

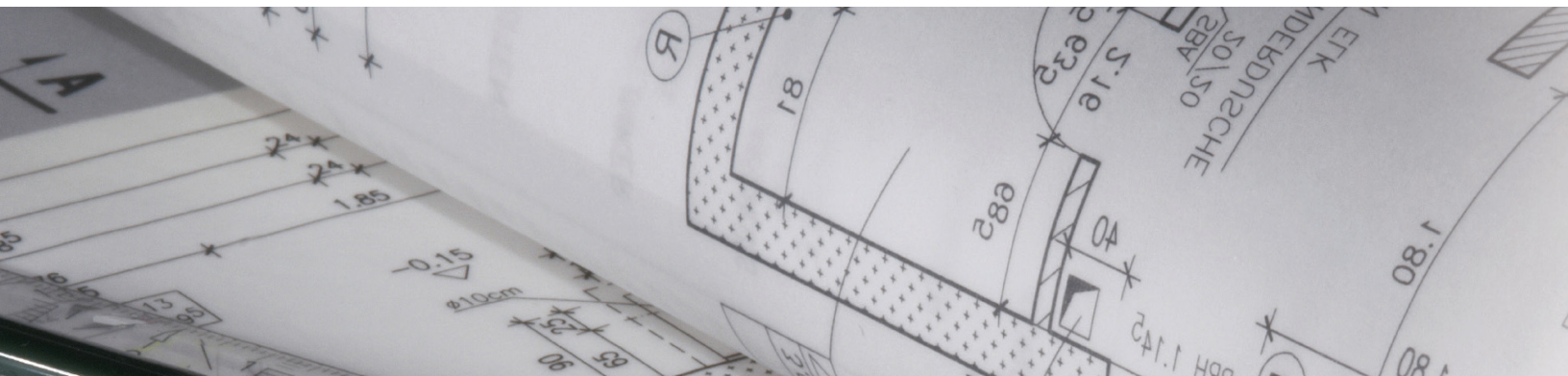


Hydraulic Loading Dock Levelers

Conventional and Roll-Off Stop Lip



With over 25 years of experience manufacturing quality Loading Dock Equipment, Pentalift is your single-source supplier for Loading Dock Levelers, Elevating Dock Lifts, Dock Seals & Shelters, Vehicle Restraints, and much more.



Engineered for Safety!

Pentalift Company Information



Since 1983 Pentalift has grown to be recognized as one of North America's premier manufacturers of Loading Dock and Dock Lift Equipment. The simple business philosophy of manufacturing a quality product with user safety in mind continues to be our approach in the marketplace. Pentalift's continuing success in designing, engineering, and manufacturing Loading Dock Solutions has gained Pentalift an excellent reputation within the Materials Handling Industry.



Pentalift has a team of industry experts with extensive experience that stands ready to assist you with your most complicated applications.

Pentalift Dock Design Information

Pentalift has developed a comprehensive Loading Dock Design Guide that can be found on our website <http://www.pentalift.com/material-handling-safety-resource.htm>. Careful consideration should be given to all aspects when designing an efficient and safe loading dock. Below are some aspects of Loading Dock Design to consider.

Type of Dock Leveler:

- Mechanical or Hydraulic
- Hydraulic provides the highest level of safety, performance and versatility

Width of Dock Leveler:

- There are three common widths 6' wide, 6.5' wide and 7' wide, nominal
- 7' wide provides the best access for loading / unloading side-by-side pallets

Length of Dock Leveler:

- There are three common lengths 6' long, 8' long and 10' long, nominal
- 8' long is most popular

Dock Leveler Capacity:

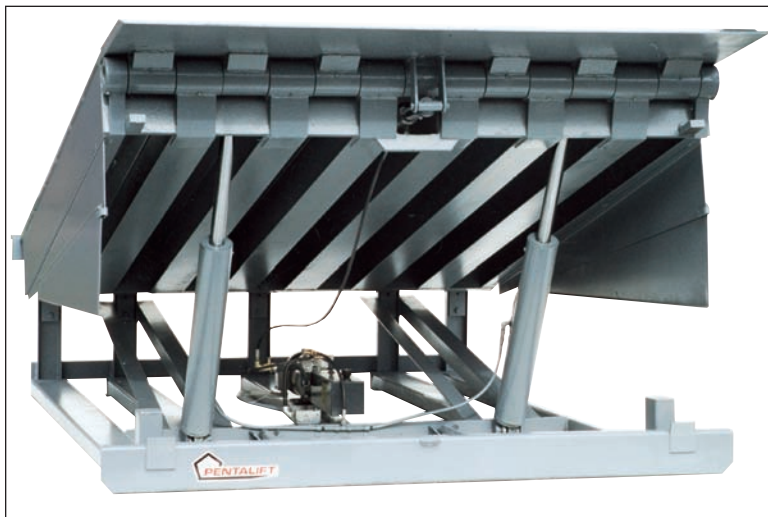
- Available in 25-30-35-40-45-50-60-80 and 100,000 lb capacity
- Specifying a capacity higher than the calculated requirements will extend the life expectancy of the dock leveler
- You can't have too much capacity!

Lip Length:

- There are 3 standard size dock leveler lips 16", 18" and 20"
- Ideally you want to have a lip that is 12" beyond the dock bumpers
- 16" lip length is standard with a 4" dock bumper

Other factors that may influence dock leveler selection:

- Door Size
- Dock height
- Dock Bumpers
- Driveway approach: level, incline, or decline



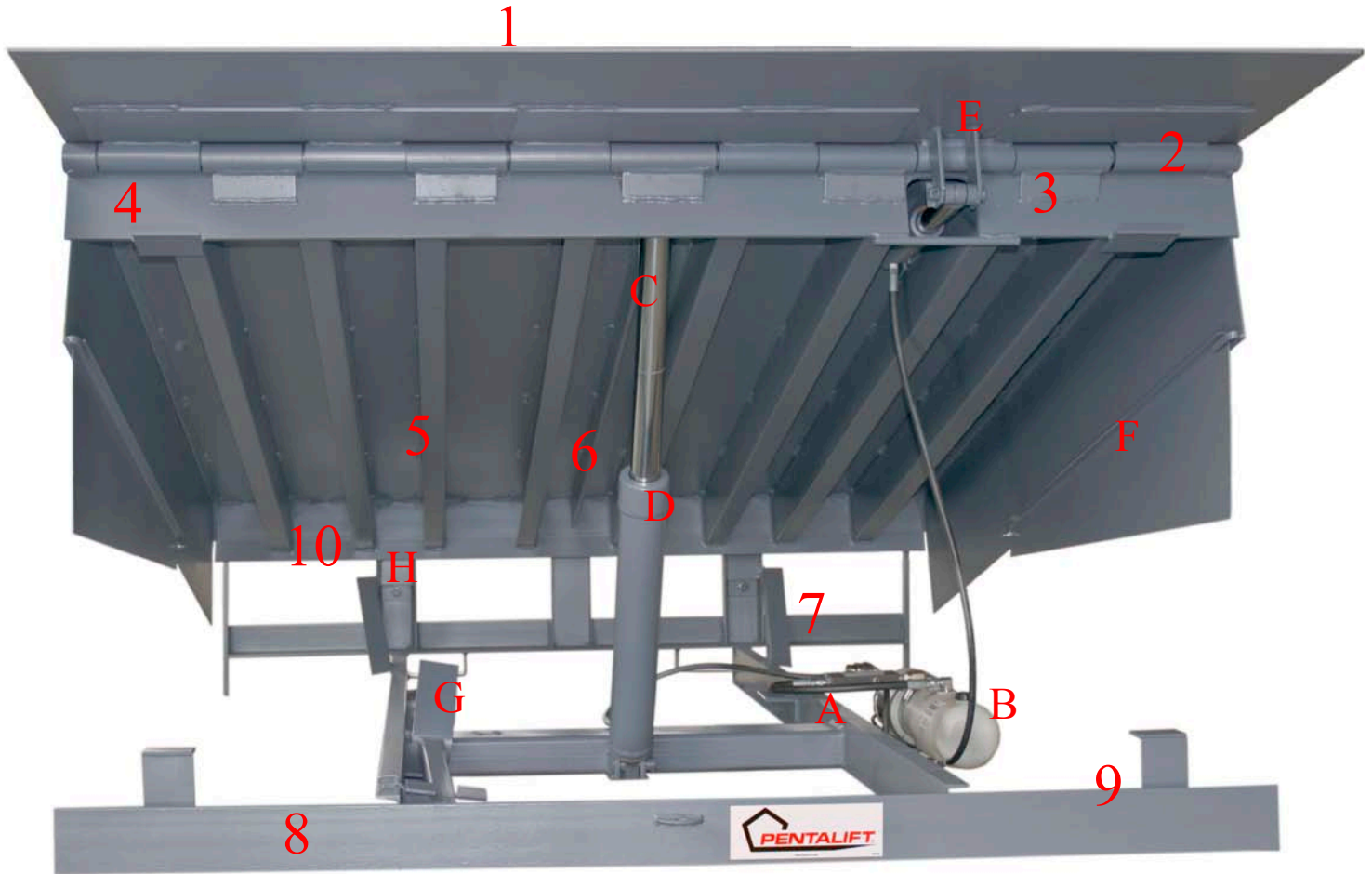
Pentalift manufacturers dock levelers to suit every application from a 25,000 lb capacity mechanical to this 160,000 lb capacity Hydraulic Dock Leveler

Featuring:

- 1/2" thick deck plate
- 1-1/2" thick lip plate
- 1" thick by 10" high headboard
- 10" Deep Deck Beams
- 2-1/4" diameter lip hinge Pin
- 4-1/2" diameter, gusseted hinge spools
- Dual hydraulic lift cylinders

Pentalift Series HD Hydraulic Dock Leveler

The Pentalift Series HD Hydraulic Dock Leveler offers many beneficial operational and safety features. These features are shown on the following pages.



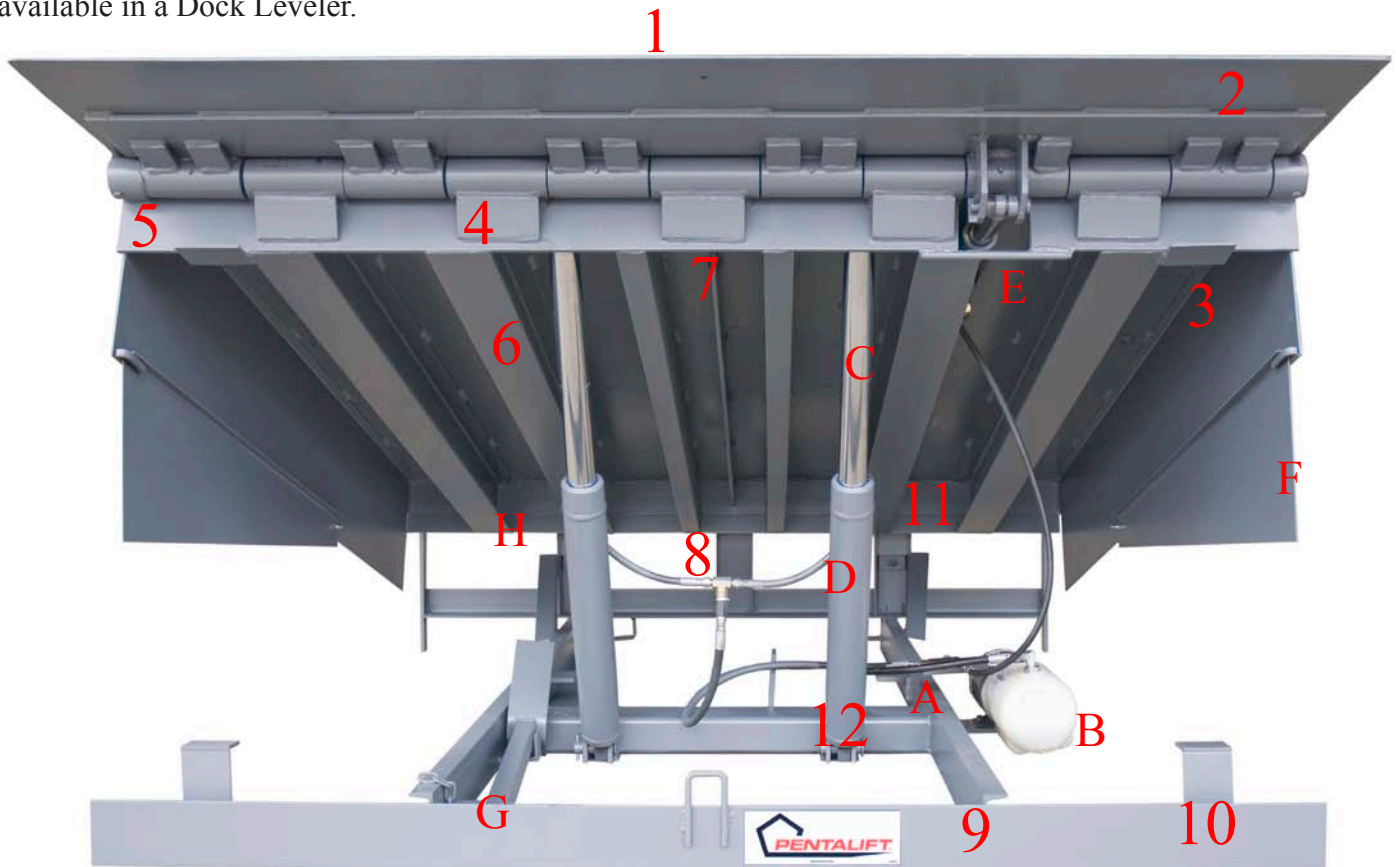
Model HD6835 shown

Series HD Hydraulic Dock Leveler Structural Features

- 1 High-strength, 4-way safety tread Plate, deck and lip assembly: 55,000 psi yield.
- 2 Full-width self cleaning, heavy-wall hinge tube: 70,000 psi yield.
- 3 Gussets on lip and headboard hinge maximize support.
- 4 3/8" Thick, 50,000 psi yield, headboard with bridged gaps.
- 5 Structural, precision-formed "C" beams; 65,000 psi yield. Specially designed beams allow Pentalift to create and build the deck support with optimal strength-to-weight ratio for a dock leveler. Utilizing 10 beams assures an even load distribution and maximum deck support.
- 6 Central deck beam for added support of three wheeled vehicles.
- 7 Rear frame assembly features five vertical structural members with eight points of even support for the full width of the rear hinge.
- 8 Heavy-duty front frame provides full width, cross traffic support and superior building aesthetics.
- 9 Night locks prevents unauthorized entry when overhead door is locked on top of dock leveler.
- 10 Full width, structural channel tail board and one piece, full width rear hinge, complete with heavy steel gussets. Pentalift's unique, welded assembly provides a box section for superior support and strength.

Pentalift Series HU Ultima Hydraulic Dock Leveler

The Pentalift Series HU Ultima Hydraulic Dock Leveler provides the Ultimate value in function and structure available in a Dock Leveler.



Model HU6845 shown

Series HU Ultima Hydraulic Dock Leveler Structural Features (45000 lbs capacity)

1. Deck Plate High-strength, 4-way safety tread Plate, deck and lip assembly: 55,000 psi yield.
2. Lip Plate Assembly High-strength safety checker plate lip assembly. 1" rear laminated; c/w 3/8" x 6" reinforcing plate, 55,000 psi yield.
3. Full-width self cleaning, heavy-wall hinge tube, 2-1/2" OD X 1-1/2" ID: 70,000 psi yield.
4. 3/8" thick gussets on lip and headboard hinge maximize support.
5. 3/8" Thick, 50,000 psi yield, headboard with bridged gaps.
6. **"I" Beam deck support 6" structural "I" Beams @ 12 lbs per foot.**
7. Central deck beam for added support of three wheeled vehicles.
8. Rear frame assembly features five vertical structural members with eight points of even support for the full width of the rear hinge.
9. Heavy-duty front frame provides full width, cross traffic support and superior building aesthetics.
10. Night locks prevents unauthorized entry when overhead door is locked on top of dock leveler.
11. Full width, structural channel tail board and one piece, full width rear hinge, complete with heavy steel gussets. Pentalift's unique, welded assembly provides a box section for superior support and strength.
12. Dual deck lift cylinders.

Note: In addition to the 45,000 lbs capacity model shown here, Series HU Ultima Hydraulic dock levelers are available in 30,000 and 35,000 lbs capacities. These capacities maintain "I" Beam construction. Lip plate thickness, "I" Beam sizing, lip hinge tubes and lip hinge pin diameters are all reduced in size relative to the 45,000 lbs capacity model reflected above to correspond with the capacity ratings reduction. These two capacities incorporate single deck cylinders. Contact your Pentalift Representative for more details.

Pentalift Series HDRS Roll-Off Stop Hydraulic Dock Leveler

Roll-Off Stop Feature further Enhances Safety at the Loading Dock

Pentalift's Series "HDRS" Roll-Off Stop Lip hydraulic dock levelers feature all of the design, structural and operational benefits of the HD and HU Series Pentalift Hydraulic dock levelers shown in this brochure, with the added safety enhancement of a Roll-Off Stop Lip. The Roll-Off Stop Dock Leveler is available in either the HD or HU Series dock leveler configurations.

The Roll-Off Stop Lip is a formidable barrier. It prevents lift truck roll-off from the loading dock, whenever the dock leveler is in the parked positioned.

The Roll-Off Stop Lip also serves to protect roll-up doors on truck trailers positioned at the loading dock from impact and damage.



Roll-Off Stop Dock Leveler Lip Features



Pentalift's offset hinge design automatically provides a barrier when the lip is parked in the vertical position.

The full width, self cleaning, piano-style hinge ensures ongoing, reliable performance with low maintenance. The raised lip design spreads the load on the hinge area over a larger area and with better leverage, making this lip design stronger than the conventional lip designs.

By eliminating intricate sliding mechanisms, Pentalift's Series "HDRS" levelers maintain the roll-off stop feature at all times, even during higher risk, below level, end-loading operations.

The Pentalift Series HDRS Roll-Off Stop Dock Leveler offers the following Headboard and Hinge Features:

8" High Roll-Off Barrier Stop: The Pentalift Barrier is one of the highest in the industry. This increases the stopping presence of the dock leveler and further enhances loading dock safety.

Structural tubing Headboard / Hinge: The structural tubing headboard, heavy duty gussets and hinge construction of the Pentalift Series HDRS dock leveler provides an extremely strong headboard section at the front of the dock leveler. This headboard section will withstand substantial impacts if the Roll-Off Stop feature is put to use. It also results in an improved and stronger headboard and lip hinge arrangement for normal dock leveler loading and unloading.



Pentalift Series HD,HU&RS Hydraulic Dock Leveler Operating Features

Pentalift Hydraulic Dock Levelers incorporates unique and important operating features to achieve the most safe and reliable operation available in a Hydraulic Dock Leveler. These operating features are described in more detail below.

A Pentalogic™ Hydraulic Control Manifold

Operating every hydraulic function with only two moving parts, the Pentalogic Hydraulic Control Manifold revolutionized dock leveler Hydraulic control circuitry. Conventional hydraulic dock leveler control valve circuitry is comprised of several individual function valve assemblies. Their assemblies are constructed from many sub components, increasing the potential of hydraulic component failure and oil leaks. Utilizing only two moving components, the non-adjustable Pentalogic Hydraulic Manifold eliminates all concerns related to on-site adjustment, oil leaks or hydraulic component failure.



B Hydraulic Power Unit



Incorporates internal filtration system and 1-1/2 HP Totally Enclosed Non Ventilated motor. Provides Hydraulic flow and pressure to the Pentalogic Hydraulic Manifold. Simple and reliable even in the harshest applications. Hydraulic power units are available in all common single and three phase AC voltages.

C Lift Cylinder Placement (See next page 8 for more details)

The beneficial advantage of the Pentalift lift cylinder placement is explained in more detail on page 8.

D Top-Fed Forward Positioned Lift Cylinder

Top feeding the hydraulic cylinder automatically ejects air from the Hydraulic system. It also maintains the hydraulic connection and hoses away from dirt and debris on the pit floor.

E Self Retracting Hydraulic Lip

Pentalogic Hydraulic Manifold allows the lip assembly to gently retract into the pendant position prior to the arrival of the next incoming vehicle. An illustration and more detailed explanation is provided on page 8.

F Full Range Toe Protection

Full range telescopic toe protection; upper and lower sections feature a "bend relief" to increase strength.

G Integral Maintenance Stand (See page 4 for photo in dock leveler & shown in stored position)

Integral Maintenance Stand facilitates support during routine support and Maintenance. Pentalift Maintenance Stand supports the lip as well the dock leveler deck assembly.

H Fixed Rear Hinge

Fixed rear hinge remains flush with the rear of the pit to eliminate pinch points and surface obstructions. Small gap at deck plate and frame conjunction reduces impact or bump for fork lift operator compared to competitive designs.

Lift Cylinder Placement: Pentlift vs Other Manufacturers

Other Manufacturers:

Other manufacturers position their lift cylinders as illustrated below. During a fallsafe condition, with the front tire of the forklift past the upper cylinder support point, a dangerous "teeter-totter" situation occurs. The back of the deck is forced upwards and out of the rear frame. In addition, the positioning creates a mechanical disadvantage during fallsafe (1" stroke = 4" deck drop).

Other cylinders with the chrome plated piston facing downward are prone to surface damage and chipping leading to hydraulic seal failure.



Pentlift:

For most effective support, Pentlift's lift cylinder is securely positioned at the junction of the deck and the structural headboard. The base of the cylinder is connected to a structural cross member. During a hydraulic fallsafe situation the fork lift will be completely supported between the cylinder position and the rear frame. All generated forces are downward, in the direction that all dock levelers are designed to accept load forces.

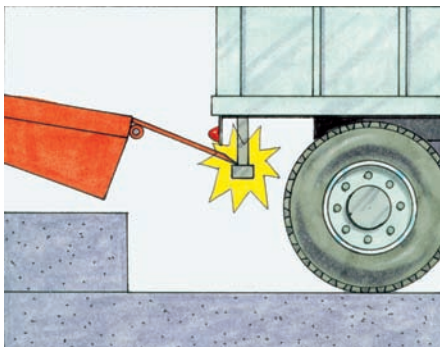
The Pentlift lift cylinder is positioned correctly away from debris found in the pit. Its position provides a superior mechanical advantage.



Self-Retracting Lip: Pentlift vs Other Manufacturers

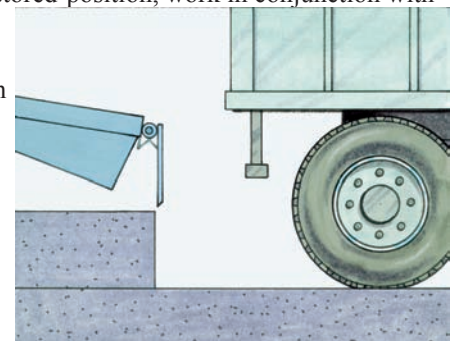
Other Manufacturers:

Conventional hydraulic dock levelers, yieldable lip circuits utilize an "in line" pressure relief valve, maintaining the lip in the extended position. Once a vehicle departs, the deck lowers with the lip in the extended position. The next incoming vehicle will impact the extended lip and any excessive force will push the lip assembly back into the pendant position. In addition, a conventional hydraulic circuit can cause the lip to get "caught on" a portion of the incoming truck, resulting in extensive damage to the vehicle, dock leveler and cargo.



Pentlift:

On truck departure, the Pentalogic Hydraulic Manifold allows the lip assembly to gently retract into the pendant position prior to the arrival of the next incoming vehicle. The Pentalogic Hydraulics Manifold assures that the lip is always pendant behind the protective bumpers. Units equipped with automatic return-to-stored-position, work in conjunction with the self-retracting lip (eliminating false signals common with other manufactures), to return the deck to the safe stored position.



Pentalift Hydraulic Dock Leveler Control Panels

Pentalift adds value by designing and assembling its own control panels, "in house" at the factory to accommodate the interlocking of other dock equipment such as Vehicle Restraints, Overhead Doors and Inflatable Dock Seals/ Shelters to create a safe and productive Loading Dock System. Please contact your Pentalift Representative for options available for your application.



Simple Basic Operation

- NEMA 12 – wall mounted push button station, facilitates simple basic operation.
- Protects against falling dirt, circulating dust, lint, fibers, filings and against dripping and light splashing of liquids.
- Other NEMA Rated Enclosures are available.

Optional Auto Return, Deck Stop with Independent Lip Control Features

Auto Return:

- This feature allows the leveler to automatically reposition itself back to the stored position.
- If a truck leaves the dock before the leveler is stored by the attendant the leveler will slowly travel to the bottom of the pit and then automatically re-store itself.
- Included is a selector switch that enables the dock attendant to turn off the Auto Return feature during below dock end loading / unloading operations.



Deck Stop with Independent Lip Control

- The Deck Stop feature adds the ability for the operator to fully stop the travel of the leveler deck while in operation, all with one button. This enhances the operation and assists with protecting product loaded at the end of the trailer.
- The Independent Lip Control feature allows the dock attendant to have full and complete control of the dock leveler lip extension throughout the operating range of the leveler. It allows easier positioning of the lip for end loading / unloading operations.



Master Control Panels

- Operator confusion or error is addressed by providing a single interlocked and synchronized panel to operate all equipment at the loading dock. Separate Control Panels for each individual piece of equipment can lead to operator confusion and compromised safety.
- Incorporates all loading dock equipment operations and control onto one Master Control Panel.
- Eliminates the need for multiple panels.
- Includes the interlocking of all equipment to create a complete, productive and safe operating dock system.
- Electrical Hook-up costs are significantly reduced with a Master Control Panel.

Other Control Panel Options:

- Lockable Electrical Disconnects
- Overhead Door Controls
- GFCI duplex outlets for Dock Light
- Other NEMA Rated Enclosures
- For special requests consult Factory

Pentalift Hydraulic Dock Leveler Options

Pour In Place



This option simplifies installation and reduces costs in new construction applications. A metal frame and pan encloses the dock leveler. This allows the dock leveler to be placed into a recess in the foundation and to have concrete poured around it during the floor pour of the building. Installation welding is completed at the factory. Overall costs of installing the dock leveler are reduced substantially. See <http://www.pentalift.com/material-handling-safety-resource.htm>. Pentalift Loading Dock Design Guide pg. 20 for more details.

Weatherseal



This option provides a rubber or brush weatherseal along the sides and rear of the dock leveler. The weatherseal reduces the passing of outside elements (cold, heat or debris) from outside, into the facility, by sealing the edges of the dock leveler against the dock leveler pit. In addition, brush weatherseal is effective in reducing the entry of vermin into the facility as well. The weatherseal is provided with metal carriers. As wear results to the seal replacement seals can be simply slid into the metal carriers.

Steel Face Dock Bumpers



This option provides a very durable dock bumper. The bumper is comprised of laminated bumper sections behind a plate steel bumper face. The laminated rubber sections absorb the impact of the truck and trailer as it backs into the facility. The steel facing prevents the trailer from cutting or overly compressing the rubber absorption material, as the trailer backs into the loading dock and scrapes up and down on the bumpers as it raises and lowers with the suspension. The combination of the two components makes the steel face dock bumper an excellent solution for harsh loading dock environments.

Other available options for Hydraulic Dock levelers

Longer Lip Lengths

Hot Dip Galvanized or Epoxy Paint Finishes

Weatherseal Rubber or Brush (shown above)

Shim Kits (To fit dock leveler to deeper pits)

Capacities

Pour In Place Installation (shown above)

Spray Foam Insulation

Easy Sweep Frame

Pentalift Hydraulic Dock Levelers vs Air Powered Levelers

Pentalift Hydraulic Dock Levelers provide a higher level of Safety and Performance over Air Powered Levelers for about the same Price!

- Hydraulic Dock Levelers are fully automatic: hydraulic lifting system and hydraulic lip
- Air Powered Dock Levelers are semi automatic: air bag lifting mechanism and mechanical lip
- Hydraulic Dock Levelers use a velocity fuse for free fall protection. The velocity fuse does not affect the dock leveler's use or normal function
- Air Powered Dock Levelers use safety legs for free fall protection
- Safety legs can create "stump out"* problems for Dock Levelers
- Hydraulic Levelers are available in a range of voltages which can be less expensive for electrical installation
- Air Powered Levelers are available in 110 volt 1 phase which can be considerably more expensive for electrical installation for larger installations
- Hydraulic Levelers have fewer parts and required less maintenance
- Hydraulic Levelers are available with more options. (Auto Return, Deck Stop, Higher Capacities, Longer deck lengths)

*"Stump out" occurs when a trailer bed's height is below dock level and the safety legs hit their stops. This creates a situation where only the dock leveler lip (not the deck as the safety legs will not allow the deck to travel downward) can travel with the bed of the trailer. During this condition, when a fork lift attempts to back out of the truck, a significant impact occurs to the dock leveler structure and to the fork lift driver due to the severe angle the dock leveler lip has been put into due to the deck being blocked by the safety legs. Health and Safety issues and Dock Leveler damage issues result from impacts of this nature.

Conclusion: Hydraulic Dock Levelers out performs Air Powered Dock Levelers



Pentalift Vehicle Restraint Systems

Pentalift manufactures and offers four styles of vehicle restraints. The variety of designs provided suit almost any loading dock application and create a safe productive loading dock system. Ask your Pentalift Representative for a catalog for additional information.



Model MFR32:
Mechanically operated by the dock attendant. Utilizes gas shock activation. Provides simple and effective manual operation.



Model HFR32:
Reliable hydraulic operation is controlled by push buttons. Suitable for harsh, busy environments. This unit can be interlocked to the dock leveler for increased safety.



Model LPR35:
Provides the same features and benefits of the HFR32. In addition features an extremely low lowered height as well as a stepped hook for dual locking positions.



Model UHR40:
Installed under the dock leveler to provide the ultimate in safety, performance and reliability. Suitable for severe and extremely busy environments.

Pentalift also provides a wide variety of equipment to create an efficient, secure, and safe loading dock environment. In addition to the products shown in the photographs below Pentalift also offers the following products; including Rail Dock Levelers, Edge of Dock Levelers, Safety Barriers, Wheel Chocks, Dock Lights, and Dock Bumpers, making Pentalift your ideal, single-source, loading dock supplier.

Solutions to improve safety at your loading docks!



Pentalift Mechanical Dock Levelers



Pentalift Vehicle Restraints (See page 11)



Pentalift Dock Seals and Shelters



Pentalift Vertical Storing Dock Levelers



Pentalift Elevating Dock Lifts



Pentalift Truck Levelers & Dock Seals

"Our Primary Goal is to engineer and build the best products to ensure the ultimate in user safety and product reliability"

*Paul Pedersen
President
Pentalift Equipment Corporation*

Individual Product Catalogs are available and can also be found on our website.
Pentalift also manufactures a complete line of Lift Tables for your in plant material handling needs.

Note: Some photos may reflect products with optional features. All Pentalift Equipment Corporation products are subject to design improvement through modification without notice.

Pentalift Equipment Corporation
P.O. Box 1060, Guelph, ON N1H 6N1 Canada P.O. Box 1510, Buffalo, NY 14240 – 1510 USA
CP 1219 Pointe-Claire, QC Canada H9S 5K7
Phone: (519) 763 3625 Fax: (519) 763 2894
www.pentalift.com