Repair Instructions

Spacing Link & Bearing Replacement

Please read through all instructions prior to beginning the repair.

Tools Required:
- Slotted Screwdriver
- Digital Camera
- Permanent Marker
- T-25 & T-30 Torx Drivers
- ½" Wrench
- ¼" Drive 12" Long Extension
- Staple Puller
- Spring Puller
- Locking Pliers
- Rubber Mallet (for upholstery on some styles)
- Metal File
- Stapler & ⅜" Staples
- Drop Cloth

Mechanism assemblies vary by style and date of manufacture. This instruction is a general guideline for replacing the spacing link and bearing. Use the service drawings in A.S.A.P. to reference the mechanism assembly specific to the unit being serviced.

⚠️ CAUTION – Risk of injury:
Always wear safety goggles or glasses when completing repairs.

Note: Illustrations feature a chaise Reclina-Way® recliner produced in March 2008.

Before Starting the Repair:

⚠️ DANGER – Risk of electric shock, serious injury or death:
Unplug the transformer from the wall outlet, and disconnect from the connector behind the chair before servicing the unit.

La-Z-Touch® Massage Recliners: Unplug power cord from electrical outlet, disconnect power supply (transformer) from recliner, recline the unit, tip unit forward and disconnect all electrical connections between the back and the body, return unit to upright position and remove the upholstered back. Turn unit over to rest on its arms.

Refer to the product Operating Instructions online for complete details on La-Z-Touch assembly and electrical connections.

Reclina-Rocker®, Reclina-Way® and Reclina-Glider® Recliners: Unlock back brackets and remove the upholstered back. Turn unit over to rest on its arms. If repairing a Reclina-Rocker® with optional swivel base assembly or a Reclina-Glider®, remove the complete base assembly.

Reclina-Rocker® Rocking Loveseat: Disconnect reclining end from console unit. Unlock back brackets and remove the upholstered back. Turn unit over to rest on its arm, rear post and seat.

Reclina-Way® Motion Sofa: Remove reclining end to be serviced from bottom rails. Unlock back brackets and remove the upholstered back. Turn unit over to rest on its arm, rear post and seat.

Remove the Spacing Link & Bearing:

Tip: Before starting the repair, take pictures of the drive rod assembly and the support shaft assembly, with the legrest in the open and closed position, to record part order and orientation. Reference the pictures when reassembling the mechanism.

1. Mark the drive rod and toggle link subassembly for part orientation, using a permanent marker.

2. Mark the drive rod and retaining ring spacer for part orientation, using a permanent marker. Refer to the image at the top, left column on following page.
3. Extend the legrest and mark the same parts again—the drive rod and toggle link subassembly, and the drive rod and retaining ring spacer—for part orientation, using a permanent marker.

4. Depending on style and date of manufacture, it may be necessary to loosen the seat within the body to gain access to the support shaft, for extension spring removal. If necessary, use a T-25 Torx driver and a drive extension to remove the four (4) 1¼" screws in the front seat slide brackets; two (2) screws on each side.

5. Using a spring puller, unhook and remove the extension spring.

6. Remove staples securing the arm upholstery to the bottom rail, both sides. Loosen enough upholstery to gain access to the screw securing the eye pin to the body side panel, one on each side. Refer to the image at the top, right column.

7. Use a T-30 Torx driver to remove the two (2) ⅜" screws securing the eye pins to the frame, one on each side.

8. Remove staples to loosen the front rail upholstery and gain access to the screw securing the spacing link to the front rail.

9. Use a T-30 Torx driver to remove the 1" screw securing the spacing link to the front rail.
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10. Use a T-25 Torx driver to remove the four (4) ¾" screws attaching the upholstered legrest to the legrest subassemblies.

11. Straighten the bent ends of all retaining spacers and spacing clips in the round support shaft, and remove the spacers and clips.

   NOTE: Use locking pliers to reduce tension of spacing springs for easier removal of spacing clips.

12. Close the legrest.

13. Straighten the bent ends of all retaining spacers, spacing clips and cotter pins in the square drive rod. Remove all spacers, clips and pins.

   For older models using the multi-piece lock plate assembly for the 3-position legrest, remove the split bushing.

14. Use a T-30 Torx driver to remove the screw securing the toggle link subassembly to the drive rod.

15. For applicable styles, loosen (but don’t remove) the fasteners securing the rear swing to the drive rod, one rear swing on each side. Depending on style and date of manufacture, there may be one (1) T-30 screw, one (1) flange nut and one (1) T-30 screw or two (2) flange nuts and two (2) T-30 screws securing the rear swing to the drive rod.

   Use locking pliers to apply tension to spacing spring.
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16. For Reclina-Way® units (i.e. 015, 030, etc.), use a T-30 Torx driver to remove the screw attaching the upper connecting link (on the drive rod) to the bearing bracket subassembly. Only remove the screw in the upper connecting link opposite the handle, not both sides.

Both the support shaft and the drive rod, and all of the parts attached to them, should be free to move at this point. If not, continue removing and unfastening parts until all are free to move.

17. Gradually move the drive rod assembly toward the handle side, carefully working the parts over on the rod to keep them in position; parts vary by style and date of manufacture. Move the drive rod over until it clears the mounting hole in the body side panel by several inches.

18. With a drop cloth in place, file all burrs off the end and flat surfaces of the drive rod so parts can easily be removed.

19. Begin working bearings off the drive rod and continue working parts off the rod until the spacing link and white nylon bearing are removed; parts vary by style and date of manufacture.

20. Next, begin working the support shaft over, toward the handle side, while sliding the parts off the shaft until the spacing link is free, taking care not to damage the arm upholstery. Parts vary by style and date of manufacture.

Install New Spacing Link & Bearing:

Remove all burrs on drive rod, both at the end and on the flat surfaces.

Tip: When reassembling the mechanism, refer to the pictures taken prior to disassembly.
1. Orientate spacing link to support shaft and drive rod and insert new bearing into the link, with the flange facing away from the handle side, so that it will be next to the "leg" of the retaining spacer and "sandwiched" in place. Slide the new assembly onto the drive rod and support shaft. Placement of the bearing is a critical step to prevent the bearing from moving out of position.

2. Continue reassembling the support shaft by reversing the disassembly, orientating the parts and sliding them onto the rod.

3. Once all parts are on the support shaft, secure the shaft to the frame using the two (2) eye pins and two (2) ¾" truss head screws. Hand start the screws in the original holes, then tighten with a T-30 Torx driver so head of screw is seated and flush with top surface of wood. Refer to the image at the top, right column.

4. Start rebuilding the drive rod assembly, orientating the parts removed and working them back onto the rod in the reverse order as removed. Open and close the legrest as necessary and verify orientation of parts, using the pen marks made during removal.

5. For Reclina-Way® units (i.e. 015, 030, etc.), attach the bearing bracket link to the upper connecting link using the shoulder bushing and the ¾" truss head screw. Hand start and then tighten using a T-30 Torx driver. Torque fastener to 4.5 – 5.0 ft. lbs.

6. Manipulate parts on drive rod and align them to their attachment holes in the rod.

7. For applicable styles, use a T-30 Torx driver and a ½" wrench to tighten the loosened fasteners that secure the rear swing to the drive rod, one rear swing on each side. The fasteners may include a T-30 screw, a flange nut and a T-30 screw or two (2) flange nuts and two (2) T-30 screws in each rear swing. Torque to 4.5–5.0 ft. lbs.
8. For applicable styles, insert split bushing between lock plates and secure assembly to rod using the retaining ring spacer. Use pliers to bend end of spacer to 90°, away from neighboring parts.

9. Insert all remaining retaining spacers, retaining clips and cotter pins into the drive rod and bend end of spacers 90°, away from neighboring parts.

10. Insert all retaining clips into the support shaft and bend end of clips 90°, away from neighboring parts.

   NOTE: Use locking pliers to reduce tension of spacing springs for easier insertion of spacing clips.

11. Use locking pliers to hold the new spacing link straight, and secure spacing link to front rail using a T-30 Torx driver and the 1” flat head screw. Tighten screw as required; head of screw to be seated and flush with front surface of front rail.

   Hold spacing link straight when attaching to front rail.

12. Use a T-25 Torx driver and four (4) ⅝” pan head screws to attach the upholstered legrest to the legrest subassemblies. Torque fasteners to 3.0 – 3.5 ft. lbs.

13. Hook extension spring to toggle link subassembly—in the original hole (or notch) location as it was when removed—and use a spring puller to hook the other end to the support shaft.

14. For units where the seat was loosened, use a T-25 Torx driver with extension and four (4) 1¼” pan head screws to attach the front seat slide brackets to the seat frame. Tighten screws as required without stripping wood or breaking fastener.

15. Reattach the front rail cover and arm upholstery to the frame using ⅜” staples. Be sure to pull cover tight and remove wrinkles before stapling. Refer to the image at top, left column on the following page.
16. Return unit to its upright position.

Finish the Assembly:

**WARNING**  – Risk of injury:
Do not operate the unit until the back is installed and locked.

La-Z-Touch® Massage Recliners: Install the back, making sure the connector cables from the back fall between the seat and rear rail, and that the back and body brackets on both sides are fully engaged. Use a slotted screwdriver to push the locking lever down on each back bracket, locking the back in place. Recline the back, turn chair forward, make electrical connections between the back and body and return unit to its full upright position. Connect power supply (transformer) to power supply connector behind recliner.

**DANGER**  – Risk of electric shock, serious injury or death:
Plug directly into a wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord or adapter.

Plug the 120 volt power cord directly into an electrical outlet.

Test functionality of all features through full range of motion.

Refer to the product Operating Instructions online for complete details on assembly and electrical connections.

**Reclina-Rocker®, Reclina-Way® and Reclina-Glider® Recliners:** If repairing a Reclina-Rocker® with optional swivel base assembly or a Reclina-Glider®, install the removed base assembly. Install the back, making sure the back and body brackets on both sides are fully engaged. Use a slotted screwdriver to push the locking lever down on each back bracket, locking the back in place.

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**Reclina-Rocker® Rocking Loveseat:** Install the back, making sure the back and body brackets on both sides are fully engaged. Use a slotted screwdriver to push the locking lever down on each back bracket, locking the back in place.

Reconnect reclining end to console unit.

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**Reclina-Way® Motion Sofa:** Install the back, making sure the back and body brackets on both sides are fully engaged. Use a slotted screwdriver to push the locking lever down on each back bracket, locking the back in place. Attach reclining end to bottom rails.

Test functionality of all features through full range of motion.

**Original and New Parts for Comparison:**

**TOP:** Original Spacing Link 12000279-00L/R & Nylon Bearing 15001058-00 (white in color)

**BOTTOM:** New Spacing Link 12000279-01L/R & Bearing 35000002-00 (black in color)