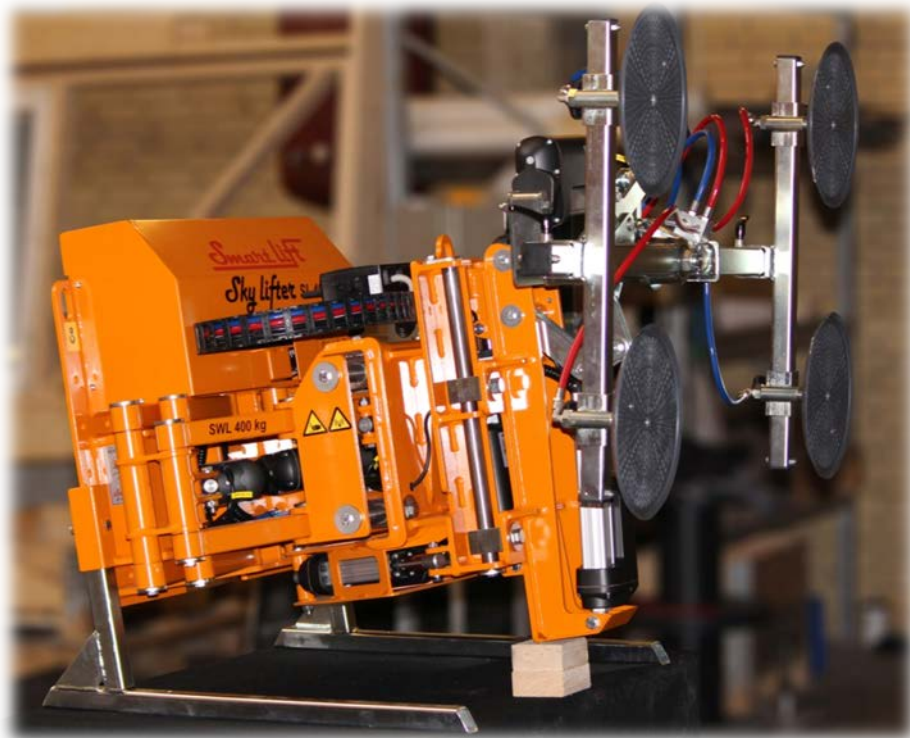


# Instruction Manual

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## 1.0 - Introduction

Congratulations on becoming the proud owner of the new SL 400 Skylifter. We're convinced that you will be completely satisfied with your purchase. When we developed Skylifter, we did our utmost to "keep it simple". We believe we have succeeded in designing a very simple and reliable machine.

Skylifter is an implement which has to be attached to a carrier machine, e.g. telescopic handler, mobile crane, forklift truck, or similar. The carrier provides mobility. And of course, the right choice of carrier depends on the work you do. There are essentially no limits as to how high or far the Skylifter can reach as these movements depend on your choice of carrier.

When Skylifter is mounted on the carrier and the load is securely attached to the suction pads on Skylifter, the carrier performs the long and large movements which bring the load close to the desired position. Skylifter holds and manoeuvres the load gently and safely into its final position. The only requirement is that the load can be attached to suction pads with vacuum.

If you are uncertain whether Skylifter is suitable for your specific task or if you want to know if Skylifter can be mounted on a specific type of carrier, please contact your local sales representative to ask about the options available to you and how we can help find a solution.

If your Skylifter is defective or if you use the machine incorrectly, hazardous situations can occur, which entail a risk of serious personal injury or irreparable damage to equipment. To avoid accidents, it is important that the operator is well acquainted with operating and maintaining the Skylifter and appropriate safety measures. The operator must know how to react to warning signals and comply with the applicable safety regulations.

*Don't work harder – work smarter*

## 2.0 - EC Declaration of Conformity

The manufacturer responsible for the technical dossier:

Smartlift A/S  
N.A. Christensensvej 39  
7900 Nykøbing Mors, Denmark

declares herewith that

the following machine: **Vacuum Lifting Yoke**

Model/type: **SL 400 Skylifter**

Serial no.: \_\_\_\_\_ Production month \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR 2016

is manufactured in compliance with the following EC Directives:

- Machinery Directive 2006/42EC
- Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/EC
- EMC Directive 2014/30/EU

The following standards are applied:

DS/EN ISO 12100-1:2009 (Safety of machinery – general principles)  
DS/EN ISO 12100-2:2009 (Safety of machinery – general principles)  
DS/ISO/TR14121-2:2012 (Risk assessment guidance and methods)  
DS/EN 13857:2008 (Safety of machinery – Hazard zones and safety distances)  
DS/EN 13155/A1+A2:2009 (Cranes – Safety – Non-fixed load lifting attachments)  
DS/EN 60204-32:2008 (Electrical equipment of machines – Part 32: Requirements for hoisting machines)

Date:

Signature:

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## 3.0 - Unpacking Skylifter

On arrival, check Skylifter for damage caused in transit.

Carefully remove the packaging from the machine. Take care when using a knife or scissors. The soft suction pads and hoses etc. can easily be damaged.

Unscrew and remove both bolts which secure the machine to the pallet.

When unpacking, please check that the machine is intact and that all parts have been delivered. If you find visible damage or defects on your Skylifter, notify your local sales representative immediately, so that he can take steps to remedy the situation.

1 x SL 400 Skylifter comprises the following components/parts:

- 1 x SL 400 Skylifter
- 2 x traverses
- 4 sets suction pads with hoses
- 2 x supporting legs
- 1 x aluminium box containing:
  - 1 x radio transmitter
  - 1 x battery charger for radio transmitter
  - 2 x rechargeable batteries
  - 1 x Lithium-ion operating battery
  - 1 x charger for operating battery
  - 1 x instructions for use
  - 1 x parts lists



You will also need 1 x mounting bracket (adapter). As the mounting bracket is specially designed for use with a specific type of telescopic loader, crane, etc., it is not part of the standard Skylifter but should be ordered separately.

Example:  
mounting  
bracket for  
Manitou.



If the mounting bracket is ordered with the machine, it will be fitted on delivery.

### 3.1 - Transport/Handling

SL 400 Skylifter is engineered with lifting brackets. The machine must only be lifted using the lifting brackets. When the machine is not in use, it should rest on the supporting legs (supplied). The machine must be stored and transported on the supporting legs.

Use the lifting brackets to secure the machine during transport. Protect the machine from rain and snow. Never lift the machine using a forklift truck or similar machine.

### 3.2 - Commissioning

You must read and understand the instructions for use before using the machine for the first time. If you have questions, contact your local sales representative.

Mount the mounting bracket (adapter) onto Skylifter. The mounting bracket must be suitable for use on the specific type of carrier used.

Always use original mounting brackets. If the mounting brackets used are not original, the guarantee on the machine is null and void.

Original mounting brackets are CE-marked by SmartLift.

For bolt positions and torque, see Appendix 1.

Keep the instruction manual with the machine!

### 3.3 - Storage

Switch off the machine and disconnect the battery.

Store the machine in dry, preferably heated conditions.

The battery which powers the machine and remote control unit should be charged so that the battery is fully charged when the machine is put into storage.

NB! Recharge the batteries at 4-week intervals – even when the machine is in storage.

## 4.0 - Technical data

### 4.1 - Load capacity

Skylifter can lift and hold a maximum load of: 400 kg

The machine has a dual-circuit vacuum system. Each vacuum circuit can lift and hold the maximum load.

### 4.2 - Weight

Without mounting bracket and supporting legs 375 kg

Weight of supporting legs (2 x detachable legs) 15 kg

Weight of mounting bracket/adapter: The weight depends on the type of carrier, with which Skylifter will be used, see Appendix 1.

### 4.3 - Physical dimensions when Skylifter is on transportation bracket without mounting bracket/adapter

	Functions folded	Functions extended to max.
Length:	0.80 m	1.48 m
Width (without traverse):	1.20 m	0.88 m
Height:	1.20 m	1.20 m

#### 4.3.1 Physical dimensions on machine without transportation bracket and mounting bracket/adapter

	Functions folded	Functions extended to max.
Length:	0.80 m	1.48 m
Width (without traverse)	0.88 m	0.88 m
Height:	0.80 m	1.00 m

### 4.4 - Operating time

Maximum operating time is relative and depends on how the machine is used, battery level and ambient temperature.

At 23°C with a new, fully charged battery, the machine's operating capacity is:

- 4 hours continuous operation with a 400 kg load or
- 8 hours of 50% operation with a 400 kg load.

If Skylifter is to be used for a longer period of time, we recommend you purchase an extra battery, which can be replaced in seconds.

## 4.5 - Power supply

Skylifter has 1 x lithium-ion battery, 24 V, 20.25 Ah.

Battery capacity at different temperatures:

-10° C	60 %
0° C	80 %
23° C	100 %
55° C	95 %

A new, fully charged battery provides 29 V power. The battery cuts out when it is discharged to 21 V.

### 4.5.1 - Battery lifetime

Batteries deteriorate over time and after many recharging cycles. After 1000 recharging cycles, this battery retains 80 % of its original capacity.

### 4.5.2 - External operating battery charger

Connect to mains power supply: 220V-50Hz



The charger can be switched to 110V, 60Hz.  
Flip switch to select.

### 4.5.3 - Charging time

4 hours using standard charger.

The battery is suitable for top-up charging, which means that you can recharge for short periods (e.g. in breaks, etc.) You can also charge the battery while it is in use on the Skylifter. Recharging while in use is not recommended as the cable may obstruct mounting work and get crushed during operation.

### 4.5.4 - Remote control unit range

The remote control unit has a range of up to 200 m as the crow flies. However, range may be impaired by a compact building mass, large steel constructions, etc. We recommend that you check that the range is satisfactory before beginning work (and especially in a compact building or when there are large steel constructions).



## 5.0 - General safety regulations and the operator's responsibilities

**The operator is responsible for ensuring compliance with the following safety measures:**

SL 400 Skylifter may only be operated by an operator who has been specially trained in the use of the machine and its safety functions.

Never exceed maximum load capacity 400 kg (SWL 400 kg).

SL 400 Skylifter may only be used with an original mounting bracket/adaptor, which is specially designed and approved for use with the carrier in question.

To prevent material falling from the machine, the operator must ensure before using the machine that there are no loose objects, snow and ice on the machine.

### WARNINGS:



It is dangerous to operate the machine if any of the safety measures are defective.

NEVER lift or manoeuvre items unless they are securely attached and the green control light is flashing. STOP if the lamp flashes red and the audible alarm is triggered.

NEVER lift wet or slippery items using the suction pads.



Before using the machine, ALWAYS check that the suction pad brackets are securely fastened.

The machine must NOT be used in an ATEX zone (explosive atmosphere).

### PROHIBITED! DANGER!



NEVER leave the machine with its load suspended on the suction pads.

Standing under the load during lifting and under the machine is strictly prohibited.

The work zone must be suitably cordoned off to prevent unauthorised access.

Only personnel who are directly involved in manoeuvring and attaching the load may stand close to the machine. Operator and fitters must wear a safety helmet.

Must NOT be used to lift people. NEVER play on the machine.

## 5.1 - Important terms and definitions:

**RED TEXT = important safety instructions which MUST be complied with.**

**Load** - an item which can be manoeuvred using suction pads, e.g. Windows, wall elements, etc.

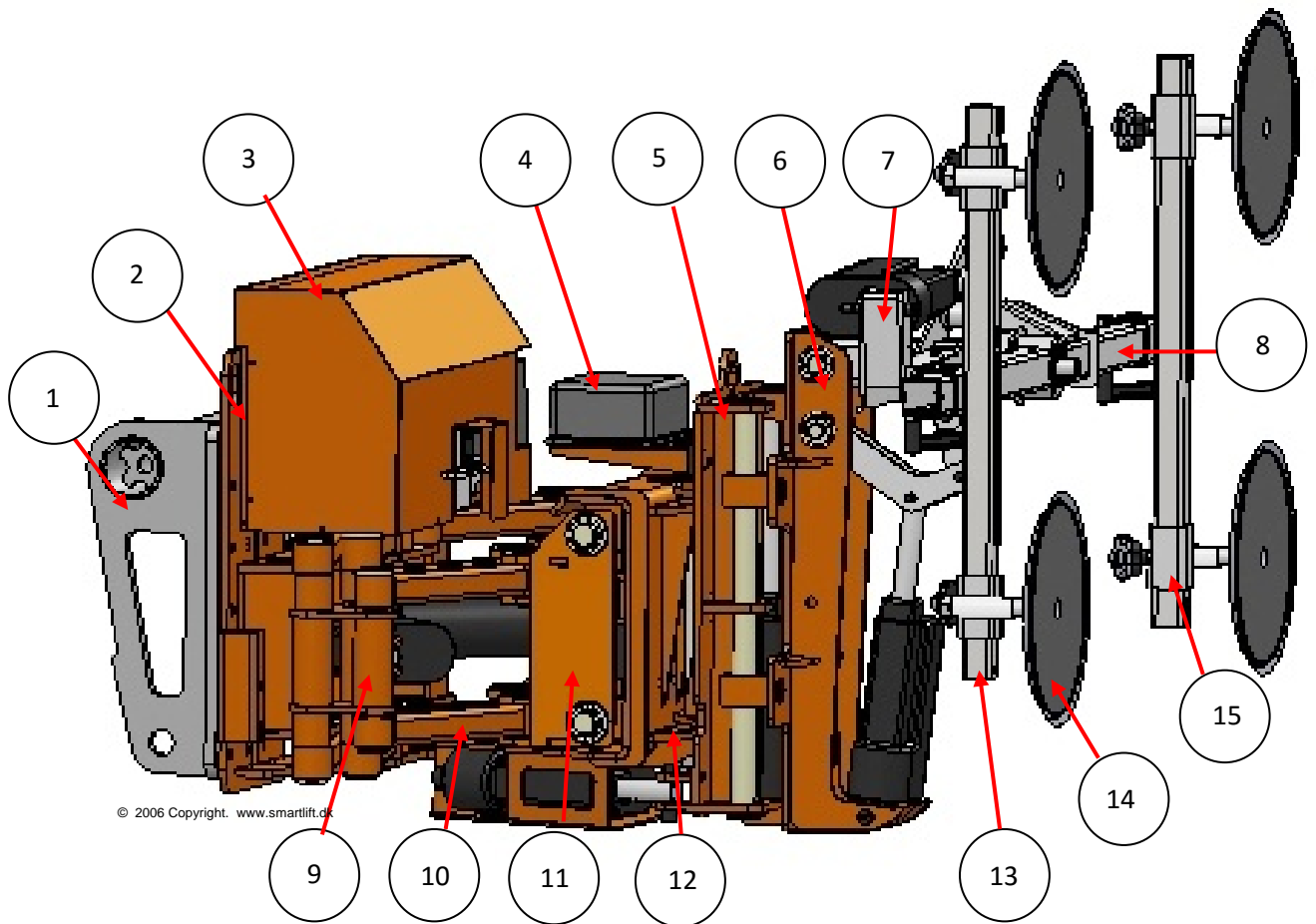
**Carrier** - the machine to which Skylifter is attached to achieve mobility

**Driver** - the person operating the carrier

**Operator** - the person operating the Skylifter

**Vacuum yoke** - collective term to describe the main carrying arm, traverses and suction pads

## 6.0 - General description and main components



Pos	Description
1	Mounting bracket/adapter
2	Chassis
3	Main cabinet
4	Radio receiver
5	Turn unit
6	Lifting unit
7	Tilt unit
8	Rotation unit (main boom)
9	Elbow joint
10	Carrying arm
11	Front unit
12	Parallel side shift
13	Traverse
14	Suction pad
15	Pad holder

Other components are shown on the parts list.

## 7.0 - Operating SL 400 Skylifter

### 7.1 - Starting Skylifter



Battery indicator.

Press ON. Battery level indicated by green diodes. If only one green diode lights up, recharge the battery.

1. To start the machine, turn main switch to ON
2. Place the battery in the unit and lock with the key
3. To start the machine, using the same key, turn to ON.



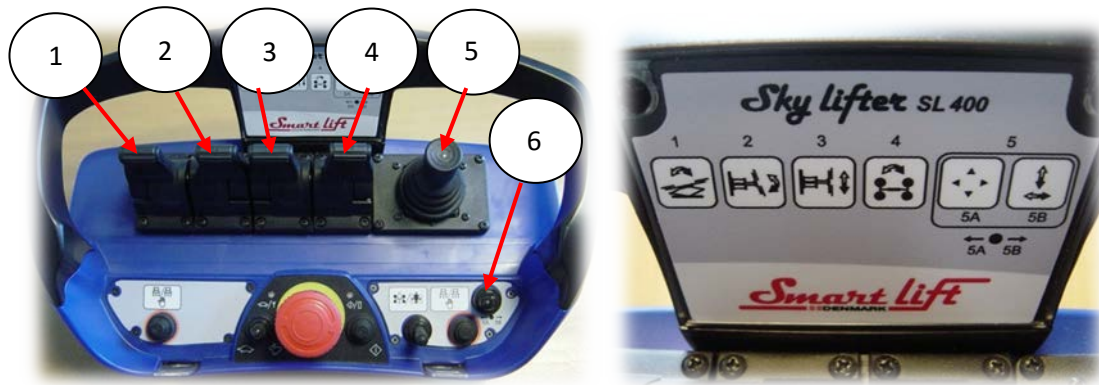
4. Press emergency stop button (1) to the right until the top moves upwards. To start remote control unit, press briefly on button (2). Lamp (3) flashes red and the remote control unit receiver display (4) lights up.



5. To establish a connection with the remote control unit receiver, activate the joystick (6) briefly in the direction of the arrow.

Skylifter is now switched on and ready for use. To operate the vacuum system, see section 8.5.

## 7.2 - Manoeuvring Skylifter/remote control unit



1. The remote control unit has 4 manoeuvring keys and a joystick. All movements are speed-controlled which means that the further you move the key from the central position, the faster the load moves. Slow speed = small movement of key/joystick.
2. The keys control the different movements shown in the photo above.
  - 1 - **Pivot** (right/left) Forward pivots the load to the right - Back pivots the load to the left
  - 2 - **Tilt** (forward/back) Forward tilts the load forward - Back tilts the load back
  - 3 - **Raise/lower** Forward lowers the load - Back raises the load
  - 4 - **Rotate** Forward rotates the load clockwise - Back rotates the load anti-clockwise
  - 5 - **Horizontal level** The joystick moves the load to horizontal. The load follows the joystick's movements.

When the load is horizontal, it can be shifted sideways. To activate, press button 6.



## 7.3 - Precision maneuvering

Precision maneuvering (at slow speed) can be activated stepwise, i.e. all maneuvering speeds are reduced further. There are three steps. To activate, press button 7. 1 x touch to the left reduces speed to step 1. 2 x touches reduces speed to step 2 and 3 x touches reduces speed to step 3. To cancel speed reduction, touch the same button once to the left.

The red lamp above button 6 flashes repeatedly (once, twice or three times according to indicate speed step selected).

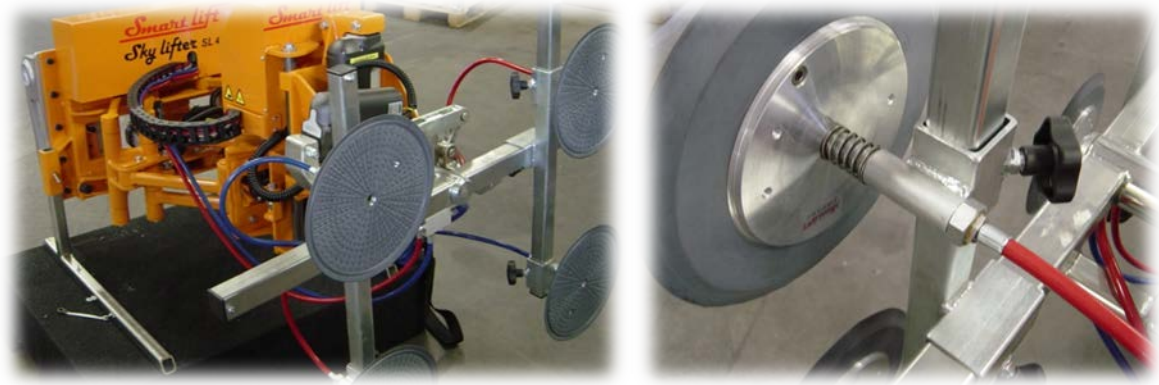
## 7.4 - Reversing the functions

The remote control unit is engineered to control movements as seen from the behind Skylifter. For example, when the operator stands behind Skylifter, a movement to the right on the remote control unit moves the load

to the right. If, instead, the operator is standing in front of Skylifter, the functions can be reversed. To reverse functions, push button (8) forward.

Once the functions are reversed, Skylifter will again move the load to the right when the operator activates the key/joystick to the right.

## 7.5 - Positioning/adjusting the vacuum yoke



1. First rotate the vacuum yoke to the most appropriate position, depending on whether you want to rotate the load during manoeuvring. Note that the rotation movement on Skylifter is limited.

***The load must always be positioned so that the centre of gravity of the load is centred on the machine.***

2. Depending on the shape and dimensions of the load, the traverses must be positioned as far from each other as possible. The same applies to 4 x suction pads: they should be positioned as far from each other as possible.  
A large distance between the suction pads ensures that the lift is as safe, balanced and stable lifting as possible and minimises sensitivity, e.g. to gusts of wind.

***The suction pads must be positioned at a distance of min. 25 mm from frames and edges.***

3. Check that each suction pad has both a red and a blue hose. If this is not the case, replace the suction pads before attaching the load. Tighten the 6 finger screws manually.

Skylifter is now ready to attach the load using vacuum.

## 7.6 - Attaching the load

1. Using the remote control unit, move the vacuum yoke slowly until it just touches the load. Correct the position of the yoke until all 4 suction pads press lightly against the load. It will often be easier and faster to tip the load towards the suction pads.
2. To start both vacuum systems, press one of the buttons on the remote control unit marked with a red circle. The load is now firmly attached to the suction pads.

***NB: Now check the load! See instructions at the end of this section.***





The green lamp in the light tower flashes when the vacuum is secure for lifting.

3. When the alarms stop and the green lamp flashes, the load is securely attached and can be shifted and manoeuvred as required. See photo above.
4. The driver raises Skyliifter and the load until they are unobstructed.
5. The operator operates the Skyliifter scissor lift system backwards and manoeuvres the load into the desired position. NB: Consider how best to position/turning the load to bring it into the easiest position for mounting.
6. The driver drives the carrier to the work zone area and lowers the carrier's supporting legs so that it is stable.
7. The driver then carefully manoeuvres Skyliifter and the load as close to the final position as he can safely achieve. The driver then signals that the operator can take over.
8. The operator carefully manoeuvres the load into place. When the load is secured, to release the vacuum, the operator presses and holds down both buttons marked with a red circle for 3 seconds. See photo above.
9. The vacuum pumps shut off and the vacuum valve releases the vacuum on the suction pads. It takes only a few seconds to release the load.
10. When the suction pads have released the load, the operator manoeuvres Skyliifter away from the mounting area. The operator fully retracts the Skyliifter's scissor system and signals to the driver that he can remove Skyliifter from the work zone.

**Important: Check the following:**

- When attaching the load, the operator must check that the alarm sounds and the red lamp flashes at the start. If this is not the case, the machine is defective. The machine must not be used until the defect is located and rectified.

The red lamp flashes and the alarm sounds when the vacuum circuit is defective.



- When the vacuum pumps stop, pressure should be  $-0.62 \pm 0.02$  bar. See vacuum gauge display. The pressure must be stable. It must not increase. If the pressure increases, the machine is defective and must not be used until it has been repaired. NB: When a vacuum circuit is defective, the pressure increases from  $-0.2$  to  $0$  bar. The alarms are triggered at  $-0.5$  bar.

## **WARNING!**

***If the green lamp does NOT flash, DO NOT USE the machine.***

***If, during maneuvering, the red light flashes and/or acoustic alarm is triggered, bring the load IMMEDIATELY into a safe position.***

## **8.0 - Switches and alarms**

The light tower has three functions:

Audible alarm = STOP! There is a fault.

Red lamp rotating = STOP! There is a fault.

Green lamp rotating = OK! All is well.

The alarm is fitted with a swivel screen.

The volume is adjustable. Adjust the volume to the ambient noise level.

Never completely shut down the screen as the operator may overhear the alarm.

If the red lamp flashes and the alarm does not sound, the battery is running low. The machinery will continue to work for a few minutes before stopping. Replace or recharge the battery as soon as possible. Do not mount anything until the battery is replaced or fully recharged.

## **9.0 - Breakdown and faults on the machine**

### **9.1 - Radio-controlled battery replacement**



Push the battery to the right and then raise to release.

To insert battery, press the battery to the far right, press down and release.

## 9.2 - Fault in radio control system



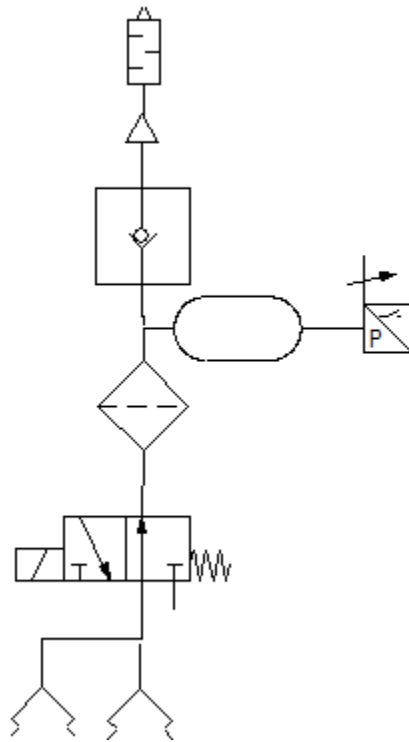
Reset remote control unit,  
press and hold button for 5  
seconds.

No connection to radio receiver!

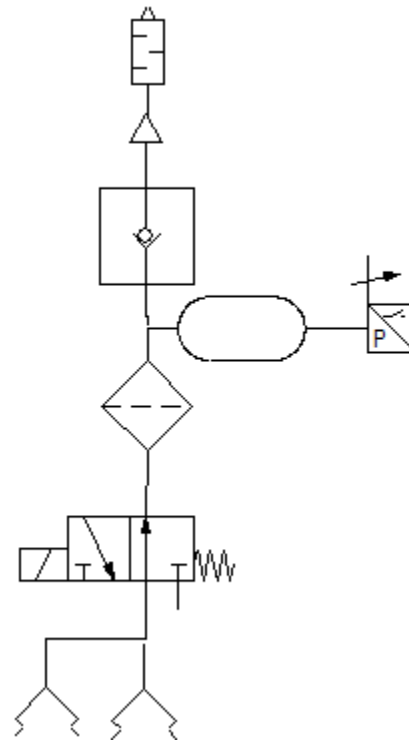
Reset radio control, press and hold button for 5 seconds.



## 10.0 - Vacuum diagram







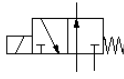



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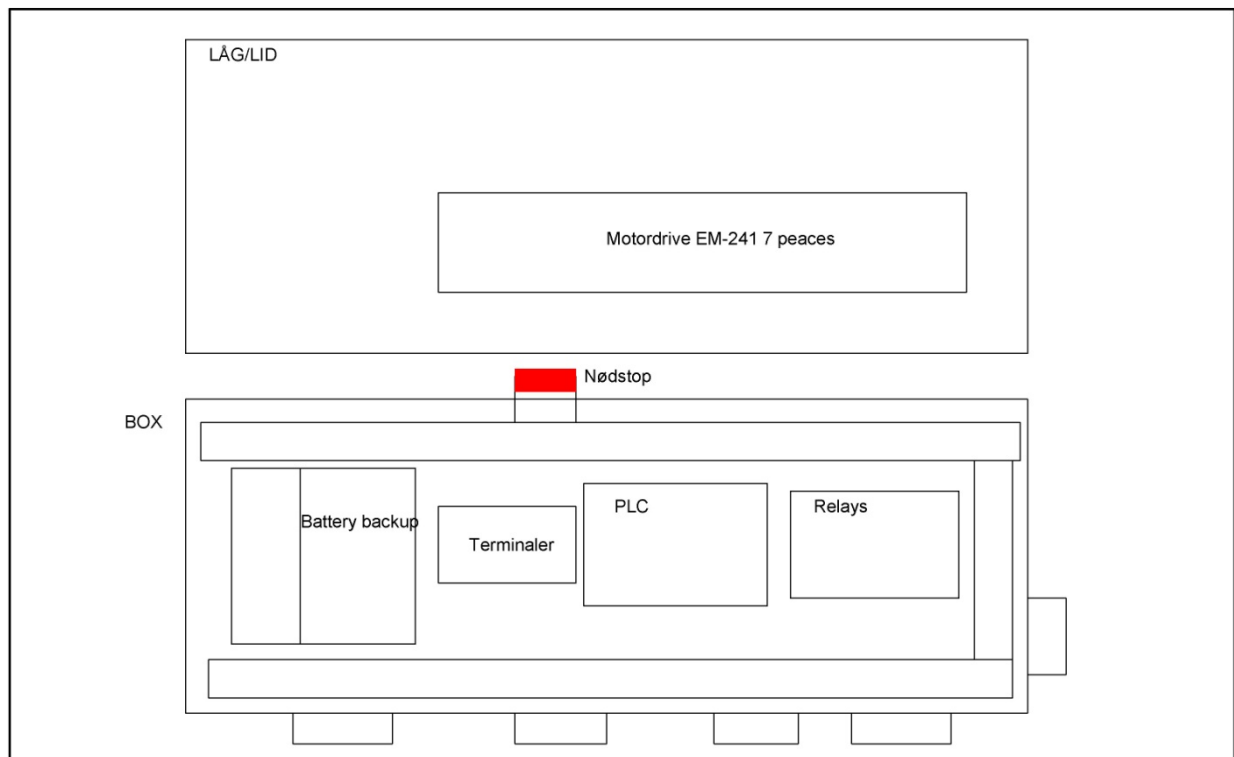
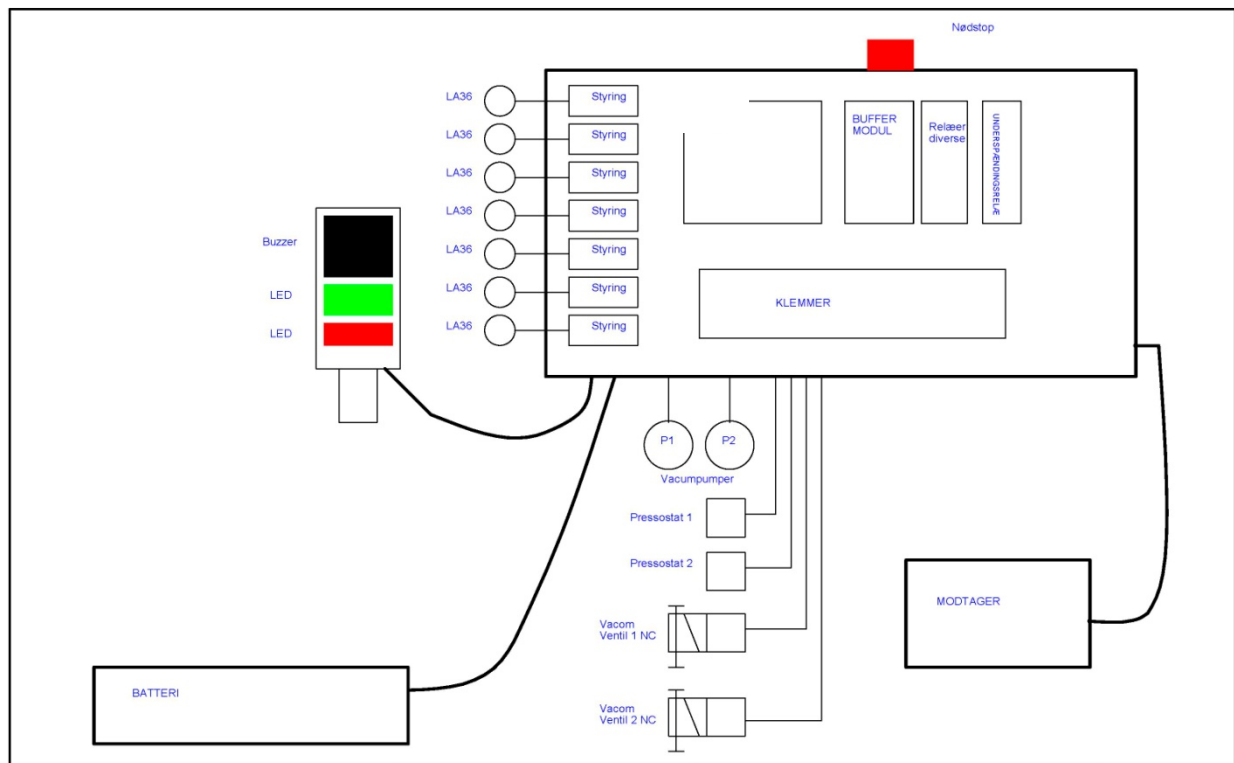


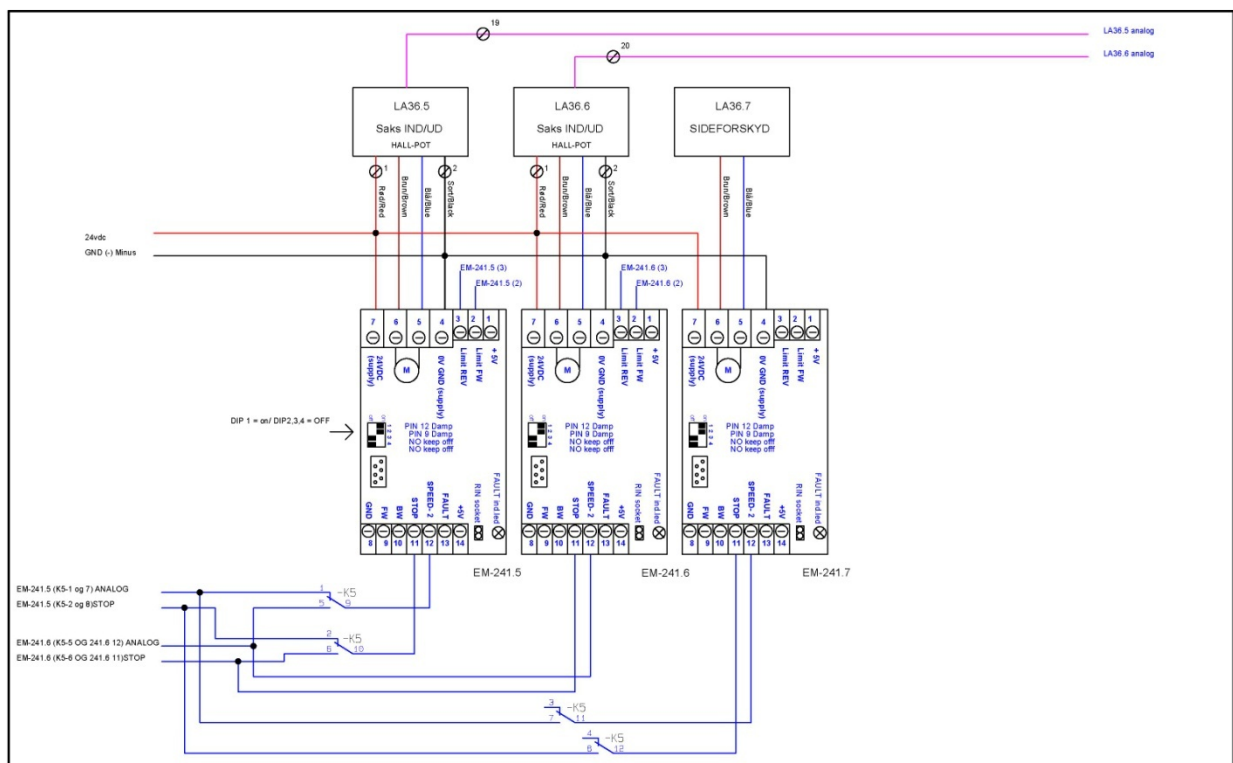
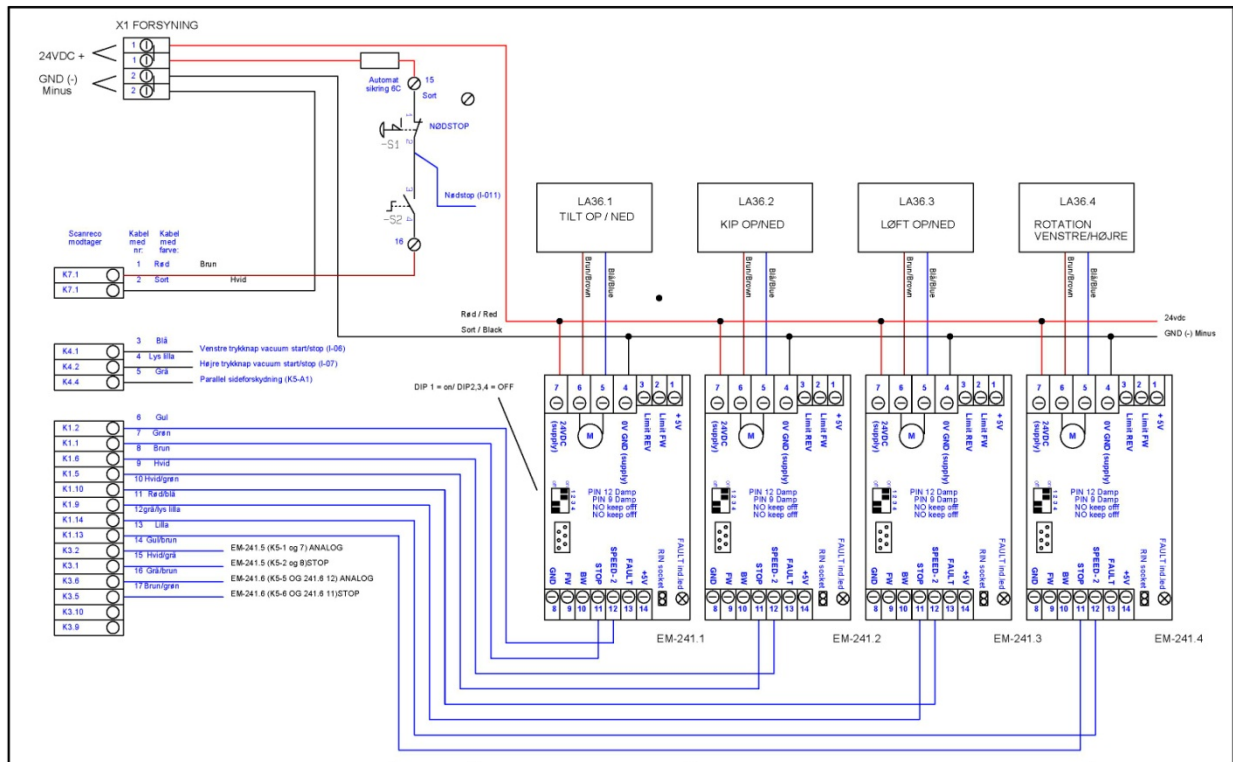
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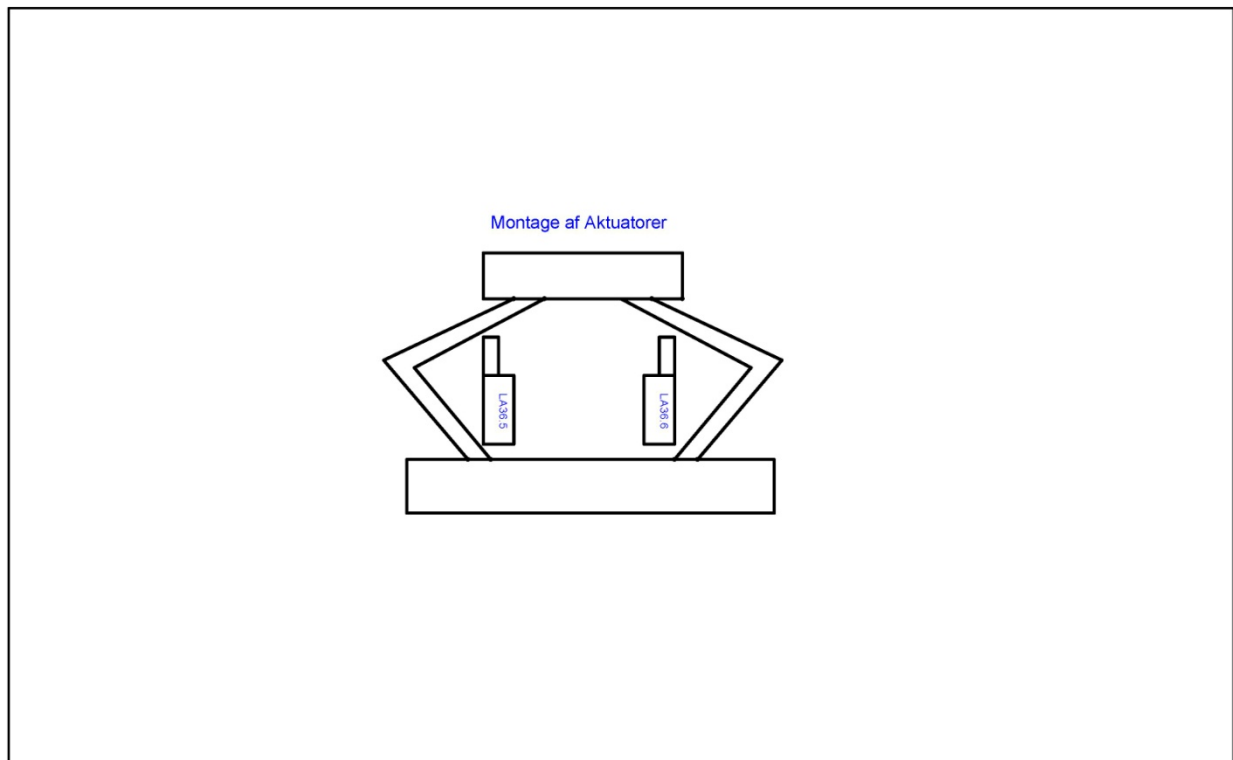
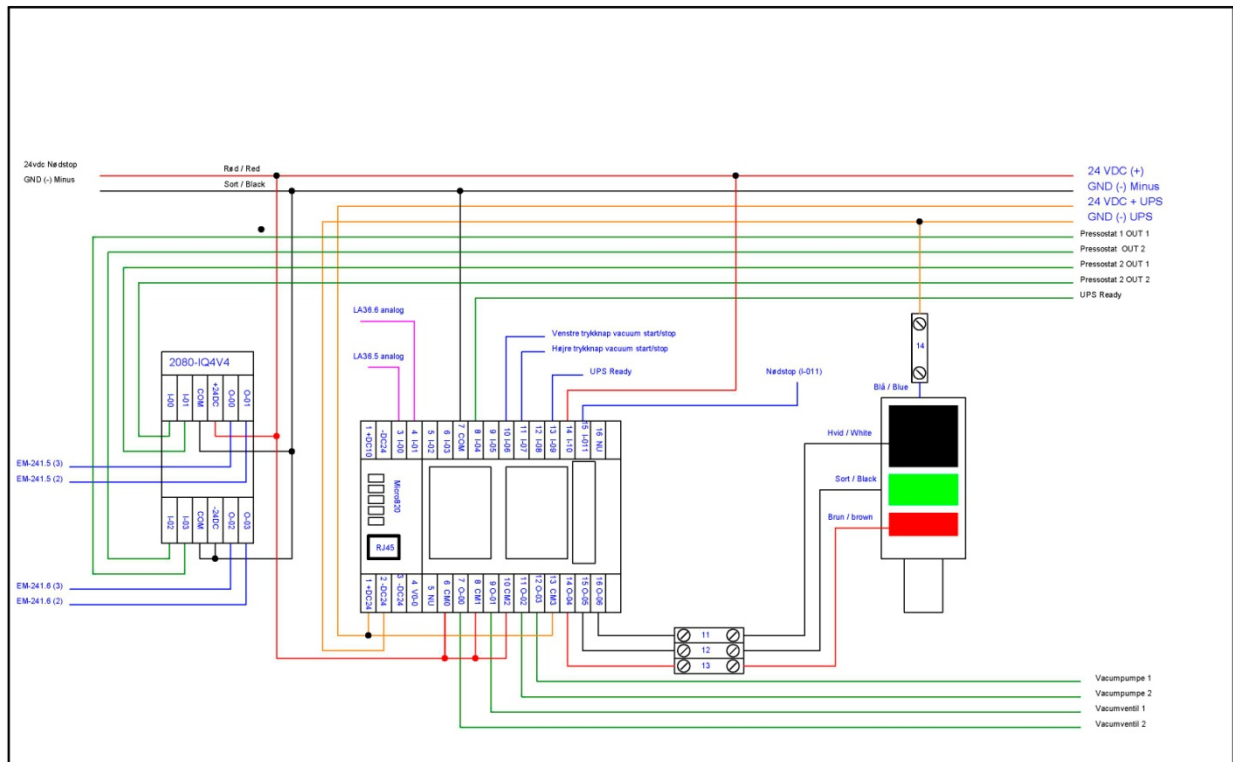
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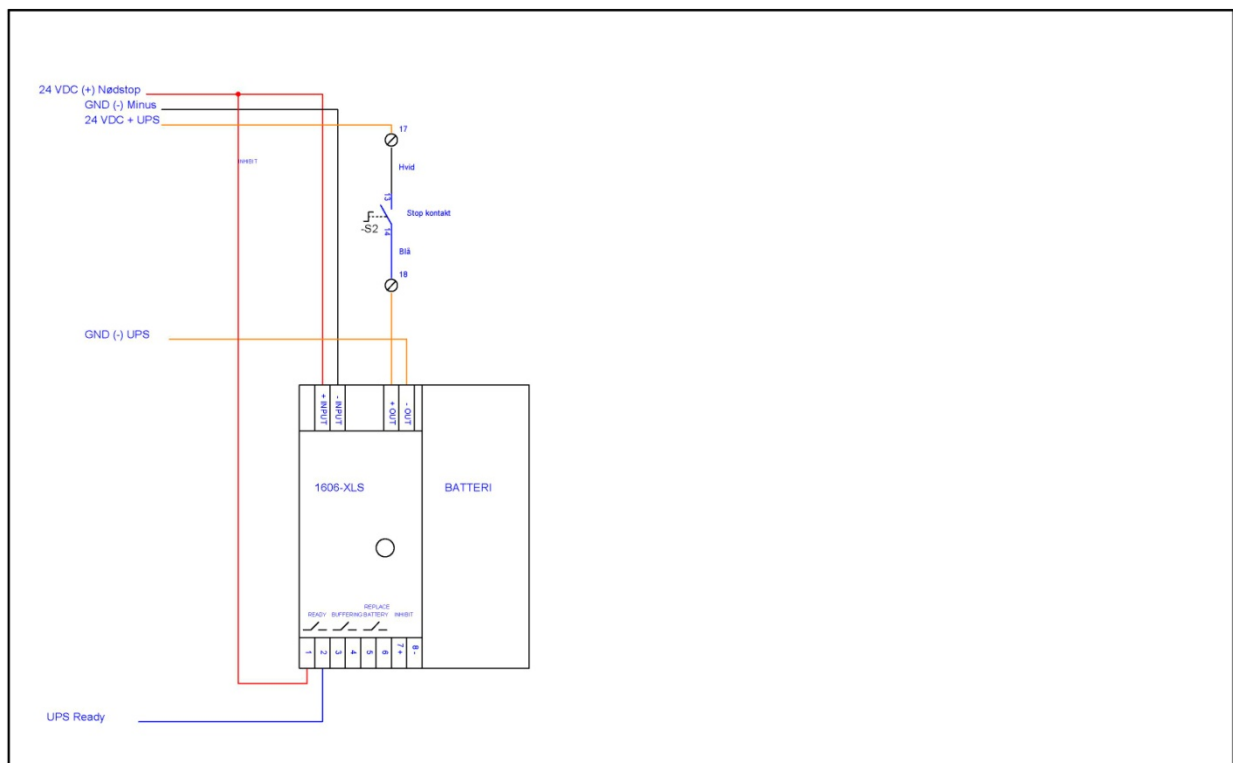
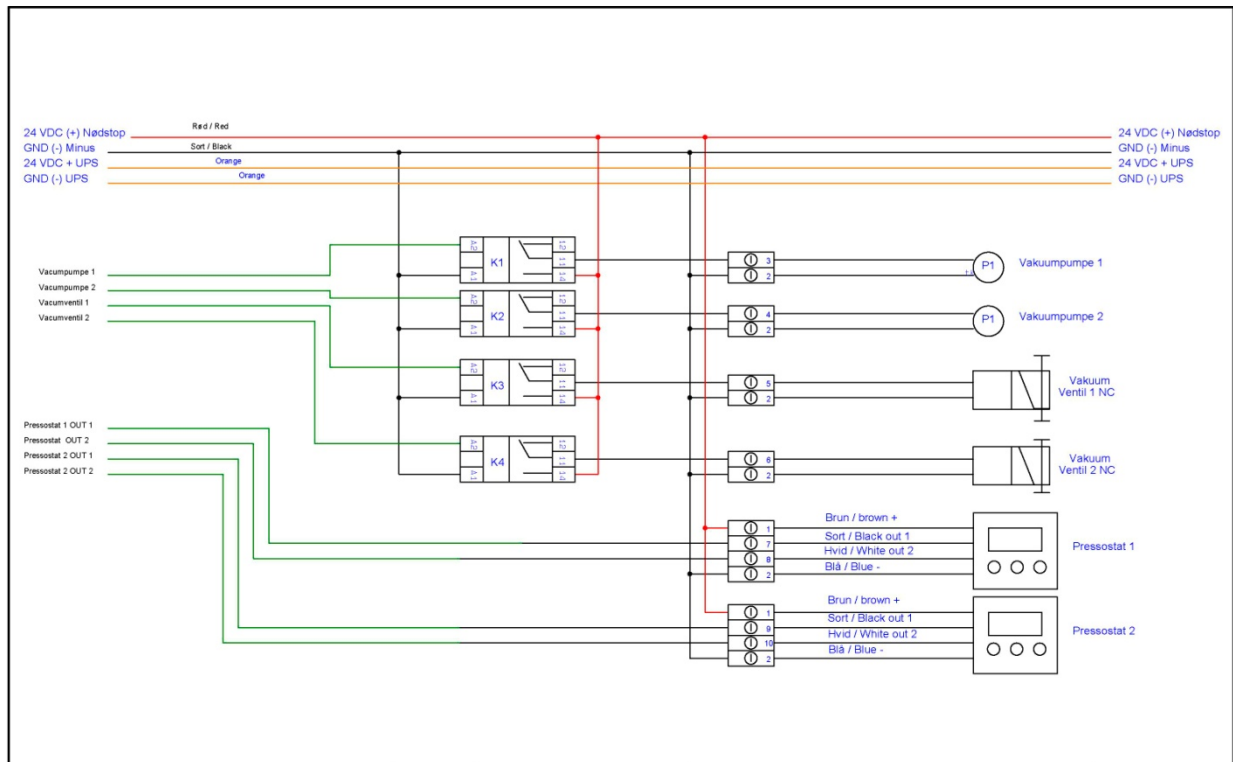
	Noise reducer
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	Check valve
	Tank
	Vacuum gauge with display
	Filter
	Magnet valve 3/2 NO
	Vacuum pad

## 11.0 - Electrical diagram

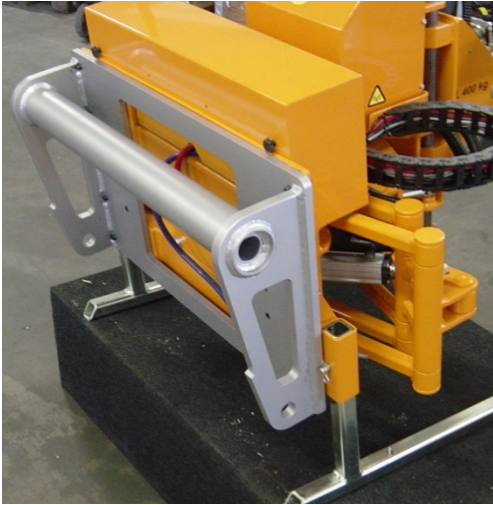








## Appendix 1 - Fitting of mounting bracket/adapter



Machine manufacturer:	Machine type:	Order number on mounting bracket/adapter:	Weight (kg):	No. of bolts: M12x40 (10.9) Internal 6kt
Manitou		Prototype		14 x
Manitou				
Weidemann				
Limo-Loader	Limo-2300			

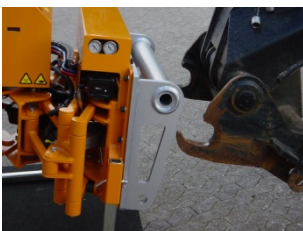
Bolts must be tightened to torque 127 Nm

SL 400 Sky Lifter rigging instructions

When connecting to the carrier, ensure that the Skylifter is fitted with the appropriate mounting bracket, i.e. designed specifically for the carrier in question.

The mounting bracket must always be rigged to the carrier in accordance with the carrier manufacturer's instructions. NB: Before using Skylifter, check that the mounting bracket is securely mounted and locked.

See actual situation (below): the Skylifter is connected to a Manitou telescopic loader. Skylifter mounted with mounting bracket designed for Manitou.



## Appendix 2 - Skylifter accessories

### **Extra operating battery**

If you have an extra operating battery, you can use the machine 24 hours a day. Battery replacement takes no more than 15 seconds.

### **Extra radio transmitter**

Especially relevant if there are relatively long distances between the work zone and stored loads. If you have an extra radio transmitter, the fitter can remain in the work zone while the driver attaches a new load on the ground. To avoid the fitter having to move up and down in the building between fittings, an extra transmitter is useful when you are fitting windows at height.

How to connect an extra radio transmitter:

- Switch remote control unit 1 and radio receiver to OFF
- Connect cable between remote control unit 1 and radio receiver
- Switch radio receiver and remote control unit 2 to ON
- Press and hold down Power button until you hear 5 x beep sounds
- To switch between remote control units 1 and 2, switch the unit you last used to OFF. You can now immediately disconnect the unit you last used. The other control unit can be connected after a three-minute delay.
- To avoid waiting time, switch radio receiver first to OFF and then to ON.

### **Rotating traverses**

Rotating traverses are useful if you want to align suction pads almost in a straight line in order to attach a long/narrow load.

### **Suction cups for more or less all types of materials**

Ask your local sales representative/dealer.