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Rating Chart for Cantilevered Boom Cranes		

RATIONALE

J1257 has been reaffirmed to comply with the SAE five-year review policy.

1. Scope—This recommended practice applies to mobile construction type cranes with cantilevered, telescopic booms when used in lifting crane service.

1.1 Purpose—The purpose of this recommended practice is to establish a standard format rating chart.

2. References—There are no referenced publications specified herein.

3. Requirements

3.1 Format—The Appendix example shows the desired format of data placement. The format shown, is for a complex boom arrangement; for a simpler machine one or two charts may be all that is necessary. The format contains the following information:

3.1.1 GENERAL NOTES—These notes are subdivided into *title*, *informational data*, *warnings*, and *definitions*. Warnings are further subdivided into *general*, *set-up*, and *operational*. A list of this type is shown in the Appendix.

3.1.2 RATING CONFIGURATION CHARTS—These are charts showing the boom combination and machine supports, load ratings, set-up, and operational notes, and a table including weights of removable equipment all for the specific boom combination and machine supports. See Appendix examples.

3.1.2.1 A specific configuration requires the operator to refer to an applicable rating configuration chart.

3.1.2.2 There will be as many rating configuration charts as the manufacturer deems necessary to minimize operator calculation.

3.1.2.3 The load rating data shall be organized as shown in the following rating block module (Table 1).

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TABLE 1—RATING BLOCK MODULE

Load Radius (ft)	Loaded Boom Angle (deg)	Rated Loads		
		Over Side (lb)	Over Rear (lb)	Over Front (lb)
Boom Length—36 ft				
12	70	XXX00	XXX00	XXX00
15	65	XXX00	XXX00	XXX00
20	55	XXX00	XXX00	XXX00
25	43	XXX00	XXX00	XXX00
30	27	XXX00	XXX00	XXX00

- 3.1.2.4 Set-up and operational notes may be necessary on each rating configuration chart.
- 3.1.2.5 The manufacturer may deviate from the rating block module by eliminating certain columns. Some examples are:
- Load radius column may be omitted from jib ratings.
 - Loaded boom angle column may be omitted from ratings for operation on tires.
 - Rated load columns over side, rear, or front may be combined or omitted as applicable.
- 3.1.2.6 Rating numbers shall be expressed in one-hundred pound increments.
- 3.1.2.7 Structural strength ratings shown in charts shall be shaded to segregate them from stability ratings.
- 3.1.2.8 A table consisting of the weights of removable equipment shall appear on each applicable rating configuration chart.
- When equipment is removed, load ratings may be increased by adding the tabulated values.
- 3.1.3 RANGE DIAGRAMS—A separate range diagram is included with each rating configuration chart on the opposite facing page. Areas of instability in the unloaded condition shall be shaded. Figure A9 and Figure A10 for example. A single range diagram may be separately mounted and not included in the format for simple machines where all instability areas of an unloaded boom may be clearly shown.
- 3.2 **Readability and Type Size**—Alphanumeric characters in the format shall be no less than 8 point (9 lines per inch).
- 3.3 **Placement**—Operational configuration charts, and preferably the whole format package, shall be in the format hemisphere of the operator's visibility. See Figure A1 and Figure A2.
- 3.3.1 **FASTENING**—The rating chart shall be fastened to the cab in such a manner that it cannot be removed without tools.
- 3.4 **Size**—Figure A3 through Figure A32 show the pages of the format. Full scale size of each figure is approximately 7 x 9 in for data shown at minimum type size. Size may be larger.
- 3.5 **Environmental**—The rating chart shall be of a material so as to maintain legibility for many years in its environment. The environment consists of sunlight, handling, oil, water, and temperature extremes of -40-120°F.

4. Deviations

- 4.1 Radius Increments**—Radius increments are manufacturer's option.
- 4.2 Boom Length Increments**—Boom length increments are manufacturer's option.
- 4.3 Warning Notes**—The warning notes shown in the attached Appendix are typical of those that may be required on many construction cranes. Exact content and wordage may vary according to specific usage and manufacturer's requirements. Clear, precise, simple language should be used.
- 4.4** See also Section 3.1.2.5.

5. Notes

- 5.1 Marginal Indicia**—The change bar (I) located in the left margin is for the convenience of the user in locating areas where technical revisions have been made to the previous issue of the report. An (R) symbol to the left of the document title indicates a complete revision of the report.

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APPENDIX A

The following is a workable example of the recommended practice. Deviations stated in Section 4 are permissible.

Figure A1 shows a location of the rating chart in a crane cab. Note that placement is in the front hemisphere in a location usable on most machines and accessible to the operator.

Figure A2 shows a method of fastening to the cab.

Figure A3 through Figure A32 show the pages of the multi-card rating chart. This example includes a title and a rather complete list of warning notes, informational data, load ratings, and range diagrams. The format shown is for a complex boom arrangement and adheres to all requirements of the recommended practice. For a simpler boom arrangement, one or two charts may be all that is necessary.

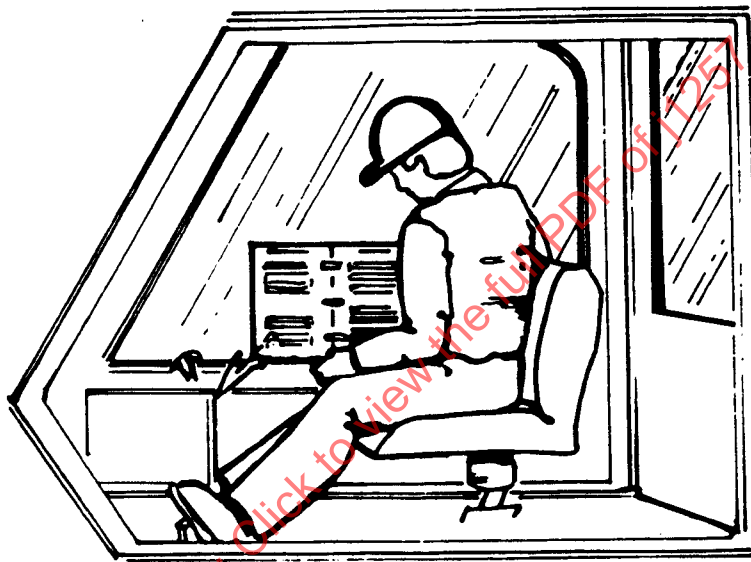


FIGURE A1—

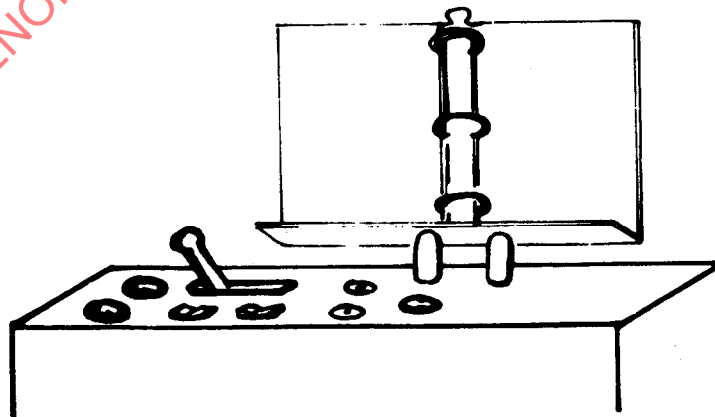


FIGURE A2—

**MODEL NO.
T-17A
HYDRAULIC CRANE
50 TON
LOAD RATINGS**

**Do not operate this crane unless
you have read and understood the
information in this book.**

FIGURE A3—

INFORMATION DATA**Hoist Tackle Chart**

Permissible Hoist Tackle Pull (lb)			
Parts	No. 1 Main Winch	Auxiliary Winch	Auxiliary Winch
1	12 500	7240	
2	25 000	14 480	
3	37 500		
4	50 000		
5	62 500		
6	75 000		
7	87 500		
8	100 000		
Wire Rope	3/4 in dia 6 x 37 EIPS IWRC	5/8 in dia 8 x 19 EIPS IWRC	

Tire Inflation Chart

Tire and Ply Rating	Inflation - PSI		
	Static	5 mph	Highway Travel
12.00-20x - 18PR	120	120	120
11.00-20 - 14PR	100	90	90
15x22.5 - 16PR	100	90	90

Machine Equipment

- _____lb, extendable, removable for fixed counterweight
- Outrigger spread of _____ft _____in from the longitudinal axis of the carrier to the outrigger float pivot when fully extended
- Powered boom length _____ft retracted to _____ft extended
Maximum extension per second is _____ft Manual extension adds _____ft
- (____by____) carrier, _____in wheelbase, _____ft wide

Hook Block Weight Chart

50 ton	4 sheave	920 lb
18 ton	1 sheave	400 lb
5 ton	overhaul hook	225 lb

30 ft Fly	1200 lb
20 ft Jib	760 lb

Clamshell and Concrete Bucket Service

- Maximum boom length for bucket service is _____ft
- Derate load chart _____% and single line pull not to exceed _____lb

Outrigger Pad Loads

No single outrigger pad load exceeds sum of the lifted load plus machine gross vehicle weight (GVW) times _____% not to exceed a maximum of _____lb

FIGURE A4—

 WARNING**GENERAL**

- 1 Rated Loads as shown on lift chart pertain to this machine as originally manufactured and equipped. Modification to the machine or use of optional equipment other than that specified can result in a reduction of capacity.
- 2 Construction equipment can be hazardous if improperly operated or maintained. Operation and maintenance of this machine shall be in compliance with the information in the operator's parts, and safety manuals supplied with this machine. If these manuals are missing, order replacements from the manufacturer through the distributor.
- 3 The operator and other personnel associated with this machine shall fully acquaint themselves with the latest applicable American National Standard Institute (ANSI) safety standards for cranes.

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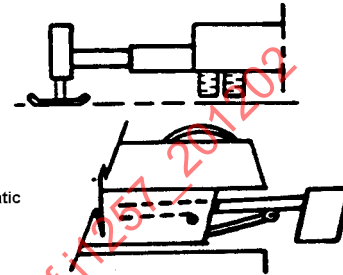
FIGURE A5—



WARNING

Set-Up:

- 1 The machine shall be leveled on a firm supporting surface. Depending on the nature of the supporting surface, it may be necessary to have structural supports under the outrigger floats or tires to spread the load to a larger bearing surface.
- 2 When outrigger use is intended, the beam shall be fully extended and set with tires raised from the supporting surface.
- 3 Counterweight shall be fully extended before operation.
- 4 Tires shall be inflated to the recommended pressure before lifting on tires.
- 5 Axle lockout shall be engaged before lifting other side on tires. Set wheel brakes for static on tires.



Operation:

- 1 Rated loads at rated radius shall not be exceeded. Do not tip the machine to determine allowable loads.
- 2 Rated loads do not exceed ___% on outriggers, ___% on static tires, and ___% for pick and carry, of the tipping load as determined by SAE Crane Stability Test Code J765a. Structural strength ratings on chart are shaded.
- 3 Rated loads include the weight of the hook block, slings, and auxiliary lifting devices and their weights shall be subtracted from the listed rated load to obtain the net load to be lifted.
- 4 Rated loads are based on freely suspended loads. No attempt shall be made to move a load horizontally on the ground in any direction.
- 5 Rated loads do not account for wind on lifted load or boom. It is recommended when wind velocity is above ___ mph, rated loads and/or boom lengths should be appropriately reduced. It is recommended when wind velocity exceeds ___ mph, the boom should be retracted or laid down out of service.
- 6 Rated loads are for lift crane service only.
- 7 Do not operate at radii or boom lengths where capacities are not listed. At these positions, the machine can overturn without any load on the hook.

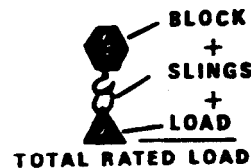


FIGURE A6—

WARNING

- 8 The maximum load which can be telescoped is not definable because of variations in loadings and crane maintenance, but it is permissible to attempt retraction and extension if rating is not exceeded.
- 9 When either boom length or radius or both are between values listed, the smallest load shown at either the next larger radius or boom length shall be used.
- 10 The user shall operate at reduced ratings to allow for adverse job conditions, such as: soft or uneven ground, out of level conditions, high winds, side loads, pendulum action, jerking or sudden stopping of loads, hazardous conditions, experience of personnel, two machine lifts, traveling with loads, electric wires, etc. Side pull on boom or jib is hazardous.
- 11 Operation of this equipment in excess of rating configuration charts and disregard of the instructions is hazardous.

Definitions:

- 1 **Load Radius-** Horizontal distance from a projection of the axis of rotation to the supporting surfaces before loading to the center of the vertical hoist line or tackl with load applied.
- 2 **Loaded Boom Angle-** Loaded Boom angle is the angle between the boom and thge base section and the horizonatal, after lifting the rated load at the rated radius. The boom angle before loading should be greater to account deflections. The loaded boom angle combined with the boom length give only an approximation of the operating radius.
- 3 **Working Area-** Areas measured in a circular arc about the center line of rotation as shown on the working area diagram.
- 4 **Freely Suspended Load-** Load hanging free with no direct external force applied except by the hoist line.
- 5 **Side Load-** Horizontal side force applied to the lifted load either on the ground or in the air.
- 6 **No Load Stability Limit-** The stability limit radius shown on the range diagrams is the radius beyond whch it is not permitted to position the boom plus block configuration, because machine can overturn without any load on the hook.

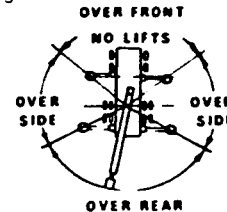


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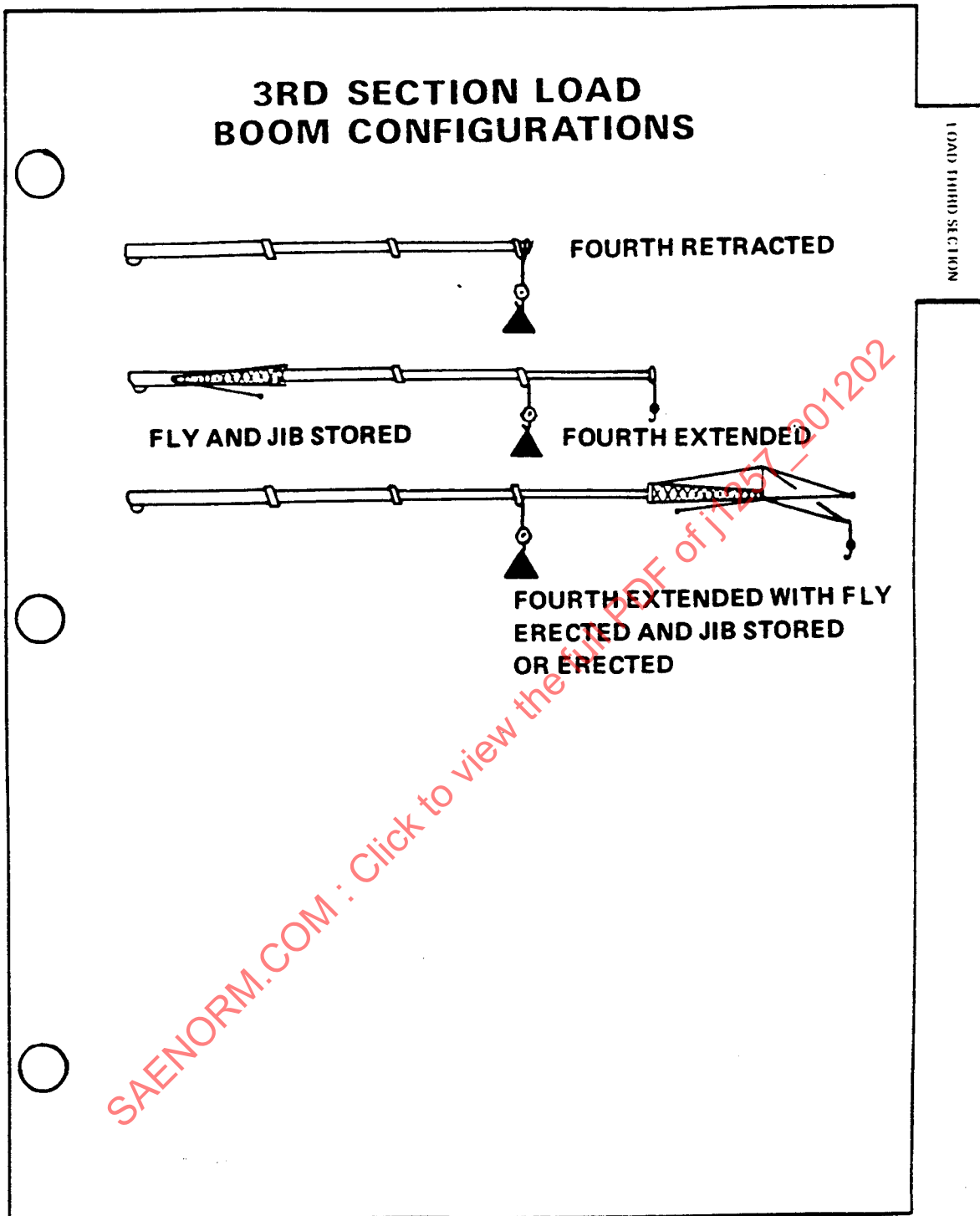


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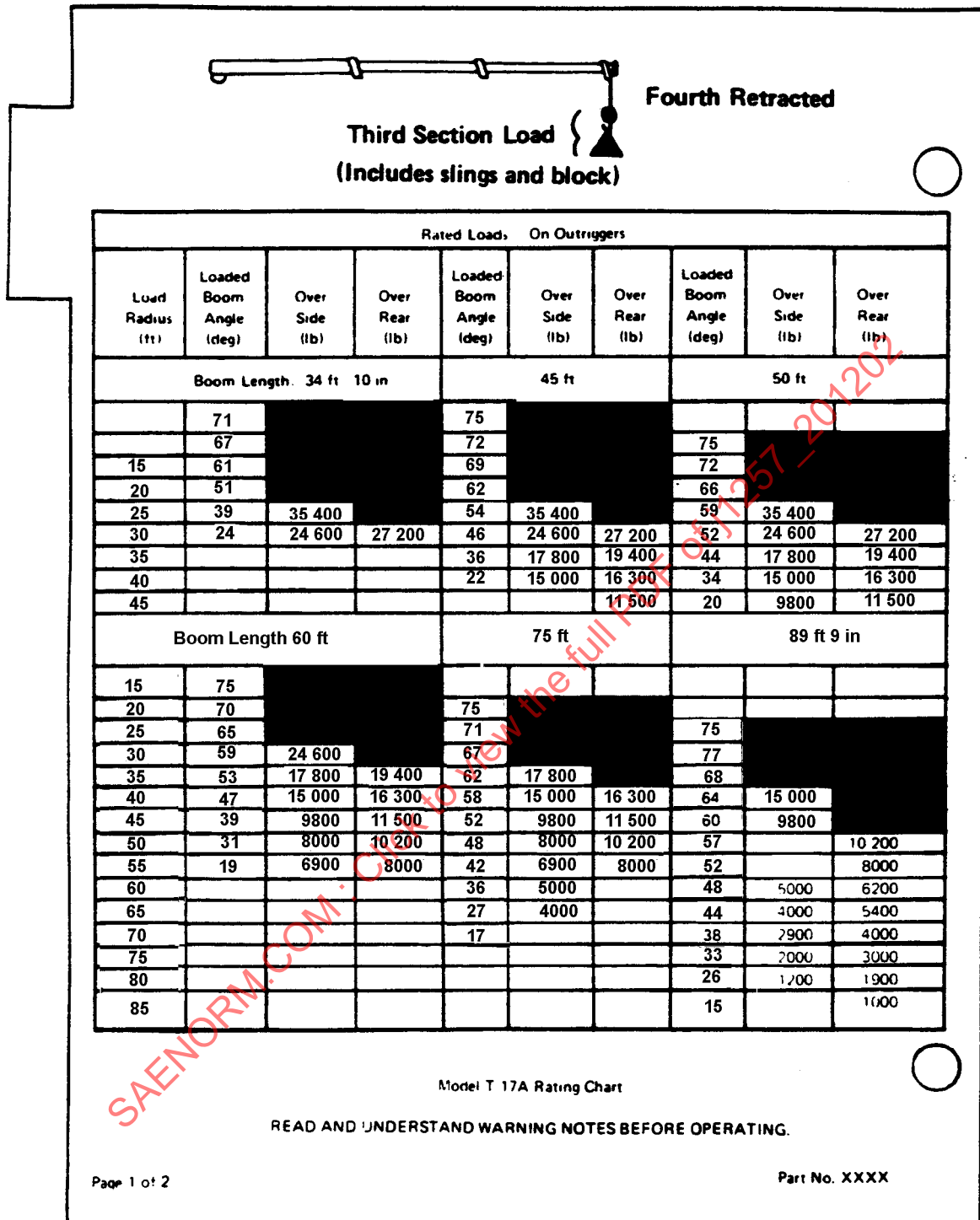


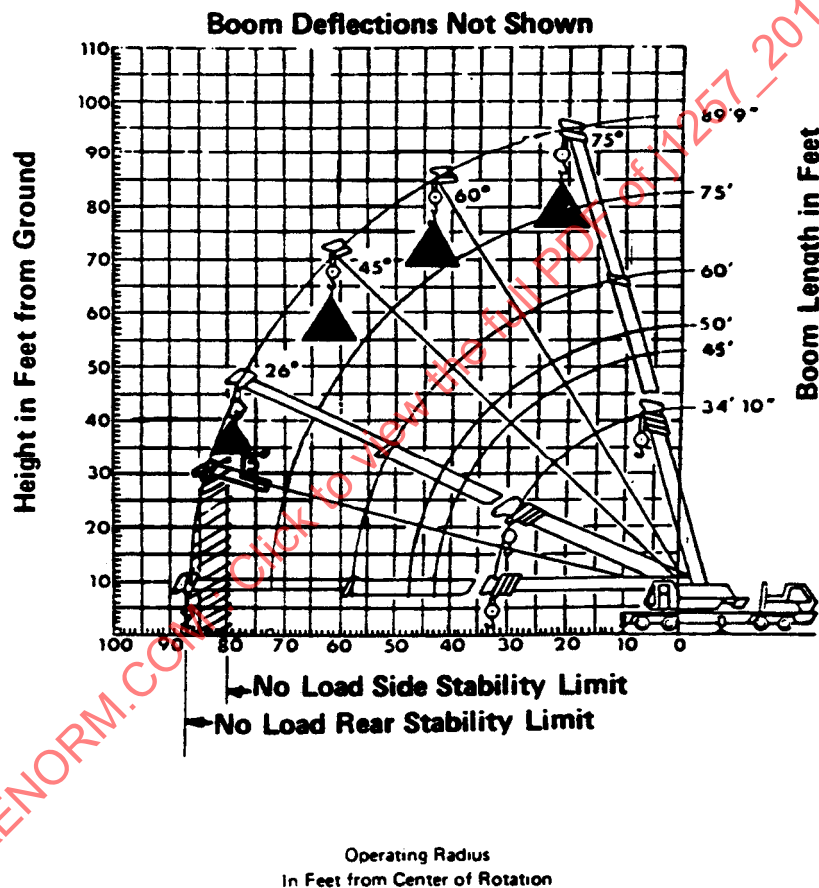
FIGURE A9—

Set-Up:

1. Fully extend outriggers and level crane turntable.
2. Fully extend counterweight.
3. Fourth section retracted with fly, jib, and block removed.

Operation:

1. The 34 ft boom length capacities are based on boom fully retracted. If not fully retracted, do not exceed ratings for the 45 ft boom length.
2. The power operated telescoping boom sections are hydraulically sequenced to extend and retract equally. These sections must be extended equally at all times.
3. **DO NOT EXTEND UNLOADED BOOM WITH BLOCK BEYOND NO LOAD STABILITY LIMIT RADIi SHOWN ON RANGE DIAGRAM AS LOSS OF STABILITY MAY OCCUR.** A 920 lb main block has been allowed for.



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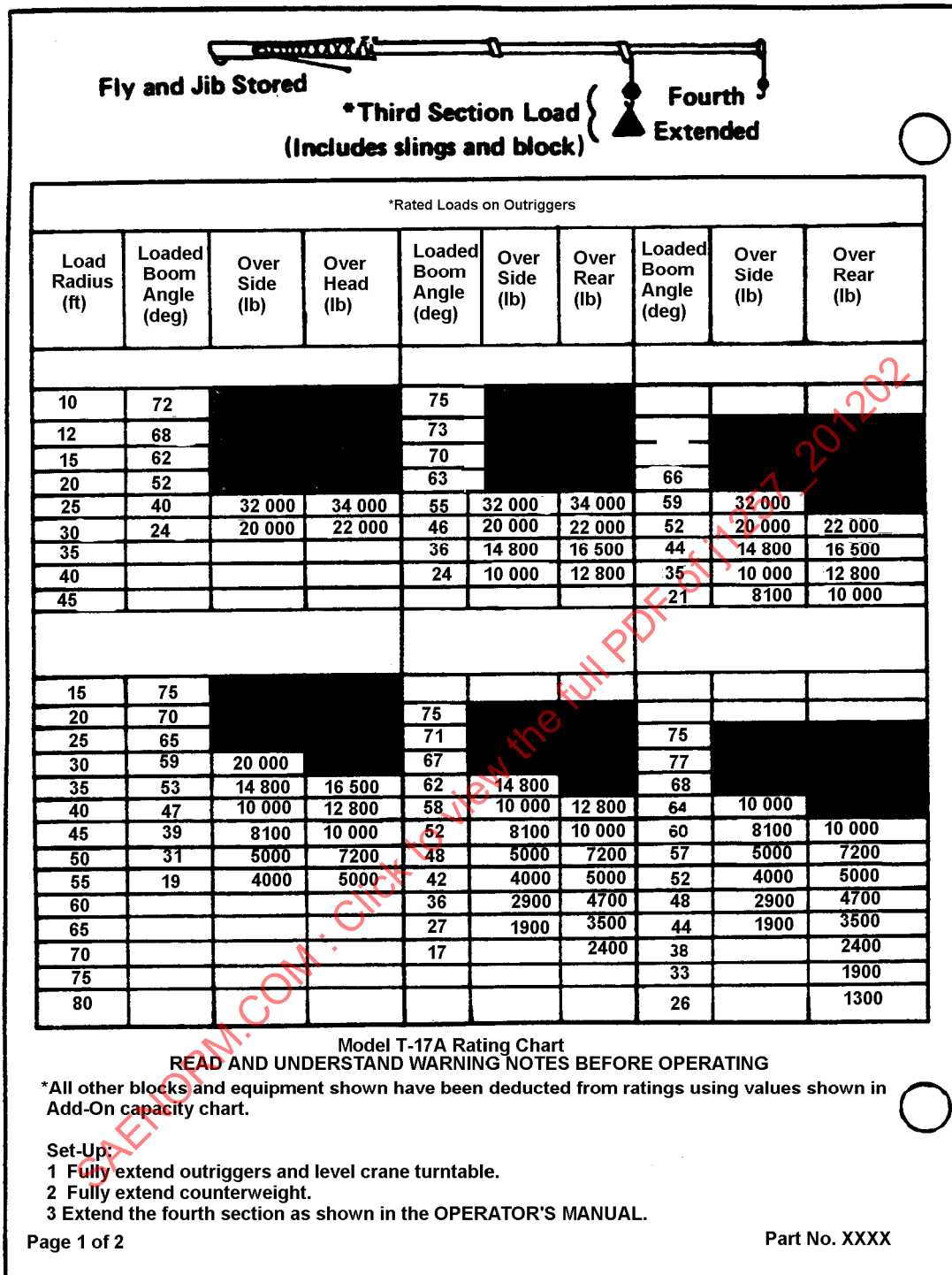


FIGURE A11—

Operation

- 1 The 34 ft boom length capacities are based on boom fully retracted. If not fully retracted, do not exceed ratings for the 45 ft boom length.
- 2 The power operated telescoping boom sections are hydraulically sequenced to extend and retract equally. These sections must be extended equally at all times.
- 3 **DO NOT EXTEND UNLOADED BOOM WITH BLOCKS BEYOND NO LOAD STABILITY LIMIT RADIUS SHOWN ON RANGE DIAGRAM AS LOSS OF STABILITY MAY OCCUR.** A 920 lb main block and a 400 lb whip block have been allowed for.

Add-On Capacities

- 1 If stowed fly and jib are removed add 500 lb
- 2 If (400 lb or less) block at fourth section is removed add 100 lb

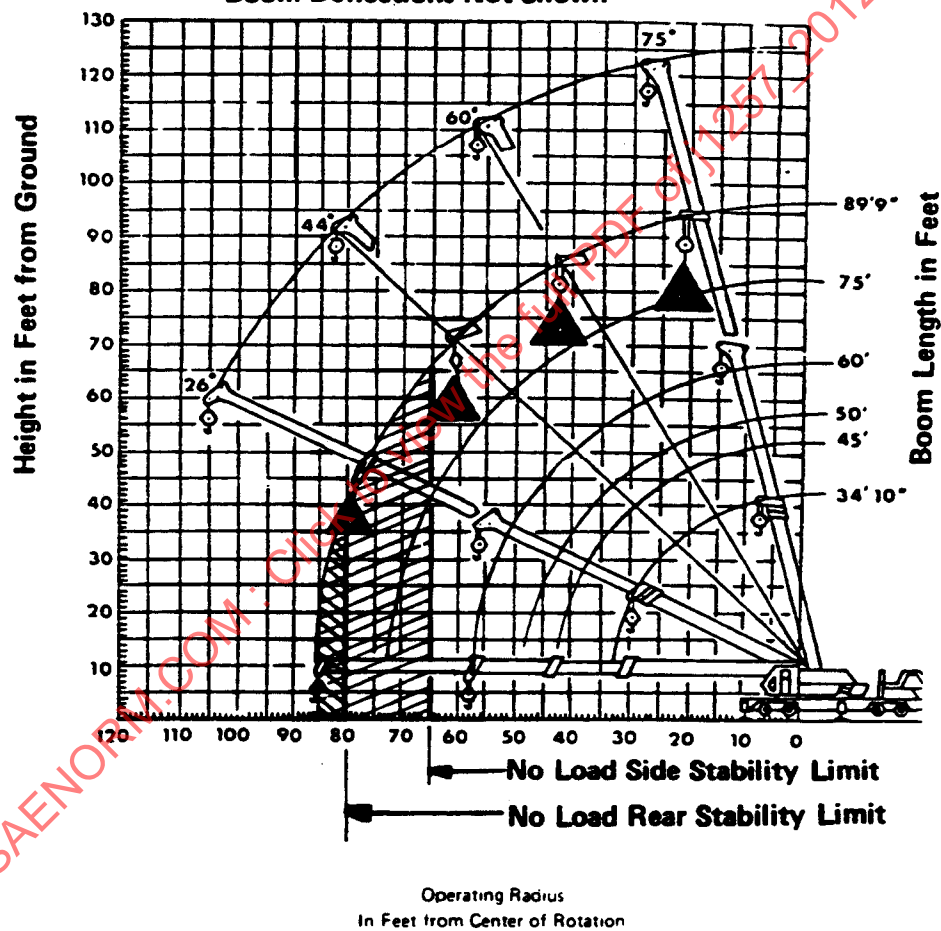
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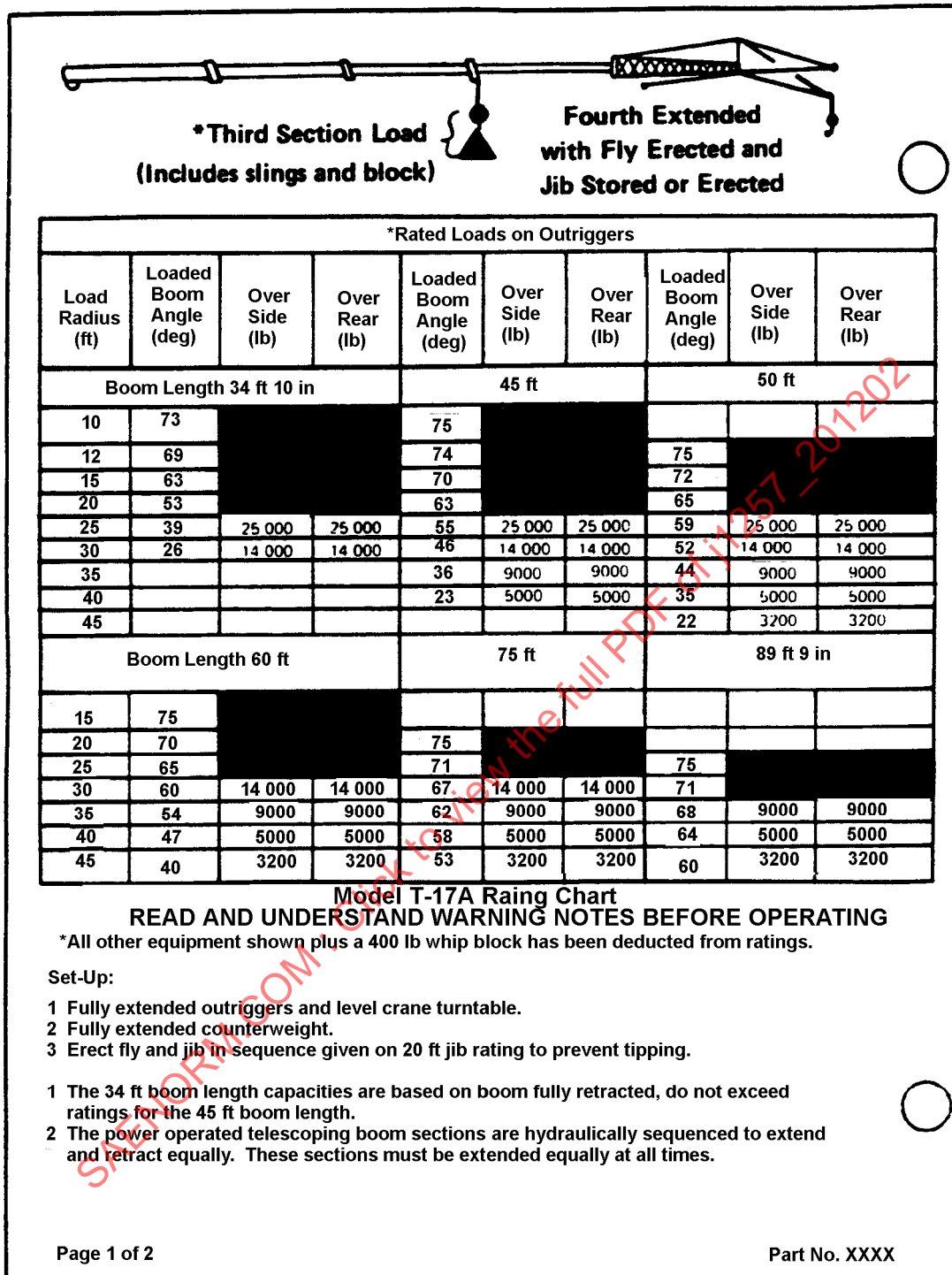
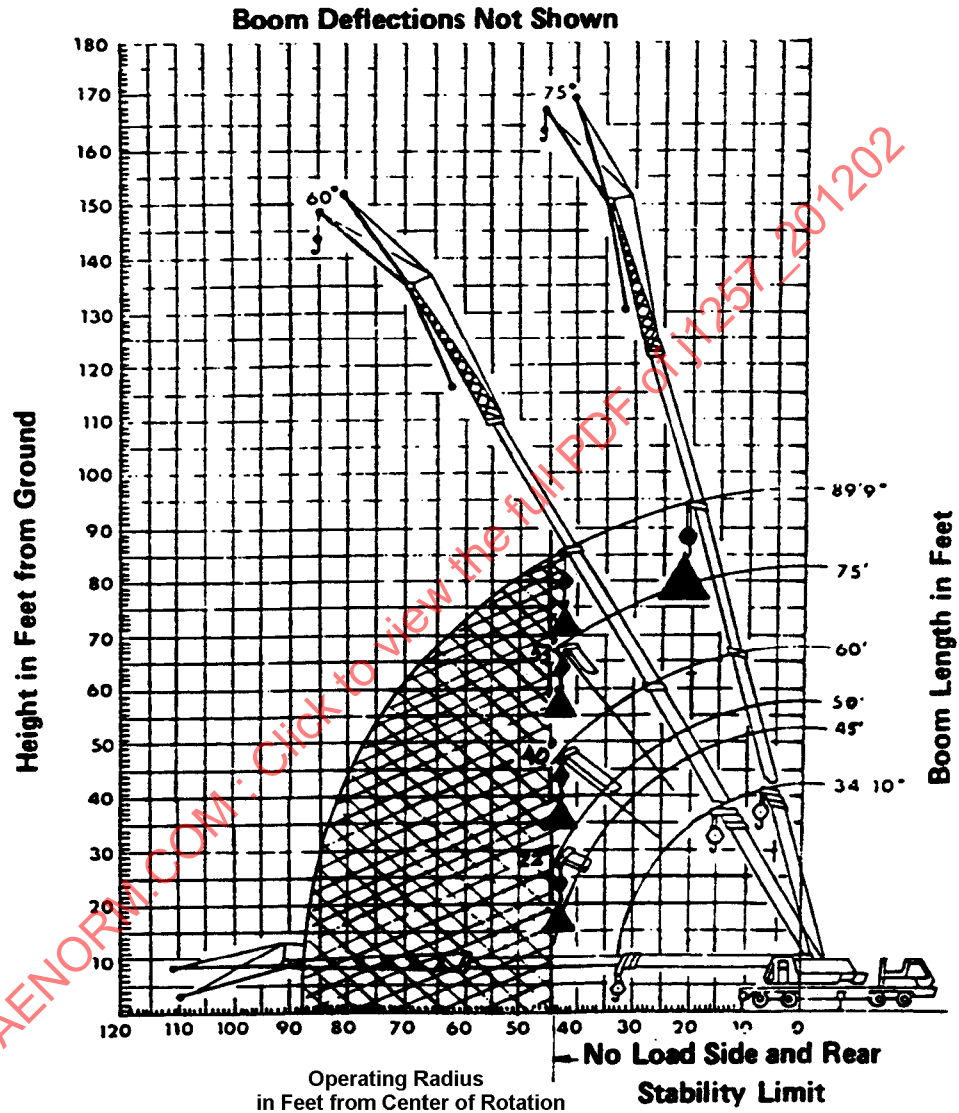


FIGURE A13—

- 3 Ratings include the fourth section pinned at full extension with fly and jib erected.
No "add-on" is permitted if the fourth section is retracted or the jib with block is removed.
- 4 Rated loads shown should not be exceeded since tipping with fly and jib erect occurs rapidly and without warning.
5. DO NOT EXTEND UNLOADED BOOM WITH BLOCKS BEYOND NO LOAD STABILITY LIMIT RADII SHOWN ON RANGE DIAGRAM AS LOSS OF STABILITY MAY OCCUR.
A 920 lb main block and a 400 lb whip block have been accounted for.
- 6 To lower boom to ground, fully retract the 3 powered boom sections.



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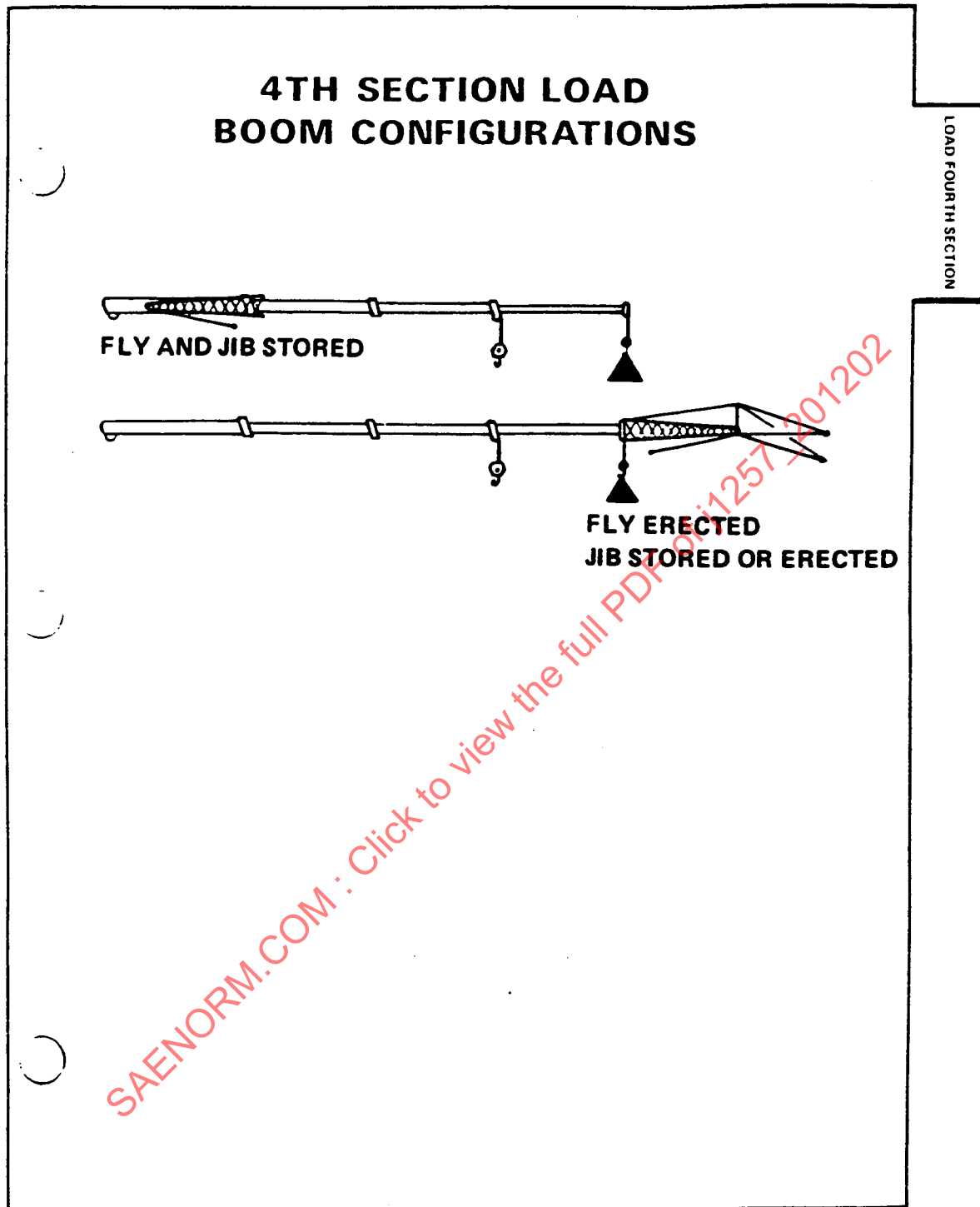
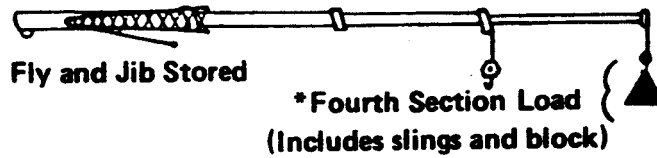


FIGURE A15—



* Rated Loads on Outriggers			
Load Radius (ft) (For 119 ft Boom)	Loaded Boom Angle (deg)	Over Side (lb)	Over Rear (lb)
Boom Length 119 ft or Less (See Operation Note 1)			
33	75		
35	74		
39	72		
43	70		
47	68		
51	66		
55	64		
58	62	5500	
62	60	4700	
70	55	3500	5200
78	50	2700	4500
85	45	1800	3400
92	40	1000	2000
97	35		1700
103	30		1300
107	25		1000

Model T-17A Rating Chart

READ AND UNDERSTAND WARNING NOTES BEFORE OPERATING.

* All other blocks and equipment shown have been deducted from ratings using values shown in Add-On capacity chart.

Set-Up:

1. Fully extend outriggers and level crane turntable.
2. Fully extend counterweight.
3. Extend fourth section in this sequence to prevent tipping.
 - a. Position fully retracted boom over side or rear.
 - b. Extend the fourth section as shown in the OPERATOR'S MANUAL.
 - c. Retract the three powered boom sections and erect the single sheave block.

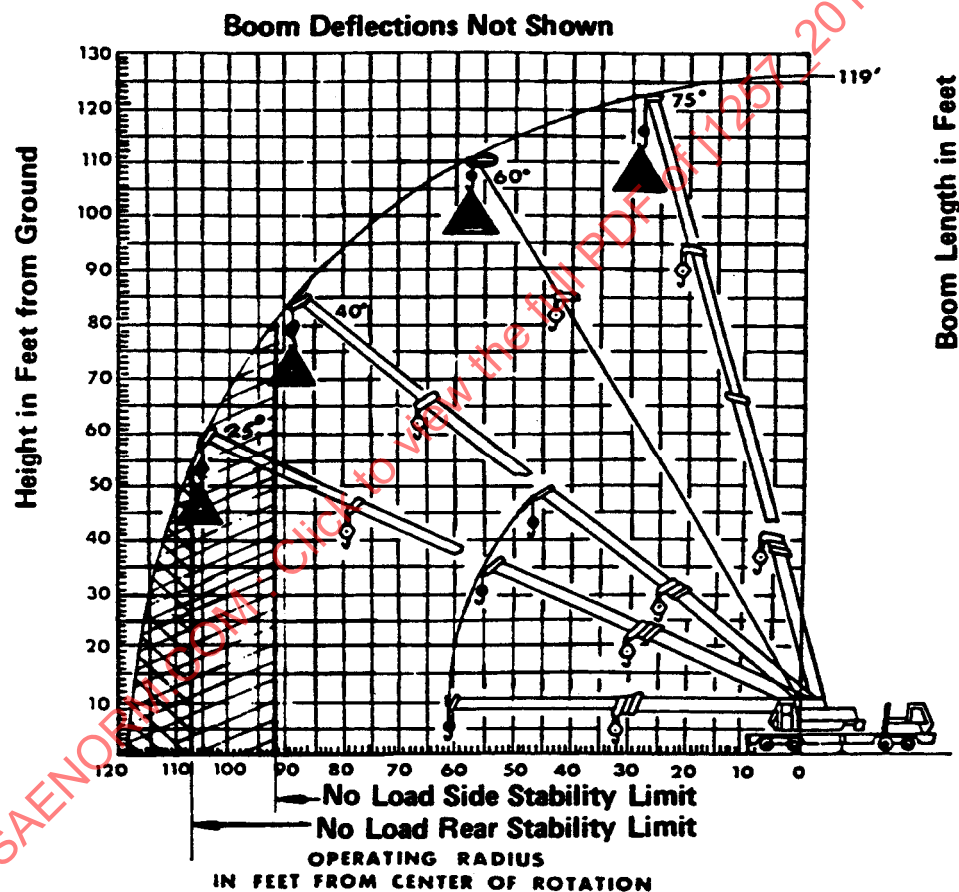
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Operation:

1. Operate with fourth section by boom angle. With 119 ft fully extended boom, do not exceed loaded radius for boom angles given in chart, and if necessary, increase boom angle to maintain loaded radius. Ratings are based on structural strength at the main boom angles given regardless of main boom length.
2. **DO NOT EXTEND UNLOADED BOOM WITH BLOCKS BEYOND NO LOAD STABILITY LIMIT RADIUS SHOWN ON RANGE DIAGRAM AS LOSS OF STABILITY MAY OCCUR.** A 920 lb main block and a 400 lb whip block have been allowed for.

Add-On Capacities

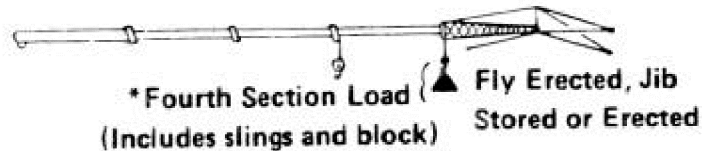
1. If stowed fly and jib are removed add 200 lb
2. If 920 lb block at third section is removed add 500 lb



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FIGURE A17—



*Rated Loads on Outriggers			
Load Radius (ft) (For 119 ft Boom)	Loaded Boom Angle (deg)	Over Side (lb)	Over Rear (lb)
Boom Length 119 ft or Less (See Operation Note 1)			
33	75	10 000	10 000
35	74	8000	8000
38	72	8000	8000
43	70	7000	7000
47	68	6800	6800
51	66	5500	5500
55	64	4400	4400
59	62	3800	3800
62	60	2500	3000

Model T 17A Rating Chart

READ AND UNDERSTAND WARNING NOTES BEFORE OPERATING

*All other blocks and equipment shown have been deducted from ratings using values shown in Add-On capacity chart

Set-Up:

- 1 Fully extended outriggers and level crane turntable.
- 2 Fully extended counterweight.
- 3 Erect fly and jib in sequence given on 20 ft jib rating chart to prevent tipping.

Operation:

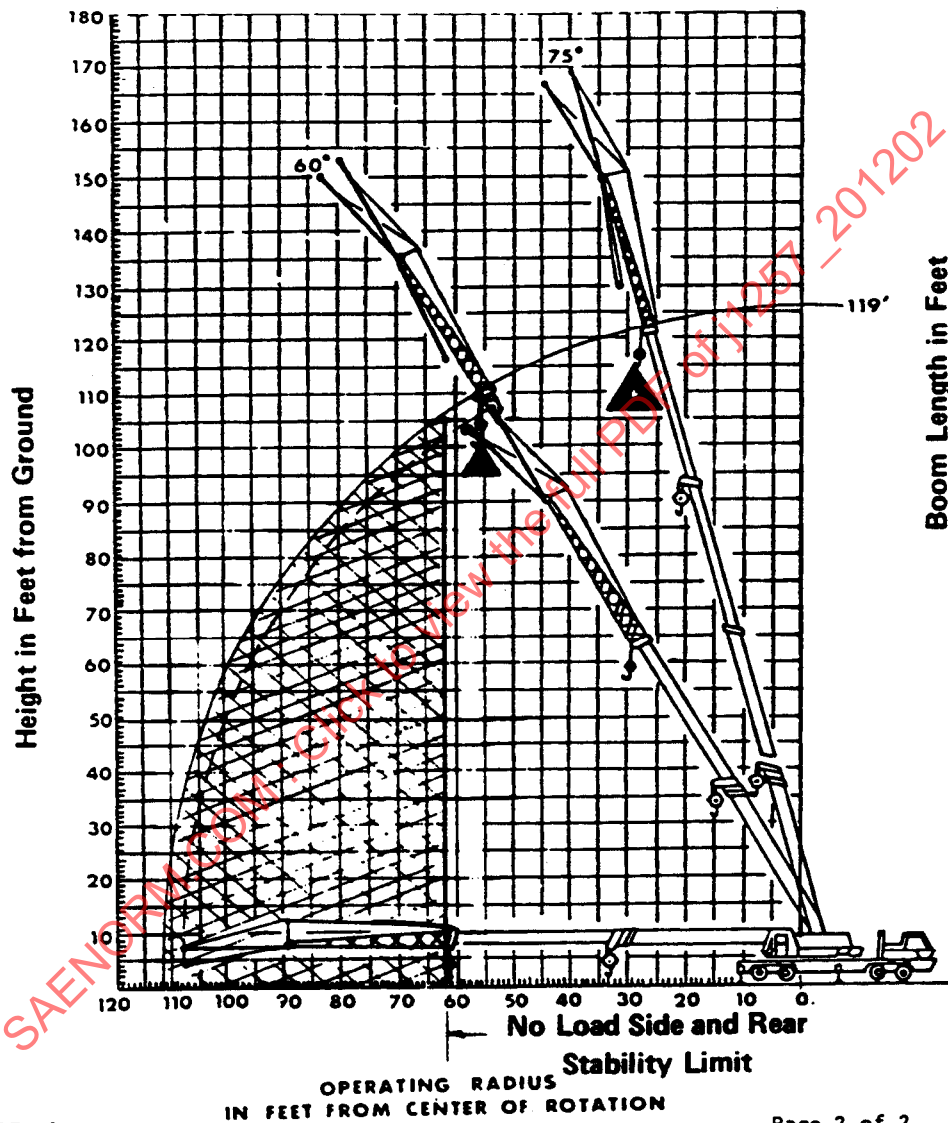
- 1 Operate with fourth section by boom angle. With a 119 ft fully extended boom, do not exceed loaded radius for boom angles given in chart, and if necessary, increase boom angle to maintain loaded radius. Ratings are based on structural strength at the main boom angles given regardless of main boom length.
- 2 Rated loads shown should not be exceeded since tipping with fly and jib erected occurs rapidly and without warning.
- 3 DO NOT EXTEND UNLOADED BOOM WITH BLOCKS BEYOND NO LOAD STABILITY LIMIT RADII SHOWN ON RANGE DIAGRAM AS LOSS OF STABILITY MAY OCCUR. A 920 lb main block and a 400 lb whip block have been allowed for.
- 4 To lower boom to ground, fully retract the 3 powered boom sections.

FIGURE A18—

Add-On Capacities

1. If jib is stowed or removed add 0 lb
2. If 920 lb block at third section is removed add 500 lb

Boom Deflections Not Shown



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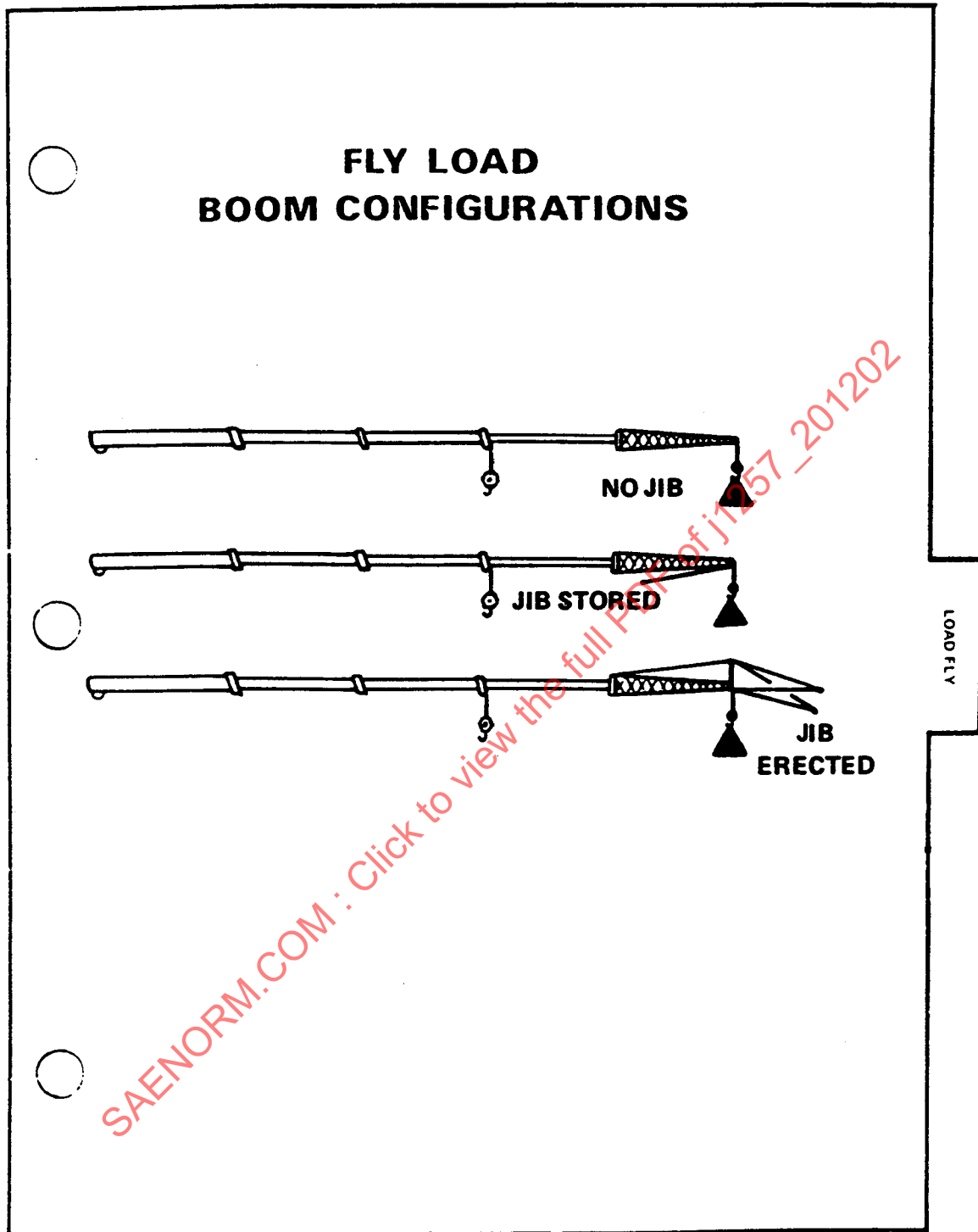


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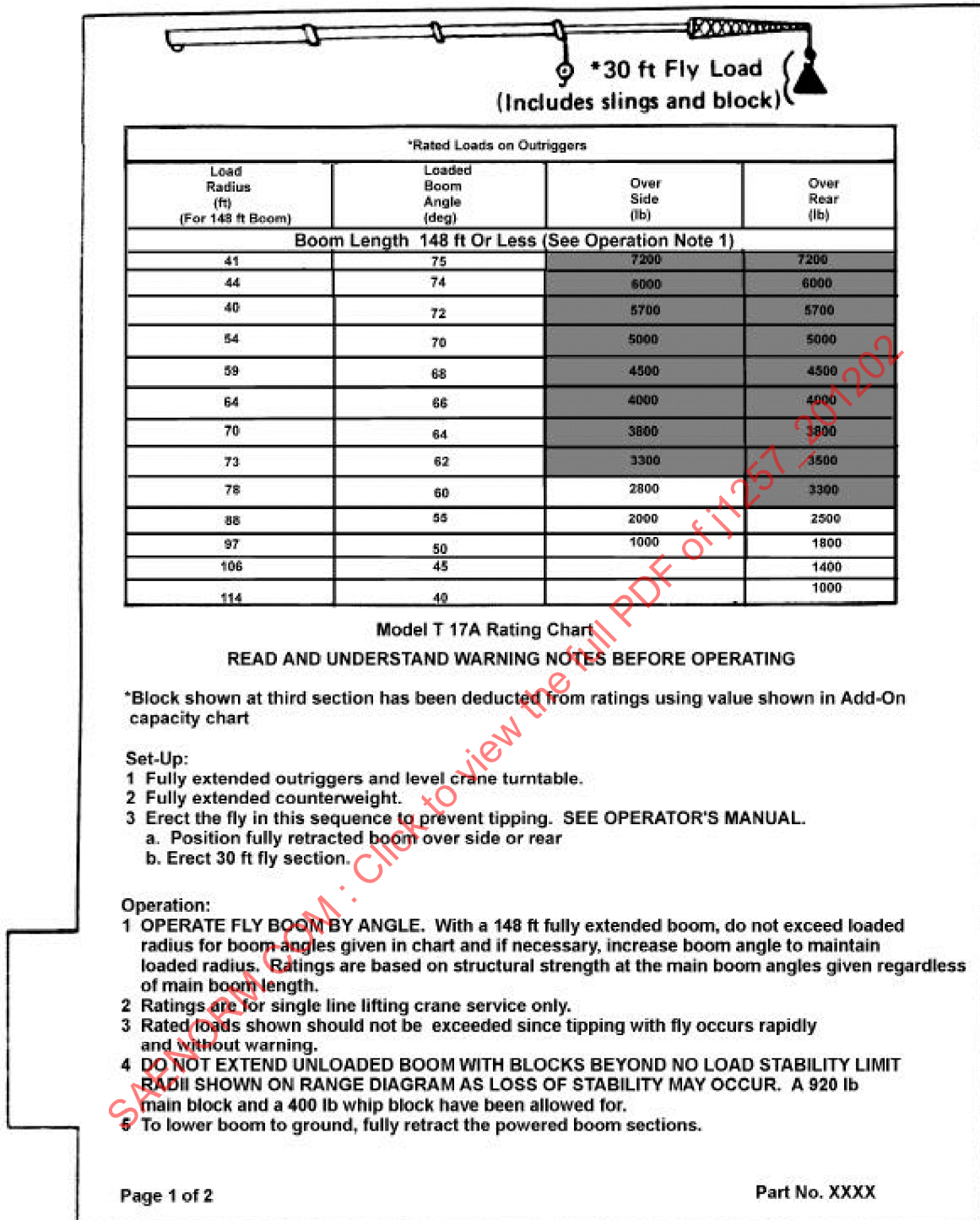


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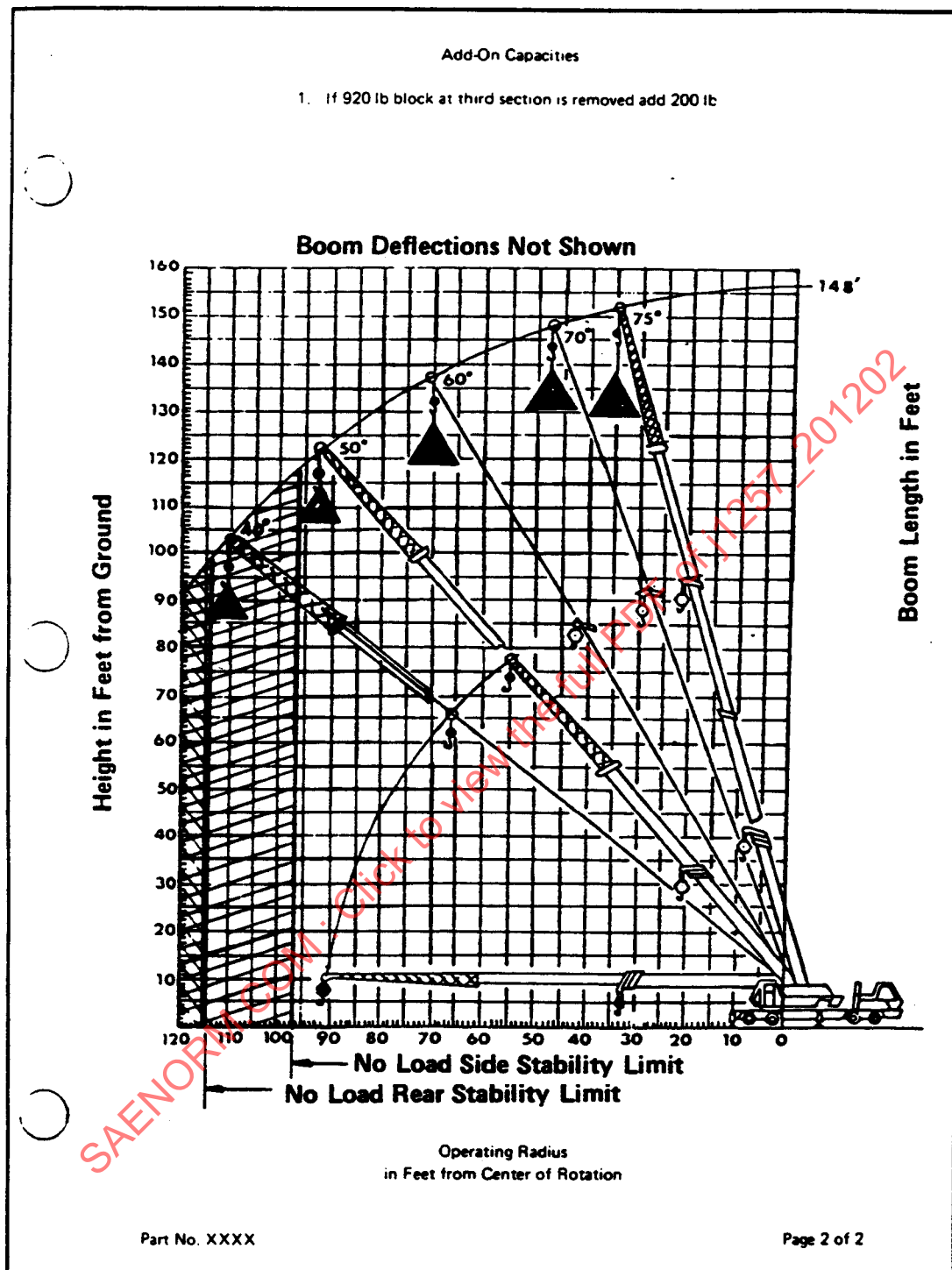


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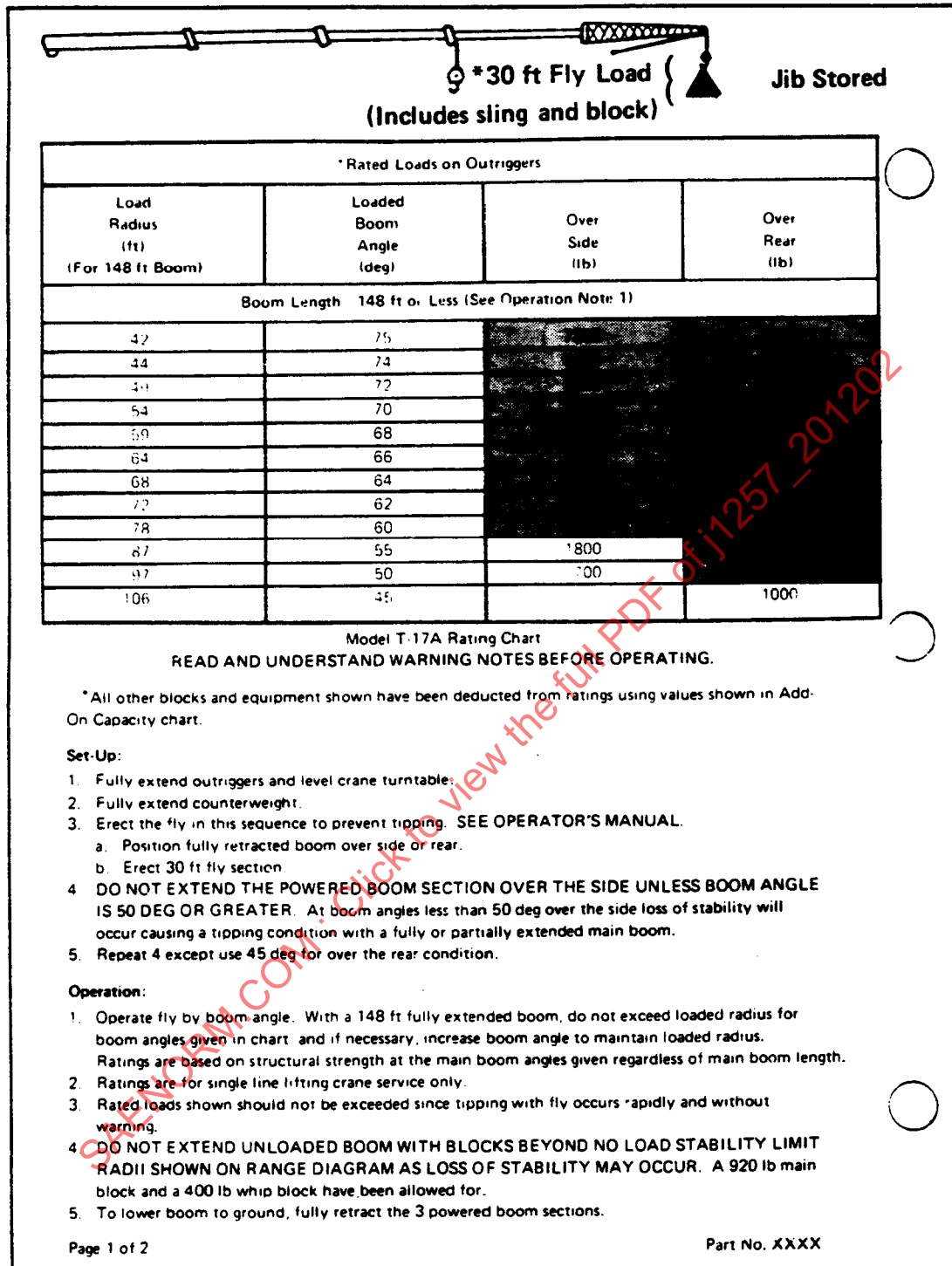


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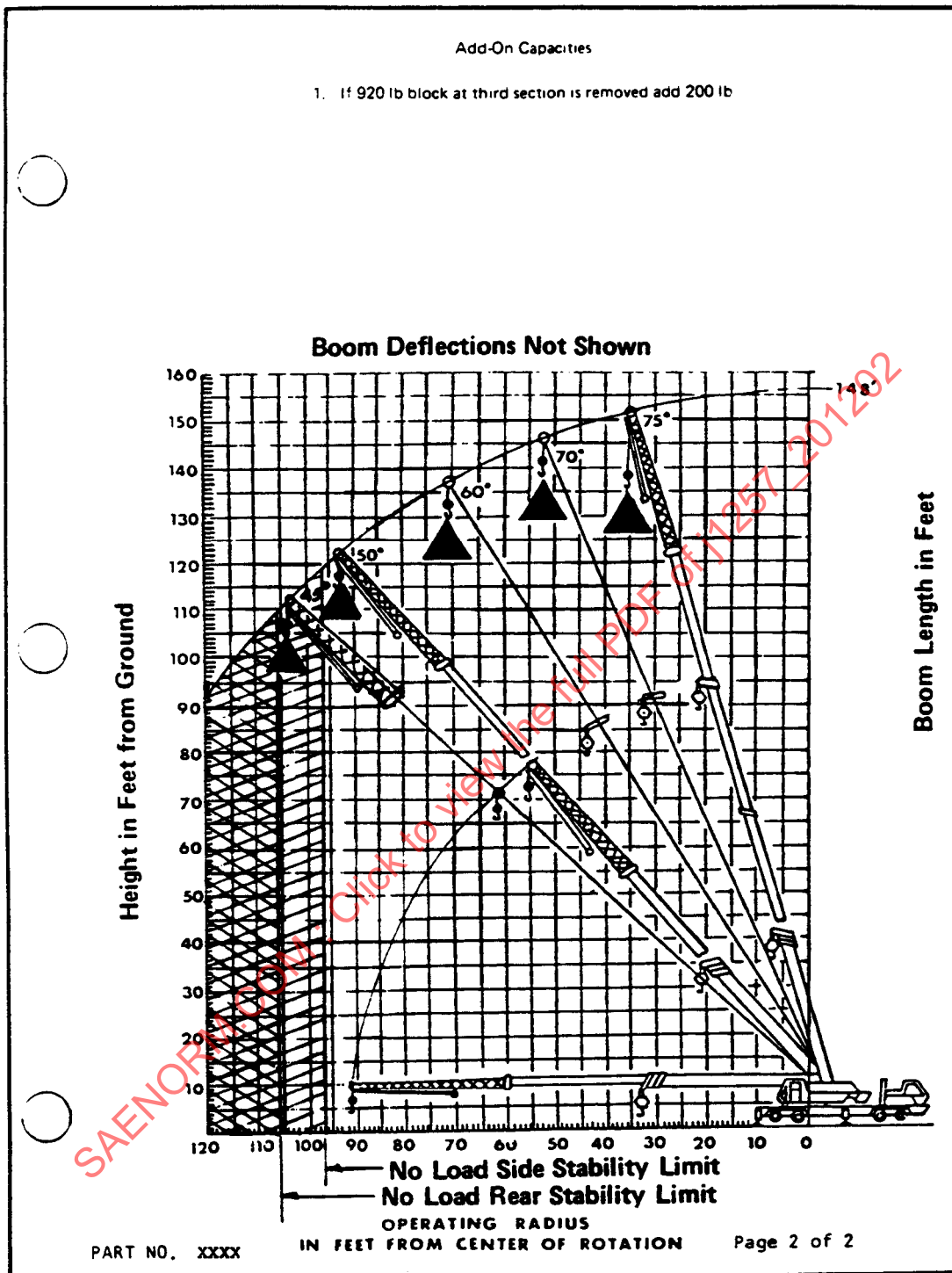


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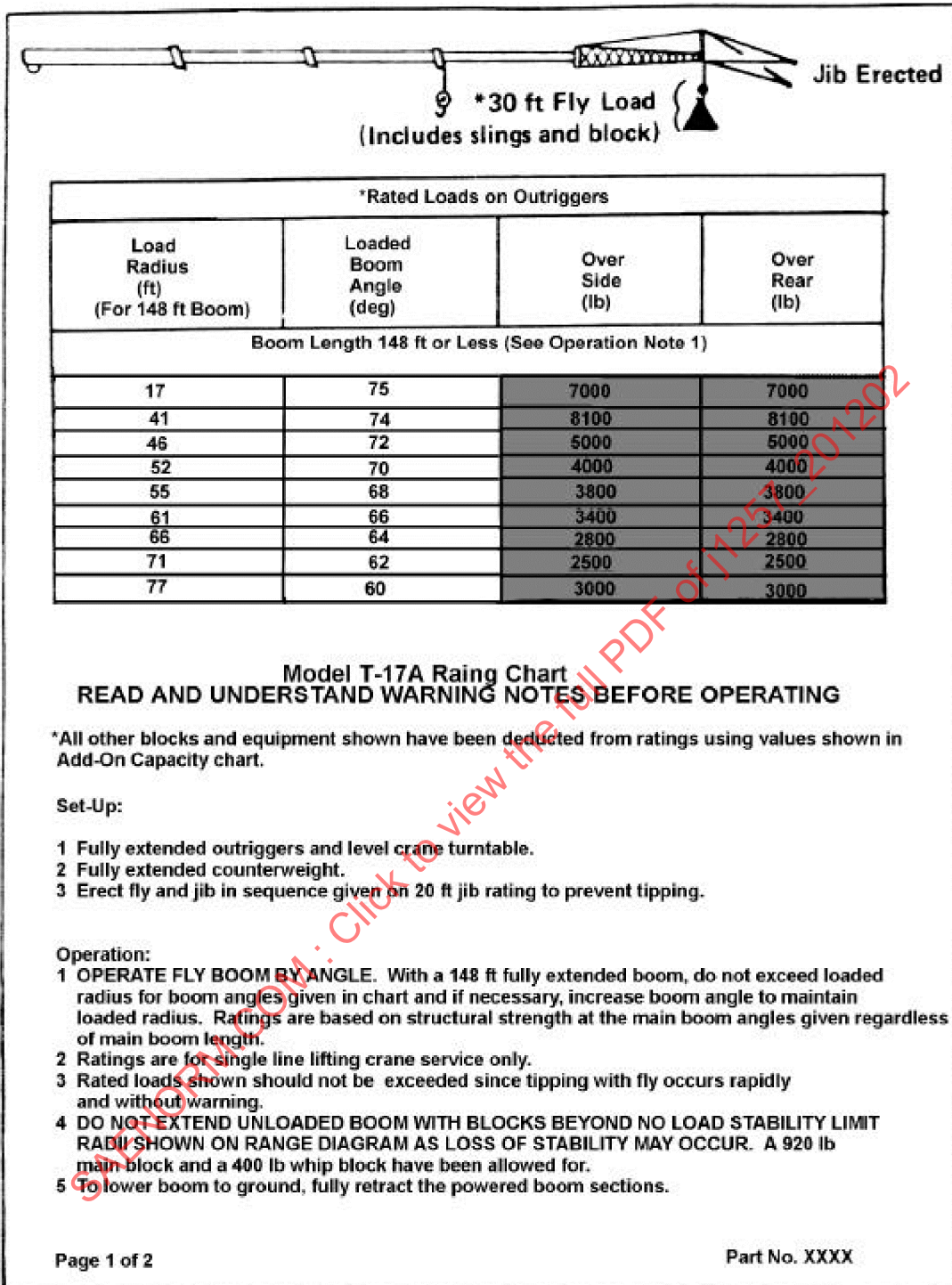


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