

# [User Manual]

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YOUR SMUCKER WEED WIPER COMES WITH A 2 YEAR MANUFACTURES WARRANTY. PLEASE SAVE YOUR RECEIPT FOR PROOF OF PURCHASE. CONTACT THE DEALER THAT YOU PURCHASES YOUR WIPER FORM WITH ANY WARRANTY ISSUES.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Congratulations on your purchase of a Smucker Super Sponge® Weed Wiper!

The Super Sponge® is a lightweight, durable, herbicide applicator. Our sponges are designed to apply the maximum amount of product to the target weeds without any drift. The sponge applicators are made of industrial-strength, crusted sponge that stay saturated with chemical to wipe directly onto weeds. Our sponge weed wiper and top crop kits are applicators. Smucker Manufacturing makes no guarantee of any and all chemical use through the sponge application. Please read all chemical labeling concerning the weed wiper instructions.

The Super Sponge® has proven to be a quick and efficient way to wipe out weeds in your crops in many independent studies and we are confident you will be pleased with the results. We value our customers, and we would appreciate any input or comments you may have regarding your new Super Sponge® wiper.

You can visit our **smuckermfg.net** website page for reference to all weed wiper parts and diagrams. If you still have questions, give us a call and we can even help you locate your closest Smucker dealer.

Also, visit <u>www.smuckermfg.net</u> or ask your dealer about the other product lines we offer. We offer premium products at an affordable price. Take a look at our Foam Markers, Calf Warmers, and VisionWorks camera systems for farm equipment on our website.

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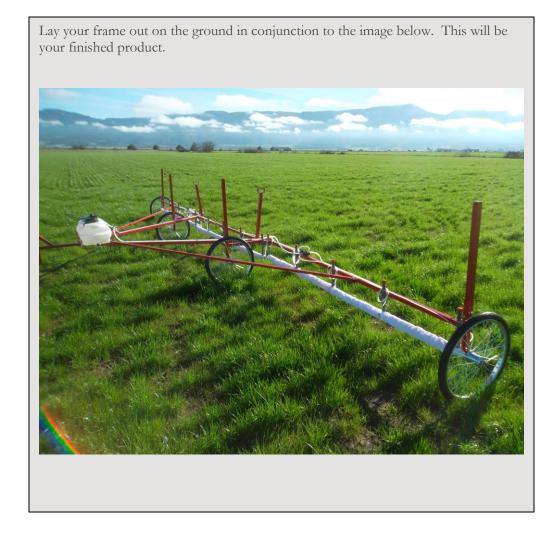
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# Installation Instructions

Thank you for purchasing a Pull-Type Weed Wiper kit. Please follow the directions provided carefully. We recommend assembling this unit with two people. You should expect a 1-1  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours assembly time.

Please refer to your Parts Inventory Sheet when installing your Weed Wiper.

Step #1 Lay out your frame



## Step #2 Connect Left and Right Frame to Hitch

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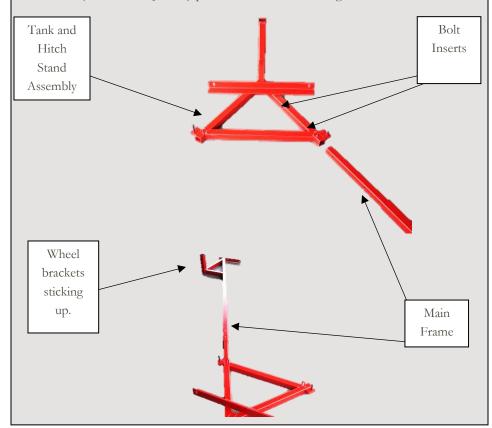
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Insert your main frame left and main frame right into the tank and hitch stand assembly. Make sure to secure your brackets in so that the wheel brackets are sticking up (as pictured). Secure your frame members with the 3/8" x 2" bolts provided (NB3820 QTY: 4) with the 3/8" lock washers (NB38LO QTY: 4) and 3/8" nuts (NB38NU QTY: 4) provided. Do not over tighten these bolts.



Step #3 Connect your toolbar

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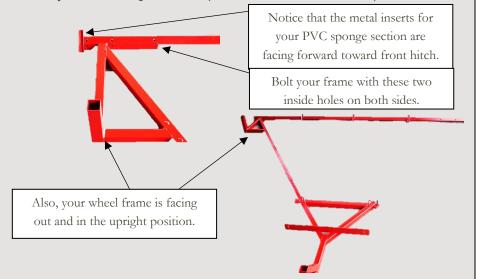
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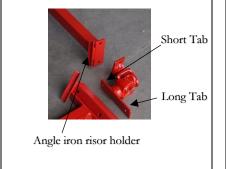


Bolt your rear tool bar to the back of your left frame and your right frame with 3/8" x 3" (NB3830 QTY 6) bolts (with the 3/8" lock washers (NB38LO QTY: 6) & 3/8" nuts (NB38NU QTY: 6)) on <u>each side</u> using the inside holes. <u>Do not tighten your nuts yet, wait for further instruction in Step #4.</u> Make sure that the angled iron brackets pictured below are facing toward the front of your weed wiper model (i.e. towards the front hitch).

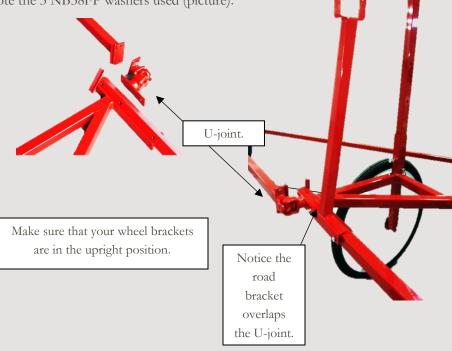


## Step #4 Connect Your Wings and Road Brackets

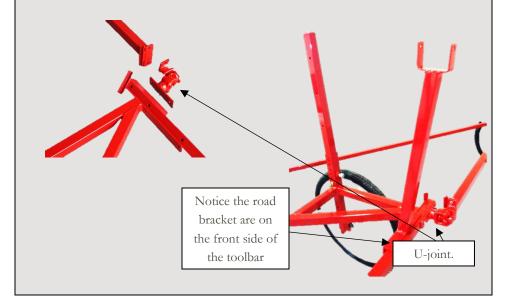
Figure 4A: To attach the U joints to the Left and Right Wings use the 3/8" x 1" bolts (NB3810) and Nylock nuts (NB38NI) to secure. It is very important make sure that the short end of the 5 3/4" U joint tab is pointing toward the angle iron on the wing and the longer part of the tab is pointing away from the angle iron, like shown in the picture

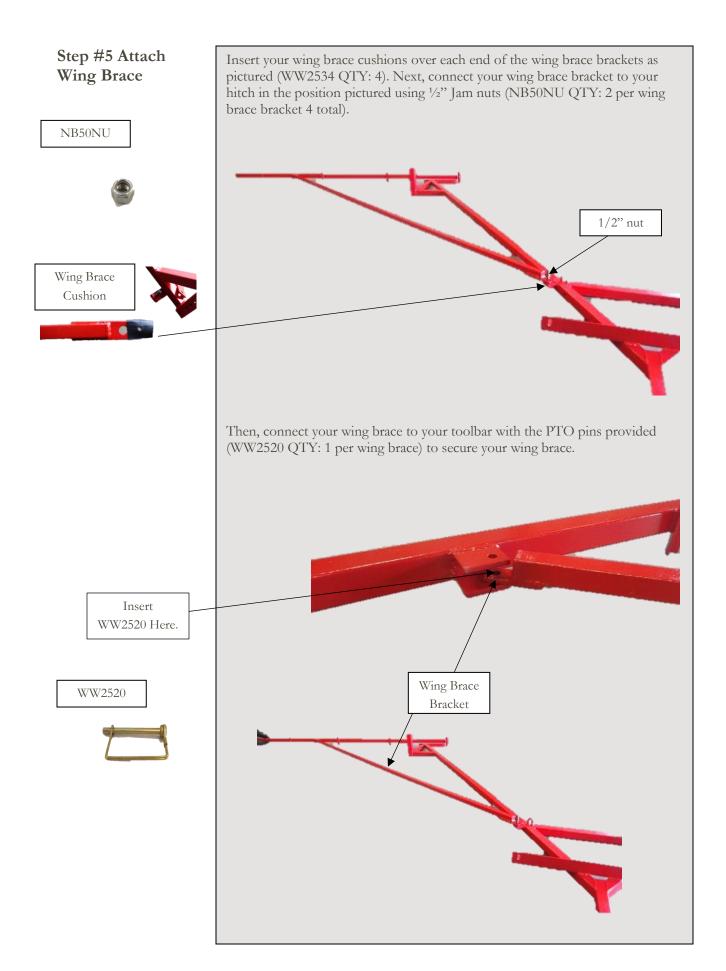


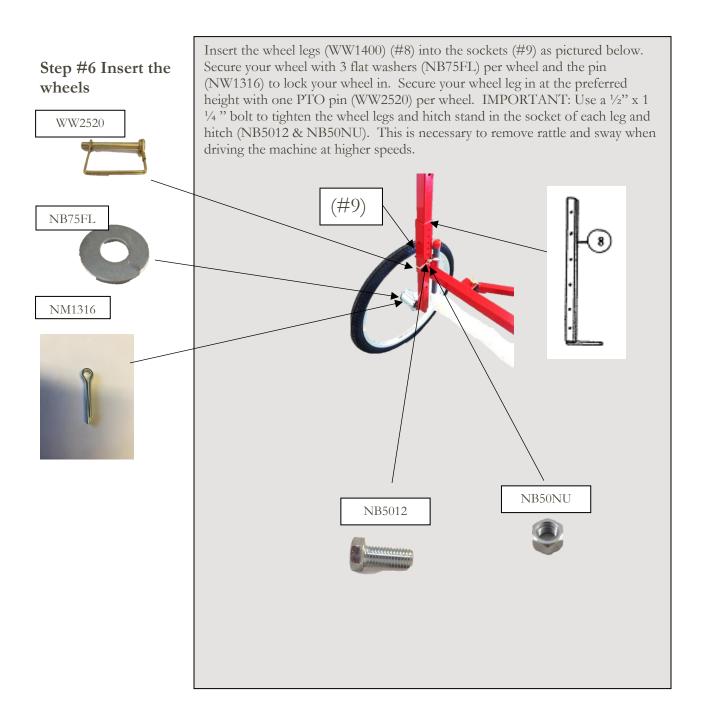
Attach the U Joint to the Wing (see figure 4A) Then attach the Left Wing U Joint with two of the 3/8" x 3" bolts (NB3830 QTY: 2) behind the 10' tool bar that you tightened in step #3 as pictured below (You may need to loosen up the nuts if you have already tightened them in step #3). When mounting the left wing, place the road bracket on the back side of the tool bar (as pictured). You will notice that this will cause the road bracket to angle towards the front of the wiper. Notice that the wheel brackets are in the upright position below. Also note the 3 NB38FP washers used (picture).



Attach the Right Wing U joint with two of the 3/8" x 3" bolts (NB3830 QTY: 2) behind the 10' tool bar that you tightened in step #3 as pictured below (You may need to loosen up the nuts if you have already tightened them in step #3). When mounting the right wing, place the road bracket on the front side of the tool bar (as pictured). (U-joint should already be bolted to wing). You will notice that this will cause the support bar to angle towards the back of the wiper. Notice that the wheel brackets are in the upright position below.







# Step #7 Attach the Tank

Attach the tank and pump assembly (SPS014-WW) with tie down straps as pictured (SPS002). Note: **This is a 20 ft. pull type pictured, only use for this picture is to note how the tank is attached.** 



Step #8 Connecting the Sponge Sections

The first step is to lay out each of the 30" sponge sections (WWTC30 QTY: 12) Connect them together as pictured with our PVC, "Tee" risers (WW2346-TC QTY: 19). This particular unit will have 3 different sponge sections. Three sections will be in 10 ft. increments (5 risers and 4 sponges per 10 ft. section). Do not worry, it's okay to end your boom with a "Tee" since there is no chemical flow through the risers. The 15' sections are your wings.

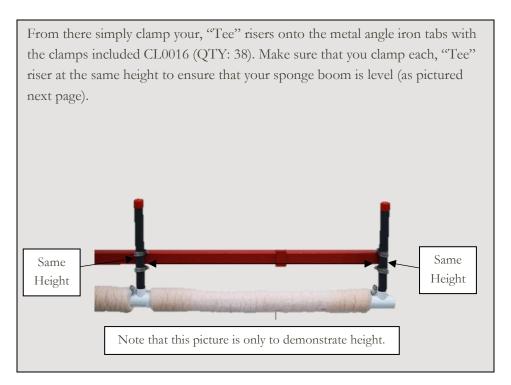


**IMPORTANT:** <u>DO NOT</u> glue your sponge sections into your PVC, "Tees." Hammer them together with a rubber mallet (as shown in the picture below). It's <u>very important</u> that you connect your sponge sections with the push to connect elbow facing up (as pictured) with the blue mark on your white caps facing forward from your boom, in the direction you will wipe, at the one o'clock position (as pictured). Notice that your push to connect elbow will be on the same side for each of your sponges across your boom (as pictured next page).

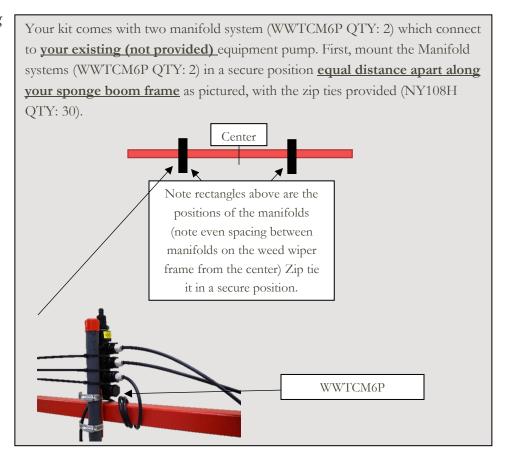


Make sure, as you hammer in your elbow, that you get your sponge wet and hammer the elbow in until the edge of the cap reaches the center of the "Tee." After hammering in your risers, make sure you stretch your sponges out over your T-risers so that your boom is almost entirely covered by your sponges (Sponges must be wet to do this).

# Step #9 Attaching your boom



Step #10 Mounting your Manifold and plumbing your unit



(Step #10 continued)

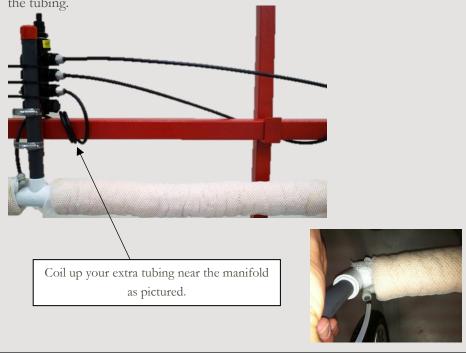
We provide the pump needed to power your weed wiper and the vinyl tubing (VL0038 QTY: 31 ft.) needed to run from your manifolds to your pump (since you have 2 manifolds. Cut your VL0038 1 ft. to your HT0038 tee hose connect and then cut the remaining tubing evenly to run out to each of your manifolds). Use our CL0916 clamps (QTY: 6) to secure your tubing to your manifolds, tee hose connect, and your pump outlet. Any extra 3/8" tubing may be coiled up. Now, connect your manifold inlet to your spray pump as pictured.



The manifold included has quick connectors to supply product to each of the 30" sponge section (in this case there are 12 ports). Cut your WW1215 ¼" black tubing evenly (Recommendation 12.5 ft. QTY: 12) to plumb from your manifold to your individual sponge sections. It's extremely important that each sponge assembly is supplied with the same length of tubing to ensure equal chemical flow. Any extra tubing for the closer sponge sections can just be coiled up or zip tied (View picture below for a visual). Do not over tighten the zip ties and pinch the tubing.

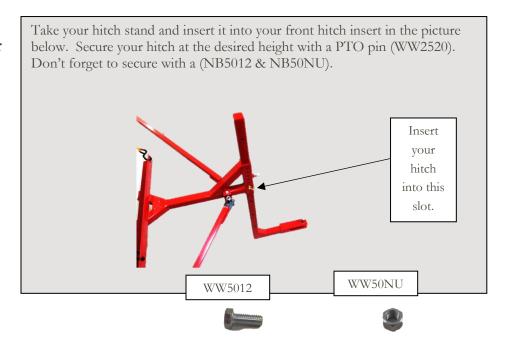
Simply push the tubing into the quick connectors on both your sponge section, and your manifold (as pictured). The only way to remove the tubing is to depress the grey ring around the push to connect fitting, while pulling out on the tubing.

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Step #11 Connect your Wiper to your Hitch

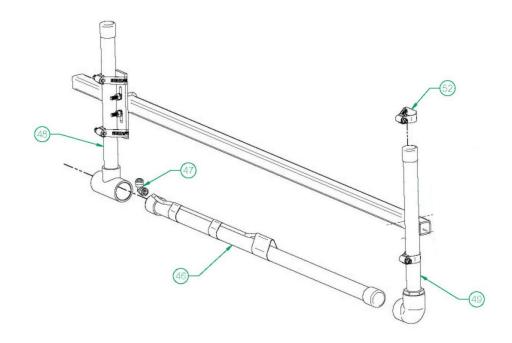




Step #12 Using the weed wiper with your sprayer. Installing the electrical wire harness

Install the wire harness (SPS117) according to the instructions included with the wire harness. Then, mount the switch in a position that can be reached by the operator.

When the pump is on, chemical will be pumped out of the PVC through small holes, and into the sponge. This pump fed system will ensure quick filling of the sponges and instant shut off when switch is turned to off.



# Operating Instructions

The Pull-Type Weed Wiper is a very effective contact herbicide applicator usually used to apply non-selective herbicides to weeds growing above crops. Proper set-up, adjustment, operation, and maintenance are essential to assure effective weed control while protecting the crop from herbicide damage.

#### Before You Start

- 1. Before you start using your sponge weed wiper in the field, always get the sponges wet with water. When sponges are dry, they are hard and less effective. Wetting your sponges with a garden hose before use, allows you to work out any dry spots before any application. We strongly recommend that you fill them up with water, and ring them out before turning on your chemical flow.
- 2. Next, we recommend that you run water through your tank to check your sponges for even feeding. Therefore, before filling the tank with chemicals, put water in your tank and turn on your pump until you see the sponges dripping. Watch for even dripping throughout the full length of the wiper. Unlike a conventional sprayer, you cannot see plugged nozzles on a wiper during operation. Always check for uniform feeding before heading out into the field.
- 3. Once even feeding is attained, drain your product tank by removing the 3/8" supply tubing from the black filter. Squeeze the excess water from the sponges and fill the tank with the chemical solution following our mixing instructions below. Then turn on your pump until you see the sponges fully saturated (almost dripping), which typically will only take a few seconds. Once your sponges are saturated, you are ready to go!



### **Mixing Instructions**

The most common product to use in a wiper is Glyphosate. The manufacturing label recommends a 33% mix rate, however, please follow **your** label for mix rates in a wiping applicator/contact herbicide applicator. It's important to remember that the ratio of herbicide to water can vary depending on the weeds to be controlled, the time of year, and the temperature. Contact your chemical field man or extension service for best herbicide mix and or surfactant for specific weed and crop conditions.

If you are trying to control Glyphosate resistance weeds follow the label for Paraquat. The label, in most states for controlling Palmer Amaranth, is listed at a 50% mix rate. However, <u>always</u> <u>follow the label.</u>

### Field Adjustments

Adjust the height of the sponges to just above crop level and contact as much of the weed as possible, without contacting the crop.

Turn on the master on/off switch only when you believe you need more chemical, only for a short amount of time, and begin wiping at 5-7 MPH. Try to maintain a proper level of product in the sponges to maintain good coverage without dripping. While you are still unfamiliar with turning the pump on and off to adjust the chemical flow, it's usually better to set the wiper too wet and have a little dripping, rather than have it set too dry and have poor weed kill.

#### Folding Wings For Into Road Position

Remove PTO pins (WW2520) from the back of the wing braces to disconnect the wings. Fold back right wing all the way, and secure in the left road position bracket with snap lock pin (WW2521). Fold back the left wing all the way and secure in the right road position bracket with a snap lock pin (WW2421). Fold back the wing braces and let them rest between the wheel legs. You may need to loosen the nuts on the wing brace to do this.

# Maintenance Requirements

## Common Sponge Maintenance

The protective netting over the sponge is replaceable and is cheap to replace if you can replace the netting before the cellulose sponge is damaged. Therefore, we recommend that you check your sponges often for wear and tear.

If you need your sponge netting replaced, ask us for part number (WW2302). If you need your sponge replaced, ask us for part number (WW2301).

## Storage Maintenance

Do not store the system over the off-season with chemical in the lines. A film will form on the tubing and can plug the small feedholes. Avoid this by flushing your system thoroughly with water at the end of the season. However, it's also advisable to flush the system with water and spray the sponges with water to remove chemical, which may cause the sponge to harden, after every use.

Check and clean the black filter, inside the tank, as needed. At the end of the season, store your weed wiper in a dry place, <u>out of direct sunlight</u>.