RAILCAR UNLOADING
Hopper Railcar Unloading Site Solutions

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NOTE: THIS CAR HAS THREE COMPARTMENTS
CAR EQUIPPED WITH 5/24 GRAVITY PNEUMATIC OUTLETS
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IMPROVING SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY
Unloading bulk materials from railcars is often a difficult, “dirty” job. It can be slow, labor-intensive, messy, noisy and unsafe.

PROCEDURES CAN BE RISKY
Unloading requires workers to go underneath the car to connect the outlet to the under-track conveying system.

SLOW FLOW IS COSTLY
The material—compacted by miles of rail travel—hangs up in the cars, slowing the flow and lengthening the process.

LOST MATERIAL IS COSTLY
When the material is moving, it is exposed to the elements, becoming contaminated or escaping into the environment.
BOOT-LIFT® Railcar Connector

Air-powered connector safely and cleanly funnels material from railcar to the under-track conveying system.

Installed between the tracks, Boot-Lift Connectors form the link between the railcar and a plant’s under-track conveying system. Powered by an air-over-hydraulic system, the unloading boots rise to the gates for clean, efficient and safe unloading of bottom discharge hopper cars. By funneling material to the under-track system, Boot-Lift Railcar Connectors prevent material from being blown away by wind while eliminating the safety hazard of requiring workers to crawl under the car.

Boots automatically connect to and rise with railcar as it empties, maintaining an effective seal.

Models available to suit any car, including double- or single-opening, round-opening and GATX.

Unit uses only 1 cfm at 90 psi (28 L/min at 6.2 bar).

Adapter Sheets and Transition Funnels allow interchangeability (see accessories on opposite page).
When working with a combination of both single and double-gate railcar hoppers, select DBL Assemblies with a Transition Funnel and Transition Adapter Sheet in order to accommodate both single and double-gate hoppers.

**BOOT-LIFT Manual Aligner**
P/N 17326 | Tech Data Sheet 17326
Simplifies car positioning by allowing adjustment of the Boot-Lift Railcar Connector up to six inches (152 mm) total—three inches (76 mm) in either direction—along the track.

**BOOT-LIFT Pneumatic Aligner**
P/N 34140 | Tech Data Sheet 34140
Air-powered aligner provides eight inches (203 mm) of total adjustment—four inches (102 mm) in either direction—along the track. Remote control operation requires only 10 psi (0.7 bar) of air.

**BOOT-LIFT Cylinder Covers**
Lift cylinder cover P/N 18335 | Spread cylinder cover P/N 18331
Rugged vinyl-covered cloths prevent damage and contamination of air cylinders from material buildup and environmental conditions.

**BOOT-LIFT Funnel Covers**
SBL-24 standard P/N 19544 | stainless steel P/N 19544-SS
SBL-30 standard P/N 34884-CA | stainless steel P/N 34884-CAC
DBL-18/DBLG-18 standard P/N 18420 | stainless steel P/N 18420-C
SBL ASSEMBLIES IDEAL FOR:
SINGLE GATE HOPPER

**SBL BOOT-LIFT® ASSEMBLY**

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| White Paint | Gray Paint | Orange Paint |
| Stainless Funnel | Stainless Funnel | Painted Funnel |
| HDPE Adapter Sheet with Wrapped Foam | HDPE Adapter Sheet with Wrapped Foam | Standard Wood Adapter Sheet |
| Food-Grade Boot | Black Vinyl Boot | Black Vinyl Boot |

**THE FOLLOWING FEATURES ARE OPTIONAL**

| Aligner w/FDA Paint | Aligner w/Steel-IT Paint | Standard Aligner |
| Stainless Funnel Cover | Stainless Funnel Cover | Standard Funnel Cover |
DBL ASSEMBLIES IDEAL FOR:
DOUBLE GATE HOPPER

DBL BOOT-LIFT® ASSEMBLY

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SINGLE-OPENING ASSEMBLIES FOR SINGLE-GATE HOPPERS

SBL-24/-30

Part # Prefix & Model #: SBL-24 or SBL-30
Funnel Opening:
SBL-24: 22 x 42 in. (559 x 1067 mm)
SBL-30: 30 x 42 in. (762 x 1067 mm)

SBLR-18

Part # Prefix & Model #: SBLR-18
Funnel Opening:
15 in. (381 mm)

DOUBLE-OPENING ASSEMBLIES FOR DOUBLE-GATE HOPPERS

DBL-18

Part # Prefix & Model #: DBL-18
Funnel Openings:
12.5 x 16.5 in. (318 x 419 mm)

DBLG-18/GATX

Part # Prefix & Model #: DBLG-18
Funnel Openings:
12.5 x 16.5 in. (318 x 419 mm)

Closed Width: 54 in. (1372 mm)
Opened Width: 69 in. (1753 mm)

Closed Width: 55.4 in. (1407 mm)
Opened Width: 78.5 in. (1994 mm)
**Build-a-Boot-Lift**

Custom Part Number

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<th>P/N Prefix / Model #</th>
<th>Paint Color</th>
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<td>F: White (Food Grade)</td>
<td>1: Painted Funnel</td>
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<td>C: Gray (Corrosion Resistant)</td>
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*Double-opening assemblies only.*

**EXAMPLE**

SBL - 30 S 1 1 1 0

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**INNER DIMENSIONS OF THE RECEIVING HOPPER OPENINGS:**

**SINGLE OPENINGS**

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<th>Length (A) x Width (B)</th>
<th>Bottom of rail to top of hopper (F)</th>
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**DOUBLE OPENINGS**

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<th>Length (A) x Width (B)</th>
<th>Distance between openings (C) x Bottom of rail to top of hopper (F)*</th>
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* 3-inch minimum required.

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**Build-a-Boot**

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<td>19760: SBL-24</td>
<td>B: Black Vinyl</td>
<td>L: 0.01 Polyethylene Liner</td>
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<td>35038: SBL-30</td>
<td>B: White Hypalon</td>
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<td>21055: SBLR</td>
<td>F: Food Grade</td>
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<td>17840: DBL-18</td>
<td>H: Flame Retardant</td>
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**Paint Color**

- S: Orange (Standard)
- F: White (Food Grade)
- C: Gray (Corrosion Resistant)

**Funnel Type**

- Ø: No Funnel
- 1: Painted Funnel
- 2: Stainless Funnel

**Control Console**

- Ø: No Controls
- 1: Air-Over-Hydraulic Controls

**Lift Cylinders**

- Ø: No Lift Cylinders
- 1: Hydraulic Lift Cylinders

**Spread Cylinders**

- Ø: No Spread Cylinders
- 1: Standard Hardware
- 2: Stainless Hardware
TRANSITION FUNNELS
These convert various models from double to single-opening unloading. Simply remove the standard Sponge Seals and install the appropriate Transition Funnel and Adapter Sheet.

DBL Transition Funnel
P/N 17272
Converts DBL and DBLG to SBL; requires DBL Adapter Sheet to fit opening.
# Adapter Sheet Sizes

Opening size examples. Approximate opening size in inches (A x B).*

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*Gate opening can measure as listed dimension plus up to 4 additional inches (101 mm).

Example: A 17 x 24 inch adapter sheet will fit a gate opening up to 21 x 28 inches.

**Refer to the sizing chart above and the part number key below.**

- **P/N Prefix / Model #**
- **Opening Size**
- **Material Type**
- **Foam Wrap**

**Material Type**
- W: Wood
- H: High-Density Polyethylene

**Foam Wrap**
- Ø: No Wrap
- W: White Vinyl (FDA Nitrile)

**Example:**

SBL-30AS 1342 H/W
Martin Railcar Openers power open stubborn car-bottom gates, reducing safety risks for personnel and improving unloading efficiency.

The weight of the railcar’s cargo load against the discharge gate makes the gate very hard to open. Martin Railcar Openers use compressed air to provide powerful force to open even the most stubborn gate, improving the efficiency and safety of unloading operations.

**MARTIN RAILCAR OPENER**
P/N 38475 | Tech Data Sheet L3534

The Martin Railcar Opener is a powerful solution to improve the efficiency of railcar unloading. It easily opens tough railcar hopper gates without backbreaking labor, gate damage or high noise.

**Powerful:** 2700 ft-lb (1225 kg-m) of torque at 90 psi (6.2 bar).

**Maneuverable:** Three pivoting wheels allow for maximum maneuverability; unit can easily be positioned by one worker.

**Adjustable Height:** Change capstan height to fit various car gates and compensate for variations in unloading platforms. Handle easily adjusts to suit operator preference.

**Adjustable Width:** Stabilizers slide out to provide wide base for increased leverage; slide in to fit through narrow doors and small spaces.

**Durable:** Steel tube frame provides long life in “real world” conditions. 10” x 4” pneumatic wheels maneuver easily over rough rail-side conditions.

**Controlled & Efficient:** Smooth, non-impacting force opens gate without damage or high noise (83 dBA at operator position). Operates from 90–120 psi (6.2 to 8.2 bar) air supply at 20 cfm (566 L/min).
This air-powered wrench provides up to 1750 ft-lb (235 kg-m) of torque to open the most stubborn rack and pinion hopper gate.

**Fast, Efficient Unloading:** Spot the car, open the gate and start unloading. There’s no time wasted trying to muscle the gate open.

**One-Worker Operation:** Weighs only 45 lb (20 kg) for easy positioning and use by one worker.

**Efficient Air Use:** Operates from an air supply of 20 cfm (566 L/min) at 80 to 125 psi (5.5 to 8.6 bar).

**Easy To Apply:** Capstan extension reaches even “hard-to-get-at” recessed railcar capstans.
The vibration of a railcar over the track will compact the car's bulk material cargo, prohibiting the cargo from flowing out freely once the discharge gate is opened. Railcar Vibrators from Martin Engineering provide powerful vibratory energy that enhances material flow to achieve full unloading. Martin® Railcar Vibrators will help you receive the cargo you paid to have shipped to your facility.

**IMPACTING RAILCAR VIBRATOR**  
P/N 38857 | Tech Data Sheet L3832

Linear vibrator provides powerful force to boost material flow. Lightweight vibrator and shoe make mounting/dismounting a strain-free procedure.

Compact vibrator and mount assembly provides plenty of power to unload the most stubborn materials.

Vibrator and wedge system weighs only 48 lbs (21 kg), reducing risk of injury from manhandling large, cumbersome vibrators into railcar brackets.

**4400 SERIES RAILCAR VIBRATOR**  
P/N 893210 | Tech Data Sheet L3849

- 4-inch hardened pistons
- Low air consumption
- Produces uniform directional force

**3-INCH IMPACTING RAILCAR VIBRATOR**  
P/N AP5-300RC | Tech Data Sheet L4117

The Martin 3-inch Impacting Railcar Vibrator with integral wedge fits into hopper bracket to provide powerful forces to unload bulk materials from railway cars.

Three-inch impacting piston provides up to 1699 force pounds and 3200 vpm (Vibrations Per Minute) at 80 psi to promote and maintain material flow.

Handle for ease of placement and removal
**BRUTE® MOTOR DRIVEN RAILCAR VIBRATOR**  
Tech Data Sheets L3412 / L3413

A motor-driven eccentric provides powerful rotary force to improve railcar unloading efficiency.

Clamp foot provides for fast, simple mounting.

Rugged construction features ductile iron case with aluminum end bell. Sealed oilbath bearings eliminate the need for lubrication.

Pneumatic- or hydraulic-powered models provide up to 9600 force-pounds (42,725 N) at 80 psi (4.14 bar).

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**VIBROOTOR™ CCR VIBRATOR**  
P/N CCR-4400| Tech Data Sheet L2581

This simple, long-lasting portable pneumatic vibrator provides effective high-frequency vibration. Apply to railcars, chutes, screens and compaction tables to prevent material buildup.

The simple, long-lasting Vibrootor™ CCR Vibrator provides effective high-frequency vibration at an economical price.

Generates multiple vibrations on each orbit

Eliminates wear problems and extends service life
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The MATERIALS MANAGEMENT GROUP provides products and services to industries that convey, store, transport, and process powders and bulk solids from aggregates, cement, and chemicals to foods, grains, metals, power generation, and waste water treatment applications;

The SERVICE GROUP provides fabrication, installation, and maintenance services to improve bulk materials handling efficiency; mechanical clean-out services for silos and hoppers to eliminate material flow problems; and shop repair/rebuilding and modifications services of products sold by the Company.

The TOOL GROUP provides power tools, personal protective equipment, materials-handling equipment, shop equipment and MRO supplies used for production, fabrication, assembly, metal removal, maintenance, and storage in manufacturing, construction, utility, and commercial applications.

Our Customers tell us that by choosing AIRMATIC to solve their problems, they gain increased productivity, decreased costs, and a safer, cleaner work environment.

MARTIN ENGINEERING is the leading global supplier of system to make the handling of bulk materials cleaner, safer, and more productive. Since its founding in 1944, the company has grown dramatically through the development of solutions to help the solids-handling industries around the world. MARTIN ENGINEERING’s success can be attributed to the development of practical, field-proven, cost-effective answers for "real life" problems. MARTIN Products are designed for tough industrial conditions; they are built to allow easy maintenance; they are engineered for simplicity, cleanliness, safety, and efficiency; they are personalized to meet each customer’s unique requirements.