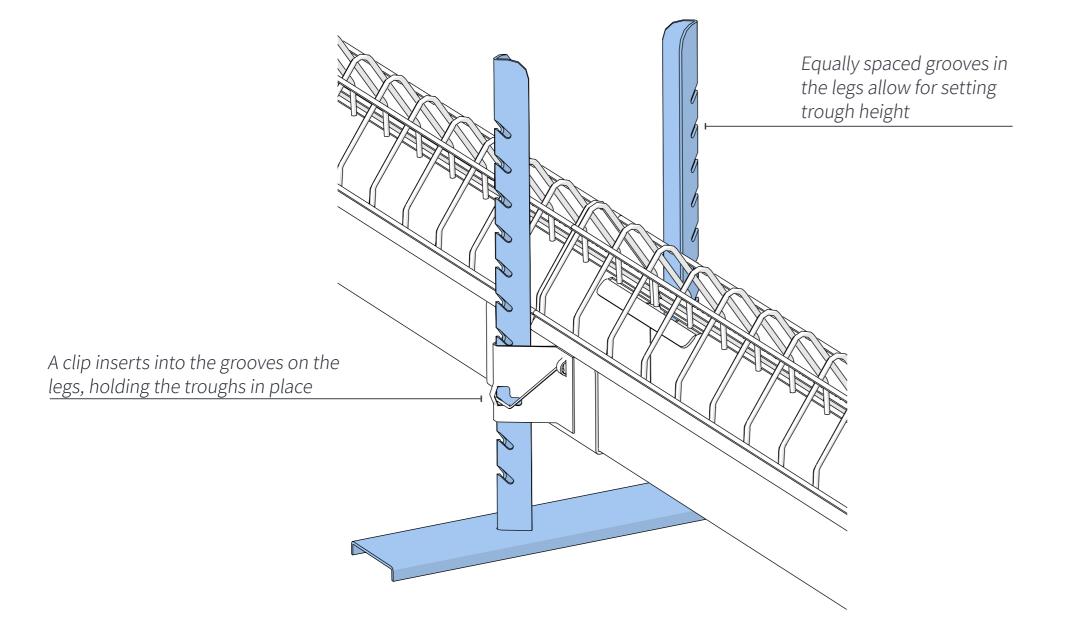
Transparent lid allows for observing chain movement, and can be removed for cleaning and maintenance purposes

Corner units are supported by legs, and latches enable adjusting their height on the legs



## 2.5.3 Legs

Adjustable legs attach to the couplers and corner units

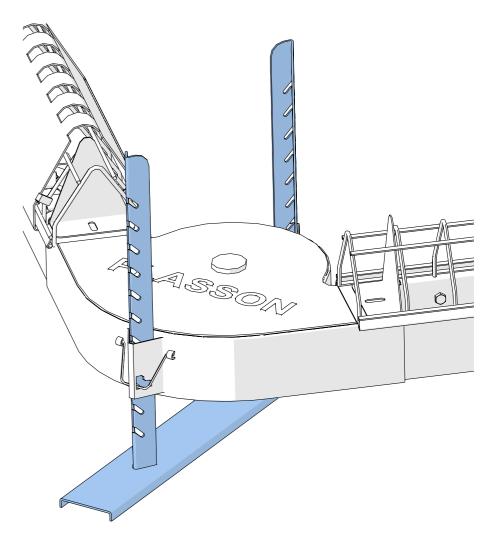






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## **NOTE:**

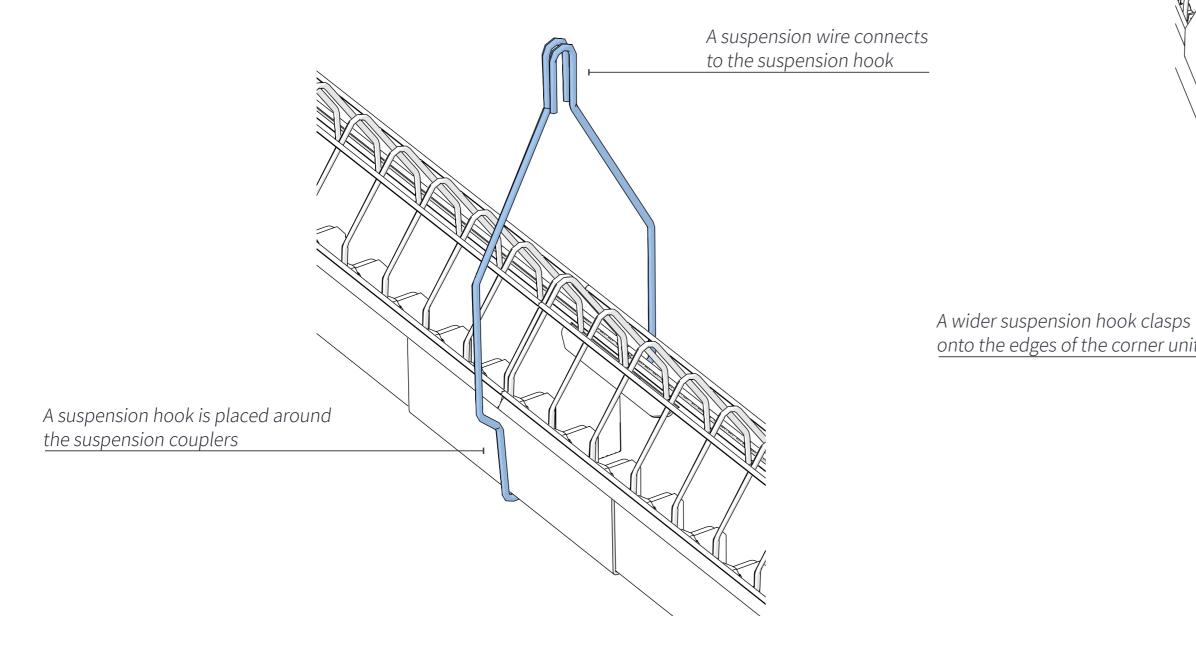
The corner unit legs are wider than the coupler legs



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### **Suspension Hooks** 2.5.4

Suspension hooks are attached to the couplers and corner units when the feeding chain system is suspended via the suspension system.



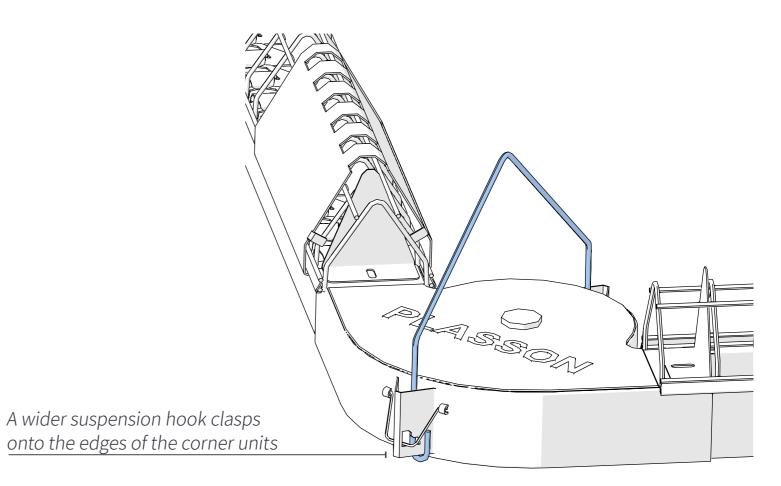






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### **Restriction Grills and Grill Covers** 2.5.5

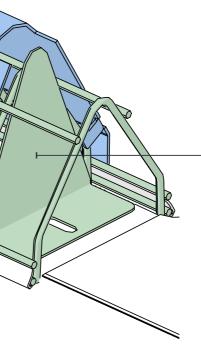
The restriction grill limits the size of chickens that can access feed inside the troughs

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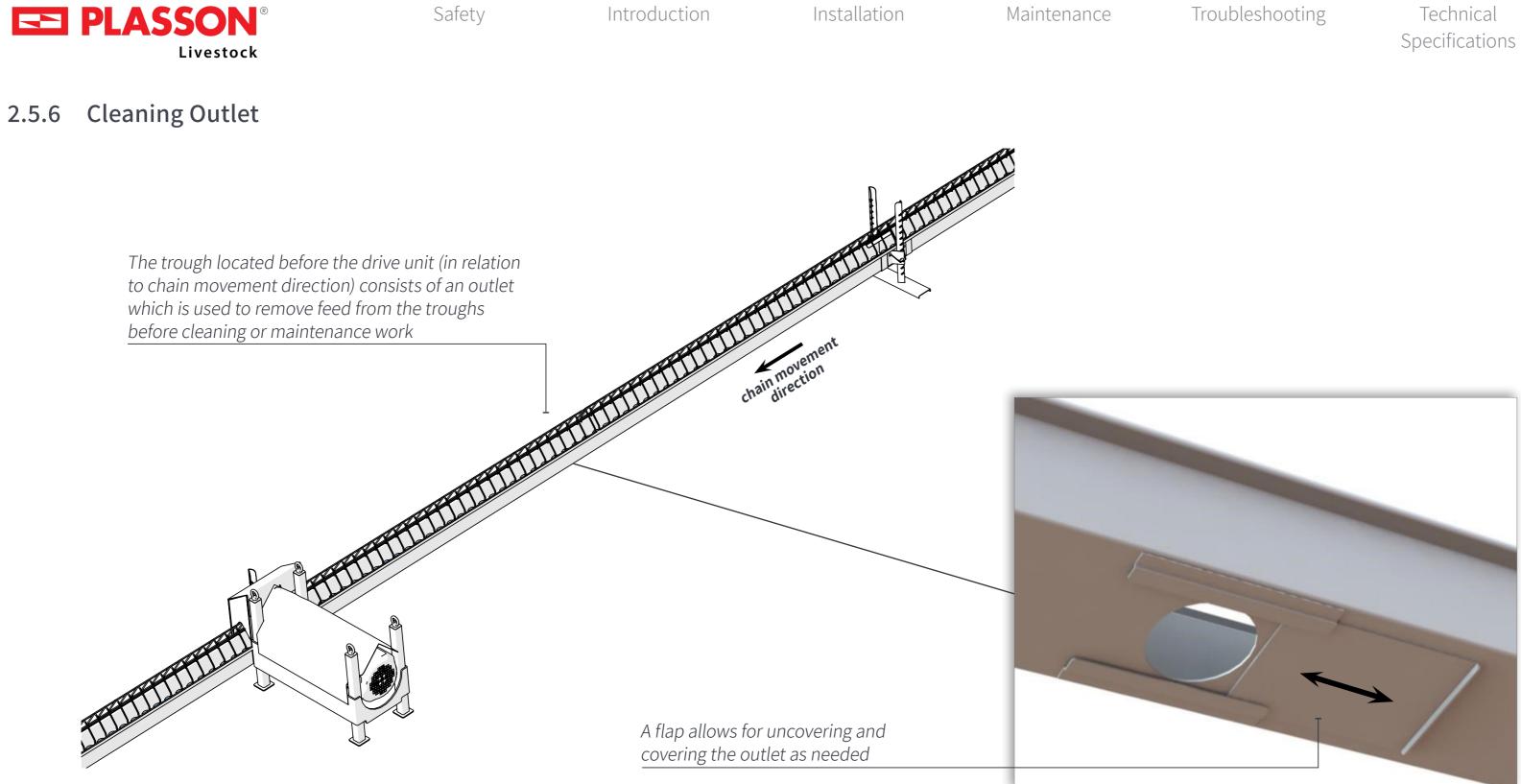
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Grill covers are placed before every corner unit, before the drive unit, and before the hopper/direct feed unit. They prevent chickens from inserting their heads and risking injury, as well as prevent spillage



Restriction grill end caps, placed on either end of the corner units, prevent chickens accessing feed from the side of the grill







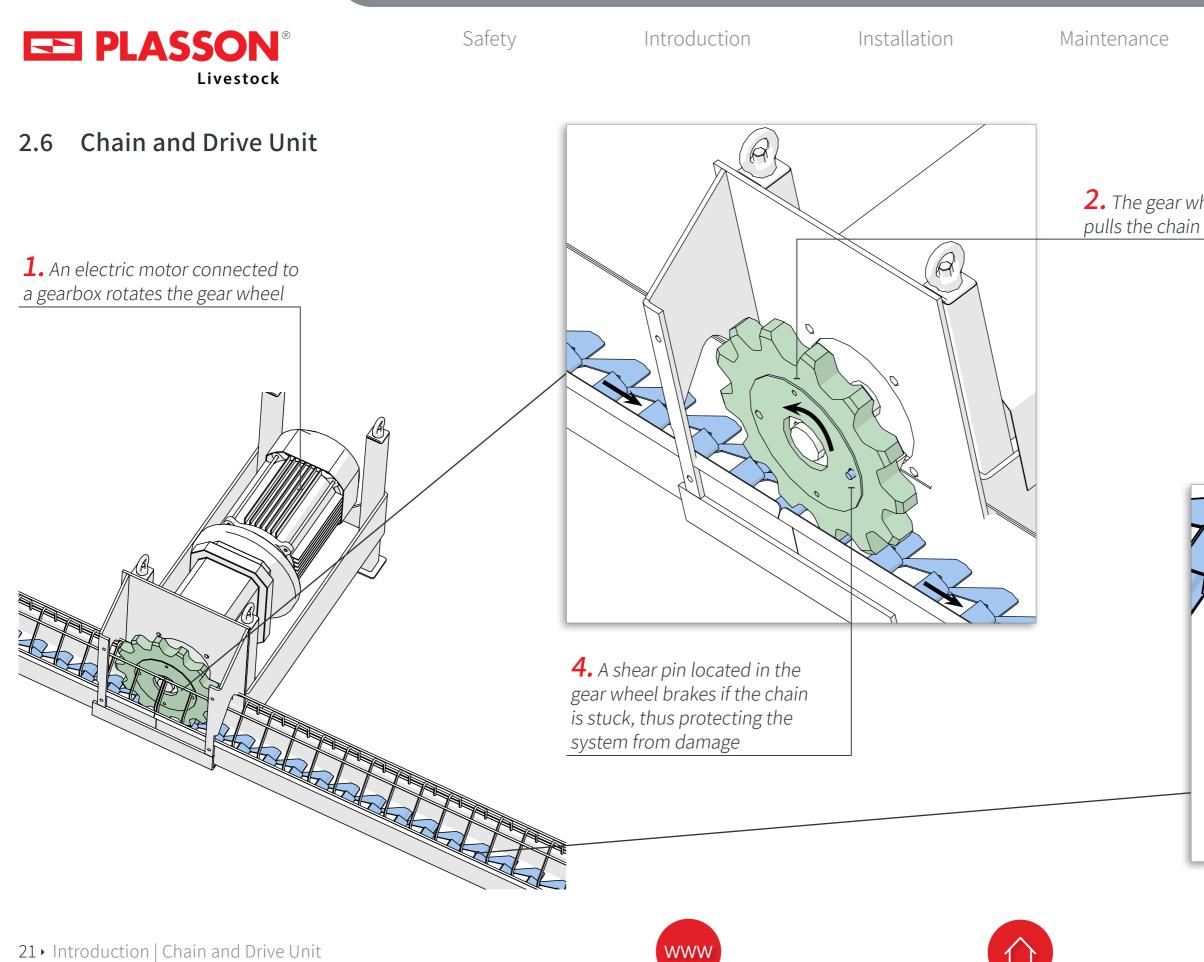


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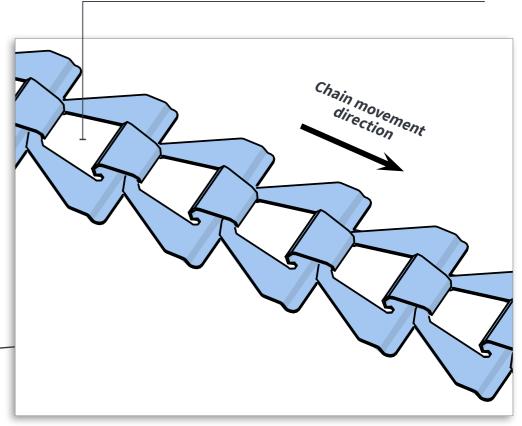
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## **NOTE:**

**2.** The gear wheel

If the chain is between 80 and 150 meters, a second drive unit is installed

> **3.** The chain moves the feed, transporting it throughout the entire trough system

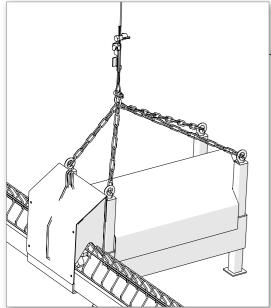




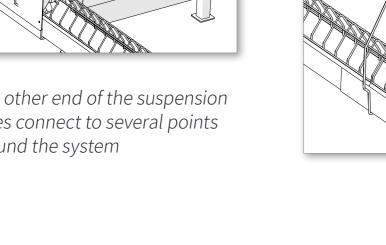
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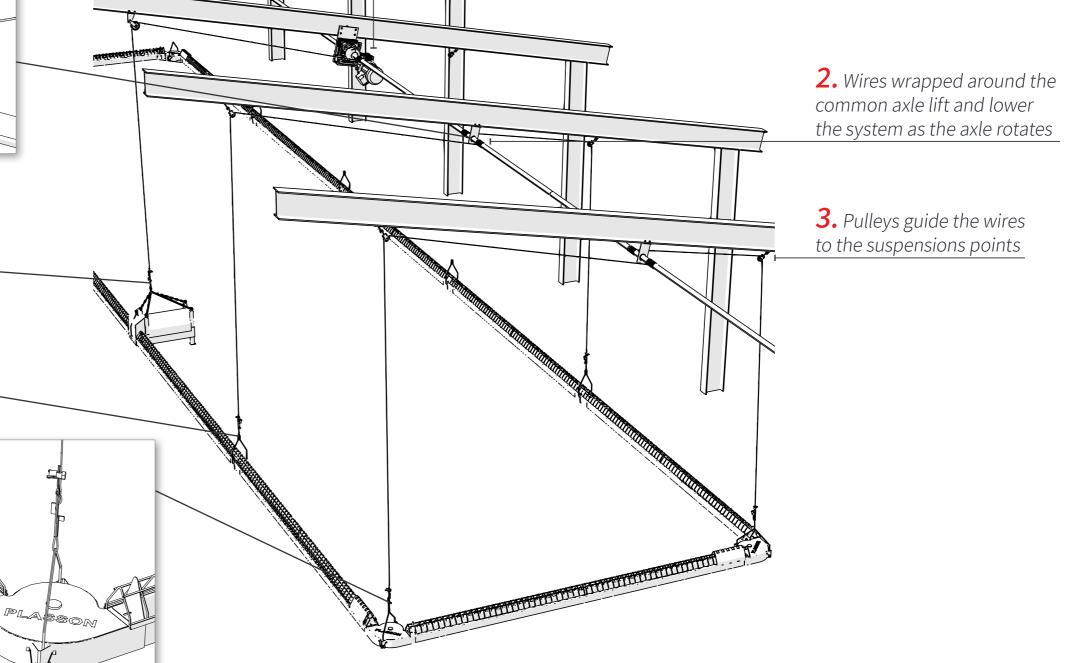
### Suspension System 2.7

One end of the suspension wires is wrapped around a common axle



The other end of the suspension wires connect to several points around the system





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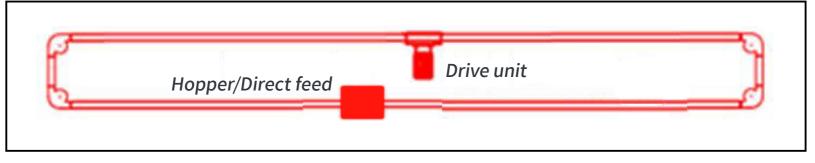
**1.** A central drive unit attached to the rafters rotates the common axle



### **Common Layouts** 2.8

Following are common layouts of the Chain Feeding System:

If the chain is less than 80 meters long, use the following layout:



## If the chain is between 80 and 150 meters long, use the following layout:

Γ	Drive unit	Hopper/Direct feed
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## If the chain is greater than 150 meters long, use the following layout:

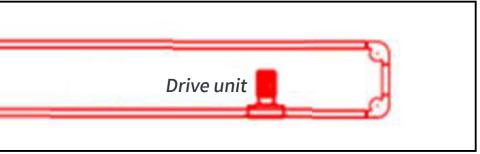
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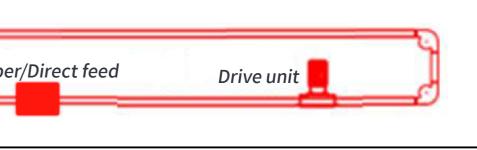


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## **NOTE:**

If the system is suspended, a direct feed unit is used. If the system is on legs or on the ground, either a hopper or direct feed unit may be used







### **Typical Installation Workflow** 2.9

The typical chain feeding system installation workflow is as follows:

- Mark the location of the chain feeder loops, using the designed layout as a guide. 1.
- If installing the suspended chain feeding system, mark the location of the suspension 2. system parts. Mind the difference in the positions of the drive unit(s) and corners in relation to the trough along the loop.
- Verify there are no conflicts with structural elements of the house (e.g., ensure that the 3. suspension pipes have a continuous path with no interferences).
- Verify there are no conflicts with the other systems in the house, such as the feeding, 4. drinking, and nesting systems, the cross auger feeding line, and the cable troughs (e.g., when there is a drinking system positioned in the middle of a chain feeder loop, position the chain feeding system suspension pipes slightly away from the middle of the chain feeder loop in order to make room for the drinking suspension system).
- Follow the Assembly Instructions. 5.



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# 3. Installation

This chapter reviews the tasks associated with installing the Chain Feeding System and includes:

- System Unpacking
- Bill of Materials (BOM)
- Required Tools
- Assembly Instructions
- Power and Control Connections





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### System Unpacking 3.1

Open the system package and verify that all the parts listed in the Bill of Materials (BOM) are located in the package and are intact. If any part is missing or damaged, contact Plasson.

**NOTE:** 

Unpack the system in a clean and dry area.

### Bill of Materials (BOM) 3.2

The following table displays the list of parts required to assemble a standard section of the system:

ID#	P/N	Description	QTY.	18
1	02340099	FEEDING CHAIN (PER 1M) PLTS	687	19
2	02340888	MEDIUM TROUGH FOR SUSPENSION/FLOOR 3M		20
3	02340974	MEDIUM TROUGH FOR CLEANING 2.86M SET		21
4	02340975	COUPLER MEDIUM TROUGH FOR LEG 155MM SET		22
5	02340979	COUPLER MEDIUM TROUGH FOR FLOOR 155MM		23
6	02349009	COUPLER MEDIUM TROUGH FOR HANGING 240MM		24
7	02340500	CORNER 90 DEG. FOR CHAIN (TS) COM		25
8	02340370	LEG FOR COUPLER		26
9	02340385	LEG FOR 90 DEG CORNER		27

ID#	P/N	Description	QTY.
10	02340976	RESTRICTION GRILL 4555 45 X 55MM 1474MM	
11	02386673	HEXAGON HEAD BOLT M6 X 15MM, SS	
12	02310428	ANTI-LOOSE NUT M6, SS	
13	02310459	WASHER M6, SS	
14	02349043	RESTRICTION GRILL END CAP	
15	02340977	FEED HOPPER 260 KG ON LEGS	
16	02341097	GRILL COVER FOR MEDIUM TROUGH	
17	02340639	CHAIN FEEDER DRIVE UNIT 3 PHASE 1.5HP 36 M/MIN 220/380V SET	
18	02340396	HOOK FOR CORNER 90°	
19	02340397	HOOK FOR MEDIUM TROUGH	
20	02341094	GEARMOTOR FOR C. FEEDER LIFTING 400 NM 7 RPM 1 HP 3PH W/ COUPLINGS 1.25" W/ FIXING PLATE SET	
21	02340664	SLIDE BEARING L SUPPORT PLATE 1.25" GAL. (120X40MM)	
22	02320019	DIN 933 M6X20 BOLT	
23	02323061	DIN 985 M6 NUT	
24	02353022	GALV PIPE 1.25" (2.65MM) (PER METER)	
25	02310359	NYLON PULLEY 1-7/8"	
26	02310020	STEEL PULLEY 3.1/2"	
27	02320003	STEEL CABLE 3/32" (2.4MM)	





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ID#	P/N	Description	QTY.
28	02320001	CABLE CLAMP 1/8"	
29	02310457	CABLE HEIGHT ADJUSTER	







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### **Required Tools** 3.3

Prepare the following tools before beginning assembly:

- Measuring tape
- Hacksaw
- Screwdrivers
- Wrenches
- Hex wrenches
- Socekt set
- Hammer
- Chain tensioner
- Chain separator and assembly tool





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### Assembly Instructions 3.4

This section reviews the steps required to assemble the system and includes:

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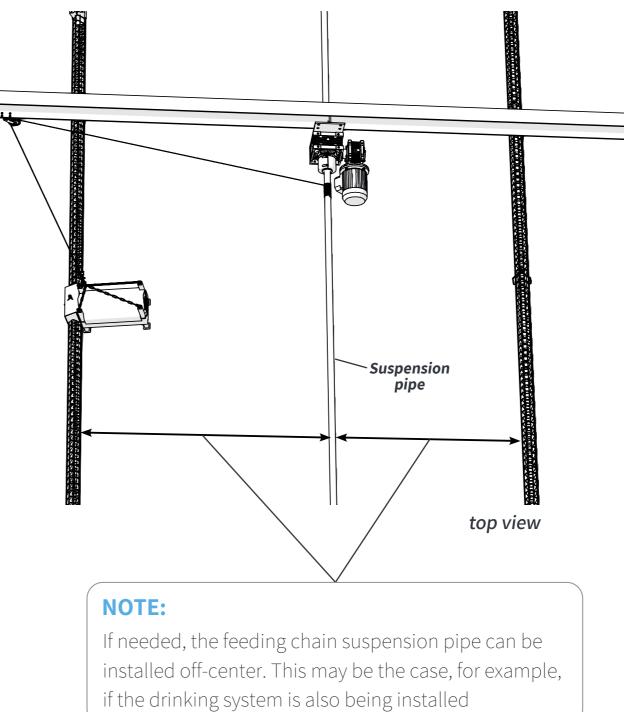
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## Step 1: Installing the Suspension System

Before installing the suspension system, note the following:

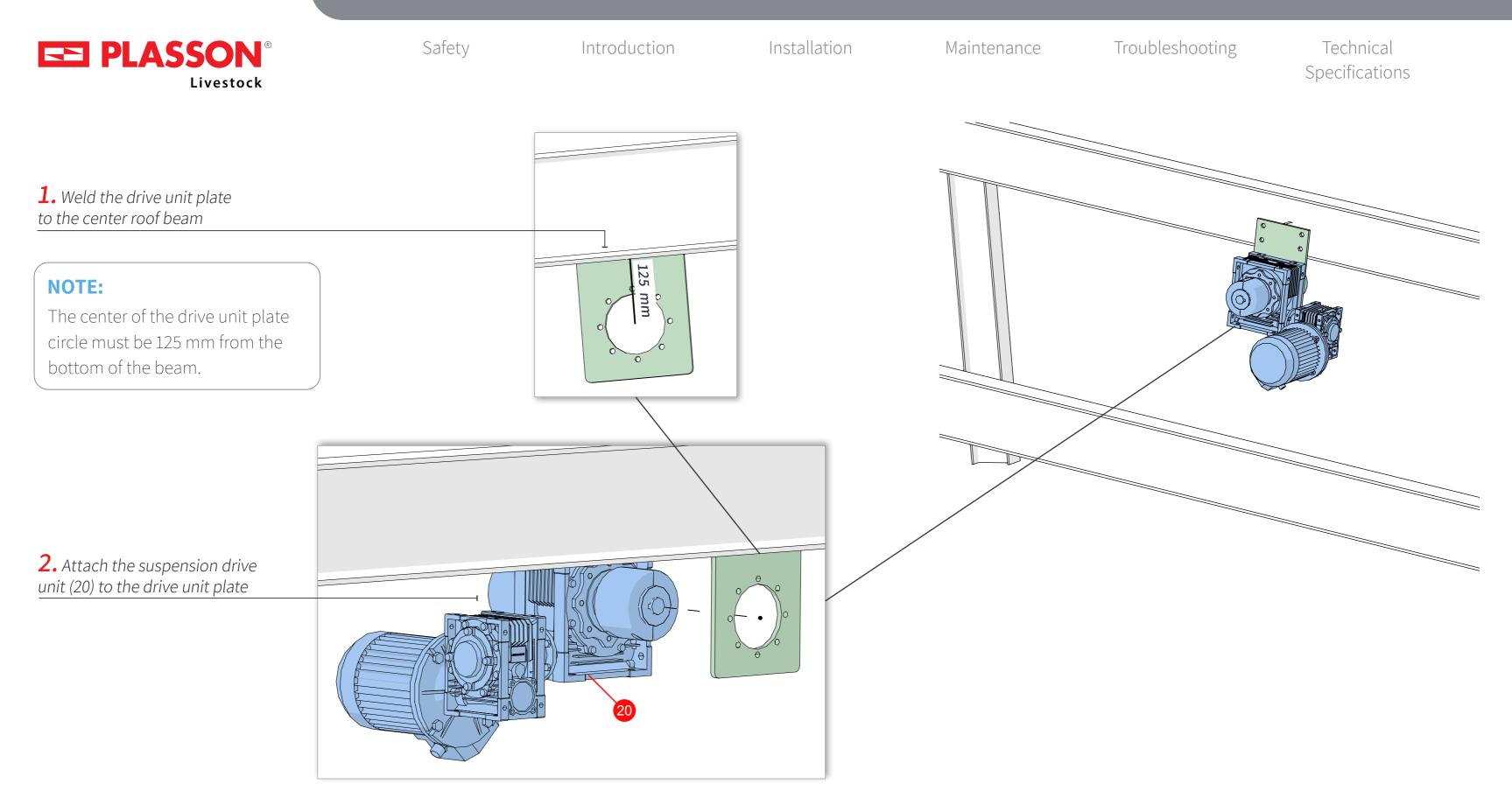








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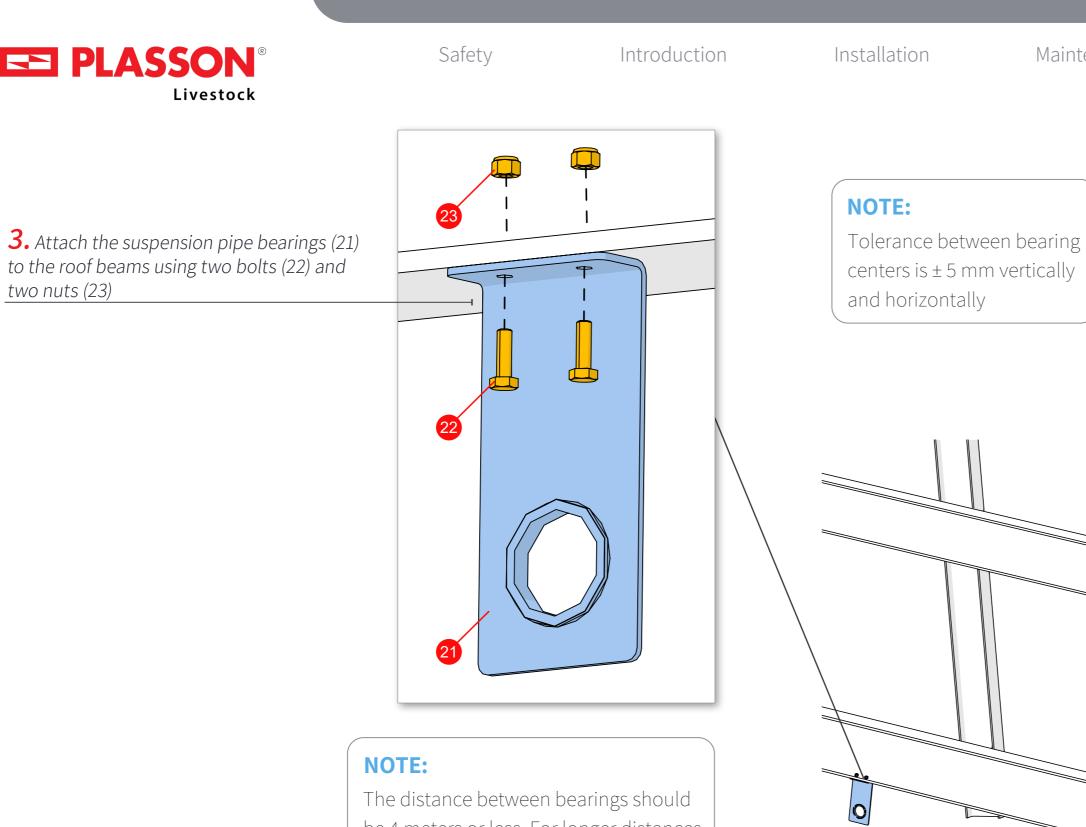


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be 4 meters or less. For longer distances

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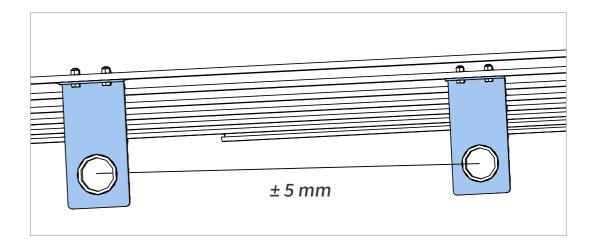


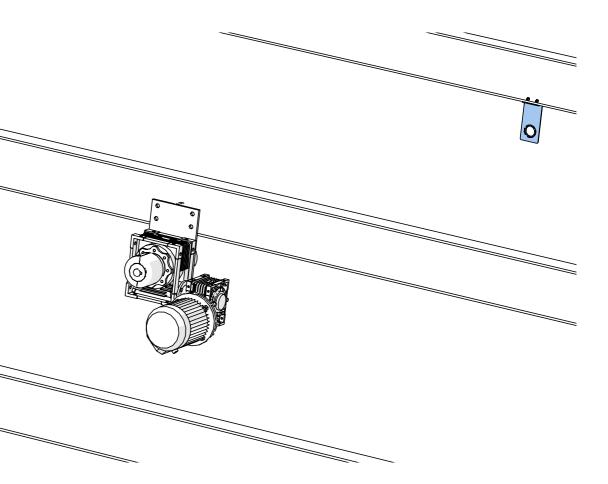
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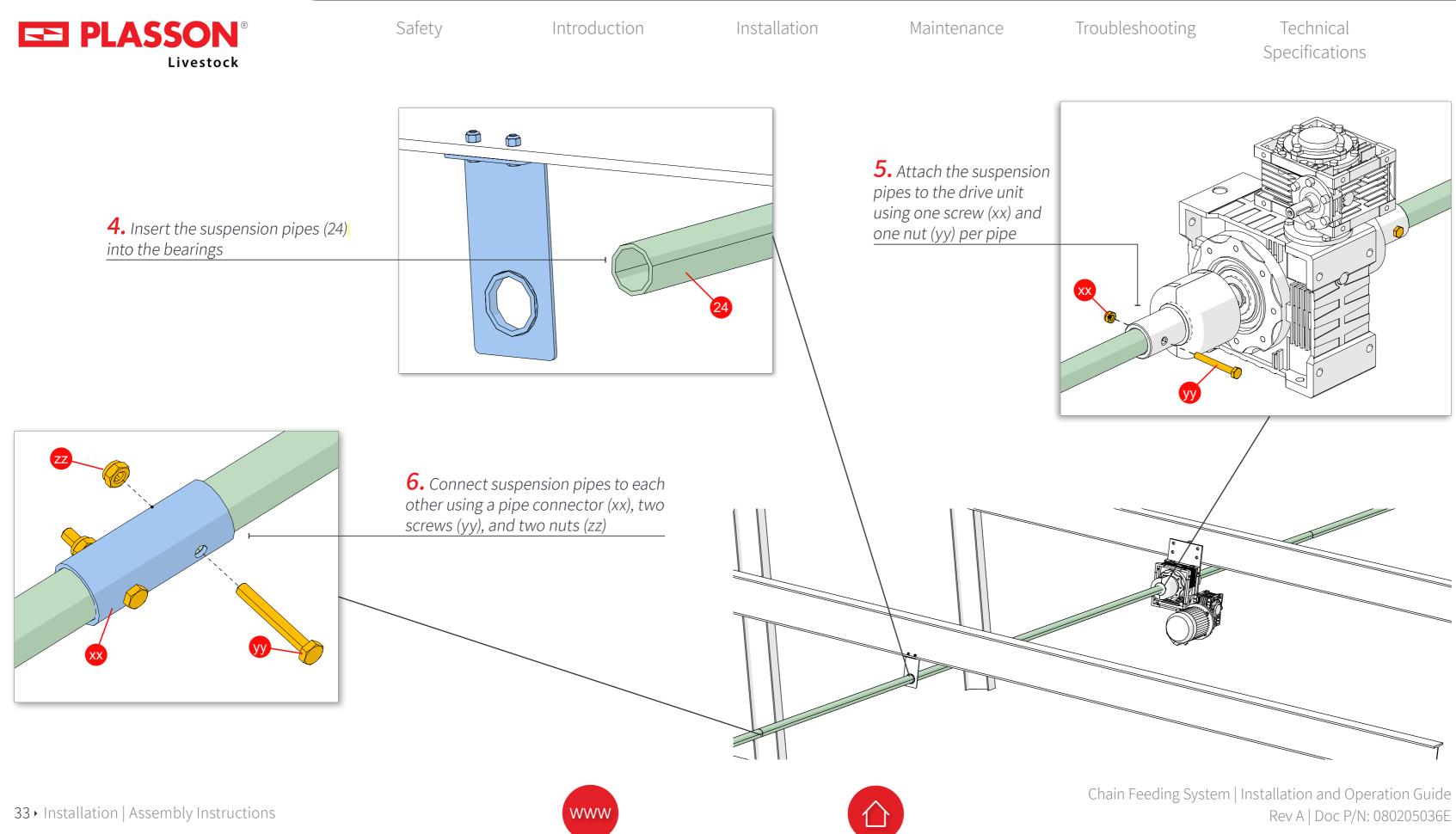
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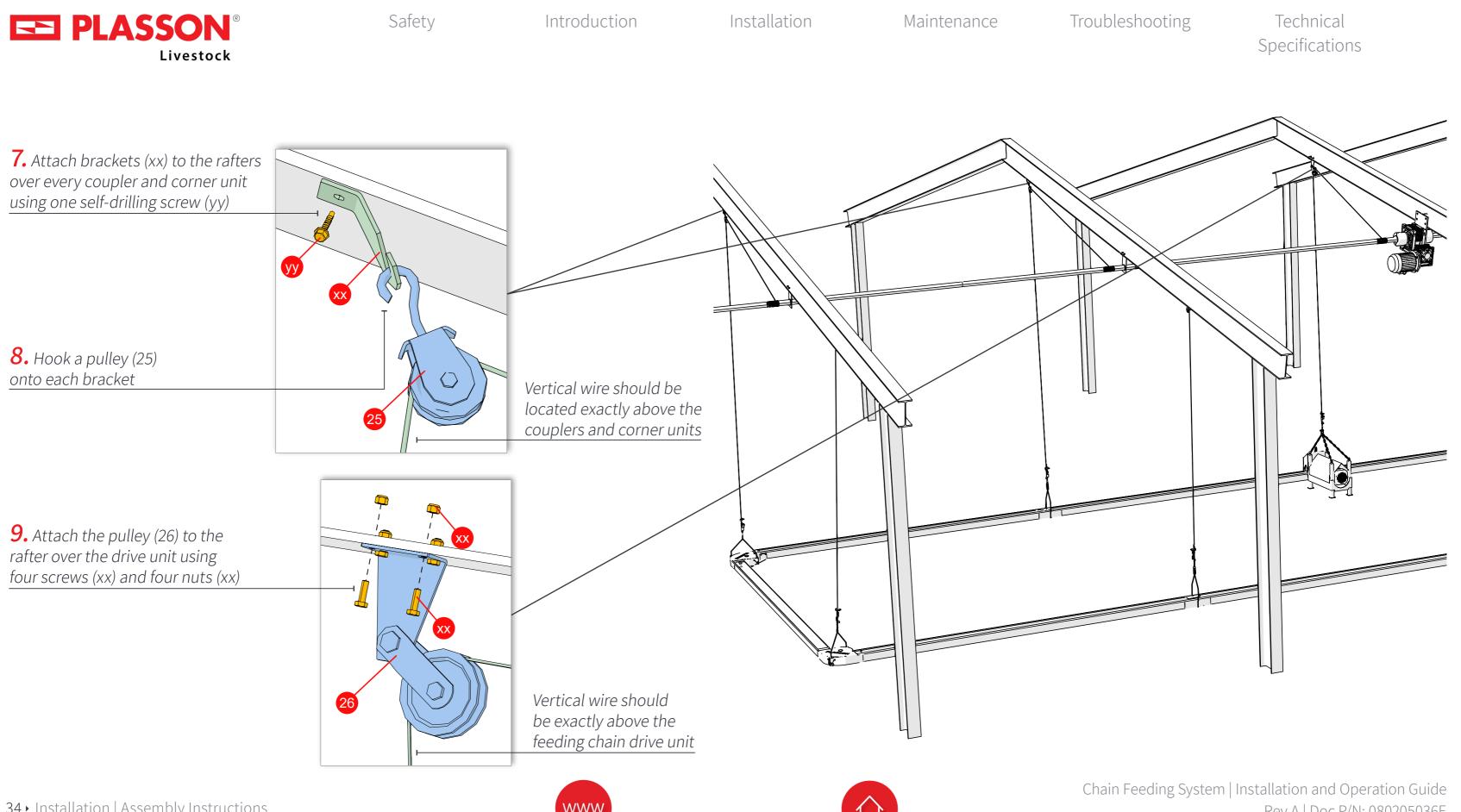
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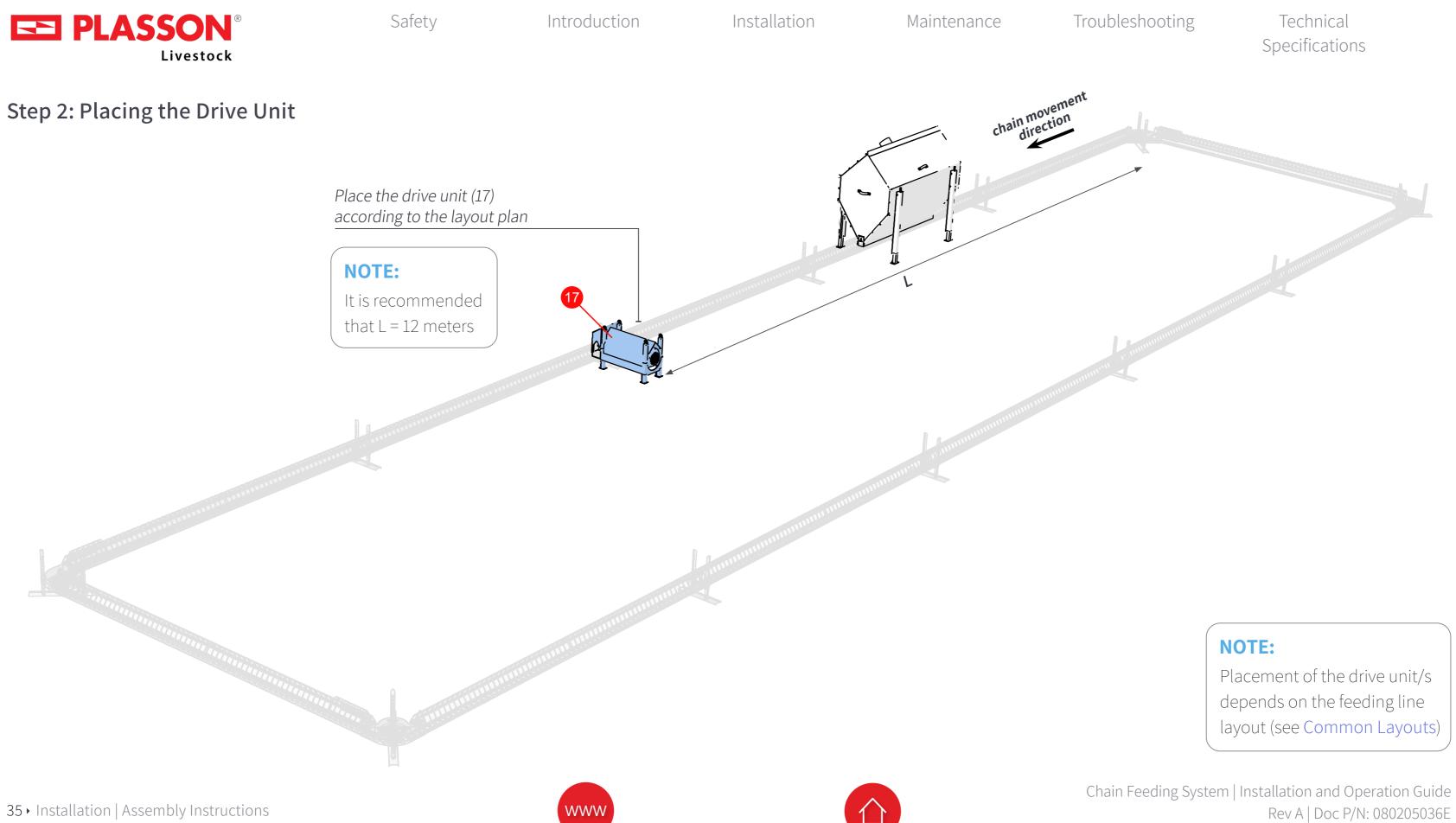






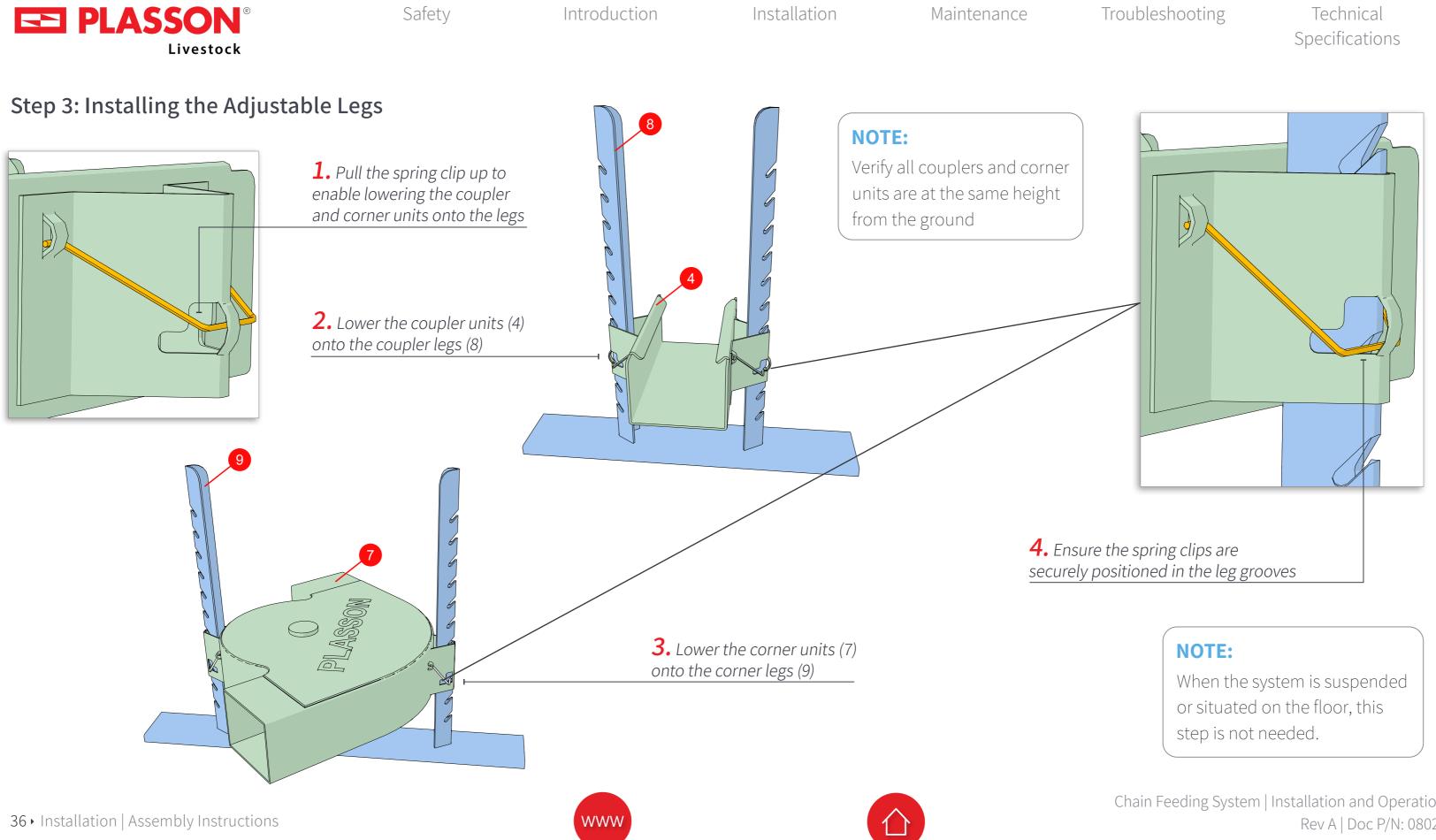
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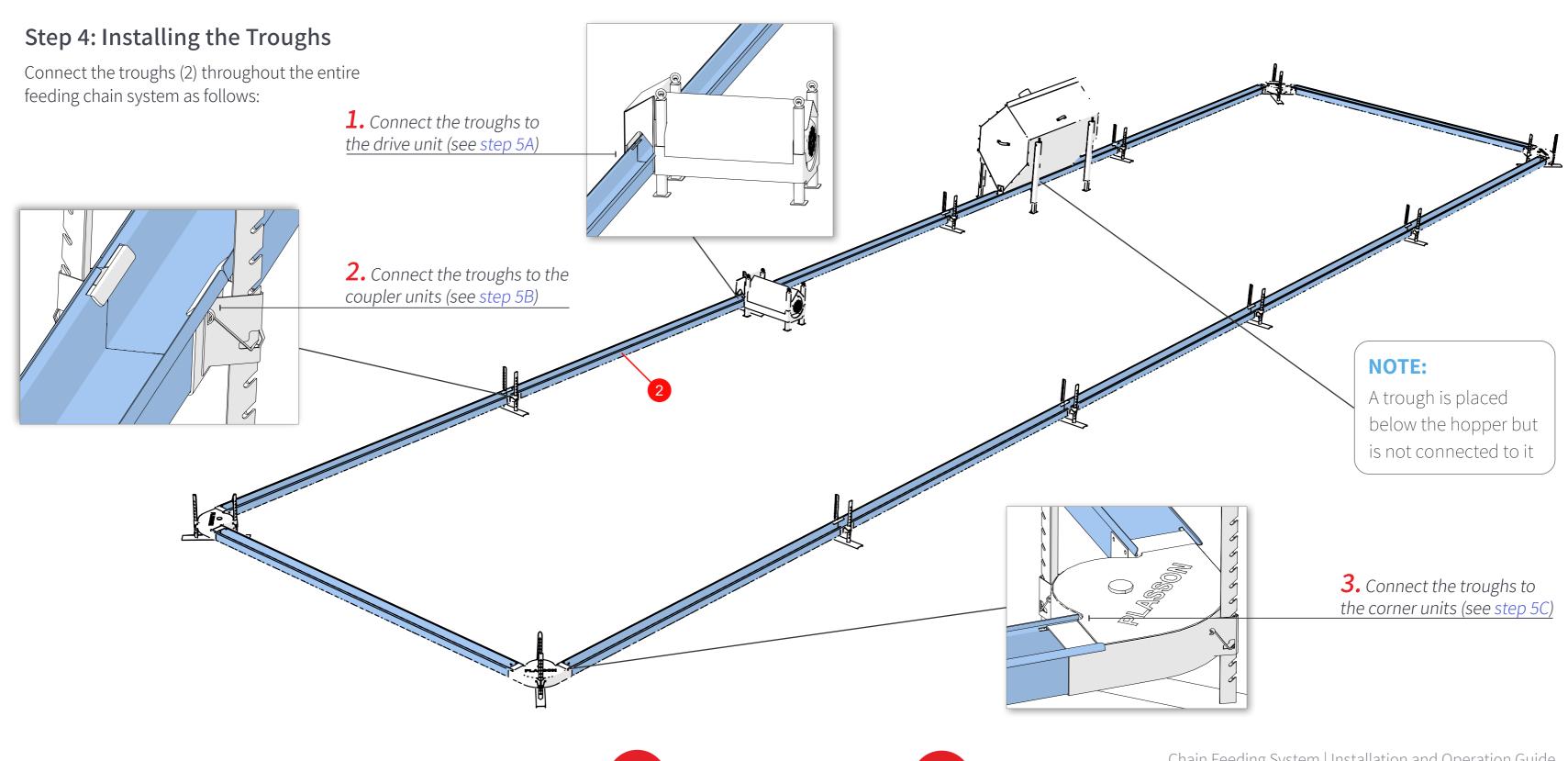


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**1.** Slide the troughs into the drive unit opening

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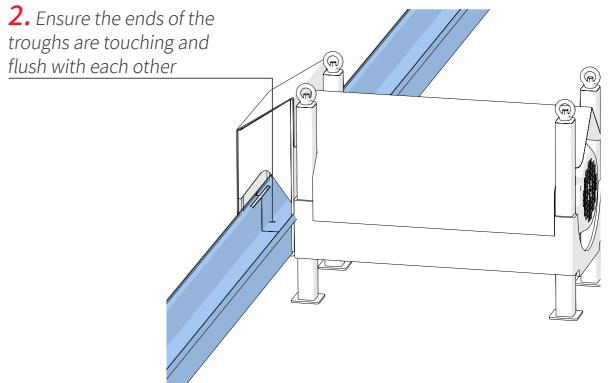




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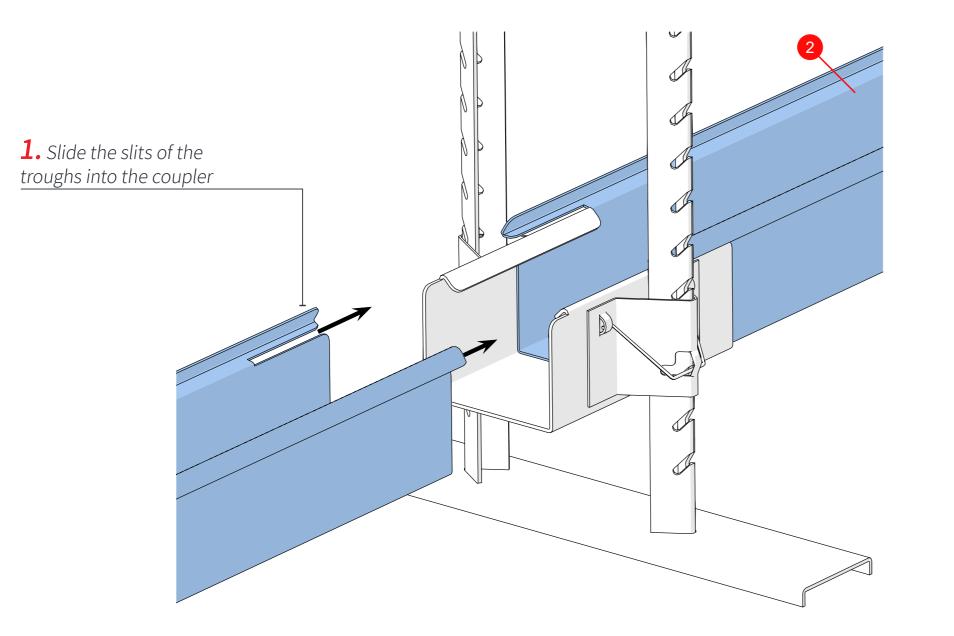
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Step 4B: Inserting Troughs into Couplers



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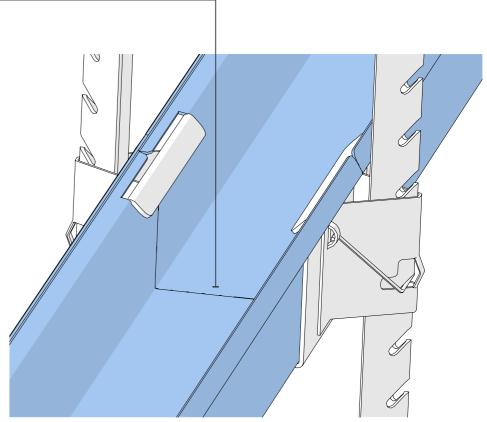


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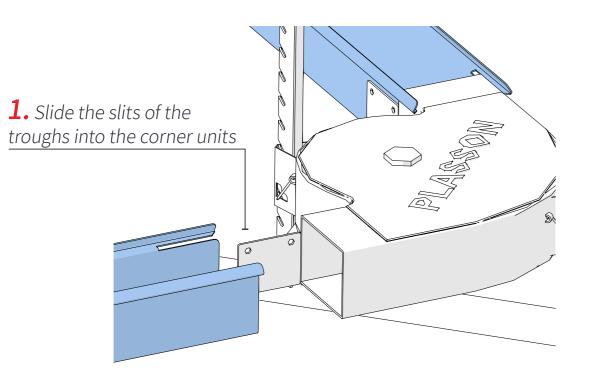
## **2.** Ensure the ends of the two troughs are touching and flush with each other

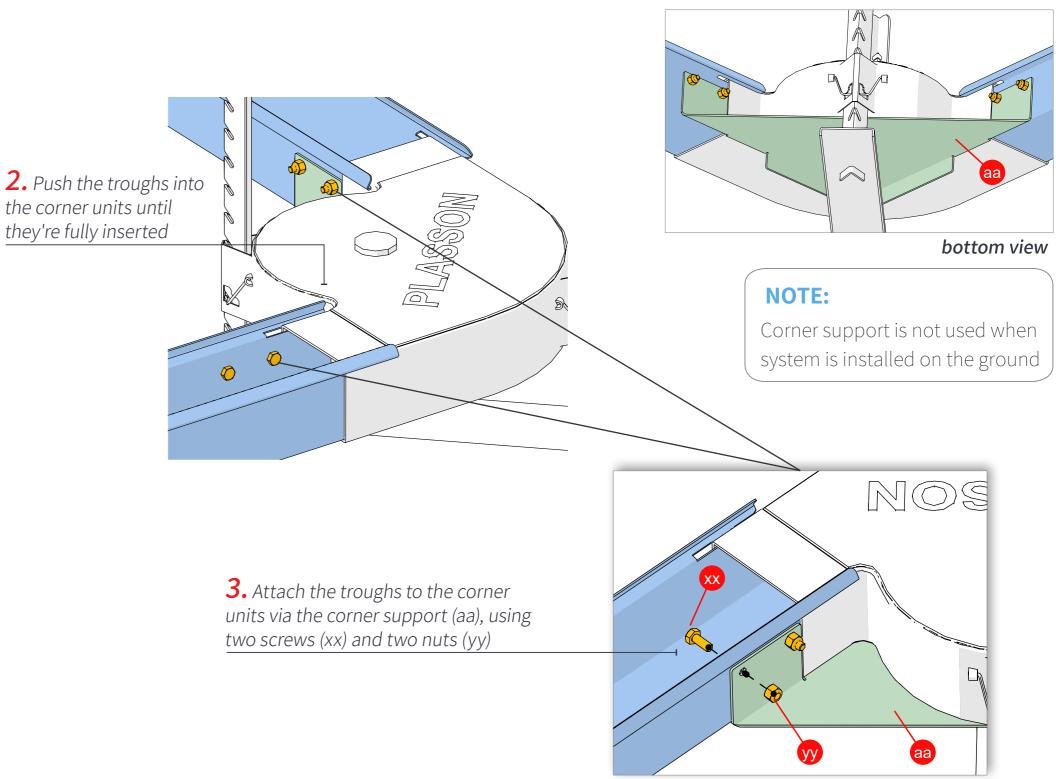




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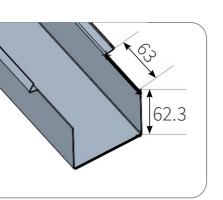
## Step 4C: Inserting Troughs into Corners





## **NOTE:**

If the trough is shorter than 3 meters, cut the ends according to the following dimensions (in mm):







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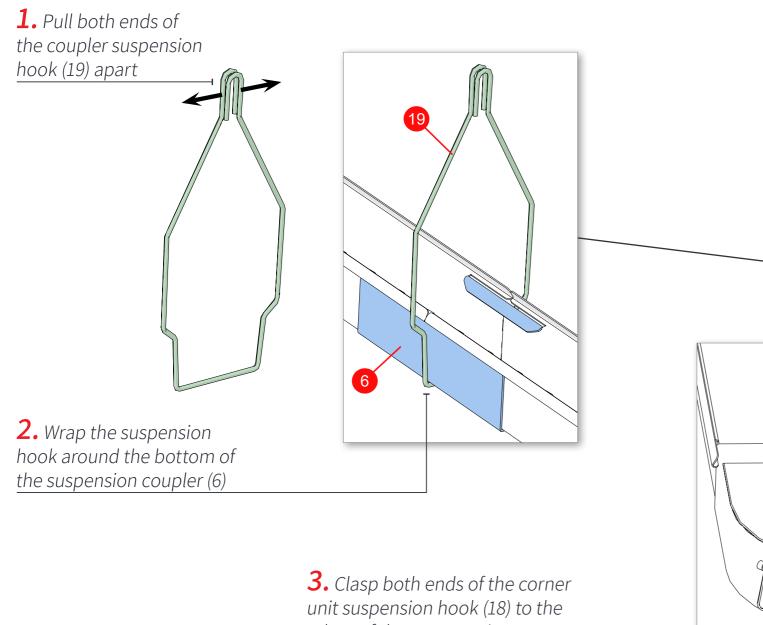


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## Step 5: Optional Installation – Suspended System

When the feeding chain system is suspended, do the following:



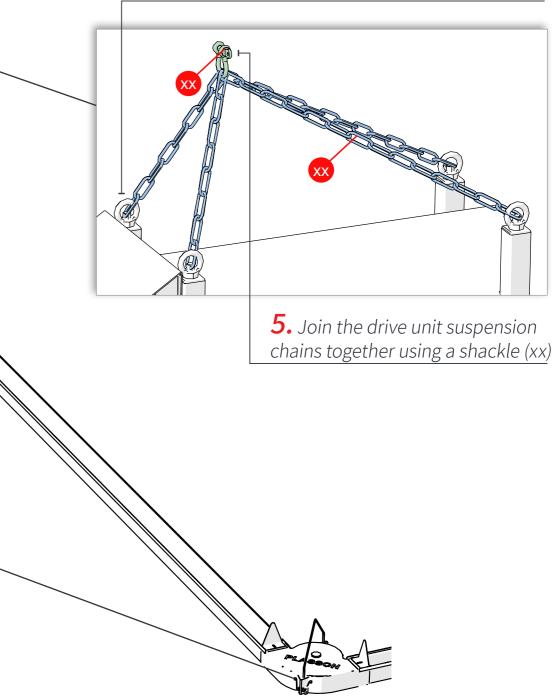
edges of the corner unit



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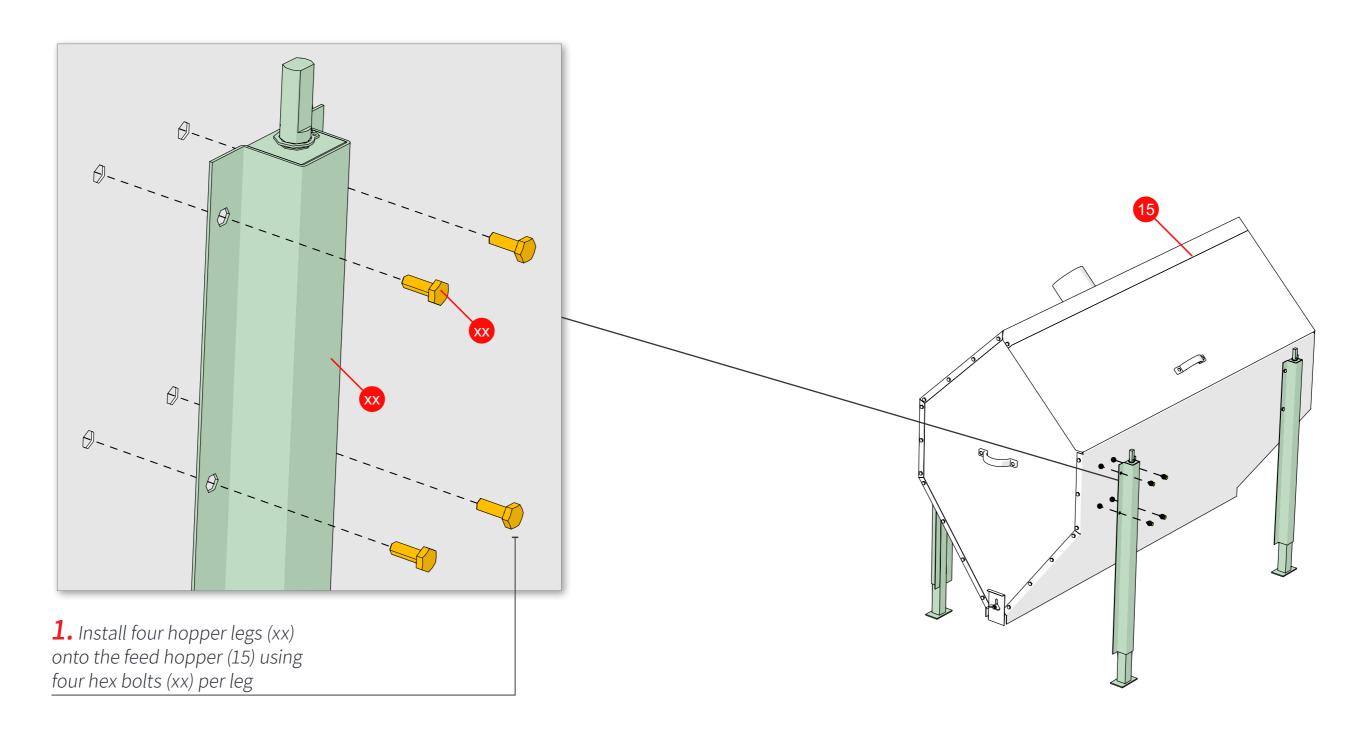
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**4.** Attach the drive unit suspension chains (xx) to the drive unit





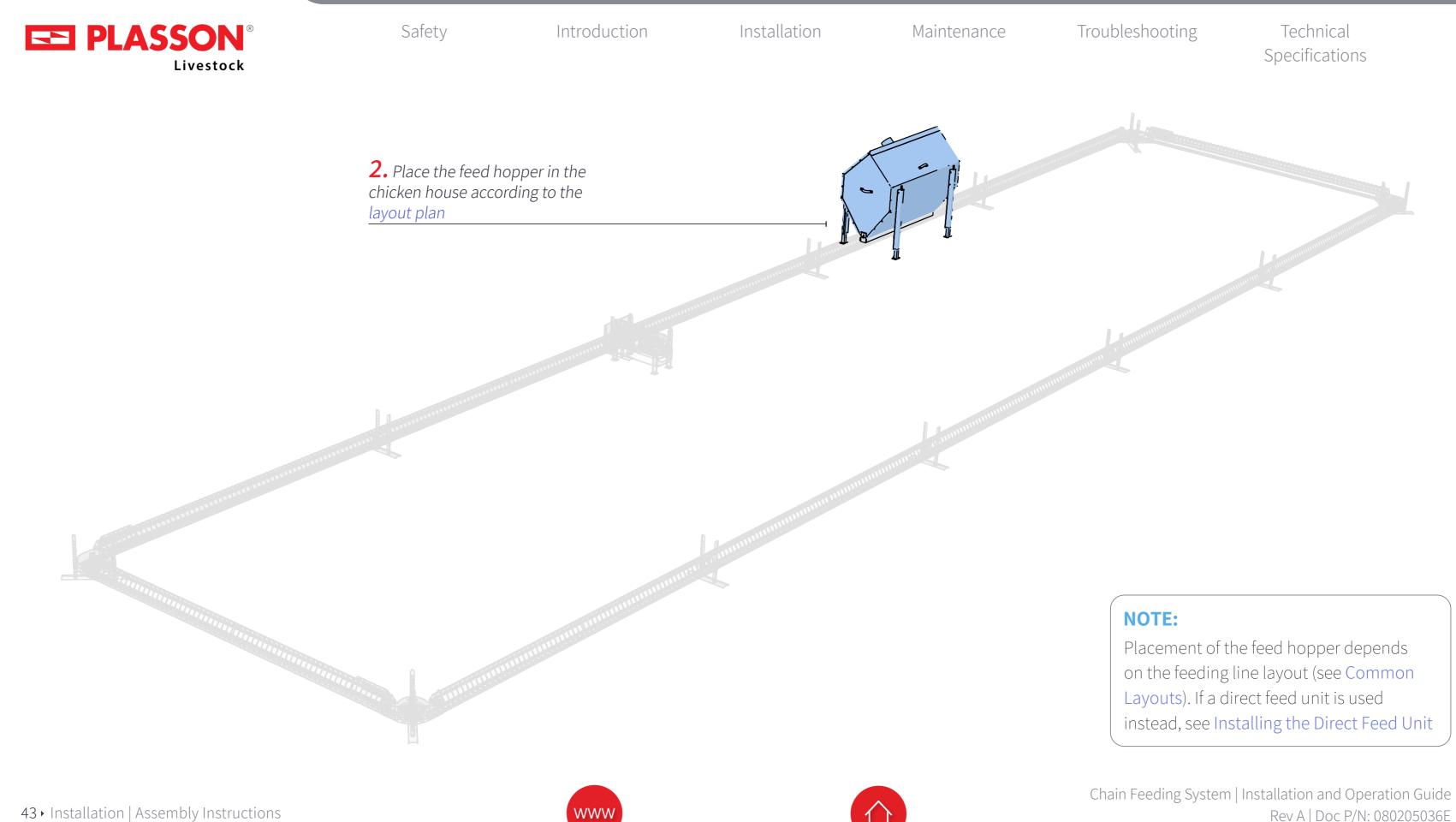
## Step 6: Installing and Placing the Feed Hopper





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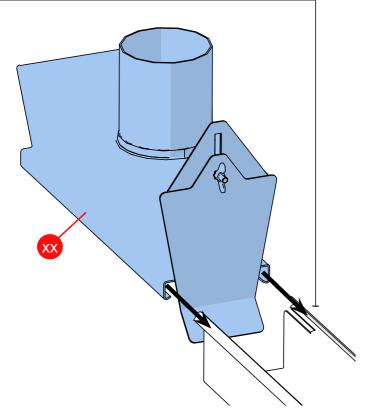
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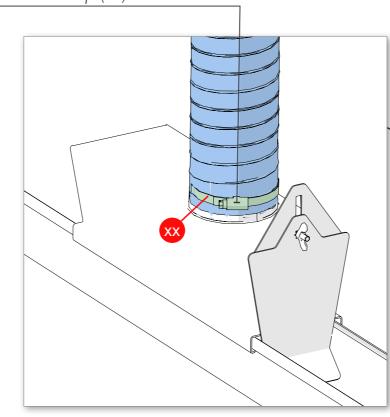
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## Step 7: Installing the Direct Feed Unit

**1.** Slide the direct feed unit (xx) onto the edges of the trough



**2.** Place the duct hose over the direct feed unit hole and attach with a hose clamp (xx)







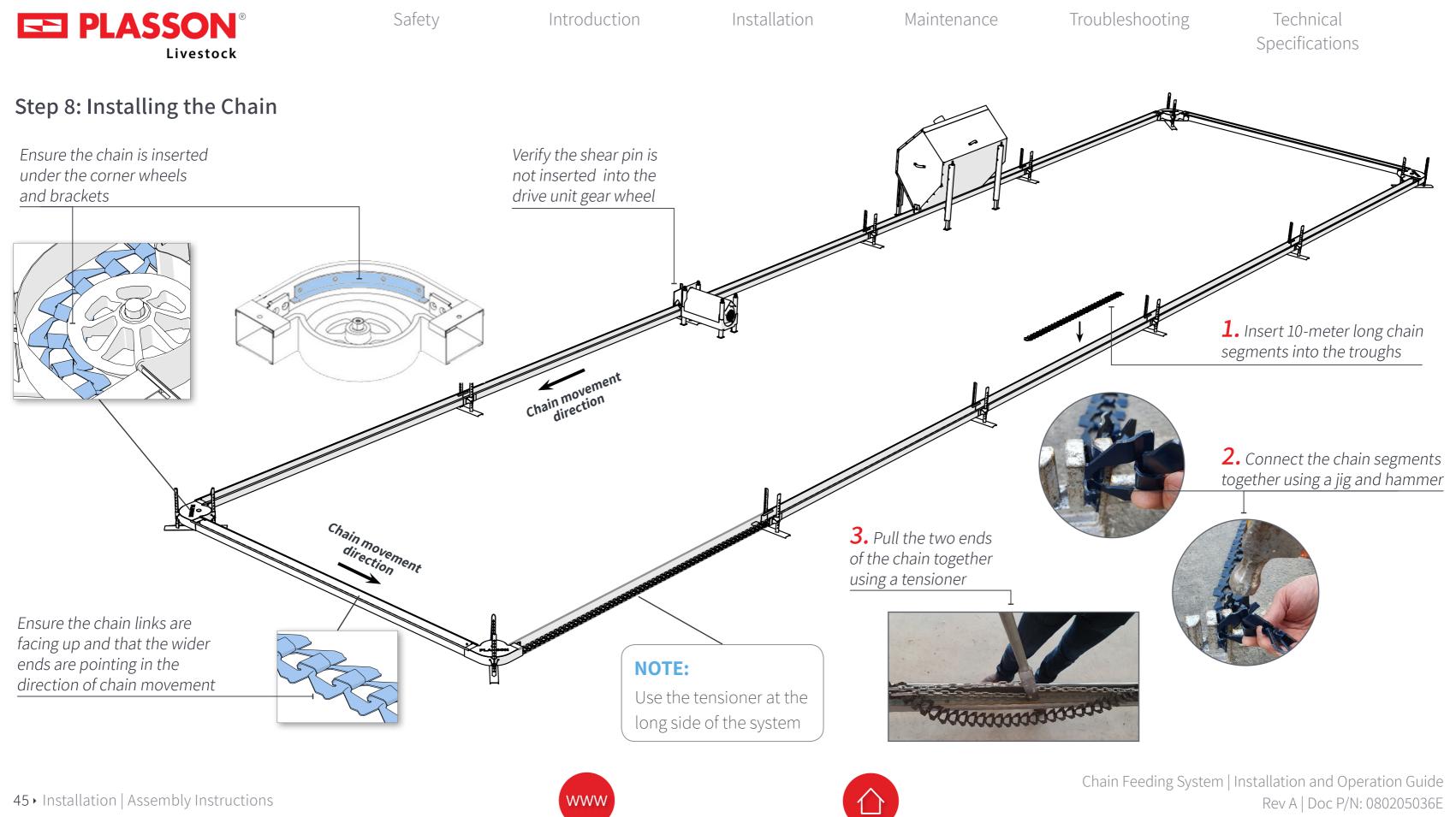
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The direct feed unit replaces the hopper.

**NOTE:** 







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## Step 9: Connecting the Chain Ends

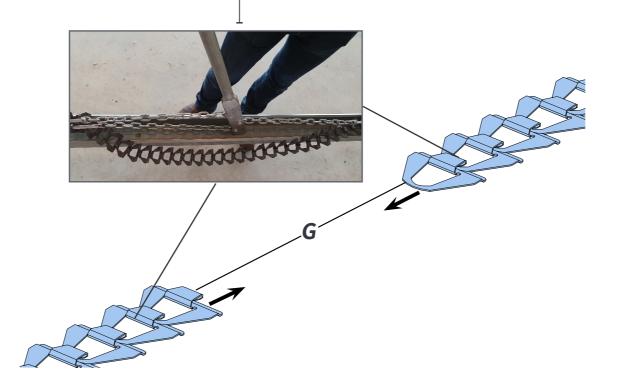
**1.** Remove overlapping chain links until the two ends of the chain are not more than one link distance of each other.

**2.** Remove additional chain links until the gap (G) between the two ends of the chain conforms to the following table:

Circuit length (m)	# links to remove (G) – single drive system	# links to remove (G) – dual drive system
90	7	2
120	10	3
150	13	3
180	15	4
210	18	5
240	21	5
270	23	6
300	26	7
330	29	7
360	not recommended	8
390	not recommended	9

Example: If the circuit length is 240 meters long, remove 21 chain links (or 5 chain links for a dual drive system) so that the gap (G) between the two ends of the chain is 21 links long.

**3.** Connect the tensioner to the two chain ends and pull them together



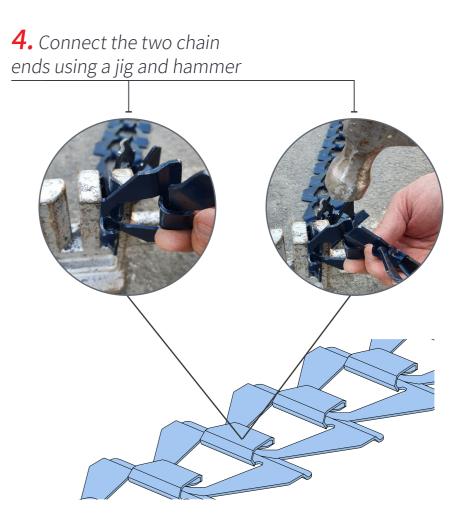
## **NOTE:**

Chain tension is checked by observing chain slack at the point where the chain leaves the drive unit. The chain should pull downwards with a force of about 5 kg after it's lifted up





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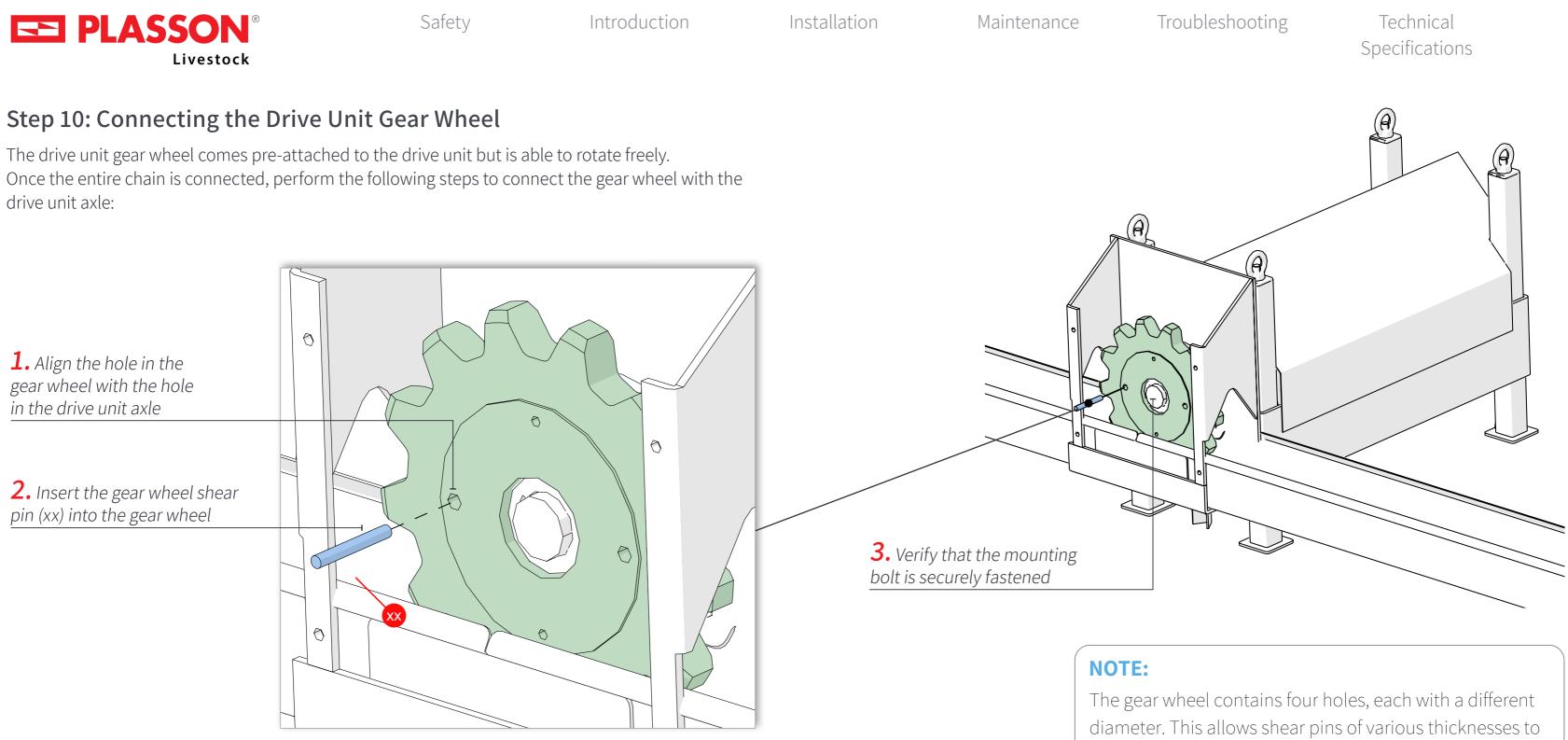


**5.** Operate the chain for one hour, then repeat 1-3

## NOTE:

After two weeks of continuous operation, repeat this step





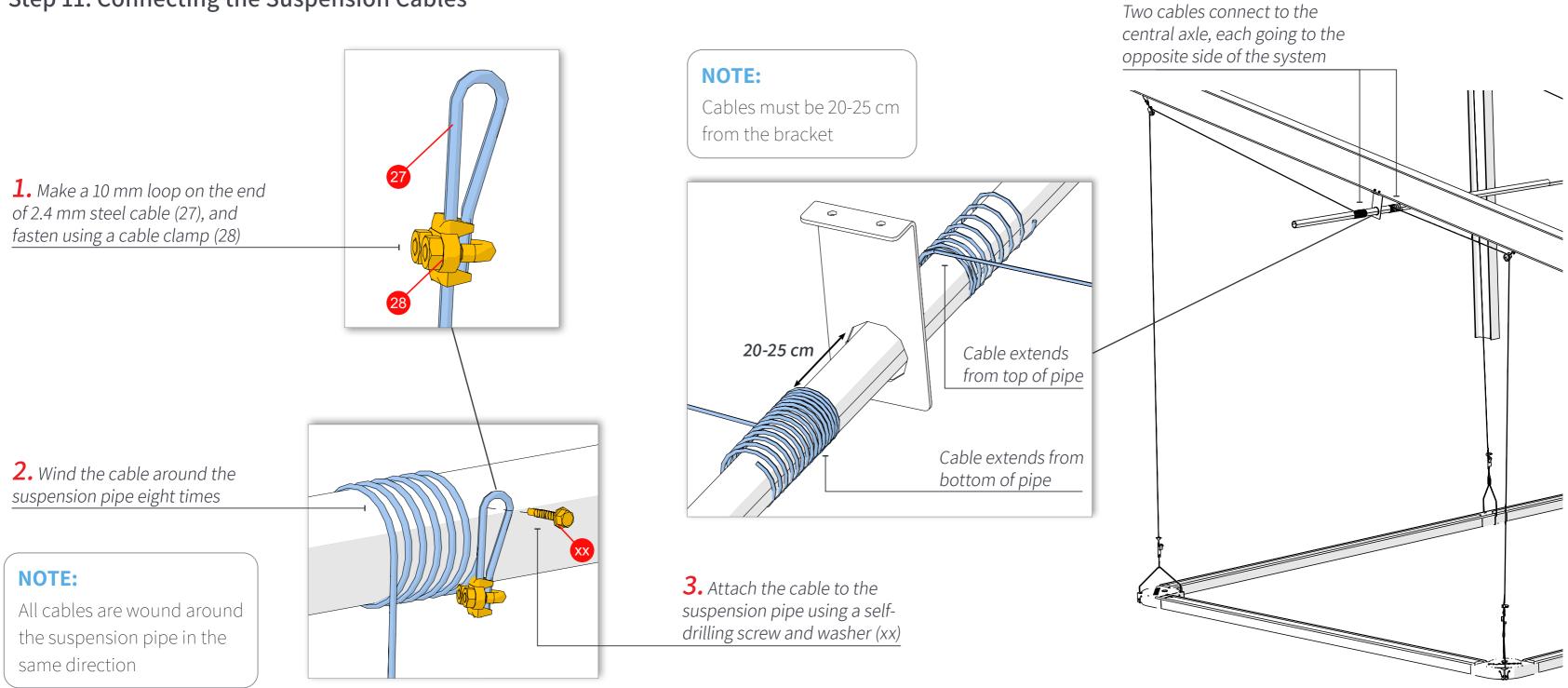




be used, based on the drive unit overload rate. The system is delivered with the relevant shear pin.

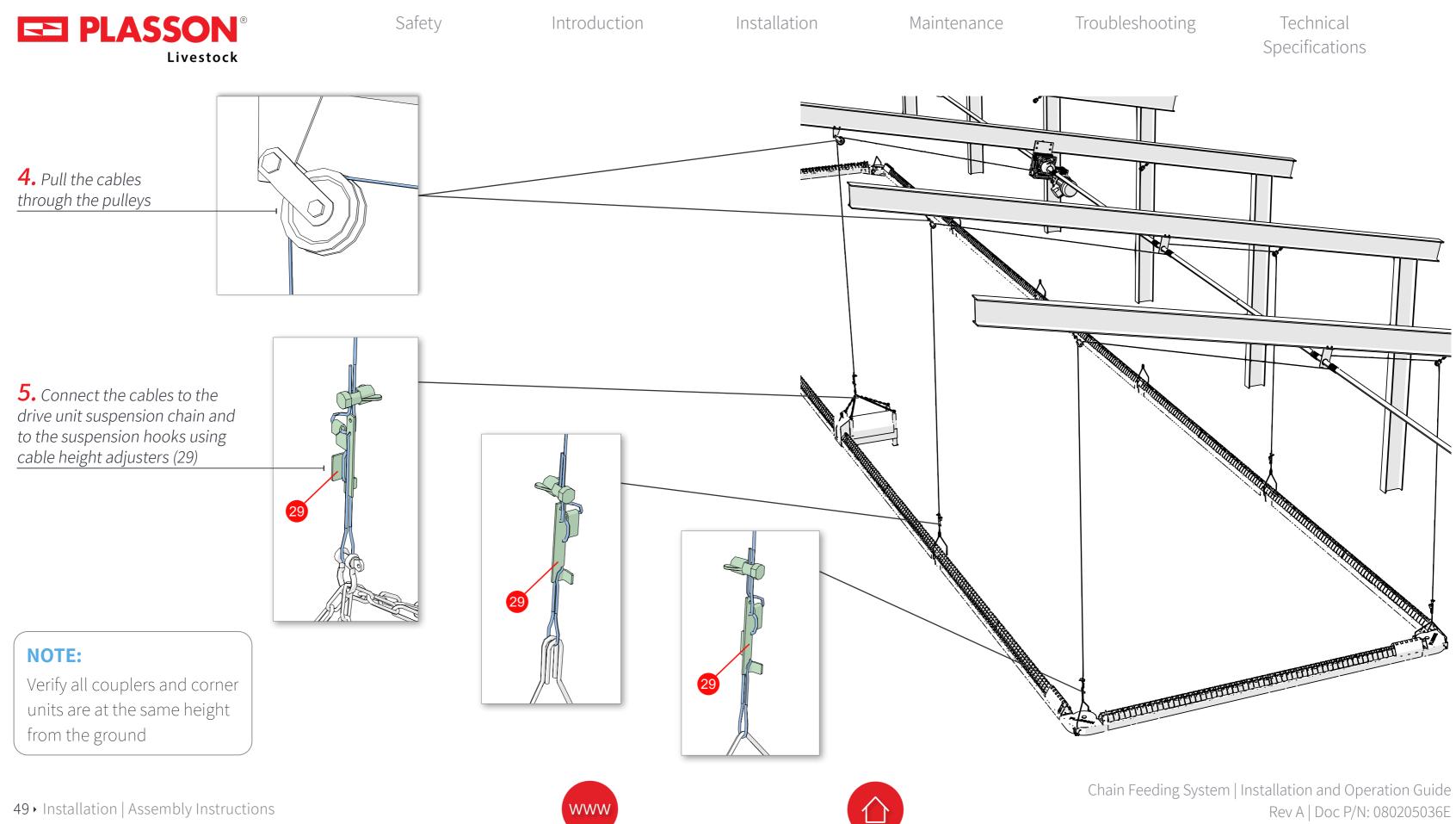


## Step 11: Connecting the Suspension Cables



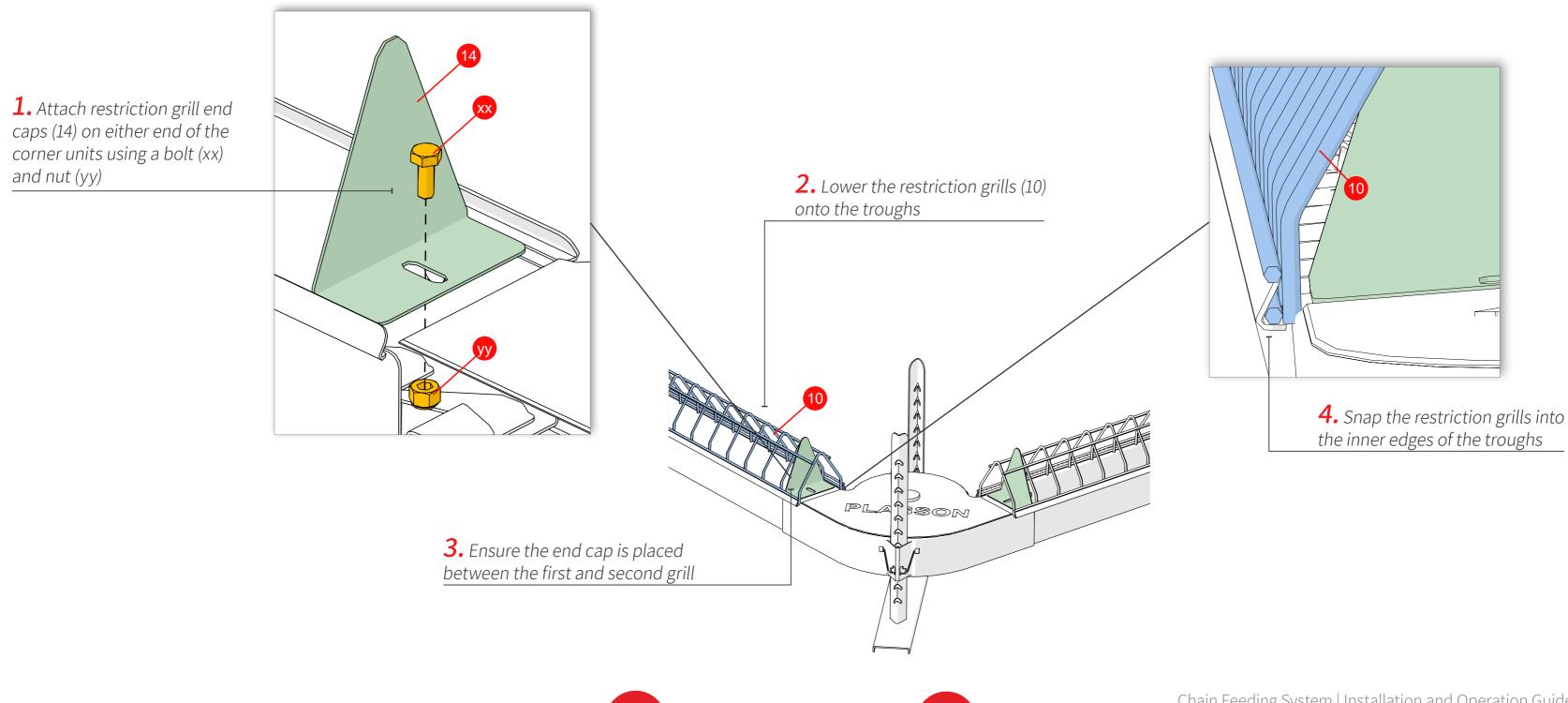


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<b>5.</b> Lower the restriction grill covers (16) onto the restriction grills				
<b>6.</b> Ensure the stopper is between the first and second grills				
<b>7.</b> Snap the restriction grill covers onto the outer edges of the troughs				

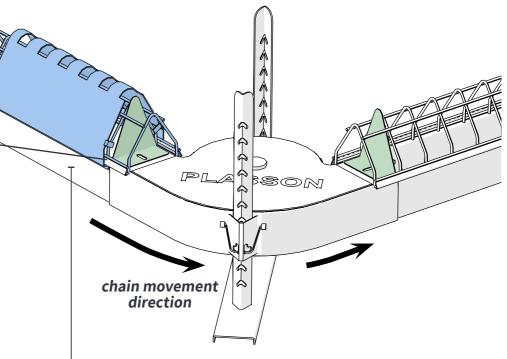




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## **NOTE:**

Grill covers are located only on the side of the corner unit from which the chain enters



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### Power and Control Connections 3.5

This section describes the power and control connections and includes:

• Connecting the Chain Drive Unit

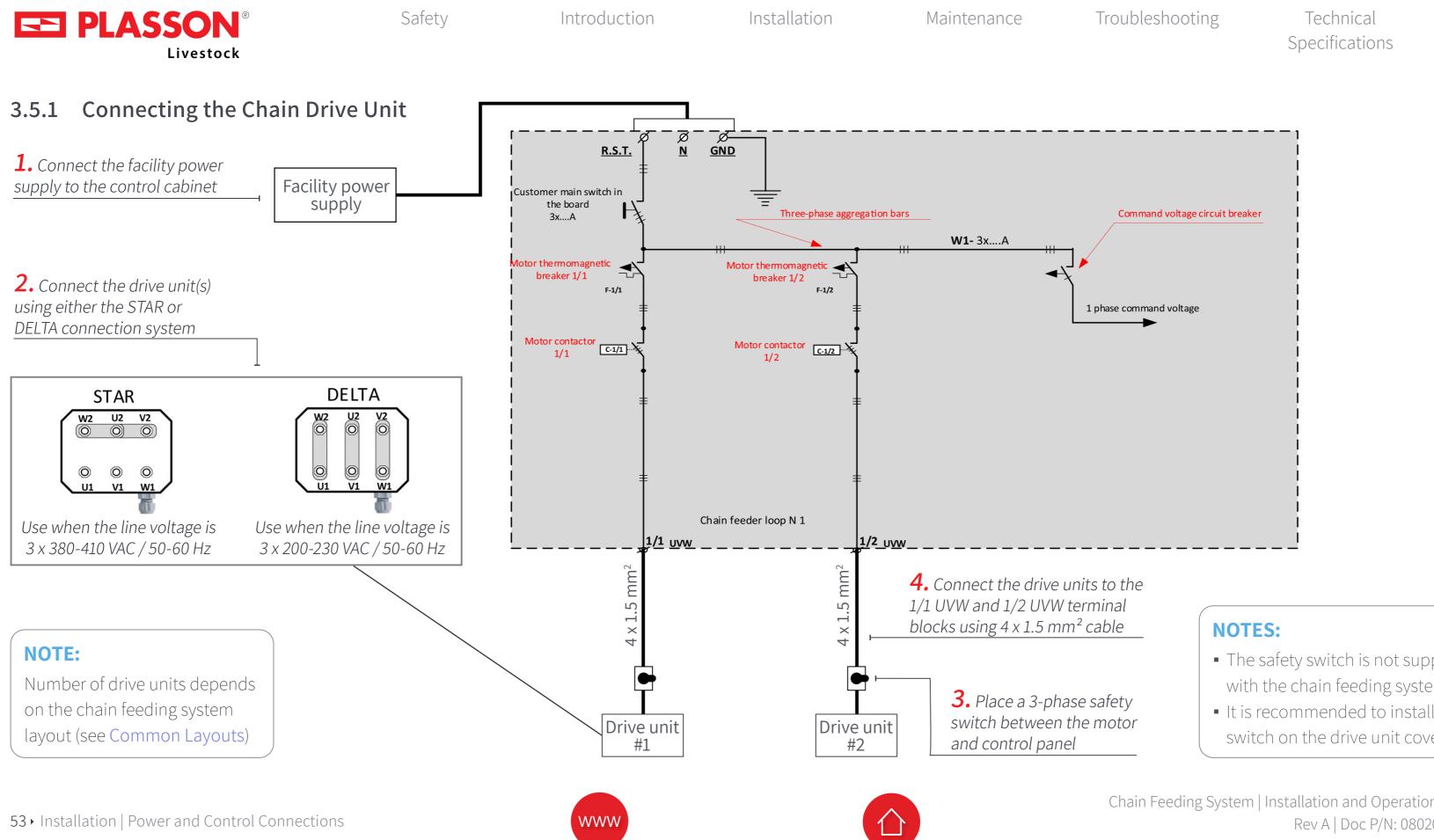
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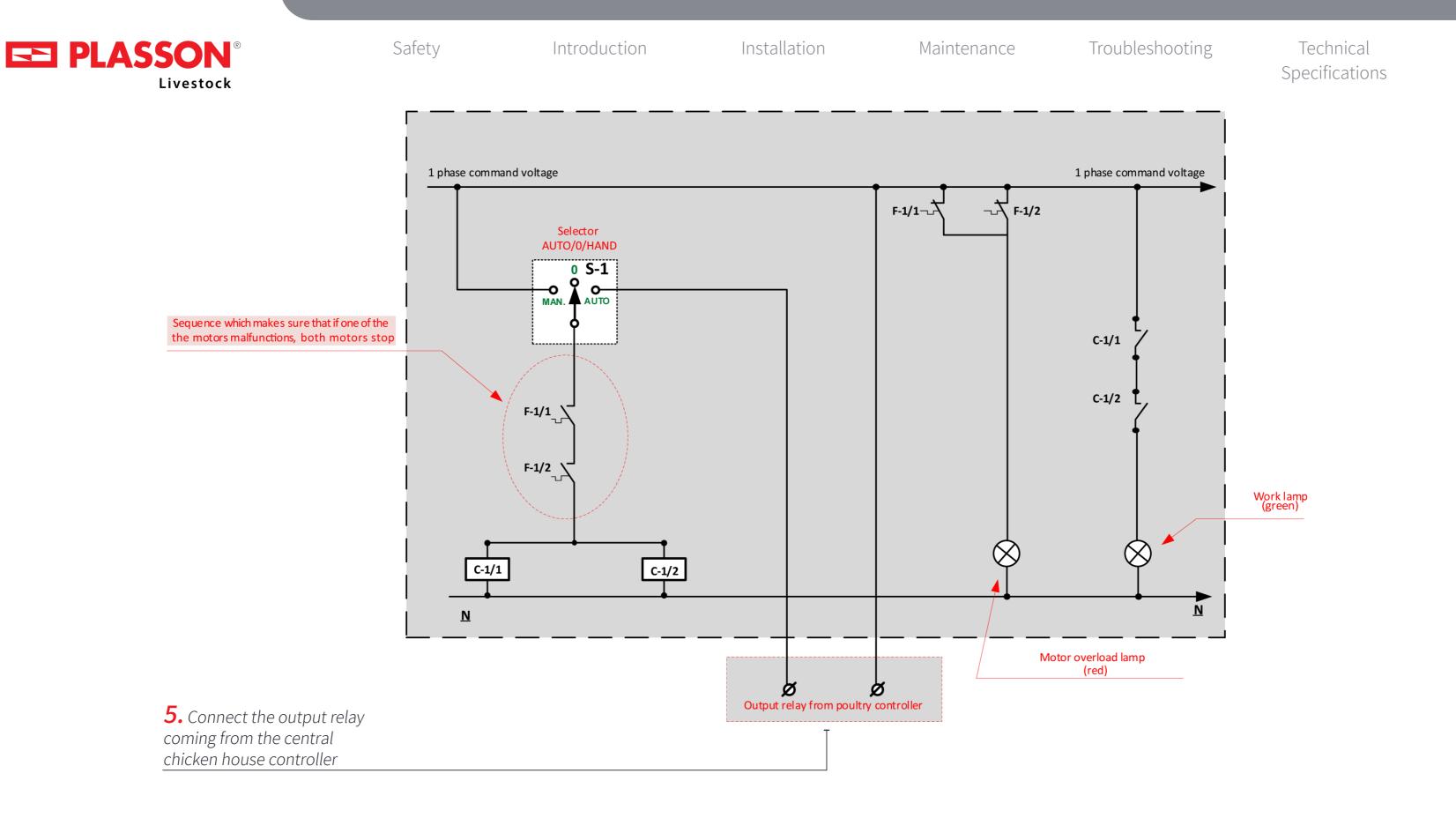
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- The safety switch is not supplied with the chain feeding system
- It is recommended to install the switch on the drive unit cover







# 4. Maintenance

This chapter reviews the tasks associated with preventive maintenance of the system and includes:

• Checking Chain Tension





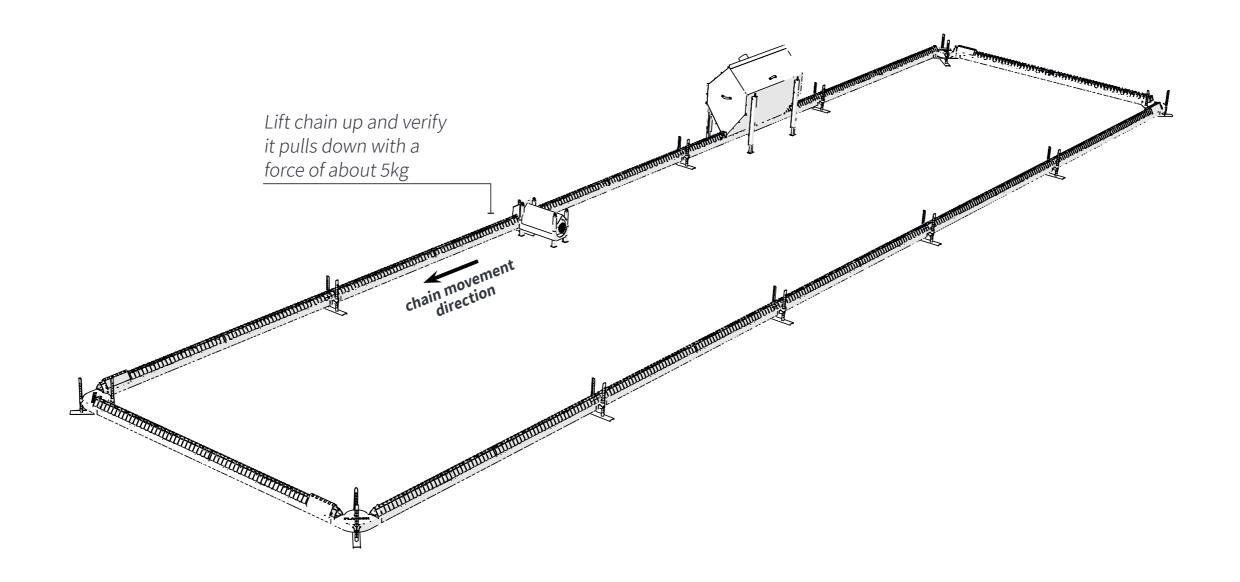
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Once a week, check chain tension at the point where the chain leaves the drive unit.





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# 5. Troubleshooting

This chapter reviews issues that may appear during operation of the system and suggests steps to resolve these issues.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
The motor is not working	Contactor or thermal relay have tripped	Replace or reset the contactor
	Wiring problem	Check all the wiring
	Motor is burned	Replace or repair the motor
The motor trips frequently	Thermal relay is not properly adjusted	Properly adjust the relay
	Trough is misaligned	Align the trough
	Foreign object in the line	Check all the lines
	Insufficient voltage	Contact the electrician to assess the power line
Gear overheating	Lack of lubrication	Fill the oil level
	No vent in the gear	Install a vent
	Conveyor chain excessively tensioned	Adjust chain tension
The chain does not turn, even when the motor is on	Shear pin is broken	Replace the shear pin



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Problem	Possible Cause	
Shear pin breaks frequently	Slack chain	Ch
	The chain is getting stuck at some point in the line	Ch
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	Foreign objects in the line	Та
	The line circuit is too long	Sh
	Drag coupling is far from the drive gear	Ad
	Shear pin is not the correct diameter	Ins
Damaged corner	System is misaligned and/or out of square	Ali
	Excess dirt (litter) inside the troughs	Us
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Feed is building up in the hopper return or corners	Output regulator is excessively open	Ac
	Input wheel is obstructed or is not in contact with the	Ch
	chain	СО





## Solution

- Check the chain and tension it
- Check all points of the system: troughs, couplers, corners, and hopper
- ake care of the cleaning troughs
- Shorten the line
- Adjust the drag coupling close to the drive gear
- nsert the correct diameter shear pin
- lign and/or square the system
- Jse the cleaning trough and replace it in case it is proken
- Adjust the output regulator on the hopper
- Check what is obstructing the input wheel and correct



# 6. Technical Specifications

### Suspension System 6.1

P/N	Part	Technical Specification
02341094	Motor (400 Nm)	7 RPM, 1 HP, 3-phase w/couplings, 1.25" w/fixing plate set
02341903	Motor (840 Nm)	7 RPM, 1.5 HP, 3-phase w/couplings, 1.25" w/fixing plate set
02341904	Motor (915 Nm)	7 RPM, 1.5 HP, 3-phase w/couplings, 220 V, 60 HZ, 1.25" COI
02312425	Slow lifting winch (up to 80 m)	450 Nm, 5.6 RPM, 3-phase, 220/380 V, 0.37 KW, COM
02312314	Slow lifting winch (up to 100 m)	450 Nm w/LS, 2.8 RPM, 3-phase, 220/380V, 0.37 KW, COM
02312426	Slow lifting winch (up to 120 m)	550 Nm, 3.7 RPM, 3-phase, 220/380V, 0.37 KW, 2P COM
02312315	Slow lifting winch (up to 140 m)	650 Nm w/LS, 2.0 RPM, 3-phase, 220/380 V, 0.37 KW, COM

### **Drive Unit** 6.2

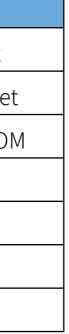
P/N	Technical Specification
02340639	1.5 HP, 3-phase, 36 m/min, 220/380 V, SET
02341095	1.5 HP, 3-phase, 18 m/min, 220/380 V, SET
02341112	1.5 HP, 3-phase, 36 m/min, 220 V, 60 HZ, SET





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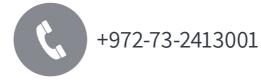




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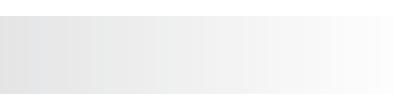


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