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CHAPTER 8

INSTALLATION

8.1. FOUNDATION. Because of the hydraulic self-balancing design of this machine, it is not always mandatory that a separate - massive foundation be provided for the machine. If the building construction is adequate, and if the floor is 5" or more to reinforced concrete of quality construction, and in good condition, it will be usually possible to install the machine on the existing floor without the necessity of a special foundation. Similarly, a multiple story installation is also feasible although it must be fully understood that the characteristics of each installation must be considered. The Dimensional Drawing elsewhere herein shows recommended foundation dimensions which are adequate of all building and subsoil conditions. It is recommended that the machine be installed on the aforesaid foundation when at all possible.

CAUTION: Never mount the machine on a floor slab or a foundation which has been poured over an existing floor slab or foundation. This will most likely cause unsatisfactory operation by magnifying the slight residual vibration that exists after the machine has balanced itself to the limit of its ability. Furthermore, it is recommended that the machine foundation not be isolated from the existing floor slab - but rather that the machine foundation be solidly keyed with the existing floor slab.

- 8.1.1. The satisfactory vibration free operation of this machine is primarily dependent upon two factors. This is true regardless of the type of foundation that is selected. These two factors are:
 - a. The providing of adequate foundation bolts of the size indicated on the Dimensional Drawing elsewhere herein which may be drawn down tightly to limit the tensile strength of the bolt without danger of the bolt or its anchor stripping out of the concrete. (The bolt must be anchored so that it will have no tendency to eventually loosen in the concrete.)
 - b. The proper setting and grouting of the machine is such that both right and left base angles (and only the right and left base angles) bear on the foundation evenly and for their entire length and width. Since the machine base angles are never perfectly flat and plane, because of distortions caused in fabrication handling and shipment, it is mandatory that the "floor" or foundation on which the machine is installed be made to conform exactly with the underside of the machine base. This is accomplished by grouting the recommended procedure for which is explained below.
- 8.1.2. Furnished with the machine is a sheetmetal foundation template which will permit accurate location of the foundation bolts. NOTE: The template will only locate the foundation bolts accurately enough so that the lateral "play" of the bolt in the pipe spacer, shown on the enclosed Dimensional Drawing, will provide sufficient adjustment to permit the machine to fit on the aforesaid foundation bolts. Never use the template to pre-establish rigid unmovable foundation bolts because distortions due to fabrication and handling plus normal manufacturing tolerances will result in varying bolt hole spacing which must be compensated for either by the aforementioned adjustability or else by physically transferring the actual bolt hole locations from the particular machine to the foundation.

This foundation template also acts as a vapor barrier where the machine is installed over a drain gutter. The template should therefore be left under the machine. The proper procedure for this is fully explained in the detailed grouting instructions elsewhere herein.

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