

**Drop Spreader** 

The limited warranty set forth below is given by Precision Products Incorporated with respect to new merchandise purchased and used in the United States, its possessions and territories.

Precision Products Incorporated warranties the product (s) listed against defects in material and workmanship, and will at our option, repair or replace, free of charge, any part found to be defective in materials or workmanship. This limited warranty shall only apply if this product has been assembled, operated, and maintained in accordance with the owner's manual furnished with the product, and has not been subjected to misuse, abuse, neglect, accident, improper maintenance, alteration, vandalism, theft, fire, water, or damage because of other peril or natural disaster.

Normal wear parts or components thereof are subject to separate terms as follows: All normal wear parts or component failures will be covered on the product for a period of one year. Parts found to be defective within the warranty period will be replaced at our expense. Our obligation under this warranty is expressly limited to the replacement or repair, at our option, of parts found to be defective in material and workmanship.

#### **Contacting Service**

Warranty parts replacements are available, ONLY WITH PROOF OF PURCHASE, through our Customer Service Department.

#### Call **1 (800) 225-5891**

This limited warranty does not provide coverage in the following cases:

- 1. Routine maintenance items such as lubricants and filters.
- 2. Normal deterioration of the exterior finish due to use or exposure.
- 3. Transportation and/or labor charges.

No implied warranty, including any implied warranty of merchantability of fitness for a particular purpose, applies after the applicable period of expressed written warranty above as to the part as identified below. No other expressed warranty, whether written or oral, except as mentioned above, given by any person or entity, including a dealer or retailer, with respect to any product, shall

the product as set forth above. The provisions as set forth in this warranty provide the sole and exclusive remedy arising from the purchase.

Precision Products Inc. will not be liable for incidental or consequential loss or damage including, without limitation, expenses incurred for substitute or replacement lawn care services, or for rental expenses to temporarily replace a warranted product.

Some states do not allow the exclusion of limitation of incidental or consequential damages, or limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above exclusions or limitations may not apply to you.

During the warranty period, the exclusive remedy is replacement of the part. In no event shall recovery of any kind be greater that the amount of the purchase price of the product sold. Alteration of safety features of the product shall void this warranty. You assume the risk and liability for loss, damage, or injury to you and your property and/or to others and their property arising out of the misuse or inability to use this product.

This limited warranty shall not extend to anyone other than the original purchaser or to the person for whom it was purchased as a gift.

#### **Local Law to this Warranty**

This limited warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

#### **Warranty Period**

The warranty period stated below begins with the **Proof of Purchase**. Without the proof of purchase, the warranty period begins from the date of manufacture.

#### **Product Warranty Period**

The warranty period for this product is as follows: All parts are covered for 1 year.



# Owner's Manual | DS4500RDGY Drop Spreader



## Tread pattern on tires may vary

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# **Your New Drop Spreader**

**Congratulations** on your purchase of a new Precision Products Inc. Drop Spreader. Your spreader has been engineered and built to give you the most dependable and best performing product possible.

If you experience any problem you can not easily resolve, please feel free to contact our knowledgeable and helpful customer service department toll-free at **1 (800) 225-5891.** 

**Caution:** Carefully read all rules and instructions for safe operation. Retain this manual for reference.

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The following safety precautions are suggested. This broadcast spreader is designed, engineered and tested to offer reasonably safe and effective service, provided that it is operated in strict accordance with these instructions. Failure to do so may result in personal injury. Always observe the rules of safe operation. Please read and retain this manual.

- 1. Do not allow anyone to operate the spreader without proper instructions.
- 2. Do not permit children to operate or ride on the spreader.
- 3. Wear eye and hand protection when handling or applying lawn or garden chemicals.
- 4. Read the chemical label instructions and cautions for handling and applying the chemicals purchased for spreading.
- 5. Keep all nuts, bolts and screws tight to be sure equipment is in safe working condition.
- 6. Follow maintenance and lubrication instructions as outlined in this manual.
- 7. Always wear substantial footwear. Do not wear loose fitting clothing that can get caught in moving parts.
- 8. Stay alert for holes in the terrain and other hidden hazards.
- 9. Always operate up and down a slope, never across the face of a slope.

# **Assembly Instructions**

This unit is completely assembled.

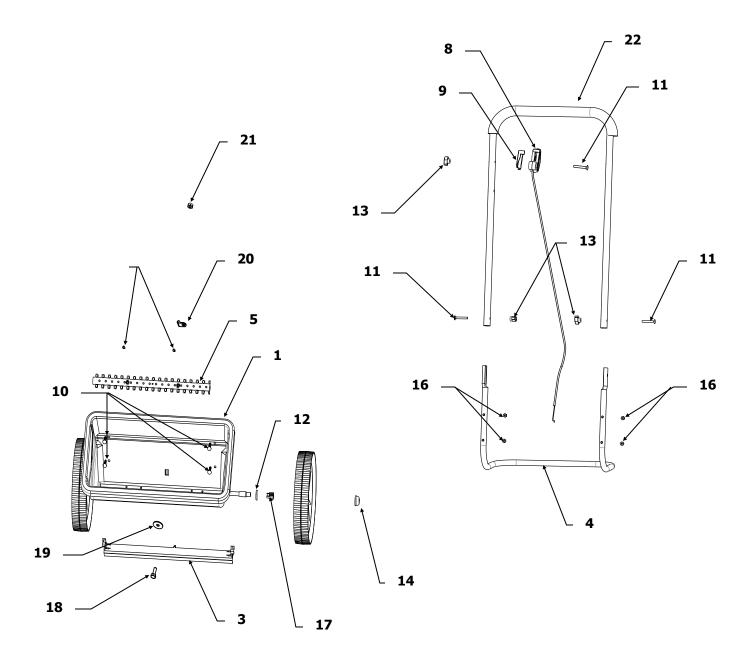
#### **Tools Required for Assembly**

None

#### **Remove from Carton**

Remove all parts and hardware packages from the carton. This unit comes fully assembled.

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# **DS4500RDGY Drop Spreader**

Ref.	Part No.	Qty.	Description
1	2950	1	Hopper
2	2844GY	1	Axle
3	2402	1	Flow Bar
4	2449B	1	Leg Stand
5	2403	1	Agitator Blade Plastic
6	2951GG	1	Handle
7	2890	2	Wheel
8	1169	1	Control Cable Assembly
9	1171	1	Calibration Indicator
10	1407	4	1/4" x 1-1/4" Carriage Bolt
11	1408	3	1/4" x 1-3/4" Carriage Bolt

Ref.	Part No.	Qty.	Description
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	1506 2828 1040Y 2405 1270 2680 1643 6143 1098 1558 2415	2 3 2 4 2 1 1 1	1/2" Flat Washer 1/4" Wing Nut Alan Nut 1/2" Hub Cap #10 x 1-1/4" Sheet Metal Screw 1/4" Hex Head Nut Split Bushing/Spacer 1/2" 1/4" x 3/4" Hex Head Bolt 1/4" Fender Washer Cable Clamp 1/4" Nylock Nut Foam Handle Cover

#### **Calculating Your Flow Setting**

To calculate how many pounds of material to spread per 1000 square feet of lawn. Follow these steps.

- Your material bag states how many square feet of area the contents the bag will cover and how many pounds the bag weighs.
   Example: You have purchased a bag of fertilizer that states that it will cover 5,000 square feet, and weighs 16.0 pounds.
- 2. To calculate coverage divide bag weight by suggested coverage to obtain pounds per square foot needed.

  Example: 16.0 lbs. ÷ 5,000 sq. ft. = .0032 lbs./ sq. ft.
- 3. To calculate how much you need for 1000 sq. ft. multiply the pounds per square foot obtained above by 1000.

  Example: .0032 lbs/sq. ft. x 1000 = 3.2 lbs./1000 sq. ft.
- 4. Refer to standard settings table below and locate the appropriate setting number. Example: 3.2 lbs./1000 sq. ft is closest to a 3 lbs./1000 sq. ft so the spreader setting is a 5.

Settings intended to be used as references only.

# STANDARD SETTINGS Drop Spreader

<u>Fertilizer</u> Lbs. per 1000 sq.	ft.	<u>Setting</u>
2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0		3.5 4 4.5 5
Grass Seed Blue Grass Bent Grass Fine Mixture Coarse Seed		Setting 4 4 4.5 Full Open
<u>Insecticide</u> (Diazinion)		Settin 3

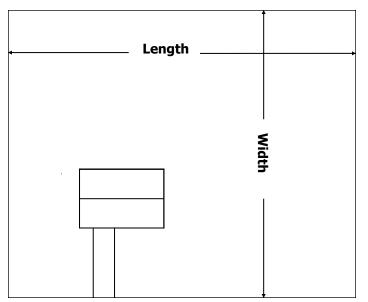


On the bag of **fertilizer** there should be a **chart** that gives the recommended settings for that particular bag. Because different manufactures of **fertilizer** make the granules different sizes it is impossible for spreader manufactures to give guidelines for all of the different fertilizers. In addition to this, walking speed and terrain may vary. Therefore settings may need to be adjusted. Because of these conditions, Precision Product Inc. makes no warranty as to the uniformity of coverage actually obtained

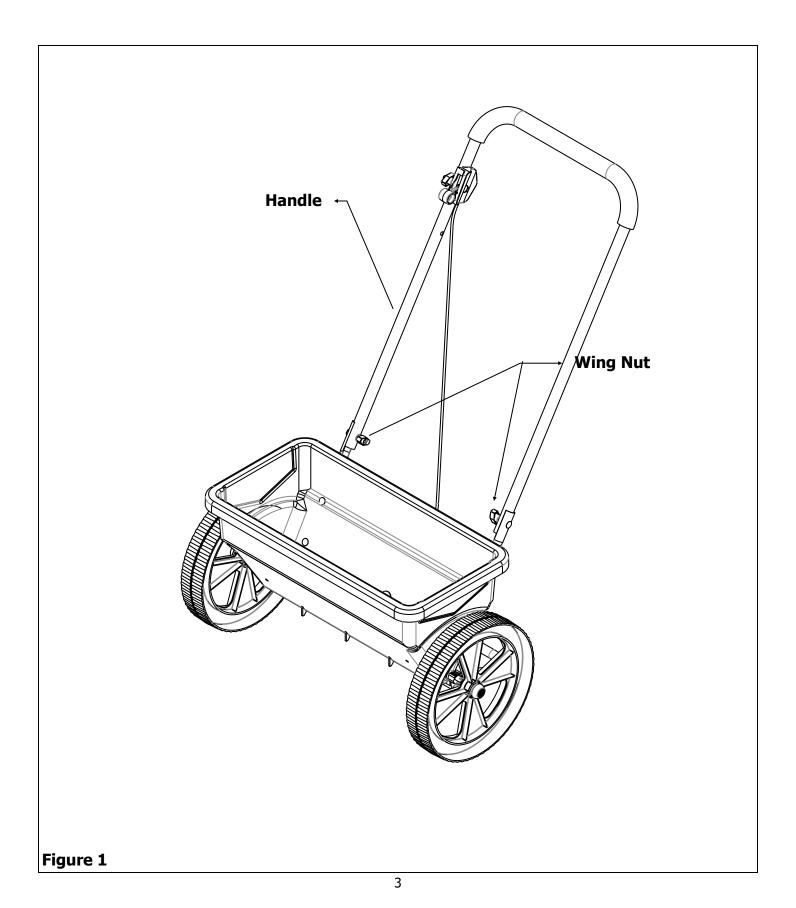
from any of these calculations.

	Length
<b>x</b>	Width
=	Total sq. ft.
	Non-Lawn Area
	House, drive etc.
=	Total sq. ft.
	Coverage

#### **CALCULATING COVERAGE AREA**



1. Move Handle into upright position, hand tighten Wing Nuts.



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#### **Using your Spreader Controller**

Settings are made by loosening the Wing Nut and sliding the Calibration Indicator to the desired setting, tighten the Wing Nut. Pull the Control Lever to the desired setting and begin spreading. To stop fertilizer distribution, push the Control Lever forward, to the closed position.

#### **See Application Chart for Setting Information.**

## **Drop Spreader Operation**

- 1. Always have the control lever in the OFF position before filling the hopper.
- 2. Always push the spreader forward to operate; do not operate in reverse.
- 3. Start moving forward before pushing the control lever to the ON position. Pull the control lever to the OFF position before stopping or turning.
- 4. Push the spreader at a steady speed.
- 5. To avoid misses or striping, space each pass across the lawn so approximately 20% of the spread width overlaps the previous pass. This provides a feathered overlap to even out distribution over the with of the spread.

#### **Maintenance Instructions**

- 1. Before each use, check all nuts and bolts for tightness.
- 2. Empty hopper after each use. Do not store spreader with material left in hopper.
- 3. Washer spreader thoroughly and wipe dry. The key to years of trouble-free service is to keep your unit clean and dry.
- 4. If rust should develop, sand lightly and then paint area with enamel.

#### Storage

- 1. Rinse inside of hopper and exterior of spreader.
- 2. Store in a clean, dry area.

DO NOT allow spreader to sit stationary with material in the hopper and control lever in the ON position.

CAUTION: Care must be taken with any weed killer, pesticide, or combination product. They can be harmful to other plant life in the yard.

#### **Parts and Support**



Please do not return this product to the store prior to contacting Precision.

At Precision Products Inc. our goal is to deliver quality, value and outstanding service. If for any reason our product does not meet your expectations, please contact us and we will take care of any problem you may have with this unit.

When ordering replacement parts, please have the model number, part description, part number, inspector number and date available so that we can best serve you.

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# **Drop Spreader Application Chart**

## **Applying Product**

#### 1. Set Flow Rate

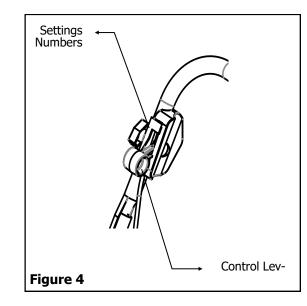
- Calculate or find the rate setting for the product being spread. See the calculation chart on the next page.
- With control lever in the off position, press down on the calibration indicator button and slide it to desired setting number.

## 2. Fill the Hopper

- With the spreader control lever in the off position, fill the spreader over a patch of bare ground or sidewalk/ driveway.
- **DO NOT** fill the spreader on the lawn. Sweep up any spilled product.

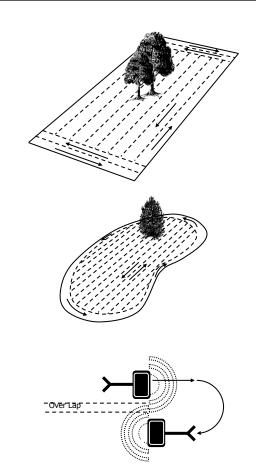
#### 3. Apply

 While unit is in motion at approximately 3 miles per hour, push spreader control lever up to calibration indicator button to release product.



# **Application Tips**

- **For rectangular lawns,** apply two header strips at each end of the lawn and then go back and forth between the header strips. Close spreader at the end of each pass and reopen at the start of next pass.
- For irregular-shaped lawns, apply one header strip around the entire lawn, and then go back and forth.
- To avoid streaks or misses, slightly overlap each strip over the edge of the previous strip.
- Use the settings under "Standard Settings" Section for most applications by figuring lbs. per 1000 square feet.
- These numbers are for a one pass application.
- A two pass application is recommended, using a crisscross pattern. If using this method, us half the setting number given.
- If you think too much is being applied, cut down your setting. The solution for too much fertilizer is water.
- Close Spreader at the end of each pass. Open again at the start of your next pass.



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